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NOVEMBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Saturday November 5th at 10:30am. A note from Frank about the meeting:

I want to remind everyone that at the next club meeting we intend to try to thank Jim Musgrave for his many years of support for our club.

If you care to bring a breakfast snack or pastry that goes along with coffee, great. We will delay the departure for our lunch ride to about noon. Again the focus is spending time to thank Jim.

I've had all kinds of suggestions on what to do for Jim. He is a pretty stubborn guy and won't accept anything from us. I think you all know Jim doesn't like to be in the spotlight. The best idea from a practical standpoint is a Home Depot gift card. Jim will be moving into a new home in Tennessee and most certainly could put this gift card to good use. I will have a "large" coffee can to collect your contribution. Whatever amount is collected, I will go to the Home Depot and purchase the gift card. The following Monday I will meet Jim for lunch and present him with the card. This way he won't be embarrassed and won't be able to refuse our thanks.

Don't be shy about the amount. Think about all Jim has done for our club.

Think back over the past years:

- When Jim would win the 50/50 he always donated his portion back to the club.
- Remember the annual dinners where he would donate a \$1000 towards the bill.
- Annual dinners again where Jim would bring over \$1500 in door prizes.
- Our club house.
- Spring and Fall thank you barbecues at the Beemership for his customers.
- Discounts on almost every purchase.
- This list could go on for a long time!

I'm real sure that NONE of this would have happened at Andy Pelc's BMW. Without Jim's support towards our club we probably wouldn't be as successful as we are. You know the Touring Club of Detroit doesn't meet at Erhard's BMW (formally Pelc's). Again, don't be shy about your gift to Jim.

If the weather is lousy, we will be going to the Lafayette Coney Island by four wheelers. If the weather is good, Pete Lentini has a route planned.

Thanks,
Frank...

RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005

November 5th - Lunch at Lafayette Coney Island in Detroit - Frank Emmerich **Note: As an alternative Pete Lentini is planning a run to the Clarkston Union if the weather is good. See the end of his article below.**

December 3rd - No ride scheduled - Lunch somewhere

CIDER MILL RIDE *by Pete Lentini*

We all know BMW's are great bikes. I thoroughly love my R1100SP. But does everyone ride a BMW? Of course not. In fact, there are a few members of our club, author included, who are also members of another local club, **RAT**... Riders Association of Triumph. A great bunch of people, the Triumph folks plan lunches, out of state activities and group rides much like our club. They even have an impromptu weekly "bike night" in Ypsilanti. I was not able to join Rhys Blair on his annual color tour, so I took advantage of a Sunday ride with the RAT's.



Well...at least his underwear is BMW

The morning was a bit on the nippy side with overcast skies and temps in the high 40's. Nonetheless we mustered about 35 bikes for our ride to Spicer's cider mill just southwest of Fenton. Most of the group arrived early enough at our departure point, the Clarkston Union restaurant, to enjoy a hearty breakfast. I asked our leader and local RAT chapter president who was leading the "fast" group and Henry replied, "YOU ARE!" Uh...Henry...I don't know where the hell we're going! I don't think I should lead the fast group. (Now that's a first.) We decided to stay tight and try to remain in one group. Our route initially took us east through Oxford and Lakeville. Is anyone NOT familiar with the "curves" north of Lakeville on Lake Pleasant Rd.?

I was following immediately behind the group leader and motioned my intention to pass. After getting a "thumbs up", I shot ahead to hit the curves at a "spirited pace". Waiting at Dryden Rd. for a bit while the rest of the "RAT pack" arrived, we headed west to Metamora for a brief coffee and gas stop.



**...and not all Triumphs, either!
Look carefully in the background and you'll spot fellow club members
Trudy & Mike Nowicki**

At this point, about half the group wanted to kick up the pace a bit so a fast group formed and headed south. Unfortunately, yours truly didn't realize this until he came out of the restroom and noticed half the bikes were missing. What would any upstanding and loyal Ducati rider do? Catch them! It may sound like foolish riding but I didn't take any unnecessary risks. That's for the track...not the street. However, Grange Hall Rd. was more fun than I've had in a long time, and I did manage to catch the back of the group in Fenton!

Two red lights caught me in downtown Fenton and not knowing where the cider mill was, I thought it wise to wait for the 2nd group. We motored south along Fenton Rd. and west on Clyde about a mile to Spicer's. The sun had been out for about 30 minutes now, warming us nicely. This place was huge, packed with families enjoying the day and everybody in line for cider and doughnuts. A couple of the cinnamon variety and a cup of coffee had my name on them.

We broke up into many small groups, heading in at least 4 different directions to return home. I ended up solo, pursuing additional roads that were anything but straight.

Eventually, the asphalt of beautiful Sterling Heights was rolling beneath my tires and the warmth of my garage was a couple of blocks away.

