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## **BAD THINGS REALLY DO HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE...**

Jamie Jackson, Vice President

Many of you know that Don and Barbara Little were on top of the world at the Nauvoo meeting, with excited talk of purchasing a Sprinter Toy Hauler, and anticipation of the trip to Los Angeles to retrieve it. Sunday, after the meeting, they rode to Birmingham to spend the night with us so that they could fly out of the Birmingham airport on Monday morning.

When we reached home Barbara got a call from her sister with news that her father was in a state of declining health. Due to his rapid deterioration, Barbara and Don immediately set about to cancel their airline tickets and room accommodations, with plans to go home instead to be with her father. This was all aggravated by a light rain that persisted until they reached home. The road that leads to Don and Barbara's home is red clay, which mixed with water becomes very slick. As they turned into the road they lost traction and the bike went down. Barbara was thrown clear but Don was pinned beneath the bike. After Barbara summoned help and an ambulance it was determined that Don had a broken leg.

Don was transported to Flowers' Hospital in Dothan for treatment. The next morning Barbara was torn between staying with Don in Dothan, or going to her father's bedside in McDonough, Georgia. On Tuesday, since Don was under very good care after surgery to his leg, Barbara elected to go to her father.

She made the right decision as her father passed away Wednesday evening. Don was released from the hospital into the care of Jim and Sheila Kalahan. Barbara drove to Enterprise, picked Don up and returned to her father's house. The funeral was Saturday.

The seller of the Sprinter agreed to hold the vehicle until someone could pick it up in Los Angeles. Barbara and Don have had several offers to go get the vehicle, however, their airline tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable, so the deal is in limbo. As I said, bad things indeed do happen to good people.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

September 29, 2012

Nauvoo, AL

President, Don Little presiding

Don opened the meeting with a big round of applause for Darlene, Gary and all the folks who helped make the weekend such a success.

He then recognized our guest for the meeting: Daniel Scott, Michael's brother who drove over from Anniston for a visit.

### **Officer's reports:**

Rodger asked that all those participating in the mileage contest to get mileages in to him ASAP.

Martha reported we have two new members: Rick and Yasmin Compton.

Tommy gave a financial report and said that he is trying to get up with our CPA to get the results of the rally certified in order to be able to get our donations made to the appropriate parties.

Jamie asked for the floor in order to thank Earline, Gene and Mitchell McDaniel for their hospitality during our stay in Nauvoo.

### **Old Business:**

As mentioned in July Don asked for comments on moving our meetings to Saturday night. The motion was made, seconded and carried that we would hold our meetings on Saturday night EXCEPT January's planning meeting and May's post-rally meeting (or at other times when a meeting would be held on Sunday morning by pre-arrangement).

Rodger will take charge of our booth at the Barber's Vintage Festival in October. As previously noted, BMW of Atlanta purchased booth space for us there. Rodger and others talked about last year's Festival and how much fun members had selling tickets there. Connie said that in the past workers at the Festival have gotten into the Chicken Rally for free. Mari asked for help at the booth again this year.

Barbara reported on a letter Don had received from Ted Moyer concerning the BMW MOA Foundation. He sent a T-shirt like the ones the Foundation is selling along with order forms. [Check out the BMW MOA website for information on all the good works the Foundation does. BL]

Don then brought up the issue of door prizes for monthly meetings. Since we no longer have leftovers from the Chicken Rally, would members prefer gift certificates from various motorcycle vendors or restaurants or what??? There was quite a bit of discussion concerning the amount to be spent for each meeting, the bank account, and the necessity for door prizes at all, before a motion was made, seconded and passed that the host (s) for each meeting would be responsible for getting door prizes for that meeting.

Don reminded everyone that the January meeting is just around the corner and that means it is time to elect officers. He urged members to step up and run for an office; all offices are available and NO ONE is going to be offended if someone runs against them.

Tommy then reported on the October meeting at Laurel Trails Campground in Monteagle, TN. He and Jeanine are going to have pulled pork with all the fixin's. Rick Trimble is planning a ride around that area for those who are interested.

Gary Nesmith took the floor to once again thank Earline, Gene and Mitchell and all of their help for making us feel welcome again. He then said that Darlene is the one who should get full credit for all of the work that went into planning and having such a great weekend. He then announced that Saturday was Darlene's birthday and that was followed by a group singing of Happy Birthday to her.

The 50/50 pot was won by Bob Daigle who said the \$77.00 would buy a lot of gas for the trip he and Wanda are taking to see the fall colors in the Adirondacks this week.

The meeting was then adjourned and Don had a word of prayer for safe journeys home for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Little, Secretary



## THOUGHTS / PRAYERS / TIDBITS

Continue to pray for Barbara Little as she mourns the loss of her father, and pray for a speedy recover for Don Little as his leg mends.

