

# THE ALABAMA BEEMER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ron Riggins

Hi Everyone! We had a very good meeting and campout at Little River State Forest. The entire Bonner Family, Mike Harvill, John Cockrell, Sam Peacock, and friends really put on a Super Catfish Fry!! The food was delicious and plentiful. We had a good turnout and magnificent campfires both nights. We really have some terrific fire starters (Pyros!) and campfire tenders in our group! Other than a little rain on Friday night the weather cooperated well, particularly on Sunday...it was absolutely gorgeous for the ride home! It was a great weekend with lots of fun and wonderful camaraderie!

Our next official club function is the Christmas Party at Guntersville State Park and WOW what a fun time that was last year! Make your reservations as quickly as possible at the Lodge. Details are in our meetings section on our website. We'll have more information on party details and Dirty Santa very soon!! So stay tuned!!

Also, on the same Saturday as our Christmas Party is the Eldridge Children's Home Toy Run. We'll have several different rides going to the Children's Home with some going directly to the Christmas Party afterwards. Look on the forum for details on the rides and routes. This is a very worthy charity and I encourage each of you to support it by attending the ride or sending a donation.

### Elections for 2010 Officers and Directors

Since the last newsletter we've had a number of people step forward to serve our club by holding a leadership position in our club next year. We have lots of talented and capable people in our club who would do a fantastic good job! We need a few of YOU TO STEP UP and help guide our club during 2010. If you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else

for a position please send me an email at [president@bmwmoal.org](mailto:president@bmwmoal.org). Please make sure the person is agreeable to serve before you nominate them. Here's the slate so far:

President - Open  
Vice President - Jim Kalahan  
Secretary - Open  
Chief Financial Officer - Marty Simpson  
Newsletter Editor - Joan Ware  
Rally Chair - Connie Reeves  
Rally Co Chair - Vance Harrelson  
Safety Director - Open  
Travel Director - Open  
Photography Director - Jimmy Lowe  
Membership Director - Martha Warren  
Tech Director - Terry Ware

### Proposed Amendments to the By Laws

There are two proposed amendments to the Club By Laws that will be voted on by the membership at the January meeting. The first proposed change has to do with ending the Friends of Beemer memberships. The second proposed change has to do with how changes to the By-Laws can be made. The following contains both the current By Law in question and the proposed changes. Please carefully read and consider whether we should or should not make these changes. The vote will be held at the January meeting. The entire By-Laws are published in the back of the membership booklet that is sent to each member annually.

### Proposed change #1:

#### CURRENT BY-LAWS

#### MEMBERSHIP

The following criteria will be met for consideration for membership: (Cont. page 2)

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1. Ownership of a BMW.
2. Recommendation by a current member.
3. Membership dues are \$20.00 per year for each primary member. Additional secondary member within the same household (spouse or child) will be charged \$3.00 each per year.
4. Membership dues will be accepted beginning in September of each year to help pay for summer expenditures. Those members whose dues have not been paid by the 31st of December will be considered inactive and their names removed from the Club's mailing list. Those members joining after January will pay their dues on a prorated basis, as determined by schedule in the possession of the Treasurer.
5. Each paid member will have one vote in club decisions.
6. Membership may be continued at no annual charge after a member (principal or secondary) in continuous good standing for the past ten (10) years has obtained the age of 75. In such case, ownership of a BMW motorcycle is not mandatory and the member is entitled to have one vote in club decisions (effective January, 1992).
7. FRIENDS OF BEEMERS: Sponsored by a current BMW member with the same privileges except may not hold office or participate in voting issues. The rules and dues will be the same as the By-Laws dictate.

