



Motor City Beemers



Club Newsletter

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Your officers wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

JANUARY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Saturday January 8th at 10:30am.

WEB SITE

Our web master, Ives Potrafka, has our web site up and running. You can find it at www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers, check it out. This will, eventually, replace emailing the newsletter. There are links for the newsletter, club directory, ride schedule, and a library of images. Speaking of Ives, he sends along a note on his year of "Firsts".

2004 - A year of Firsts by Ives Potrafka

2004 has come and gone and I think I'll miss this one a little...

This was a year of firsts for me...

- First time I was half a century old - darn.
- First time I rode a motorcycle in over 20 years - sold the 1978 Goldwing in 1983.
- First time I ever rode a BMW.
- First time I ever owned a BMW.
- First time I ever bought two motorcycles in the same year - the 1988 K100LT - the wife said was just not comfortable enough, what could I do, but buy the 2000 K1200LT (she made me do it, honest ☺)
- First time I ever joined a motorcycle club - and met a great bunch of new friends.
- First time ever on the Blair Color Tour.
- First time ever to ride in the snow - or was that a blizzard - AND it was not my fault no matter what the rest of the riders tell you.
- First time I actually enjoyed riding in cold weather - and now I tell people it is just like snowmobiling - HONEST! I guess you just get used to them looking at you like your crazy!

- BUT most of all - the first time I was accepted into a group of people just because I rode a BMW - don't really know if it is the BMW or just an exceptional group of people - either way - Thank You MC Beemers and Ride Safe....

RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005

- January 8th - No ride scheduled - Lunch somewhere
- January 29th - Annual dinner - Pennas, Sterling Heights
- February 5th - No ride scheduled - Lunch somewhere
- March 5th - Lunch ride to be scheduled
- April 2nd - Ride to Tony Pacos', Toledo Ohio - Ryan Blair
- May 7th - Ride to G&R Tavern, Waldo Ohio - Rhys Blair
- June 4th - Ride to Frankenmuth for chicken dinner - Frank Emmerich
- July 9th - Lunch ride to be scheduled
- August 6th - Lunch ride to be scheduled
- September 3rd - Lunch ride to be scheduled
- September 10th - Tentative date for picnic at Stoney Creek park
- October 1st - Lunch ride to be scheduled
- Mid October - Annual Blair color tour - Rhys and Ryan Blair
- November 5th - Lunch at Lafayette Coney Island in Detroit - Frank Emmerich
- December 3rd - No ride scheduled - Lunch somewhere

ANNUAL DINNER

Make plans for our 11th annual dinner on Saturday, January 29, 2005. Good food and fellowship. There might even be a few "Bent Beemers" to hand out. As in the past, the banquet room holds only so many. Please keep in mind "first come, first served". Ryan Blair is our coordinator. To confirm your seats he needs your money.

You are cordially invited to the
Motor City Beemers
11th Annual Dinner

Saturday, January 29, 2005
At Villa Penna
43985 Hayes, Sterling Heights

(between 19 Mile and M59)

Social Hour 6pm Introductions 6:45pm Dinner 7pm

Family style all you can eat dinner that will feature:

Minestrone Soup Antipasto Salad Potatoes
Beef Tips Boneless Chicken Piccante Vegetables
Dinner Rolls / Garlic Bread Ice cream for Dessert Coffee and Tea

Motor City Beemers 11th Annual Dinner

Name(s): _____

Number of tickets: _____ @ \$35. per ticket for a total of: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Ryan Blair

Mail to: 25534 Maywood
Woodhaven, MI 48183-4452

Questions: 734-692-3520 or rblair@wideopenwest.com

RSVP by January 15, 2004

Motor City Beemer Name Tags

Our Motor City Beemers name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at 34777 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Their shop is located on the west side of Dequindre Road, just south of 15 Mile Road. Herb and Jeff have a die set up already with our club logo on it. The cost of one name tag is just \$8.00. The Motor City Beemers picked up the cost of the die set back in August 2003.

