



# Motor City Beemers



## Club Newsletter

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### December Meeting and Nominations

Our next meeting will be held Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. It is also time for nominations for officers. Please submit any names for consideration to club president John Ethier or at our next meeting.

With the "retirement" of Diane Owen as Treasurer, Norm Ott has volunteered to step in. We did guarantee Norm that Diane would not run off to Argentina with the money before the end of the year. The transition will coincide with our annual dinner.

### Web Site

We will proceed with a web based central location for communicating to all members. This will, eventually, replace emailing the newsletter. Initially we anticipate links for the newsletter, club directory, ride schedule, and a library of images. Ives Potrafka will be our Web Master. More info to follow.

### Ride and event schedule for 2005

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

( Please note that Pete had prepared a really nice piece with good graphics but I couldn't import it without getting headers apparently hidden in the piece he wrote. My limited expertise didn't allow me to correct this so I retyped his information, all except listing all the new and used bikes for sale. Ed.)

- Flash...this just in from our shipping docks. New full sipper fleece and partial sipper sweatshirts with the Roundel and BMW of Detroit embroidered on the chest. Very tasteful and available in black, navy and wine.
- Brand New!!!! Cycleport rain gear; separate jacket and pant each lined with Areo Tex, an equivalent material to Gore Tex. The jackets are available in yellow, red and blue and the pants in black; both designed to be worn over your existing jacket, jeans, etc.
- Are you waiting until the last minute to by on of the (7) remaining Cycloak Gore Tex lined jackets? Tick, tock...
- We will soon receive the new "Adventure" line of Marsee hip length jackets. They feature a complete waterproof and windproof shell with a full sleeve length removable liner. Intended as a replacement for our long time favorite but disappearing Cycloak line, these new Marsee jackets are a quality product. Much like the extensive assortment of new Marsee tank bags and tail bags we just got in!
- Additional sizes of our First Gear HT Over pants have arrived. Great for colder weather riding with a removable full length lining, the waterproof shell insures you stay dry.
- Santa has dropped more "Gerbel" heated clothing down our chimney in all the sizes we didn't have before.
- There are several new and used bikes available for sale including some 2004 demo bikes.
- New BeemerShip hours are:
  - Monday Closed
  - Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm
  - Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

We will probably re-open on Mondays to prepare for the Christmas Shopping rush.

Watch this space.

- Confidence.....is that feeling you get just before you fully understand the situation.

**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  
11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Folks- Well, don't look now but, except for the "wishful thinking" December ride, we took our last ( can you believe it? ) monthly club ride of the year on the 6th. It was a good one, with 12 bikes surviving the unusually treacherous ( for a Saturday ) 696 and 75 to arrive in downtown Detroit around noon. We had to take a slight detour when we got there because of a movie being filmed downtown and just as we were about to park, lo and behold major gunfire erupts. First instincts were of course, that the Detroit police were reacting to blinding reflections off the unhelmeted head of the VP (he 4 wheeled it ). But no, it was just movie gunfire, so after a slick deal brokered by the aforementioned Mr. Emmerich (more on that later) we parked and walked over to the always elegant Lafayette Coney Island. We had a great lunch with the usual fare and fun conversation and upon leaving; almost did a major "dine and dash ". Seems another patron had inadvertently picked up our tab. Did that guy really think his hot dogs cost \$17 each?

When we got back to the bikes and got ready to leave, things got interesting again. Seems the deal that Frank had cut ( \$20 for all 12 bikes) was great except the spaces the owner told us to park in were actually in an adjacent lot. And the real owner had this really funny look on his face. Presumably the two owners worked it out as we skidadelled out of town having successfully extended the MC Beemers November Lafayette tradition.

I'm happy to report that Mr. Ryan Blair has again arranged for Penna's, on Hayes between 19 and M-59, as the location for our annual winter dinner. The date will be Saturday, January 29th and the cost will REMAIN 35 bucks a head. Cheap. Especially considering all the fun we'll have. So get 'em early.

So friends, lose the long faces! We've got the big guy comin' next month ( Gerbings, if he should ask ) the dinner in January and before you know it we'll be at the start of another great riding season. See you on the 4th!

Ride Safe, John Ethier

## PHOTO

Some brave soul sent me this photo. I guess I'm even braver than he for publishing it!



### **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](mailto: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.

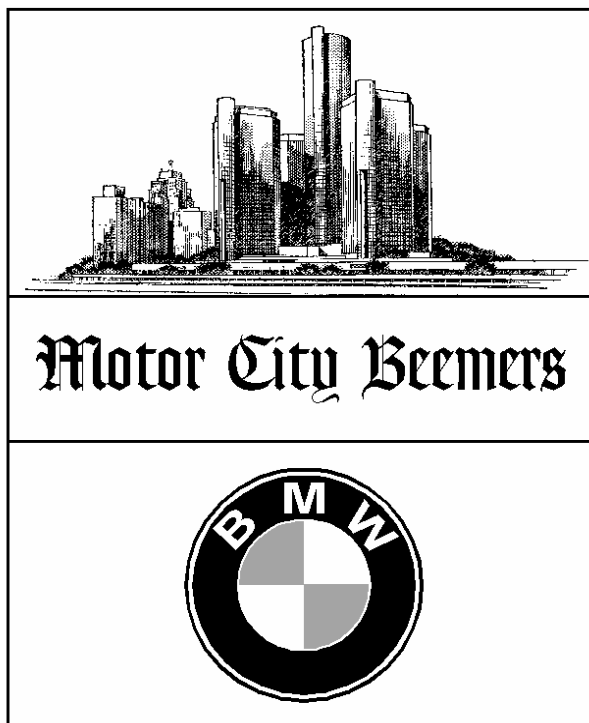
So hurry up and get your special name tag engraved with **YOUR** one of a kind moniker. There will be special attention paid to those members that show up to the club meetings with their new name tag displayed proudly on their chests.

If you have any questions concerning any of this call me.

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