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7. **An Active Member may invite guests to participate in Club functions, rides, rallies, etc. The inviting member must be present at the event. The behavior of any guest is the sole responsibility of the inviting member. Any guest participating in a Club function or event where the guest will be riding on their own motorcycle or as a passenger on a member's motorcycle is required to complete a liability waiver. Proper protective clothing is encouraged and helmets are to be worn as indicated by State law.**
8. **Membership shall terminate upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following:**

#### PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY-LAW

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**When the member voluntarily sells, transfers, or abandons legal ownership and registration of one's BMW motorcycle and the household no longer own a BMW motorcycle. This provision does not apply to involuntary loss of the motorcycle and ownership thereof, such as fire, theft, accidental destruction, collision, etc., but a member within the purview of this provision must become the legally registered owner of another BMW motorcycle within six (6) months of the involuntary loss, or within 6 months of one's return to financial or physical means of obtaining and riding a BMW motorcycle.**

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## Proposed change #2

### CURRENT BY-LAW

OPERATION:

Paragraph 5. These by-laws may be amended by the Officers and Board of Directors as circumstances may dictate.

### PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY-LAW

OPERATION:

Paragraph 5. ***The by-laws may be amended or added to. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at a regularly scheduled meeting not later than the October meeting. The proposed amendment will then be discussed and placed on the ballot at the January annual meeting. The Proposed changes will be published in advance of the meeting in the Club newsletter. A two-thirds majority vote of Active Members present will be required to pass an amendment.***

value of around \$20.00. Gifts should be wrapped but not marked with any name or gender designation.

Menu for our Christmas Dinner is:

- Chicken Parmesan
- Roasted Pork Loin
- Potatoes AuGratin
- Vegetable Medley (Grilled)
- House Salad
- Cheesecake
- With rolls, tea and coffee

Cost per person if \$23.26 which includes gratuity and taxes.

Alcoholic beverages will be available in the bar area.

**We really need to have a headcount on dinner by no later than November 23, 2009**

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 5, 2009

Darlene Massey

Hello Everyone! It's hard to believe that almost a year has passed since our last Christmas Party but it has. Everyone really enjoyed the scenery and the food at Lake Gunterville last year so that's where we'll be on December 5<sup>th</sup> for our party.

If you haven't reserved your room in the lodge or one of the cabins or chalets - our Group Code number is #1362 - Using this number allows us to book for one night rather than their standard two night minimum. If for some reason you book a room late and they don't allow you to have a one night rate - please contact me and I'll take care of it.

Again this year we will have the Hospitality Room #320 that will be available before the party from 5:30 - 6:30 and after the party also (please BYOB) mixers and ice will be available. Dinner is at 6:45 in a private dining room - The Goldenrod Room with Dirty Santa immediately following dinner. Please remember to bring a gift for Dirty Santa with a

Last year we had volunteers bring different dishes and snacks for the Hospitality Room for both Saturday night and Sunday morning breakfast - so if you have something you would like to bring it will be greatly appreciated. I think everyone enjoyed getting together for coffee and discussing the night before activities and also to enjoy the beautiful view from the Hospitality Room.

I can't imagine having more fun that we did last year - but we can sure try. Look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions about the event or would just like to send me your confirmation for dinner, you can email me at [dmassey@amerex-fire.com](mailto:dmassey@amerex-fire.com).



## **MEETING MINUTES**

November 1, 2009 8:00 AM  
Little River Campground  
President Ron Riggins presiding

Ron opened the meeting thanking the Bonners, Mike Harvell and friends for once again putting on a great year end event. The fish, chicken and fixin's were wonderful, maybe even better this year since we had chicken and fish pictures this year to distinguish fish from chicken. The coconut cake was really good too. The weather turned out great for Saturday evening and a good time was had by all at this awesome location.

Ron offered congratulations to Connie Reaves and Vance Harrelson for their newly announced Ambassadorship for the BMWMOA. That makes 4 in Alabama with Marty Simpson and Ray Zimmerman.

Vance reminded everyone of the Eldridge Children's Home ride the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December and asked anyone that wants to experience a real Christmas story to join him for the ride to the event for the kids and then to the Christmas Party. This is a charity introduced to us by Don Norwood and the kids and folks at the home really put a good feeling in your heart, and feed you good too.