The easiest way to get your name tag is send an email to Jeff at www.jeff@highesthonor.biz and spell out exactly what you want on the name tag and when you would like to pick it up.

You can also call the guys at the shop at 248-588-7845 ask for Jeff and give him what you want on the name tag and they'll take care of it for you and let you know when you can pick it up.

So hurry up and get your special name tag engraved with **YOUR** one of a kind moniker. There will be special attention paid to those members that show up to the club meetings with their new name tag displayed proudly on their chests.

...from the BeemerShip *by Pink Linguini*



from our **NEAT NEW STUFF** department:

- An expanded assortment of balaclavas, neck wraps, skull caps and tube scarf's
- MARSEE cell phone and sunglass cases
- Wrap around sunglasses from "BOBSTER" in shatterproof clear, amber or smoke tints

- Black or chrome double row of



- Beautiful 1:10 scale orange/smoke R90S, a sidecars

license plate frames with a single or LED's for greater visibility

die cast BMW models featuring an black R60/2 and an R25, both with matching

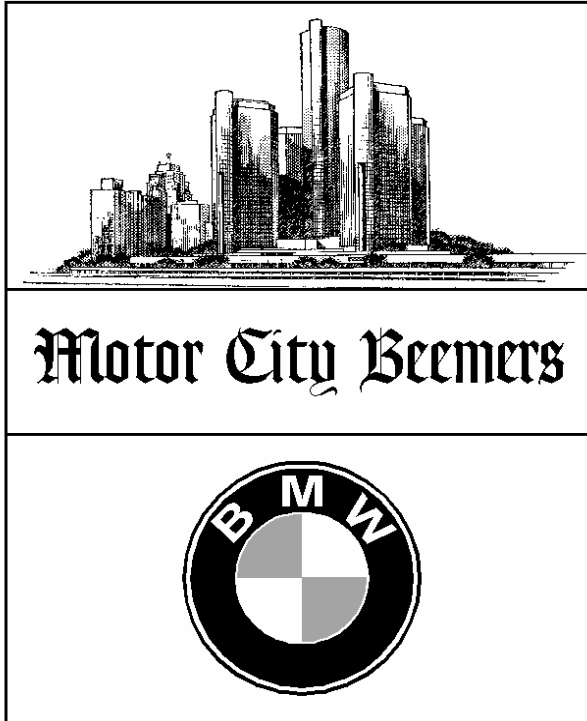
- BMW MP3 watch with voice recorder! Very cool and ultra tech-u-lar!
- BMW FM radio/pen! Comes complete with earbuds and a scan feature. And you can even write with it! Great sound for such a small device.
- Our special BMW discount table contains:
 - commemorative Guggenheim polo shirts, T-shirts and caps
 - an assortment of other polo and T-shirts, both generic and women specific
- **NEW STYLE** BMW of Detroit baseball caps with an elastic band in 3 sizes for that custom fit!

- **DEEP** 50% discount on selected FirstGear MeshTex ventilated jackets
- And finally...those Marsee Adventure jackets with a waterproof shell and full sleeve length removable lining should be here for the Christmas Party. Very nice piece with some great features per our apparel and accessory director!
- Previously owned bikes currently on the floor include:
 - 1978 R100S, dark smoke red, 43700 miles
 - 1995 K1100LT, dark charcoal, 35900 miles
 - 2004 R1150 Rockster, Kermit green, 2980 miles, many extras, formerly owned by a nationally recognized "average" riding firefighter!
 - 2003 R1200CLC, pearl silver, 15000 miles
 - 2003 R1150RT, biarritz blue, 14300 miles with custom pin striping!
 - 2003 R1200C Phoenix, mandarin/graphite, 4740 miles

Check our website for details and color photos!

But wait, there's more:

*Whales are an endangered species. Ants have no problem whatsoever.
Just goes to show you that size does not matter.*



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