



# **THE ALABAMA BEEMER**



*Happy  
Holidays*

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011  
NEWSLETTER

**CHRISTMAS  
PARTY 12/3!  
DETAILS INSIDE!**

**DON'T FORGET!**

NO CLUB MEETING IN DECEMBER.  
JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING IN MONTEVALLO.  
COME LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! VOTE FOR  
YOUR CLUB OFFICERS, RUN FOR OFFICE!  
HAVE A SAY IN WHERE THE MEETINGS WILL BE  
FOR 2012!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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MONTEAGLE, TN  
PREVIOUS MEMBER REJOINED**

# Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday MOAL!!

Vance Harrelson



Our birthday party was a big success! The setting was in the great north-west Alabama town of Nauvoo. This has become a favorite meeting site for our club where base out of

The Old Harbin Hotel. As in the past we were treated with the friendly southern hospitality of the proprietors Gene and Earlene McDaniel. They pretty much turn the hotel and the whole town over to us (could it be because they think we just might take it from them? ...nah...) There is plenty of room for tent camping and RV's and that is a good thing because the hotel is booked months in advance for our events there.

Attendees began assembling early with some folks there as early as Monday! The weather on Friday was not the best but the cold, rain and wind blew in riders all day and well into the evening. There were attendees from several surrounding states including Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi and California. We were honored to have Dave Swisher from Bowling Green, Virginia join us too! Thanks to all who attended to help the Alabama club celebrate... and celebrate we did!

The Friday evening meal included grilled hotdogs, baked beans and all the trimmings. The large hotel lobby and dining room was a welcome and warm place to gather providing a great social atmosphere for all to meet and greet.

Saturday morning dawned with a heavy frost but the sun was shining! It warmed into a beautiful day allowing many to ride and explore the area. It was a great day in the street in front of the hotel with bikes of all ages and styles lining the sidewalk. All day bikes were coming and going. Some rode and some opted just to sit in the sun and visit, tell stories and kick tires.

Late in the afternoon with the return of all the riders we assembled for our traditional parade through town. Our last pass in front of the hotel provided a perfect opportunity for a group photo that included everyone present. I hope someone is around 40 years from now to look at that photo like the one we saw from 40 years ago! Thanks to John Harper for bringing those bits of memorabilia for all of us to enjoy!

We feasted on a great catered Bar B Que buffet for dinner Saturday night and settled in for the evening's entertainment. We were indeed entertained by a great band from Birmingham... "Daze Gone By". Their selection of 80's and 90's music was great and the lobby of the hotel made a great open dance floor...that was well used by many of us!

Along about 9PM the band took a break and we all moved out front in the street and were treated to what I am sure is the largest fireworks display ever seen in Nauvoo! Thanks to Mike & Amelia Bauman and the rest of the Cajun Contingent (with help from Tim Flynn) for this fantastic show! Mike has a fireworks fetish which he admits to having for more than 30 years..he is like a kid with that stuff but let me tell you...it sure looked professional to all of us! And by the way...just how long do YOU think it takes for 16,000...yes 16,000 firecrackers in one roll explode? Well I can tell you... long enough to begin to annoy a couple neighbors!! Really it was a first class show and we do appreciate it!

Sunday morning we all enjoyed another fine breakfast and held our monthly meeting. This was of course well attended and for me was a very special meeting. Led by Vernon Headrick members stood up to remember those members no longer with us. With our great history we have quite a number of folks that were very active and instrumental in support of the club throughout the years. It was great to hear mention of these folks and was very special to me.

So at the conclusion of the meeting, and with the sun making its climb, it was time for us to all head our separate ways. Before driving away though I saw many members cleaning up and picking up...I even saw Jamie Jackson with a blower cleaning the street. Gary and Darlene returned the "Keys To The City" to Gene and Earlene, giving them back the town and the Alabeemers were gone again...until next year!

Let's hear a round of applause for the Alabeemers on our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday...it was a great time. Look out... for the next 40 years...here we come!

Our next event will be the annual Christmas party. This year the party will be held on Saturday December 3 at the Hampton Inn in Birmingham located at 6220 Farley Court, Birmingham, Alabama, 35242 and you can phone them at 205-981-0024. Darlene has negotiated a special rate for our rooms there and the easiest thing to do is book online here;

<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/reservations/index.jhtml?hotel=BHMLBHX&corporateCode=0560019860>

By booking through this link you will receive the negotiat-

ed rate! Also for those who qualify the military discounted rate may be a little less, so check that out too! I look forward to seeing all of you there for this fun event!