Bob delivered a member request for another amendment to the by-laws. A proposal was made to allow the membership to change the by-laws one time a year and for it to be voted on at the January meeting with 2/3 of the vote of those attending. It is suggested that any changes be written up and presented in writing and published in the newsletter and then vote in January. A motion was made and it was decided we would vote on this amendment in January.

Discussion was held about the rally and proposals to eliminate RV's and Saturday lunch; also non-BMW riders were discussed. Connie came prepared with a spreadsheet outlining the exact number for the discussion. A complaint about dogs in the campground at the rally was also brought up for discussion. Ron stated he felt like we really did a good job on our rally and he could not see how we could turn people away that had been attending for years because of the bike they rode in. A motion was made and voted in that the kitchen committee would discuss the Saturday lunch and get back with their ideas. The remainder will be further discussed at the January meeting.

Our RA representative, Michael Johnson made a presentation on the re-branding by BMW and the requirements of the clubs to change their logos. He stated that all clubs that do not meet the requirements by January 1, 2011 will be dropped by the RA and MOA. He said the RA has volunteered to help clubs with the new design.

Jim Kalahan announced that since there is no meeting in November he would like to invite everyone to an impromptu meeting at Blue Springs for a Shrimp boil on November 13 and 14. There will be no cost for the meal, just camping fees and he will post more info about the event on the website. You can make reservations directly to Jim at his e-mail.

Bob reminded everyone they need to get their Abees information to him so he can finish his worksheet and get tickets ready for the big drawing.

Ron gave the treasurer's report and offered a peek to any one interested in looking at the details.

I would like to remind everyone that we have tickets for the Bike Raffle that would make great Christmas presents and you will be seeing lots of folks to sell them to over the holidays. Write to [weridebmw@bellsouth.net](mailto:weridebmw@bellsouth.net) or call 205-621-1682 and I will get them right out to you.

50/50 split this month is \$72.50 and was won by Mari Harrelson.

Until next time...RIDE SAFE AND BE HAPPY...Mari Harrelson-Acting Secretary

## RISK MANAGEMENT

Joan Ware

I just read an article in Road Runner Magazine about Rider Risk Management, you may have read it too, but I thought I would hit the high points here.

What is exactly does Rider Risk Management mean to you, think about it. It isn't an easy question to answer is it? We all have our own ideas I am sure - send me some if you would like to share yours jkware35242@gmail.com and I will post them next issue.

**Situation:** Riding in the Rain (we all know that has been a problem lately)

My first response is NOT TO. But if you do find yourself caught out in a bad storm think about these points:

Loss of traction due to wet pavement

How will I handle that - slow down

Is the pavement newly wet, does it have a slick oily look?

Is my tire thread new, medium or need to have tires changed, that will all figure into your decision of how to handle the rainy road.

Be conscious of lightening.

**Situation:** Night Riding

What are my headlight and other light distance?

Will I see that creature off the side of the road in

time?

Will I see an obstacle in the road soon enough to avoid?

Do I have on reflective gear? Can other drivers see me easily?

Again, maybe slowing a bit on a dark road would be a good decision.

How is my eyesight at night, should I really ride at night? (None of us want to answer this question; I know mine eyesight is not what it used to be at night).

Do I really have to ride after dark? Or could I just stop a little early.

Planning is everything.

**Situation:** Riding in Cold Weather -That is if it ever gets cold here.

Plan your trip accordingly.

Layer clothing, wear heated gear if needed, and never be too proud!

When you get cold reaction time is slowed - BEWARE

Stop and warm up before it's too late.

If you are riding in a group communicate with each other, check in on each others condition. Sometimes your fellow riders will notice things you do not, i.e. reaction time in curves and obstacles that come up.

