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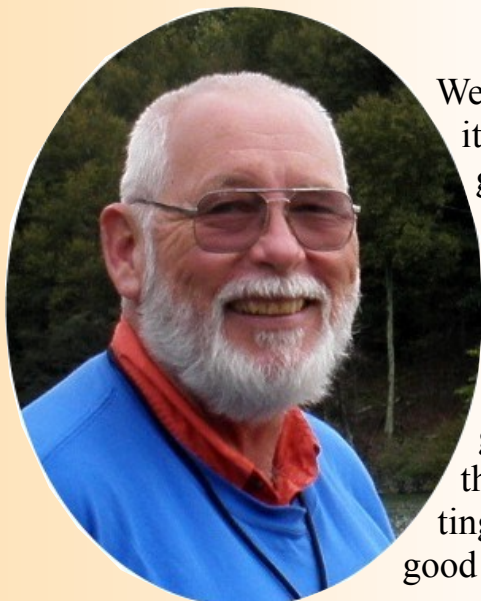


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## CHEAHA STATE PARK

Don Little



Well, another great meeting is behind us. It is hard to believe that it is already July and our year is half gone. We have had some good meetings with several more to look forward to.

The weather at Cheaha was really good with cool, brisk breezes, even though we had some rain Friday night. Barbara and I were at the lodge without our gear when the drizzle started, and we got soaked riding back to the camp ground. The rain was gone by morning and the temperatures were much cooler than those we had left in southeast Alabama. We had a nice time sitting around swapping stories with our friends Saturday. It was good to have John Harper join us for a little while Saturday after-

noon.

We had a productive meeting Saturday and after quite a bit of discussion, it was decided that our rally would remain at Ditto Landing for next year (2014). John Zibell talked with the people at Ditto Sunday afternoon to make arrangements for our use and Tommy Arnold has sent them a check, so that is locked in.

Several of us had some real concerns about the gravel roads and parking lots at BamaJam Park. Add that to the fact that the people at BamaJam never came up with a price, and the decision was an easy one. So now we have to come up with a solution for food.

John Zibell is going to see if he can talk with some of the vendors who work some events at Red Stone and perhaps other vendors in the area. If anyone has any ideas, speak up, we need help. May 2014 might seem a long way off but it will be here before we know it and we have a lot of decisions to make if we are going to make next year's rally a successful one.

See you at the end of the month at Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground. That is always a great location for a meeting or just a few days of cool relaxation.

## **MAY MEETING MINUTES**

June 27, 2013

Cheaha State Park - Delta, AL  
President, Don Little presiding  
Barbara Little, Secretary

Don called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their attendance. He then called for officer's reports.

Martha Warren, Membership Director, said that nothing had changed in the past month.

CFO, Tommy Arnold, gave a financial report in which he stated that the motorcycle we raffled off at the rally has been paid for and picked up by the lucky winner. Enough tickets were sold to pay off the bike and contribute to our designated charities.

Tim Flynn announced that the Alabama chapter of MAC (Motorcycle Awareness Campaign), one of the charities we had previously voted to support, is now defunct. The motion was made, seconded and carried that we discontinue our support of this charities. After some discussion of other charities it was decided that the profits from the bike raffle will now go to the Alabama Head Injury Foundation and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation at the Alabama Safety Center in Montevallo as before the inclusion of MAC.

After that, the discussion turned to our 2014 rally and where to hold it. Don, Tommy Arnold, and Jamie Jackson who had all visited the BamaJam Park in Enterprise, gave reports and opinions on the facility. While the facility is great for its intended purpose, it had some drawbacks insofar as our rally was concerned.

Following some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried that we hold our 2014 rally at Ditto Landing in Huntsville. Even though the motion was carried, there were 5 votes against (those who don't want a rally at all) and 3 abstentions (those who would rather not have a rally, but will support the Club's decision either way).

As discussed at previous meetings, food vendors are an absolute MUST and now we need to get busy finding vendors or organizations who can/will work with us for a successful rally. Several suggestions were made and will need to be followed up on.

Rally fees, the number of meals, advertising and a lot of other details will need to be decided upon soon. It was suggested that the Rally Chair form a committee to deal with these questions.

Someone suggested that we sell our equipment (smokers, grill, etc). Discussion followed and it was decided to wait awhile to do that.