FOOTNOTE: As an **alternate** November club ride, I would be willing to lead a group on a loop starting from the BeemerShip and take in what few fall colors may be left. Our eventual lunch stop, about 75 miles later, would be the Clarkston Union. Those wishing to ride downtown for Coney's could still do so. Stay tuned on the club website for details.

from the BeemerShip by Pink Linguini

- *The new 2006 BMW's are on our dealership floor.*
 - K1200LT in "black metallic" (new color)
 - R1200RT in "Piedmont red"
 - R1200GS in "graphite gray" (new color)
 - Ultra-trick, high tech HP-2 dirt bike
 - All the remaining '06 models will be arriving in the next few weeks.
- Looking for some cool BMW **Roundel patches**? We've got 'em in 2" and 3" diameters to sew onto the jacket of your choice.
- Also expected before the next meeting is a complete selection of Gerbing's jacket and pant liners to complete the entire size selection.
- Great savings continue on selected in store items so come on in, have a cup of coffee and look around.

Annual Color Tour by Rhys Blair

Saturday morning started out a little brisk, but the sun was coming up and the temperature was close to 53 degrees. Ryan and I arrived at the Beemership at 7:40 a.m. only to find the parking lot very empty. At approximately 7:50 a.m. Dick and Sharon Hautau rode up. To our amazement Dick said they had only rode up from their place to let us know they were unable to make the ride this year and thought it only proper to let us know in person. I know Dick, any reason to get out on the bike would do. We chatted a bit and at 8:00 am. Ryan and I headed north.

We didn't get very far. Traffic was backed up on Metropolitan Parkway

at Mound for a quarter of a mile and it took us for ever to get through the one lane they had left open. We shot across 16 Mile Road to Dequindre and headed north toward Rochester Road and M-59. As we crossed the bridge over M-59 we found that the west bound lanes were down to 1 lane and traffic was at a crawl. We continued on north to Walden Road and then across to University Drive to catch northbound I-75. Would you believe it took us 57 minutes to ride from the Beemership to the on ramp at University Drive and I-75. We're now about 35-40 minutes behind schedule and Chris, John and Ives were to meet us at Wheeler's in Standish at 10:30 for breakfast. Traffic was light and as I passed Ryan to take the lead I set the cruise control at 79 MPH and sat back and finished my coffee. I was somewhat determined to get to Wheeler's as close to the arrival time as I could. We sailed by 3 rest stops and then quickly cruised through the rest area at MM 175. Seeing no one at the rest area we shot back out to the freeway and made a beeline for Wheelers some 25 miles away. When we got back out on the freeway there was a mini-van in the fast lane doing all of 70 MPH and behind it was a new BMW 325i and then Ryan and I. Finally the mini-van figured he had monitored northbound traffic long enough and he pulled over into the right lane. The 325 then steadily pulled ahead to put lots of distance between Ryan and I. Apparently he didn't know the automobile manufacturer that built his vehicle also was the manufacturer of my vehicle. As he tried to put distance between me and him, curiosity got the best of him and he pulled over to right lane just as the mini-van did. Ryan told me later I should have seen the look on the drivers face as we both past him doing triple digits. I think we spoiled his weekend as far as he and him impressing his lady friend with his nice new shiny Bimmer. Oh yea, Ryan and I pulled into Wheelers at 10:27 and were sitting at the table with the rest of the guys at exactly 10:30 a.m. our predetermined meeting time.

Breakfast was great as usual. Sitting at the table was Chris, Ives, Don, John, Ryan and I. We all ordered, ate and kibitzed for about 45 minutes before deciding it was time to saddle up. As is the plan we gassed up and caught the back road to Sterling on our way to West Branch. By my calculations it was 150 miles to Wheelers and another 103 miles up to the cabin. We arrived before 1:00 p.m. and opened up the cottage and stowed our gear in our respective rooms. I believe it was 1:45 when we left the house and headed for Cross Village. The weather was trying to rain on us, but there wasn't enough moisture in the air to make real rain drops, just that mist that messed up your windscreen and

face mask. We rode through Petoskey and took the back way along the lake into Harbor Springs where some of us stopped for gas. From there Chris and Don led the pack and John and I brought up the rear as we thread our way through the Tunnel of Trees known as M119. On the most part the road was dry. There were some packed dead leaves in some of the corners, but on the most part the ride was as good as ever. Near the end of the ride we all got bunched up behind a camper and a line of cars. We arrived at Legs Inn around 3:00 p.m. and there was a 45 minute wait to be seated. The place was crowded so Ives and I went to the gas station and filled up and then joined the rest of the guys at the bar for a libation. Soon our table was ready and we dined heartily on great Polish food and drink. Our waitress told us that management had decided to stay open one more weekend and close the following weekend 10/22. Apparently the crowds were great and the weather was supposed to hold. We knew two things, the food was great and the fall colors this year would bring lots of folks flocking to the area. The colors really were outstanding up there this particularly weekend. It looked like the hills were ablaze with color.