Happy Riding, Safe Riding -Joan

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

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2009

NEW\_\_\_RENEW\_\_\_UPDATE\_\_\_

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

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

Secondary Member: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Dues are \$20.00 per year for primary and \$3.00 per year for secondary members. Make check payable to:

BMW M/C Owners of Alabama. Mail application with check to: Marty Simpson, 10010 Torino Drive, Huntsville, AL 35803

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Michael Langley	14	Jan Barnett	20	Tom Gilbert
3	Robert Herron	15	Joseph Mays	20	Phillip Thibodeau
3	Matt Wilson	16	Morris Dees	21	Rick Kilgore
4	Bob Steber	16	Doug Peterson	22	Gene McDaniel
5	Robert Baker	18	Jim Ronk	23	Ed Kearney
5	Jim Pippin			23	Pamela Rogers
5	Ron Shea			24	Jack Kipp
8	Wiley Farrar			24	Rhonda Scott
8	Margaret Hoffman,			24	Larry Tuggle
8	Charles Smith			24	Eddie Williams
10	Denise Copeland			24	Elaine Winslow
11	Jake Bennett			26	Jerry Griffies
11	Joe Champion			27	Dennis Hallman
11	Todd Kern			29	David Ghostley
11	Ginger Odom			30	Charles Binder
12	Paul Goehler			30	Joe Lichtenstein
13	Roger Williamson			31	Bob Foley



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4	Karen Myers	18	Sharon McLean	20	Harold Fearing
5	Ivory Hampton	18	Kenny Owen	21	Ron Beck
6	Regina Binder	18	BJ Ronk	21	Grant Borden
7	Sheila Kalahan	19	Gene Barber	21	Bruce Wheatley
7	Ron Riggins	19	Beverly Bedgood	22	Keith Koon
7	Patricia Starita	19	David Smith	22	Steve Shirley
8	John Montoya	20	Don Delashaw	24	Tim Nesmith
9	Cathy Lange			24	Terry Ware
10	Kenneth Bonner			25	Dan Copeland
12	Randy Hardy			25	Steven Farley
15	Jim McCutchen			25	Brian Jones
15	Electa Sparks			26	Vern Headrick
16	Lana Kaltz			27	Tim Flynn
17	Karen Harrelson			27	Marliam Lee
18	Ken Lefkovits			29	Jim McLean



### SPECIAL SALE FOR CLUB MEMBERS AT TERRY'S TWO WHEEL

All **in stock** boots 1/2 price, email for sizes, men's and woman's. Terry's Two Wheel, 205-987-2090 or email [terrystwoweel@gmail.com](mailto:terrystwoweel@gmail.com).

## ABEES POINTS TO DATE

Name	Restaurants, Points of Interest and Monthly Club Gatherings	Favorite Roads & Rides	Total ABEES Check Offs	Total ABEES Tickets	Total Bonus Tickets	Total Tickets
Bob Steber	420	46	466	23.3	48	71.3
Martin Benson	397	38	435	21.8	26	47.8
Rodger Williamson	237	20	257	12.9	16	28.9
Beverly Hughston	218	23	241	12.1	18	30.1
Vance Harrelson	212	16	228	11.4	34	45.4
Paul McBrayer	170	18	188	9.4	8	17.4
Phillip Warren	141	18	159	8.0	31	39.0
Gary Dubois	93	11	104	5.2	8	13.2
Jim Dubick	62	9	71	3.6	10	13.6
Noah Johnson	52	10	62	3.1	2	5.1
Bob Daigle	43	5	48	2.4	9	11.4
Terry Ware	39	8	47	2.4	3	5.4
Erik Bahl	40	3	43	2.2	7	9.2
Jimmy Lowe	38	4	42	2.1	3	5.1
Mike Scott	40	1	41	2.1	3	5.1
Angi Dubois	39	1	40	2.0	4	6.0
Tim Flynn	32	6	38	1.9	9	10.9
Gary Williams	35	2	37	1.9	2	3.9
Gary Nesmith	36		36	1.8	1	2.8
Stephen Whitley	27	4	31	1.6	3	4.6
Ron Shea	14	7	21	1.1	3	4.1
Mickey Gee	14	6	20	1.0	0	1.0

