



Motor City Beemers

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DECEMBER MEETING

This will be the inaugural meeting for our new President. Ives Potrafka will be taking over the responsibilities of the club. I will continue to "hang around" as the Vice President and support Ives with anything he needs to get up to speed. Norm Ott is continuing on as Treasurer. Mike "Big Dog" Picraux has tendered his resignation as Secretary / Newsletter Editor. With new job assignments requiring more travel, and a bunch of Grandkids, Mike has asked us to get a new Editor. We all need to thank Mike for his efforts over the last several years. The newsletter has always been our means of sharing information to those that can't attend meetings with upcoming schedules and activities. Thanks again Mike for all your efforts!

We need a new Secretary / Newsletter Editor. Being the Editor gives you the opportunity to be a little creative with images, documents, jokes, etc. There will be input from other club members. If you have any creative interest and would like to be able to have a little fun with the newsletter, please let Ives or me know. The only requirement is that you try to publish the newsletter around the 20th of each month. We've even simplified that process. Beginning this month, the newsletter will be sent out via the Motor City Beemers eGroup. There are only five remaining hold outs that still ask for snail mail that require you to make copies and mail. I will assume the temporary Editor for now. Please don't leave me hanging too long.

We also could use a new Vice President. The Vice President's duties are basically to assist the President, make sure there is a Ride Captain for each monthly ride. The VP position is more of coordinating others involvement. Are you looking to meet more members, and get more involved in the direction of the club? Please let me or Ives know asap.

Frank...

THE PREZ SEZ BY IVES POTRAFKA

This will be my first meeting as the MCBeemers president. Frank has promised to guide me down the right path, so here hoping I can step up to the plate. So, what qualifications does one possess to aspire to this position. For my part, it was being at the table when Frank said it was time for him to slow down a little and that we might have to shut the club down if we didn't find a new president. We had talked before, but I was reluctant. I think this was Frank's way of twisting my arm. For me, it was the thought of loosing something I come to enjoy and would miss. I have met several new friends since I joined

the MCBeemers two seasons ago. I was accepted without question and have enjoyed many club rides and special events. I managed to get caught in the snow on the Blair Color Tour last season and actually went camping on the MC this year too.

So what's ahead for the MCBeemers. MORE of the SAME I hope. With that in mind. Our clubs functions on a shoe string budget - lets face it, where can you get a meal at Frankenmuth and great steak at the picnic, and all for \$10.00 membership - plus \$5.00 for your spouse. So be sure to fill out a application and see Norm to pay your dues at the next meeting.

I am hoping to be able to ride to our next meeting, so let's see if we can "on the fly - weather permitting" ride somewhere for lunch.

Be sure to visit the web site at www.bizblvd.net/mcbeemers and also join the eGroup (a link is on the web site) if your not already a member. VERY SOON, like maybe this month, the newsletter will only be distributed via the eGroup, unless you're on the NO EMAIL list.

See you all the first Saturday of December.....

Ives

THANK YOU JIM MUSGRAVE

I think I've covered all of the reasons why we wanted to express our thanks to Jim for his support and friendship over the years. We will all miss him. I want to say that I personally will miss Jim. We have done a lot together and his friendship was very important to me.

That being said, I had the privilege, along with Pete Lentini and John Ethier to present the clubs thank you to Jim over a special luncheon. There were club members and other individuals that couldn't attend Jim's farewell, but found a way to get money to us. My personal thanks to them for their extra efforts towards Jim. We collected \$700 to purchase a Lowe's gift card for Jim. As expected, when I tried to present our thanks, he balked. "I don't want anything from the club, I owe all of them the thanks". I can tell you when he opened the card and saw the amount, he was speechless. After 15 or so years, I've never seen Jim be really emotional. His eyes and his expression was the best thank you back to the club members and friends he could express. If we would have tried this at the club meeting, he wouldn't have taken the envelope. So let me express to all of you, Jim was thankful beyond how I can describe it here. Fellow club members, we finally got him this time. That tough nut was cracked and he was very thankful.

Frank...

ANNUAL DUES

It's that time of the year again. Dues for the individual member are still only \$10 and an associate (Wife or S.O.) are still only \$5. We have maintained these same rates since the inception of the club. There is a renewal application on the club web site. It might be a good idea to fill it out this year so that Ives and Norm can make sure our club directory is accurate. At the end of this newsletter is a copy of the club directory.

