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I am publishing an early newsletter this month so that everyone can be informed about a private party at the Beemership this Saturday 12/17. See "From the Beemership by Pink Linguini

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting introduced our new President Ives Potrafka. We also have a new Vice President and 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents. More on this in Ives "The Prez Sez" article. Despite the lousy weather John Saarinen and Dick Hautau still rode their bikes. Following a brief meeting most of us went to the Ham Place to work on our cholesterol.

We still 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. For those of you that haven't signed up for the eGroup yet, your time is running out. The newsletter will be posted out via the Motor City Beemers eGroup only. The only exception are those individuals without a computer and there are only five of you.

Frank...

THE PREZ SEZ BY IVES POTRAFKA

The HELMET.... and what a helmet it is.... I had forgotten about the MCBeemers tradition of passing on the Presidential Helmet. SIZE XXXXX. So as tradition demands, John brought it to the December meeting. I really thought I had a rather large head and looked long and hard for a helmet that would fit. But WOW.... the first president (Frank) to wear this one MUST have had a really LARGE head or is that EGO.... Frank?? :) I actually managed to spin it completely around while

wearing it.... Maybe Frank can get the picture that Betty took for this newsletter.

All kidding aside, Frank served as President for many years and still serves as the interim newsletter editor. He is ready for a well deserved break... We need a person to step forward and become our newsletter editor. Please !

The Beemership is now under new ownership. I spoke with Cliff this week and he assures me that our club continues to be welcome at the Beemership for our monthly club meetings. On that note, we are planning on going (4 wheels for me) to the International Motorcycle Show in Novi at the new Rock Financial Conference Center as a group after the January meeting. In February I have invited Helen 2 Wheels to come to our meeting and do a demonstration of her motorcycle bags and packing skills. It might be too cold and salty to ride, but February is definitely the time I start thinking about the riding season ahead. Plan on attending this meeting and picking up some packing tips.

Finally, we welcome our new Vice President Dick Hautau. Dick will be assisted by George Yosin (First VP) and John Saarinen (Second VP). Norm Ott continues as our Treasurer and as I mention earlier, Frank Emmerich will serve as Interim Newsletter Editor.

Be Safe.... Ives

ANNUAL DUES (repeated from last month)

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.

RETROSPECT **BY PETE LENTINI**

I spent a bit of Thanksgiving Day perusing some old issues of our beloved newsletter. My membership began about 7 years ago, but I recall riding to the shop on Schoenherr & 12 mile and the original on Van Dyke & 12 mile almost every Saturday. I knew only a handful of members then but was always welcomed and treated like a friend. The free coffee and newsletters were always (and hopefully for all of you, are still) something to look forward to. I enjoyed looking around at the new 1993 BMW's which of course, I knew absolutely NOTHING about at the time. Ya 'gotta remember, I was (WAS?) a serious sport bike guy involved with racing Suzuki's and Ducati's. These German bikes with cylinders for highway pegs were kinda weird.

The individual responsible for me joining is the illustrious Frank Emmerich. (So now you know whom to blame!) Having met him through a mutual friend who was already a member, Frank heard about my organized semi-annual sport bike rides to Suzi's, so I invited him to tag along one spring. He seemed to enjoy the ride and encouraged me to consider joining the Motor City Beemers. The club typically didn't ride quite as fast, but the people were great and the rides were always a good time. So one Saturday after standing in the background during another monthly meeting and learning the club was headed to Canada, I thought, "It's about time I joined". Besides, for 10 bucks, I'll visit the Jack Miner's Bird Sanctuary and get a free lunch in Amherstburg with a view of the Detroit River!

As I glanced through my newsletter collection, there was a time when the editor and/or the president took minutes of each monthly meeting to summarize and publish in the next issue. Challenging to do solo, but easy with an appointed "scribe". Is this something we would like to see again? The writing styles of past editors and presidents were a treat to re-read. There was a certain "flair" shall we say that kept me informed, entertained and often laughing. Back then, many members would submit an article describing a modification or accessory they performed or installed. Would we still want to read these kinds of articles?

I couldn't help notice a greater number of contributors back then as well. Members would submit a photo, a ride story, a voyage across the country or anything else of interest. Some of the articles were so lengthy to document a cross-country ride; they spanned 2 or 3 consecutive issues. And length does not imply boring...quite the contrary. I also found a few issues that planned and finally described our **FIRST** annual Stony Creek picnic/cookout; now a well established annual tradition.

Perusing through many years of newsletters reminded me of how the club has developed, changed, and improved over the years. The club is only as strong as we

make it. I would encourage anyone to submit a photo, story or epic saga of his or her choice. I'm sure we all would like to hear about the travels, even the embarrassing ones, of our fellow Beemerphiles.

Editor comment: See how nice Pete writes! Let's try to talk him into being our Newsletter Editor

RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005

January International motorcycle show in Novi
February Helen 2 wheels packaging system

RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2006

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

- You and your significant other are cordially invited to attend an informal Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 17th at about 2 PM here at the BeemerShip. Hot dogs and soda will be provided. If you are kind enough to bring an appetizer, munchie dish or a dessert, we would greatly appreciate it. You may also bring the "beverage" of your choice.
- REVISED HOLIDAY HOURS - now open Mondays & late 'till 8PM on Tuesdays
- Although just a few days before Christmas, a reminder to come in and check out our new "stocking stuffers":
 - BMW notepads
 - Motoman & Motogirl pins
 - BMW key fobs and chains
 - BMW stuffed animals (no kidding!)
 - "mini" parabolic mirrors
 - BMW writing instruments
 - 3 new styles of BMW insulated stainless steel coffee mugs
 - Cell phone cases
 - Vintage BMW playing cards!
 - BMW roundel patches
 - Cramp-Buster Throttle Rests
 - And much more!
- And if you have a LARGE stocking:
 - A full assortment of Gerbing's heated jackets
 - More Olympia jackets

- a 2005 R1200ST
- men's and women's colorful club jackets
- Discounts on almost all clothing **AND** 50% off many items such as:
 - Marsee pants
 - Firstgear rain suits
 - Firstgear HT overpants
 - BMW men's & women's shirts
 - AlpineStars boots
 - And more

It's so simple to be wise.

Just think of something stupid you have said, and remember not to say it again.

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 you postings to motorcycle items. The one thing that we ask is that once your items sells, 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 metallic 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
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WANTED

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