**For details refer to the Restaurants & POI and Favorite Roads and Rides Page on this website. Pencil in the changes or copy and paste the descriptions from the website, print them and place in your ABEES Travel Guide.**

### ABEES ADDENDUM - October 2009

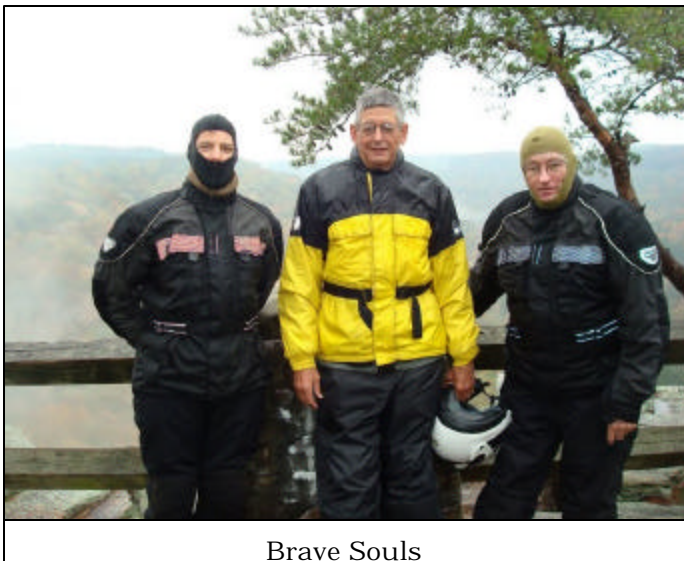
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Dogtown	NE	Big Time Café	EAT	Add
Selma	SW	Our Place	EAT	Out of Business

## FALL COLOR CLASSIC BMW BIKE RIDE IN NORTHEAST ALABAMA

Bob Steber

After a short one day notice at the Ribfest from our hosts Tommy and Jeannine Arnold that the fall color in northeast Alabama was at about peak and that it was time to ride, four hardy Alabeemers gathered at the Arnold's home for our 2nd annual Fall Color Classic Bike Ride. Phillip Warren and I arrived late Monday afternoon and were greeted by the smell of Jeannine's wonderful homemade chili and a great looking chocolate cake on the kitchen counter. After an auto tour of the Arnold's neighborhood to see where their new home is going to be built and keeping an eye on the weather channel to see how bad the weather was going to be the following morning, we had a great dinner and conversation then waddled to bed fairly early.

Next morning after coffee, off we went to Guntersville State Park to join Steve Hebert for breakfast. Our ride to the Park



Brave Souls

was under low hanging overcast skies, with a bit of drizzle and a tad cool, but not bad so far. We arrived a few minutes early and found that Steve had been there but had gone for a scenic ride around the park. As we were taking off the helmets, he rolled up and after a fun greeting; we went in the beautiful Guntersville State Park Lodge for breakfast. After a great breakfast, we suited up and made sure that we had every zipper zipped and button buttoned to keep out the predicted rain this brisk Tuesday morning.

Tommy and I were on our 1976 R90Ss, Steve on his 1976 R75/6 and Phillip on his 1883 R80ST. I must tell you it was a pleasure to be in the company of such fine folks and wonderful old classic BMW motorcycles for our ride. We chose to ride the ABEES Favorite Ride # NE 7 which is a two day ride over the best of the best roads in northeast Alabama. Because of the predicted seventy percent chance of rain on Tuesday and sunny