Just a note about club finances. Dues and 50/50 keep us solvent. I am very proud of the fact that we have never raised dues since we formed this club. Our expenses are few. Long ago we decided to spend our treasury on ourselves. The annual Frankenmuth luncheon and the annual Stoney Creek picnic are completely funded from our treasury. The balance of funds cover donuts at every monthly meeting and leaves a balance for a safety cushion if we need it. Please pay your dues on time and keep buying those 50/50 raffle tickets.

RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005

December 3rd No ride scheduled Lunch somewhere

January and February No ride scheduled Lunch somewhere

This is the last official ride for 2005. Unless the weather cooperates, we will make this journey via four wheelers. January and February will probably be the same.

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Beginning with the January meeting we will start taking volunteers for the 2006 ride schedule. If you have a favorite place in mind and want to share it with the rest of your club, get your name and location on the schedule early. Keep in mind that Rhys Blair usually schedules the Waldo Ohio ride (ahhh... fried baloney sandwiches) for May and Frank Emmerich schedules the annual Frankenmuth luncheon for June.

from the BeemerShip by Pink Linguini

Hello to all. The transition of ownership is complete here at the BeemerShip as Cliff prepares to stock up for the Christmas season. All current, in stock apparel will be marked with SIGNIFICANT discounts. As I type, we are in the process of determining what NEW merchandise to order for wrapping and placing under the tree! (...or maybe in the garage!)

We expect the balance of the 2006 models to arrive in the next few weeks. If you want to check out that new K1200S or R for an early Christmas gift, be sure and stop by. Looking for a sporty ride with a boxer motor? The new R1200S is planned for the early part of 2006. Preliminary info seems to indicate about 120 hp and 80 lb-ft of torque powering a reduced dry weight of about 420 lbs. Good news for all of us "S" fans, not

that I'm the least bit biased!) AND... we still have one 2005 R1200ST left; still available at a SMOKIN' price!



Does anyone ever get tired of looking at an attractive rear end?

REMINDER: If you decide to ride as the cold weather comes upon us...

Be careful.

Cold asphalt and cold rubber do not make for a "strong relationship"!

FOR SALE:

The for sale section of the newsletter is for all club members to post ANYTHING (legal) they have for sale or wanted. Take advantage of a circulation of 90+ club members. You don't have to limit your postings to motorcycle items. The one thing that we ask is that once your items sell, please notify us so we can remove it from the newsletter. There are several items that have been posted for some time now. If they need to be removed, please let Frank Emmerich know.

K75RT 1993

New pearl yellow paint, bags, trunk, heated grips, electric windshield, 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 734-789-8249

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 734-789-8249

1986 K100 RT

New Black paint, new seat, very good tires, new battery, all service done, bags.

\$3500.00 Dale & Denise 734-789-8249

1994 BMW K75

"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.

Triumph rain suit (when Jim sold Triumph's) red/black Large (never worn) - \$20
Belstaff motorcycle jacket, with liner - XXL. Body armor sewn in, vented, best jacket I've owned. Purchased new this year for \$250.



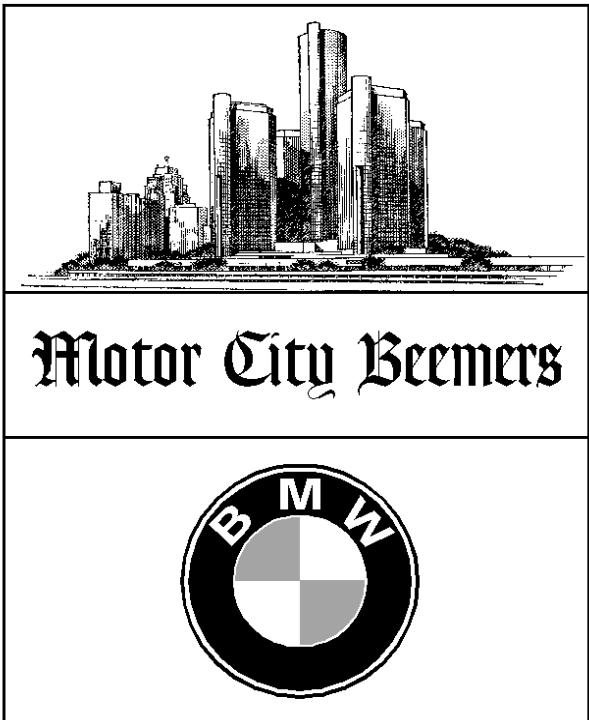
Seldom worn, almost new - Asking \$125

Frank 586-997-6892 or bmwfrank@comcast.net

WANTED

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

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