



Motor City Beemers



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AUGUST MEETING

Our next meeting will be held Saturday August 6th at 10:30am.

IMPORTANT!

The club picnic is being held September 10th. Frank Emmerich needs to know who is coming BY SEPTEMBER 1ST. Please call or e-mail if you are going to attend.

RIDE AND EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2005

- August 6th - The Pier, Lobdell Lake Argentine - Chris Messenger
- 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

Been busy enough? Did you make it to the national rally in Lima Bean, Ohio? How about the Vintage races at Mid-Ohio Raceway? Or the Sport Bike Rally up in Parry Sound, Ontario? Certainly not a lack of places to go or things to do.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I was fortunate to receive an invitation to display my 1993 Ducati Superlight in the mobile museum Ducati assembled for the Vintage Days.



The tent housed about 70 historically significant models of Ducati. Some of the singles from the 50's were actually 1 of only 4 or 5 built. A handful of Mike Hailwood replicas were there, one with only 4 miles! I'm not sure I could keep a bike for nearly 17 years and only put 4 miles on it. Ducati actually began manufacturing electronic equipment in the mid 1930's and specialized in radios. Some of these early pieces were also displayed revealing a bit of pre-war history. Not common knowledge, Ducati also manufactured scooters and even outboard boat motors many years ago!

There was an excellent selection of the "bevel drive" bikes from the 70's, some original and some beautifully restored to perfection. The "Superbike" era beginning in the early 90's and was well represented with an example of an 851 Tri-colore, an 888 and a 916, all nearly 100% original. Arguably the most exclusive Ducati, the Desmosedici, was displayed at the very entrance of the museum. Sedici (pronounced: SAY-dee-chee) is "16" in Italian and represents the number of desmodromic valves in the V-4 engine. Generating nearly 250 hp and tipping the scales at less than 350 lbs., the Desmosedici represents a phenomenal combination of power and weight very few of us will ever taste.

It's Rally Time! It was nice to see some familiar faces at the BMW-MOA Rally in Lima, Ohio. Although a late departure on Thursday afternoon was not planned, Valerie and I enjoyed a traffic free ride down to the rally by taking surface roads and staying off the freeways. Sure the land is flat and the cornfields endless...but they're at least NEW flat roads and NEW cornfields! The Motor City Beemers Friday lunch ride, organized by Frank Emmerich, was a success with about 13 riders blasting down to Skyline Chili in Troy, Ohio. Many of us preferred a more scenic ride back to the rally site so Rhys and I plotted a route on small surface roads. Very nice...with more new cornfields and a couple of actual curves in the road! A nice ice cream break in Lakeville, a stop in the nearby park and a lovely detour on the islands of the lake offered a refreshing change of scenery. Great idea, Frank. Thanks.

Just for the heck of it (and to take advantage of a great parking spot!), my R1100SP was entered in the judged show on Saturday. I was fortunate to receive 2nd place in my class. The prize was an embroidered ribbon with a commemorative rally key attached. Cool. I never did find out if the key is to the city of Lima or the port-a-john next to the pig and sow barn.

The weekend was a good time and provided an interesting, albeit crowded, rally experience. Riding through a thunder and lightening storm Sunday morning was a thrill, but 20 minutes later the skies began to clear. Our route back was even deeper into the countryside of Ohio and Michigan, eventually winding through Adrian, Tecumseh and a late breakfast in Saline. Sticking to the "light gray" lines on the map, we clicked only 12 freeway miles for the entire ride home. Excellent!

The Ducati Owners Club of Canada, DOCC, held their track event the following weekend at Grattan Raceway located about an hour northwest of Lansing. Grattan Raceway is a rather technical track 2 miles in length, featuring a 3200 ft. straight, a 160-degree hairpin corner and the infamous "bowl". Ducs from Canada and the tri-state area flocked together to enjoy a few days of legal high-speed fun. The annual turnout has diminished over the past few years due, in part, to the added difficulty in crossing the border. None-the-less, the pits were filled with (sitting?) Ducs at all level\$ of modification. From a bone stock Monster to a race-prepped 999R, you can ride any type of Duc; even any type of bike with a European frame and/or engine is OK at this event. There are always a few Moto Guzzis, Aprilias and BMW's on hand. Conditions were quite comfortable, unlike the past few weekends, with temps in the low-80's and a nice breeze out of the west. Tech inspection was more critical than in years past to ensure safe bikes and gear on the track...no exception!