The Christmas party will be our last official event of 2011. It has been a great year and as it comes to a close, we need to begin looking toward next year. Our annual planning meeting will be held on January 28-29 at the Alabama traffic Safety Center in Montevallo. This is a very important meeting where we will elect our officers for the coming year and determine our meeting locations. As of this writing our ballot is incomplete. I would like to remind everyone to consider serving your club in the coming year and that process starts by adding your name to the ballot! Just because someone's name appears there already does not mean you should not add yours and run for that office! If you are interested in getting on the ballot, give me a call or let me know at [president@bmwmoal.org](mailto:president@bmwmoal.org) or Connie at [bamabmw@aol.com](mailto:bamabmw@aol.com) There will be no criminal background check or attempt to pull old skeletons from your closet. And unlike most other elections a large campaign fund is not required...however campaign *fun* is!

Also on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the **Eldridge Children's Home Ride** will again take place. I will again be leading a ride from the Pelham area to the Home in Eldridge, AL. If you live in this area and would like to ride along, just let me know. We will firm up details as we get closer and let everyone know. I hope you will ride with us this year! There are several rides leaving from different parts of the state so if you don't live near Pelham, check out the website for complete details. Join in a ride or ride on your own and we'll see you there! This is a fantastic fund raising event for a very special place helping kids!!

Our mileage contest is quickly coming to a close as well. Your Travel Director Martin Benson has been keeping up with the members mileages all year and has gotten sponsors to donate some fantastic prizes for this contest. If you have registered with Martin for this contest, be sure to turn in your ending mileage to be eligible for one of these great prizes! Please contact Martin here [travel@bmwmoal.org](mailto:travel@bmwmoal.org) with any questions about the program.

Raffle tickets are now available from Connie for the 2012 Chicken Rally Raffle bike. Please contact Connie now and get your tickets to sell. It is not too early you know and in fact, I hear they make great stocking stuffers!!

Mari and I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of the holiday and Christmas season! We hope you will take every opportunity remaining to ride on the warm days we do have. And when you can't ride...we hope you will be spending this special time of year with your non riding family and friends!



## Meeting Minutes

October 30, 2011

Nauvoo, AL

President, Vance Harrelson presiding

Vance opened the meeting with THANKS to everyone involved in making our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration a huge success. Darlene Massey and Gary Nesmith did a lot of work to get everything ready and to keep things running smoothly all weekend. Sheila Kalahan provided a lot of decorations as did Darlene, and they had a lot of help setting up those decorations. Terry's Two Wheel provided the cake for Saturday night's dessert.

Thanks also to Earlene, Gene, and (their son) Mitchell McDaniel. Their motel, The Harbin House, once again, proved an ideal location for our Club's meeting place.

A special thanks also to Mike Baumann for a spectacular fireworks display, and lots of noise due to a block long string of firecrackers. Mike was assisted by the Cajun contingent and Tim Flynn.

It was good to see Eric Bahl and Bob Steber on Saturday. So glad they were both able to be with us after their recent accidents. It was also good to see Dan Thompson again. We don't get to see much of him since he moved to North Carolina several years ago. Club founder John Harper also joined the celebration on Saturday but was unable to attend Sunday's meeting.

Vance thought it fitting on the occasion of the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration to give tribute to those members no longer with us who had a hand in making the Club a success. Vern was asked to name those he could remember, and he asked other members to add to his list. Russ Simpson, Carson Wright, Rob Allred, Harold Crow, David Bollinger, Casey Hardison, Ed VanderVelde, Jeanette and Walter Cowley were some of those mentioned.

Our Christmas party, will be at the Hampton Inn, adjacent to the Eagle Point Golf Course near I-459 and US 280 on the first Saturday in December. Darlene was able to get us the banquet room at no charge because she also arranged rooms for her company's golf tournament there. All details will be sent out later on an email from Vance.

That is also the date of the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Eldridge Chil-

dren's Home ride, an event close to Don Norwood's heart and he gave a report on the ride and the home it supports. 2010's ride raised \$45,000 (10% of their annual budget) for the home and Don is hoping for similar results this year. For those unable to attend the ride, there will be a dinner on Friday night before the ride.