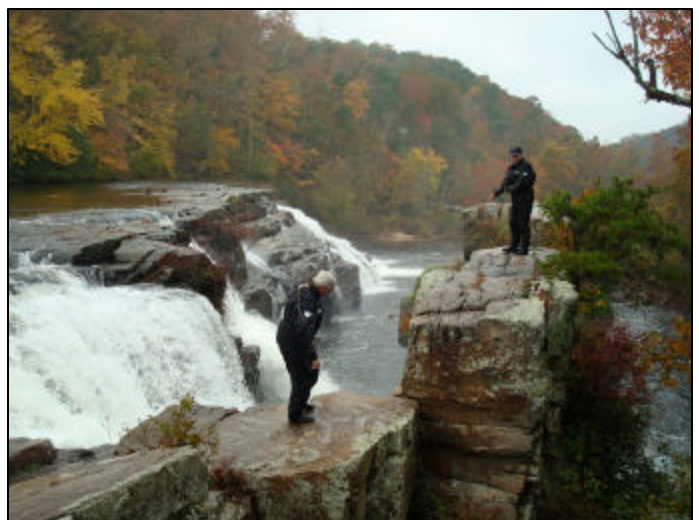


High Falls Parking Lot

skies Wednesday, we opted to take the shorter 177 mile NE 7 #2 ride this day and the 260 mile NE 7 # 1ride on Wednesday. So off we went to Bucks Pocket for our first stop. The road down into the pocket across a small bridge over a fast running stream is one of the best curvy and scenic roads in the state. We rode through an almost empty campground and then back up the mountain to Bucks Pocket's overlook on the upper west side of the ridge overlooking the pocket. Here you will find some wonderful views of the pocket below.

Our next stop was the beautiful Dekalb County High Falls Park. The road down to the water fall is closed to unauthorized vehicles, but we asked the person there if we could ride our bikes down there and thankfully he said yes. The long steep climb back up the hill will get your attention fast. We were very fortunate this day because the water flowing over the falls was almost record setting and we could hear the water roaring from the parking lot. Even if there is only a low volume of water flowing, this is one of the prettiest falls in Alabama.

After enjoying 30 minutes or so at High Falls we headed for Little River Canyon and its fantastic motorcycling road along the rim. But before riding the rim road, we stopped for lunch at the very good Big Time Café for a great lunch. I had a cheese-



High Falls



burger and Tommy, Phillip and Steve had their daily special, a pinto bean plate. After lunch we tackled the rim road very cautiously because of the numerous patches of wet leaves covering the road. The fall color was magnificent along the way to the Little River Falls Overlook near Hwy 35. The water flowing over rock ledge was also almost record setting and a beautiful site to see.

Our next destination was north on curvy Hwy 89 to Desoto State Park and the Sallie Howard Memorial Chapel with its huge bolder at one end that is an outside wall as well as the alter on inside of the chapel. After a quick stop there we visited Cloudmont Ski Resort, the only place to snow ski in Alabama and then to the quaint little artist village of Mentone. From Mentone, we went over Lookout Mountain to one of the most beautiful valleys in the southeast, Mountain Cove Farms. Unfortunately, the road down to the valley floor was closed to traffic, so we had to turn around and head down the Mountain through Cloudland back to the Arnolds.

Up until this point, we rode through sporadic light rain, but that all changed about the time we started off the mountain rim on Hwy 103 heading back down to Hwy. 35 and Little River. All of a sudden we were in a cloudbank with visibility of no more than 20 feet and with steady heavy rain all of the rest of the way down the mountain. This was the best test for our rain gear that



I remember ever having. Fortunately, I stayed dry except for the crotch of my jeans. My BMW Gloves and boots performed well, as did my Olympia Riding Jacket. Tommy, Steve and Phillip didn't fair as well, with their gloves getting soaked and boots were a tad damp. Other than that, we make it back to Scottsboro for Tommy and Jeannine's great rib with fixins dinner and hot showers for all.

Next morning we awoke to sunny skies and after a great break-



fast, we were off to Grant Mountain to ride the wonderful curvy, tree lined Butler Mill road to Keel Mountain Road up and over the mountain to Gurley. But, before our ride over Keel Mountain, we stopped for a photo opp of the beautiful fall colors on the mountain.