Jamie then took the floor and asked (begged and pleaded even) for articles to print in the newsletter. Jamie said he had heard some criticism of articles about years old events but the newsletter is made up solely of member contributions. If he and Malvene don't receive articles, photos etc there will be no newsletter. So please get them something to go in the next newsletter.

Adjournment followed by a short prayer followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Little, Secretary

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No one is exactly sure what is going on here. Is it “Beam me up, Scotty?”  
Or is it a virtual motorcycle and Bob is in the sidecar?

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Kevin Louie	16	Myrtle Fisher
5	Michael Nicoll	20	Les Willey
6	Phillip Colquette	23	Kenneth Reynolds
6	Tom Cowan	24	Tommy Crawford
9	Albert White	24	Allan Gill
10	Eric Oller	28	Mike Bauman
10	Myrtle Harris	28	William Bray
14	Sharon Hyche	28	Jim Thompson
15	Richard Brown	28	Susan Clay
15	Michael Waybright	30	Judy Swafford





Can you hear me now?



Click that camera one more time and you are going to time out!



I said "Get that camera out of my face"!



Mike loves girls!





## BEAT THE HEAT

Jamie Jackson

Tired of the heat and humidity of Dog Days? Escape it all by joining in on the July camp-out and club meeting at Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground at Cruso, NC. You will find cool temperatures, green grass, burbling river, and good food, all at the campground. If you want even cooler temps, ride south for six miles to the Blue Ridge Parkway and enjoy the most scenic road in the South East. Or if you want to experience a different menu and check out some unique shops, ride north for thirteen miles to Waynesville. Or just sit around and relax by the river at the campground.

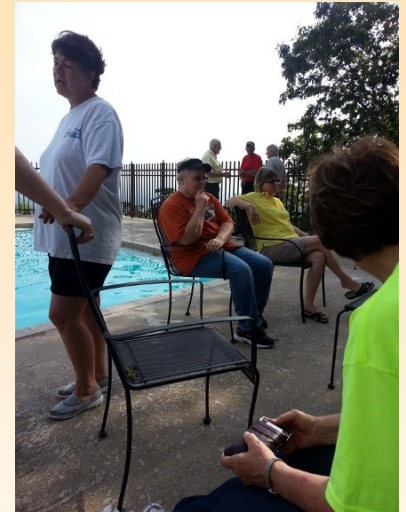


Because of its location and amenities, Blue Ridge M/C Campground easily becomes a favorite location for camping when visiting the Appalachians. The bath houses have clean, hot showers and coin laundry. Ice, with ice chest rental, and sundry items are available at the Camp Store, but be sure to bring your own beverages. The Snack Shop is open 24 hours a day with vending machines, television, and magazines.

The owners are Phillip and Leslie Johnson, long time members of BMWMOAL. In fact, Phillip is a past President of the club. You may contact them at (828)235-8350 or email at [phil@blueridgemotorcyclecamp.com](mailto:phil@blueridgemotorcyclecamp.com) for questions, although all the cabins may be rented by now. I hope to see you there!







**BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF ALABAMA  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM**

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2013

NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEW \_\_\_\_ UPDATE \_\_\_\_

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Primary Member: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year / Model BMW(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Circle those that apply: MOA Member RA Member Airheads Member Oilheads Member AMA Member

Dues are \$25.00 per year for primary and \$5.00 per year for secondary members. Make check payable to:  
BMW M/C Owners of Alabama. Mail application with check to: Tommy Arnold, 471 Plantation Pt. Rd., Scottsboro, AL 35768

**Club Sponsored Events With Meetings**

- Jul 27 Blue Ridge MC Campground - Cruso, NC
- Aug 24 Raccoon Mtn. Campgnd - Chattanooga, TN
- Sep 28 Old Harbin Hotel & Campgnd - Nauvoo, AL
- Oct 26 Little River State Park - Atmore, AL
- Dec 14 Christmas Party - Hampton Inn, Eagle Point

**Other Events of Interest**

- Jul 18-21 BMWMOA - Salem Oregon
- Oct 4-6 2013 RAMS Rally - Parker's Crossroads, TN  
(Formerly Return to Shiloh Rally)
- Oct 11-13 Barber Vintage Days - B'ham, AL