A friend came up from Ohio for the weekend and was in heaven, as this was his first time on a racetrack. Focusing on smoothness and technique rather than "going fast" is the key and he actually did rather well after 2 sessions on the course. After I made some suspension adjustments to his 900 SS to improve "turn-in" and overall handling, the bike felt better and easier to ride.

Grattan is only about 2 1/2 hours away by freeway so if you ever have the chance to ride out and spectate or participate in a track day, you won't be disappointed. As Saturday's activities drew to a close, I needed to get myself together and head back home. The leisurely ride back took me over some of the nicest 2 lane county roads in central Michigan. Reminiscent of Brockway Mountain Drive in the U.P., some of these roads were lined with old sugar maples that formed a natural, winding tunnel of shade. My eastbound ride took me through Lowell, Ionia, Westphalia, Morrice, Byron, Argentine, Linden, Fenton and Holly. The final stretches brought back memories of some of the rides I organized and led out to Suzi Greenway's picnics a few years ago.

Hopefully you were able to join the August club ride and get a taste of lunch and some of the roads in the Argentine area.

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.

A little humor from Pink Linguini

A cowboy in Texas, got pulled over by a State Trooper for speeding. The trooper started to lecture the cowboy about his speeding, and in general began to throw his weight around to try to make the cowboy feel uncomfortable.

Finally, the trooper got around to writing out the ticket. As he was doing that, he kept swatting at some flies that were buzzing around his head. The cowboy said, "Having some problem with Circle flies there, are ya?"

The trooper stopped writing the ticket and said, "Well yeah, if that's what they are. I never heard of Circle flies." So the cowboy says, "Well, circle flies are common on ranches. See, they're called circle flies because they're almost always found circling around the back end of a horse."

The trooper says, "Oh," and goes back to writing the ticket. Then after a minute, he stops and says, "Are you trying to call me a horse's ass?" The cowboy says, "Oh no, officer. I have too much respect for law enforcement and police officers to even think about calling you a horse's ass."

The trooper says, "Well that's a good thing," and goes back to writing the ticket. After a long pause, the cowboy says, "Hard to fool them flies though."

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 metallic 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

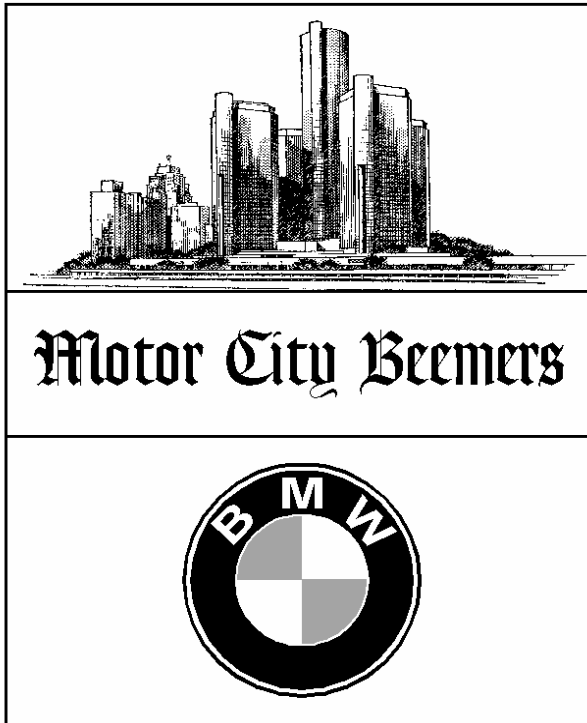
a typo...seventeen hundred miles. Dark gray-green metallic.

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 sotware 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



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