Vance reminds us again that elections are coming up at the January. Get involved; put your name on the ballot!!!

Phillip Warren won the prize for oldest T-shirt with a 1981 MOA rally shirt. That rally was held at Loretta Lynn's ranch at Hurricane Mills, TN. Gary Nesmith also attended that rally, his first.

Connie announced that 52 books of raffle tickets were sold at Barber's Vintage Days earlier this month. It seems that several of our members have their very own unique way of "closing the deal". There are still plenty of books available though, so contact Connie to get yours.

As the proud recipient of the "booby prize" awarded at Kinderfest, Tim Flynn was disappointed to find no one worthy of receiving it this weekend. However, after reports from others he changed his mind and passed the prize along to Gary Nesmith for safe keeping until the next lucky recipient is found.

Sheila Kalahan addressed the meeting with the idea of putting a link to MAC on our Club website. A motion was made and seconded that we ask web guru Steve Schuckman to do that.

The 50/50 pot was won by Don Norwood who generously donated the \$93.00 to the Eldridge Children's Home. He also said he would match any other donations made that morning. Don't know how much he got but he just kept pulling bills from his wallet to cover the donations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Little, Secretary



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

ZERINGUE, TOMMY	12/2
HERRON, ROBERT	12/3
REAVES, JOSH	12/3
WILSON, MATT	12/3
STEBER, BOB	12/4
BAKER, ROBERT	12/5
PIPPIN, JIM	12/5
SHEA, RON	12/5
COUNCIL, DARLENE	12/6
HOFFMAN, MARGARET	12/8
SMITH, CHARLES	12/8
COPELAND, DENISE	12/10
BENNET, JAKE	12/11
KERN, TODD	12/11
GOEHLER, PAUL	12/12
WILLIAMSON, RODGER	12/13
BARNETT, JAN	12/14
MAYS, JOSEPH	12/15
RONK, JIM	12/18
GILBERT, TOM	12/20
LICHTENSTEIN, JOE	12/20
THIBODEAU, PHILLIP	12/20
KILGORE, RICK	12/21
REESE, CHARLES NEVILL	12/21
HUDSON, STEVEN	12/22
MCDANIEL, GENE	12/22
ROGERS, PAMELA	12/23
BAUMAN, AMELIA	12/24
KIPP, JACK	12/24
SCOTT, RHONDA	12/24
TUGGLE, LARRY	12/24
WILLIAMS, EDDIE	12/24
HALLMAN, DENNIS	12/27
GHOSTLEY, DAVID	12/29



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

BEASLEY, JOHN	1/4
HAMPTON, IVORY	1/5
KALAHAN, SHEILA	1/7
RIGGINS, RON	1/7
MONTOYA, JOHN	1/8
LANGE, CATHY	1/9
COUNCIL, STEVEN	1/11
SPARKS, ELECTA	1/15
KALTZ, LANA	1/16
MCLEAN, SHARON	1/18
OWEN, KENNY	1/18
RONK, BEN	1/18
BARBER, GENE	1/19
SMITH, DAVID	1/19
DELASHAW, DON	1/20
FEARING, HAROLD	1/20
BECK, RON	1/21
BORDEN, GRANT	1/21
NESMITH, TIM	1/24
WARE, TERRY	1/24
COPELAND, DAN	1/25
FARLEY, STEVEN	1/25
MORRIS, MATT	1/25
HEADRICK, VERNON	1/25
FLYNN, TIM	1/27
LEE, MARLIAM	1/27
MCLEAN, JIM	1/29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! MANY MORE JOURNEYS TO YOU, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

PLEASE NOTE: "IF YOUR BIRTHDAY DOES NOT GET LISTED IT'S BECAUSE I DO NOT HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY ON FILE. PLEASE SEND IT TO [BAMABMW@AOL.COM](mailto:BAMABMW@AOL.COM) TO MAKE SURE YOU GET RECOGNIZED THIS COMING YEAR."



## TOURING TIP: Winterizing Your Bike

November 11th, 2011

(With winter approaching, we are re-publishing our checklist for winterizing your bike, which was originally included in our October 2009 newsletter.)

