



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Saturday September 3rd at 10:30am. The dealership will be closed so we will meet in the parking lot for a brief meeting before departing on our lunch ride at 11am.

IMPORTANT!

The club picnic is being held September 10th. Frank Emmerick needs to know who is coming BY SEPTEMBER 3rd.

MOTOR CITY BEEMERS

ANNUAL PICNIC

WHEN & WHERE: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH. STONY CREEK METRO PARK AT THE LAKEVIEW PAVILION (SAME LOCATION AS IN PAST YEARS)

TIME: 11AM TO ABOUT 6PM.

STEAKS PROVIDED BY DR. PHIL "WHERE'S THE BEEF" MARTIN, AND GRILLED TO PERFECTION BY RHYS "THE MASTER CHEF" BLAIR. CONDIMENTS, BEVERAGES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS PROVIDED BY ABLE ASSISTANTS JOHN ETHIER AND FRANK EMMERICH.

MINIMAL RULES:

1. NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED.
2. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 1:30PM SHARP!!!
3. WE NEED A FIRM HEAD COUNT BY SEPTEMBER 3TH. IF YOU DON'T LET ME KNOW YOUR COMING, WE WON'T HAVE A STEAK FOR YOU. PRETTY SIMPLE EH?

THIS IS GENERALLY AN ADULT PICNIC. IF YOU BRING ANY CHILDREN, WE WILL PROVIDE HOT DOGS. STEAKS ARE FOR THE ADULTS.

IF YOU CARE TO BRING A DISH TO PASS - GREAT. THE CLUB PROVIDES A STEAK, COLE SLAW, CHIPS, AND POP AND WATER. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE GENERALLY HAVE APPROXIMATELY 25 PEOPLE.

THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION. IF YOUR SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER ISN'T A MEMBER, GET WITH FRANK EMMERICH BY THE 3RD AND SIGN THEM UP AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER (\$5).

PLEASE STICK AROUND TO ASSIST WITH THE CLEAN UP TO BEGIN AROUND 5:00PM.

IF YOU HAVE A COOLER OR OTHER ITEMS THAT DON'T FIT WELL ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE, BRING THEM TO MY HOUSE FRIDAY EVENING AND I WILL TRANSPORT THEM TO THE PICNIC IN MY 4 WHEELER FOR YOU.

REMEMBER TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY 9/3 TO ME AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

586-997-6892 OR BMWFRANK@COMCAST.NET

FRANK...

RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005

September 3rd - Ride to Bistro 1882 in Port Huron - Patricia Streasick & Betty Ward

September 10th - Date for picnic at Stoney Creek park; RSVP by September 1st

October 1st - Resturant TBD & Cabela's, Dundee - Ives Potrafka & Frank Emmerich

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

...from the BeemerShip

by Pink Linguini

all "in stock" motorcycles now at **INVOICE prices!**

NEW ITEMS:

- Arai helmet bags. Padded to protect with extra zippered compartments and a separate, soft shield case, it's a perfect bag to carry your lid and spare shields. Can also be used as a tail bag! Available in 3 color combos.
- "BRAKE" LED taillight replacement kits - Ultra bright brake light "flashes" rapidly for greater visibility - LED's replace your current taillight bulb and last virtually forever! Easy installation and available for almost all BMW's.

You can still get a considerable discount on the following in-stock items:

- Men's and women's Olympia jackets and pants
- Women's FirstGear MeshTex and HT pants
- Marsee pants and insulated jackets
- Marsee tank and tail bags
- Arai full coverage and classic helmets
- Nolan flip-up X-1002 & N100E helmets
- All Gerbling jackets, pants and accessories
- AlpineStars and Oxtar boots...all waterproof GoreTex lined
- Held, FirstGear and BMW waterproof, GoreTex lined gloves
- Olympia cool weather gloves
- FirstGear and Cycleport rain gear
- BMW Detroit embroidered pull-over wind breakers
- BMW zip-up wind breakers
- Embroidered Guggenheim polo shirts
- BMW, Dowco Guardian & Covermax motorcycle covers

STAGGERED FORMATION RIDING - Rhys Blair

Mike,

The article below is from a club member of the Jersypine Cruisers of Desplains, Illinois. It is an AMA sanctioned club that Ryan Blair and I have been members of for over 20 years. The story is a good example of why we should ride in our staggered formations.

Rhys

From: Ken Vicker [mailto:kenvicker@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2005 12:16 PM
To: ORSUCCI@prodigy.net; spenczak@westmont.il.gov
Subject: River Run

Hey,

We were sorry not to see you in Lena waiting for the group ride.