From Gurley, we headed north on Hwy. 65 and CR 27, also candidates for some of the best motorcycling roads in Alabama, to Huntland, Tennessee for a rest stop at Hunt's Old timey general store. After a "Coke" break we backtracked on Hwy 65 and west on Hwy 146 to Skyline's County road 8, another strong candidate for the best motorcycling road in Alabama to Woodville for a Muffelatta sandwich at Joes Pizza. Unfortunately, Joes was closed, so we rode back north on Cr 8 and then down Crow Mountain on CR 39 with its many hairpin turns to the Rock Zoo and then to the Pikeville Store for the best cheeseburger in Alabama.

From Pikeville we rode to Stevenson to see the Historic old train depot and the Heaton Memorial Church and then to the northeast extreme location in Long Island. From Long Island we took Hwys 73, 71 and 40 to Hwy 35 back to Scottsboro and the Arnolds for another good dinner and nights sleep before returning home Thursday morning.

I hope we did not wear out our welcome at the Arnold's house this year, because I am looking forward to next year's BMW Classic Bike Fall Color Ride and I hope we can plan the ride in time for more of our Alabeemers to join us.

## **DUES - DUES - DUES**

Marty Simpson

PLEASE MAIL YOUR 2010 DUES BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2009

Please mail your dues early using the Application/Renewal Form in the newsletter, and correct any changes of your address, phone numbers, or e-mail. The dues are only \$20,00 for the principal member plus \$3.00 for the secondary household member. Make checks payable to BMW M/C Owners of AL and mail to:

Marty Simpson - 10010 Torino Dr., SE - Huntsville, AL 35803

Members that joined during the year (January thru October) will receive mailed notices in November for their prorated dues for 2010.

REMINDER:Some members paid in advance and this is a reminder that the following are paid for year 2010 and beyond:

Mark Foreman - '10, '11, '12, '13

Phil & Martha Warren - '10, '11, '12, '13

David & Lucinda Bollinger - '10, '11, '12

Paul Buckholdt - '10, '11, '12

Tom Cowan - '10

Lenny Gribben - '10

Ed Kearney - '10

C. J. Morgan - '10

Tim & Sheri Nesmith - '10

Don Norwood - '10

Charles & Deborah Parsons - '10

Bob Reich - '10

Electa Sparks

Norman Thomas - '10

Les & Elaine Wiley - '10

Stephen & Laneace Whitley

David & Elaine Winslow - '10

CONGRATULATIONS to Don Kimbrell and Polly Wright for earning the Life Membership category. They will join the Honorary Group with Ann Carter, Will Diener, Donna Fearing, Harold Fearing, Casey Hardison, John Keel, Fred Merrill, Ramona Merrill, Larry Mullens, Marty Simpson, and William Weaver.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Perry & Peggy Guffey

Scottsboro, AL

Sponsor: Tommy Arnold (Guffeys are past members.)

Phillip Colquette

Fairhope, AL

Sponsor: Martin Benson

Rick Mitchell

Tuscaloosa, AL

Past member

## **4th ANNUAL BMWMOAL BLUE WATER CRUISE**

Jamie Jackson

Don't put it off any longer! If you have not yet booked passage on the beautiful Carnival Triumph, do it now. If you have never been on a Caribbean Cruise and are unsure of the value of the cruise or entertainment available during the cruise, then talk to some of the club members that have gone on the past three cruises. I think they will convince you. And if you have been on a cruise before, but not with the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Alabama, you may be in for a treat with twenty-four hour a day rallying with some of the most fun folks alive. Of course, there are luxurious cabins rather than a campground with tents, steel drum bands in lieu of a campfire, and decadent dining instead of a cookout. But it is one big rally none the less.

When you book make sure you do so thru Vanessa Gamble at AAA to be assured of savings afforded the BMW Motorcycle Owners of Alabama. Vanessa's telephone number is 205-978-7030.

The five day cruise departs New Orleans on March 1, 2010. Tickets for the cruise sure would make a nice present under anyone's Christmas tree! Just a thought for those that have not yet decided.