Because mechanical systems perform best when they're used regularly, the most effective way of preparing your bike for winter is to simply keep riding and maintaining it. But most of us, unfortunately, don't live in a climate that allows for a 365-day riding year. Consequently, we need to prepare our rides for a period of winter storage. Here's a checklist to help you make sure the job gets done properly:

**1. Store Properly:** Indoor (heated if possible) storage is best for guarding against moisture and rust. To prevent flat spots from developing on tires, store the bike with its weight off of the wheels.

**2. Stabilize the Fuel:** Fill gas tank, turn off petcock, drain carburetor(s) and add fuel stabilizer to the gas. Fuel injected bikes only require a full tank of gas and fuel stabilizer. Finally, run the bike so the treated fuel gets into the injectors or carburetor(s).

**3. Tend to the Battery:** Attach a trickle charger to the battery. If the battery is a non-sealed type, check fluid levels and add distilled water if needed.

**4. Lubricate Controls and Other Mechanical Parts:** Lubricate cables, change front fork oil as required by your Owner's Manual and oil any other exterior unsealed moving parts.

**5. Change Engine Oil and Filter:** Because old oil can develop acidic qualities and cause corrosion, change it prior to storage and possibly again in the spring.

**6. Inspect/Lubricate Final Drive:** Chains should be cleaned, checked for proper tension, and lubricated. Check the oil level on shaft drive bikes and add or replace it as necessary.

**7. Inspect/Service Cooling System:** For water-cooled bikes, look for any signs of rust, ensure that coolant is at the proper level—flush and replace coolant every two years.

**8. Inspect/Service Brakes:** Remove the brake pads and check the calipers for corrosion. If left unchecked, corroded cylinders can eventually cause brakes to seize up. Replace worn pads as necessary.

**9. Inspect/Replace Tires:** Check the condition of tires, including tread depth. Tires with 3/32 or less of tread remaining or older than 10 years should probably be replaced.

**10. Inspect/Service Electrical System:** Look for any signs of corrosion on exposed electrical connections. A thin coating of Vaseline or other preservative can help prevent corrosion.**11. Replace Hydraulic Fluids:** Hydraulic fluids can absorb moisture over time, causing corrosion and loss of braking effectiveness. It's best to replace these fluids yearly, but be sure to **use only the recommended fluid from a sealed container.**

**12. Check Torque of Threaded Fasteners:** Ensuring that key nuts and bolts (i.e., those that could threaten life or limb if they became loose) are at their proper tightness is especially important for bikes ridden off-pavement.

**13. Clean/Protect Surfaces:** Give your bike a thorough cleaning and then polish and wax all painted and chrome

surfaces; clean and polish aluminum and stainless steel surfaces with the appropriate metal polish.

**14. Inspect/Replace Air Filter:** Inspect the air filter to determine if it needs replacement or cleaning.

**15. Clean and Treat Leather:** Use a high quality dressing to clean and preserve all leather surfaces.

**16. Treat Cylinder Walls:** To help prevent cylinder wall and piston ring corrosion, remove spark plug(s) and add 25cc of motor oil. Then, with plugs removed, use the starter to turn the motor over several times to distribute the oil.

**17. Consult Owner's Manual:** As a final check to make sure you haven't missed anything, review the maintenance schedule in your Owner's Manual to determine if any other services are required.

Many, if not most, of the above procedures will be within the mechanical knowledge and skill level of many owners. However, if you're in doubt about something, it's always advisable to consult a professionally trained technician.

—Jim Parks

Road Runner Magazine

Terry's Two Wheel



### Fall Fun with the Gang

Another beautiful Fall Sunday, the weather is perfect, the temperature comfortable 70 degrees what more could a motorcyclist ask for. So begins our ride, a group of 6 bikes, lead by no other than our Prez started out from Tim Flynn's business establishment, South Window Supply in Pelham for a day in the life of a falling leaf. The group consisted of Vance and Mari, Jim McCorriston, Tim Flynn, Lee Harrelson, Rob Harrelson and the Ware's. Vance lead us out Hwy 119 to Leeds, on to Talledega and good curvy roads, "The Pig Trail" being one of those curvy roads and up to Cheha State Park. We had a great lunch with a fantastic view, shared old stories and made up some new ones. After lunch we headed back to Birmingham. The roads were great, the scenery spectacular and it's always great to spend the day riding with friends.

# Happy New Year Let's Celebrate

Join Terry, Joan and friends for on **January 1, 2012.**  
We are inviting everyone to a lunch and ride.