The weather was 100% great, and we had about 23 bikes. George set up a great ride that went down some of the most beautiful roads I have ever been on. About 260 miles. Lunch in Mcgregor, IA looking out on a marina right on the river. It was a good riding group with most riders knowing how to do it right.

It was a good thing because we had the most weird, unpredictable situation happen. Northbound, just south of Guttenburg, IA, 2 lanes, great rode, group stretched out for 2-3 blocks and then all hell broke loose. Lynn and I were about mid pack with Lynn in front of me. A southbound Suburban pulling a boat with a 6 foot diameter tube inside was coming towards us. Suddenly, the tube left the boat, went up in the sky like a kite, with about 25-30 feet of heavy nylon rope attached to the tube acting like a kite tail. The tube stayed in the air while the nylon rope tangled with a rider (Dave from Crystal Lake) on a Honda Magna who was two bikes in front of Lynn. With the tube high in the air the dangling rope floated over the group, wrapped around Dave's rear axle, chain and tire, locking the rear wheel up at about 55-60 MPH.. The rope then wrapped around the handle bar busting the mirror, and then wrapped around the windshield, breakoff the top half of the shield in three major pieces. One piece hit the Dave in the leg as it came off, causing some injury. (Dave noted that if he didn't have a windshield for the rope to wrap around, it might have wrapped around him.....) Dave performed the most amazing bit of riding I have ever seen. Four to five times Dave was going down and then he saved it every time. He did not give up and he did keep his feet on the pegs. He slid to a complete stop on a very loose gravel shoulder without falling. I couldn't believe how much skill he

Showed as he faught the bike. The group ahead of us pulled over, and Lynn and I and Al Large and Mark pulled behind him on the shoulder. The tube came out of the sky and landed in front of the bike undamaged. Dave got off the bike, went and sat down on the tube and took a drink of cold water that Lynn offered. His hands were shaking like crazy, but he settled down after a couple of minutes. Long story short, the Suburban stopped, info was exchanged, police were called, insurance should take care of damages, rider was OK as was the Magna to the extent that it was mechanically sound. Dave road the rest of the ride without any problem. Note: Dave has been riding dirt bikes since he was 10 years old. His dirt skills DEFINITELY saved his butt.)

It all took place in 5 seconds and it was over. It showed how fast things can change. It showed how IMPORTANT staggered riding formatioin with generous intervals is. When bad things happen, they happen very fast. There is no such thing as having too much room from the bike ahead of you. Because we were strung out with big intervals no one else was collected up in this accident. The last thing Dave needed to worry about was other riders hitting him from behind. He already had enough on his plate!!

We had good food at Moma Lena's, the campground and Lena restaurant. Lynn and I stayed at my mom's. I should have taken the bunkhouse because I could have doubled up at the KOA. There was lots of room in the campground, even though it was "full".

Ken

The Pete Lentini School of High Performance Riding



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.

FOR SALE:

K75RT 1993, new pearl yellow paint, bags, trunk, heated grips, electric windsheild, corbin seat, rack, w/p shock, new battery, new tires, fuel and temp gauges, all fluids and servicing done including spline lube, This bike needs nothing but an owner/rider. \$ 5200.00 Dale & Denise.734-7898249

1995 K1100 LT , all stock (bags, trunk, radio with rear speakers, heated grips, elec. windsheild, gauges, touring seat,) heavy metalic gun metal gray paint, new battery, new tires and all servicing done , including spline lube. \$ 5900.00 Dale & Denise 734-7898249

1986 K100 RT, New Black paint, new seat, very good tires, new battery, all service done, bags, \$ 3500.00 Dale & Denise 734-7898249

1994 BMW K75 for sale, "naked bike" with BMW Windshield (upright police style), Integral Cases, Dowco cover, non-ABS, new Metzeler tires, oil & filter just changed. Second owner, only 1700 miles...not a typo...seventeen hundred miles. Dark gray-green metallic.

This is essentially a brand-new K75. I travel constantly and have

other projects that need my attention...bike has never seen mud, snow, or salt. MOA member since 2003. Serious inquiries only, \$5000.

Call Chris, (248) 761-6563, Southfield. Pix available on request.

2004 R1150RT stock windshield for sale. Make a reasonable offer. Contact Frank at bmwfrank@comcast.net or days 586-997-6892, evening 586-731-6951.

2003 MOTO GUZZI LE MANS, 1100,fuel inj.,red/black with 2300 miles, has Staintune exhaust and Power CommanderIII with Ferracci software also K&N filter, recent 1000 mile svc. incl. valve adj. by Detroit Eurocycles. Warranty 'til 9/05. Comes with Guzzi tank bag and service stand. \$8750OBO Mike Nowicki 586-791-3036

WANTED

I would like to buy a used low drivers seat as I am too short for comfortable riding.

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