## COLD WEATHER IS OUR FRIEND

Joan Ware

I wrote this spring and summer about what to do so you don't get over heated and dehydrated, while now it's time for the flip side, how to stay warm and hydrated.

Speaking from a Mom's real life experience with a son who's hands got so cold he could not turn and ran off the road. Luckily he nor the bike were hurt much. But if you can't feel your hands you can't steer. Cold will also impair judgment so be aware of that when you are riding in cold circumstances.

Now that the weather is cooling down and the days are getting shorter we all want to get out early and ride. Before you get out there do your homework, how cold is it, what is the expected high temperature for the day, things like that. Then gear up accordingly. If the starting temperature is say 40 you may want to start with the liners and electric until lunchtime and then switch. There are many factors that help to decide how to dress, does your bike have a fairing, heated grips, heated seats? How bulky does all your warm gear make you feel. Will you have a chance to stop and remove a layer if needed. A passenger may want to dress warmer than the driver, little more air swirling around back there.

### Dressing in layers:

#### Bottom Layer:

- Silk or some sort of long underwear
- Ladies- Tights or Pantyhose work real good for bottom half
- Running pants, they have no feet but are nylon and wind resistant
- Jeans if you are going to be taking outer wear off during the journey
- If not and you wear heated pants now is the time for those
- Finally your riding pant.

#### Upper layers:

- Silk or long underwear, if you choose
- Long sleeve shirt of some type

(remember if cotton gets wet it is cold and takes a while to dry, so you may want a synthetic of some sort)

If you need it, a fleece, or your heated vest or jacket

If you are wearing a heated jacket you need less layers because you want that warmth right up against your body.

I might add either a wind shirt or light weight fleece and then my outer jacket.

#### Feet:

Wool socks if you have them or a blend. Here again cotton gets damp, feet get cold.

#### Hands:

Driver- most likely has heated grips so it would just be the top of your hands that get cold. Silk liners and your regular gloves. Or if you use heated gloves remembered take a regular pair of gloves for later in the day.

Passenger- Heated gloves -silk liners and warm leather or textile gloves. The same goes for the passenger take a different pair of gloves for later on in the day.

#### Rain Gear:

- Yes carry with you. It can do great if the wind comes up or you get in misty type of fog or rain.

#### Helmet:

- Liner if you want and chin wind guard or I like a gaiter because I can pull it up over my chin or down if the weather warms up.

If anyone has any other tricks for cold weather riding send them to me: [jkware35242@gmail.com](mailto:jkware35242@gmail.com) and I will get them in the next newsletter or on forum.

Warm and safe riding to everyone

Get out and enjoy the glorious fall colors,

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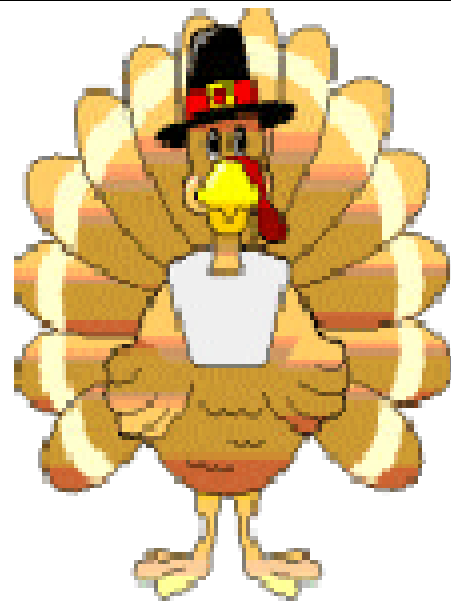
## **Club Sponsored Events With Meetings**

Nov 14-15 Shrimp Boil at the Spring - Blue Springs St Pk

Dec 5 Christmas Party - Guntersville St. Park

## **Other Events of Interest**

Nov 13-15 SwampScooters Rally - Carencro, LA



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