Black Eyed Peas for luck  
Cornbread for whatever  
Dessert  
Join us at 11am for Lunch  
Noon for a ride, weather permitting  
Come on two or in four it doesn't

**Place: Terry's Two Wheel  
1057 Commerce Blvd.  
Pelham, Al 35124  
205-987-1928**

Watch for more details on the forum and face book, or just call us and see what is up.

YOU ALL COME

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

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

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# It's the end of the year as we know it, ...

(and with 2012 right around the corner, it might also be "the end of the world as we know it"

- as sung by REM back in the 80's.)

by Rodger Williamson

A look back: In January we had our annual Club business meeting at the Alabama Traffic Safety Center in Montevallo, AL. In February we met at Blue Springs State Park near Clio, AL and enjoyed some home made chili. In March we rode down to spend the weekend with our Cajun Contingent in Baton Rouge, LA and enjoyed an awesome crayfish boil. In April, we enjoyed a weekend on the beach and a shrimp boil at Gulf Shores, AL. In May, we hosted about 700 friends at our annual Chicken Rally in Huntsville, AL. In June several of us enjoyed the AMA Superbike Races at the Barber Motorsports Park outside of Birmingham, AL, while later we rode up to the Blue Ridge Mountains in NC. In July, several of us rode up to BMWMOA national Rally in Bloomsburg, PA. Later that month, we met in Brierfield, AL for dorm type cabin sleep-over. In August we spent the weekend enjoying the pool, and the hot-tub at Jim and Shiela Kalahan's home in Enterprise, AL. In September, we crossed the state line into Tennessee to spend the weekend in Monteagle. And in for our busiest month this year, in October several of us spent the first weekend with about 50,000 other motorcycle enthusiasts at the Vintage Motorcycle Festival at the Barber Motorsports Park outside of Birmingham, AL, - followed by a Tech weekend at Barnsley Motor Werks in Epesus, GA, - followed by a weekend at "Rib Fest" in Centerville, TN, - followed by our Clubs 40 Birthday Bash in Nauvoo, AL. ... We had a whole year of great riding, on great roads, with great friends, on great bikes! If you didn't participate, - you just missed out on whole lot of fun!

A look forward: We will be having our Clubs Christmas Party on Saturday night December 3rd at the new Hampton Inn on US-280 near Eagle Point in Birmingham, AL, and in January 2012, we will again host our annual Club business meeting at the Alabama Traffic Safety Center in Montevallo, AL where we will vote on Club business, - including the schedule for the rest of the year. If you want to have a say-so in how the Club operates, or where we will meet for the rest of the year, then you need to plan on attending this event. There is an old saying that you should live every day as if it were your last day here on earth. And if any of the ancient Mayan myths are true, then 2012 may in fact be our last year here on this earth. Just in case any of this 2012 mumbo-jumbo about aliens, or zombies, or a return to the stone age should come to pass, - I intend to ride my bike absolutely as much as I can before we run out of gasoline, or have to fend of invading hordes. Until then, ~ Ride safe y'all !!!

# The MOAL Christmas Party Is Fast Approaching!

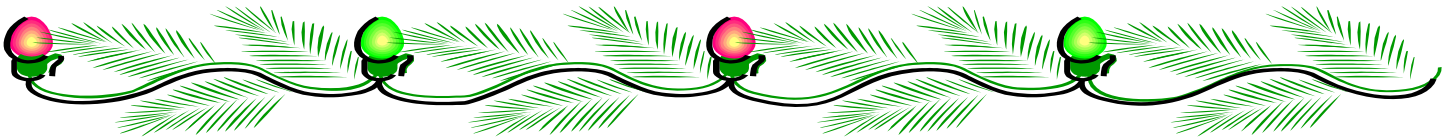
This year the annual club Christmas party will be held on December 3.

This year's location is the Hampton Inn located at 6220 Farley Court in Birmingham, Alabama, 35242 (Ph) 205-981-0024.

This location is close to the US280 & AL 119 intersection in Eagle Point. Rooms can be booked online through this special link; <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/reservations/index.jhtml?hotel=BHMLBHX&corporateCode=0560019860> or by calling the hotel directly at the number listed above. We will have the use of the Lobby area for the evening where we will have a catered dinner this year ! Folks will be arriving during the afternoon and dinner is planned for 6 PM. The traditional Dirty Santa game will likely get rolling around 7PM !!