We left the restaurant before 6:00 p.m. and headed down C77 to Harbor Springs and home from there. As is the routine we stopped at the Citco station at M32 for last minute items that may be needed at the cabin to enhance our stay. We were home and in the garage before 7:30 p.m. after an uneventful ride, well except for the sheriffs car that passed us in the opposite direction. As I hear it, a couple of riders in the rear had just lowered their speeds from triple digits to respectable speeds only minutes before the cruiser was on us. They talked about that for 20 minutes as we unloaded and put the bikes away for the evening.

The rest of the night was spent watching John Wayne, talking, munching popcorn and snacks and washing it all down with our favorite libations. By 10:00 p.m. all these middle aged white men were ready to retire for the evening. By 10:30 p.m. the only sound throughout the cabin was the sound of Rhys snoring.

Sunday morning came along at different times for each of us. But we all woke up to the wonderful smell of fresh brewed coffee Ryan had set up the night before. By 9:45 we were all dressed, bikes loaded, cottage closed up and ready to hit the road. We head for Fredrick and then over to Lovelles where we stopped for breakfast. From there we headed down

F97 to St. Helens. At St. Helens we split up and Ryan and I started down the super slap headed for home, and the other four were to continue down F97 working their way home via the two lanes. Ryan and I didn't get far on southbound I-75 when we ran into traffic backed up at MM208. We cut across the median and headed back up to exit 212 and took the two lanes on the eastside of I-75 down south through Sterling, Standish, Pinconning and other little towns before attempting to get back on the freeway. Around MM108 we had to get off again due to the back up and we headed toward Grand Blanc and Dixie Highway to bypass this latest slowdown. We again tried the freeway at exit 93 and were good to go until the back up on M59. I arrived home about 5:00 p.m. and Ryan about 5:20 p.m., both about an hour later than we planned.

Except for the traffic jams this was a really great riding weekend. The colors were at their peak up north. The food and company couldn't be better and the two lane riding was hard to beat. So again I want to thank all those that joined us for this year's annual color tour and hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as Ryan and I did. Maybe we'll see you all again next year. For those of you that took photos don't forget to make copies for Betty to add to our club scrap book. Now go make the best of winter.

FOR SALE:

2004 R1150RT - 4200 MILES. LEE & BAILEY WINDSCREEN. ENGINE GUARDS. TRUNK. TANK BAG. \$13,500 O.B.O. CONTACT FRANK 586-997-6892 OR BMWFRANK@COMCAST.NET OR SEE JIM AT THE BEEMERSHIP.

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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.

Close out special!

Battery Tender (Gel) new this year - \$35

Stock R1150RT windscreen - \$35

Cathy's blue saddle bags (fit most any R Beemer) - \$10 for both

EZ covers (large and small) - \$2 each

Olympia Wind Tex leather gloves XL - \$10

Triumph rain suit (when Jim sold Triumph's) red/black Large (never worn) - \$20

Standard medium size helmet, white (Kris's seldom worn) - \$20

Rukka rain over gloves (never worn) - \$10

Belstaff motorcycle jacket, with liner - XXL

Body armor sewn in, vented, best jacket I've owned

Purchased new this year for \$250

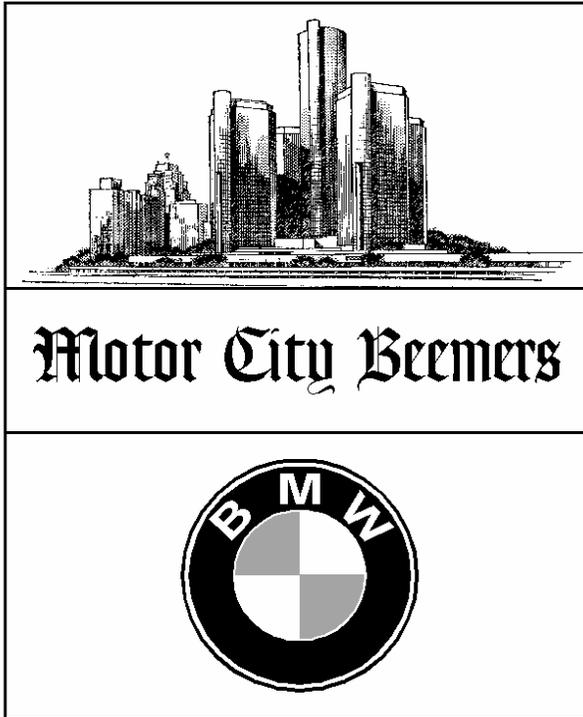


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