I am told there will most likely be a varied selection appetizers and deserts immediately before and after the dinner !

This is shaping up to be another great event so I hope you will make your plans to attend now ! Darlene Massey is pulling this one together too so if you have any questions or want to bring your special appetizer, coordinate that with Darlene at [dmassey@amerex-fire.com](mailto:dmassey@amerex-fire.com) ! We'll see you there !!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE BY THE ALABEEMERS!



BMW MOAL 2011 Miles Ridden  
as of 10-31-2011

2	6	1	8	3	7
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Goal: 250,000



Accolades to Gary Nesmith  
By Lenn Rainwater

I received a call from a BMW owner who had broken down on I-20 just past Riverside . The only thing I could help him with was to get my trailer and go pick him and his bike up and take him to Home Depot to get what he needed to make a valve gasket and get valve cover fasteners for his 1982 airhead. However, I did have an idea to call Gary Nesmith as a backup phone contact since I wasn't sure how things would work out. Fortunately, Gary just happened to be home and he also just happened to have exactly what the guy needed. What he did though was drive all the way to Pell City and met us at the Walmart and fixed the guy's bike right then and there. I don't know many people who would have done that. Everyone who knows Gary also knows what a great guy he is. And this is just one more example. Thank you Gary for helping out.



## POSER

*Clearly hasn't ridden more than two blocks or she'd be smarter about riding gear and riding.*

**HEAD** - That beanie helmet *may* be legal and it *may* protect your head. Or Maybe not. Why take that chance?

**EYES, EARS & FACE** - Watery eyes, deafened by wind blast and able to identify 25 different insects by taste.

**ARMS** - Getting personal with the pavement can take no time at all.

**HANDS** - Think those half-finger gloves make you look cool?

**KNEES** - Posers collect sunburn, flying debris and road rash. There's no such thing as a fender bender on a motorcycle.

**FEET** - Personal contact with the shift lever, brake pedal, hot engine or exhaust can change your perspective on footwear forever.

## PRO

*A positive attitude, training, and motivation to reduce injury. She has 'the right stuff.'*

**HELMET** - Well fitted to offer comfort, protection, visibility and risk reduction.

**EYE PROTECTION** - Face shields, goggles and safety glasses offer protection. Save face with clear vision.

**GLOVES** - Snug and full-fingered to protect and grip better. Different gloves for changing conditions.

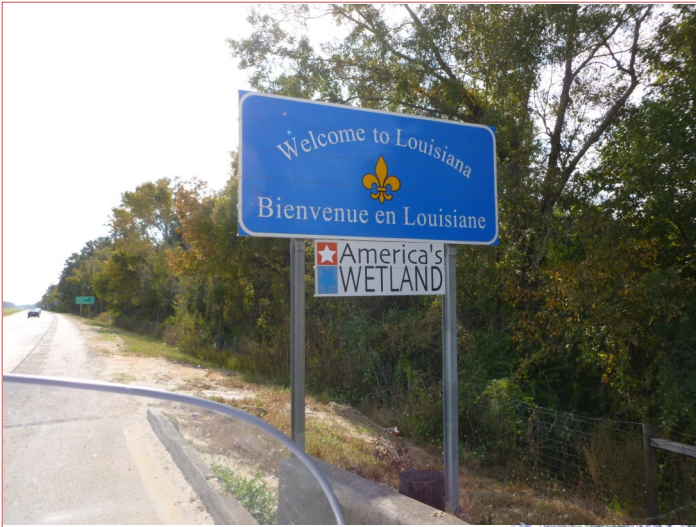
**JACKET/PANTS** - Quality gear helps decrease distraction and fatigue while increasing visibility. Different than fashion wear, riding gear reduces risk and injury.

**BOOTS** - Sturdy over-the-ankle footwear protects from road hazards and debris, prevents burns and offers better grip.



# Are you a Poser or Pro?

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**BMW Motorcycle Owners  
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**NO NOVEMBER MEETING**



**DEC. 3**

**ELDRIDGE CHILDREN'S HOME TOY RUN**

**DEC. 3**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SEE DETAILS INSIDE**



**2012, Jan 28th and 29th**

**Election of Officers**

**Traffic Safety Center in Montevallo**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