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Melanie Turp	11	Elaine Thompson
2	Will Diener	15	Martha Warren
2	Roland Keith Gutbier	16	David Hogg
2	John Tarver	16	Carolyn Shea
5	Bob Reich	17	Pam Bogle
5	Kathy Steber	17	Frank Nelson
6	Vance Harrelson	19	Butch Banks
8	Jeanne Zibell	19	Michael Greenwood
9	Tommy Arnold	21	Ernie Brooks
9	Oliver Wright	23	Jeff Pesnell
10	Buzz Cole	25	Matthew Roscher
10	Don Kimbrell	27	David McClain
10	Sue Lyons	29	Larry Mullens



Our newest members, Donald and Mavis Cave of Bermuda.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

**The official time for the club meetings has been moved permanently to Saturday of the last full weekend of the month, unless announced beforehand in the newsletter, or by e-mail. Exceptions are: The Huntsville Rally will still be 9:00am Sunday morning of the rally and; The January planning meeting at Montevallo will still be 9:00 am Sunday morning.**



**All club meetings/campouts are the last full weekend of each month. The November meeting, however, is usually held early December as the Christmas Party.**

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

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2012

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 \$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

## **Motorcycle Cleaning Tips**

Jeff Sparks

Painted surfaces: Wax it    Dull painted surface: Compound, polish, wax it.

Chrome surfaces: Polish it, rub in one direction, nothing gained by letting it dry, just keep rubbing until it is gone. Use a specific chrome polish so no wax residue is left on surface. Simichrome and Flitz, two fine German products, also work very well.

Stainless steel: Use Simichrome, Flitz or similar products, rub and polish all that you want but it will not change the color of your head pipes, although it will make them gleam in their splendid black/blue/yellow glory. (Tell your cruiser bike riding friends when they comment on your pipe color that their pipes are black also but the inner pipe is covered by outer chrome shields, and that your manufacturer chooses the light weight function over a heavy pipe for appearance enhancement. And tell them no, your “carburetors” are not out of adjustment.)

Wheels: use wax or polish based on type of wheel, polish or wax from and to a reference point like the tire stem or a wheel weight.

Anything that is black: Use Armor All or tire shine products containing silicone, wipe or spray on, then wipe it off. Tip for BMW system bag owners: These products will completely remove all boot scuffs, scratches or any other irregularities on your bags. (Disclaimer: for at least five minutes, until it dries or is exposed to direct sunlight.) Notable exceptions: Do not get these products on tires, seats, handgrips and foot peg rubbers for obvious reasons.

Windshields, plastic parts and lenses: Use lots of clean soapy water and clean rags. Use soft cloth rags, no paper towels on windshields. Plexus will clean and provide a protective coating similar to a light wax to your windshield. Do not use Windex or Rain X especially on polycarbonate (Lexan) windshields. Some say Lemon Pledge also works well on windshields.

Conchos, saddle bag fringe, leather grip/lever streamers, front fender lights, springer front forks, sissy bars, and cloisonné tank emblems: see the internet forum for the guy who wanted to know why your pipes are so black.

Jeff Sparks

Ride I may, shine I must

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Donald and  
Mavis Cave

1996 R1100RT

Southampton  
SN BX, Bermuda

Sponsor: Tommy Arnold

Rick and  
Yasmin Compton

2007 GS1200

Birmingham, AL

Sponsor: Terry Ware

**BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF ALABAMA - Dedicated to safe and enjoyable motorcycling.**

## **BMWMOAL Club Mileage Rankings to 30 September 2012**

Rodger Williamson, Travel Director

1. Tommy Zeringue - 23,566
2. Greg Turp - 17,092
3. Mike Bauman - 12,121
4. Vance Harrelson - 11,671
5. Michael Waybright - 9,741
6. Bill Bryan - 7,886
7. Rodger Williamson - 7,701
8. Bob Robert Daigle - 6,020
9. Steve Hudson - 5,695
10. Albert White - 3,645
11. Bill Shanks - 2,008
12. Wanda Hudson - 1,921
13. John B Mabus - 1,464
14. Shep Brown - 734
15. Connie Reaves - 0
16. Jeanne Zibell - 0
17. Jim Dubick - 0
18. Michael Johnston - 0
19. Mike Greenwood - 0
20. Tim Flynn - 0

If you are not listed and believe that you should be, or if you have different figures for your mileage from 01 January 2012 to 31 August 2012, please email me at

[Travel@BMWMOAL.org](mailto:Travel@BMWMOAL.org)

# Tennessee Adventure Ribfest

October 18th - 21st, 2012

<http://www.bmwcon.org/ribfest.php>



**Return to beautiful Centerville Tennessee in the heart of Hickman County for the "best ribs you can ride to".**

Lee Waggoner and the BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville invite you to some of the best GS riding (dual sport, adventure touring) in the country. Available roads include county-maintained dirt roads of varying degrees of repair, and require a licensed motorcycle. The riding is for all skill levels, from first-time off-road riders to more experienced riders. If you don't care for dirt and gravel, there are paved roads that rival the best of East Tennessee. Our site includes plenty of

shady spaces for camping, with nearby motels, and all the ribs and chicken that you can eat.

150 Maximum Registrations- so there is plenty of room for everybody.

Pre-registration - \$40 - On-site registration - \$45, includes great riding; 3 nights camping (beginning Thursday); Music; Friday dinner meal; and the famous "Saturday Night All-You-Can-Eat Chicken and Ribs" meal.

Friday, Oct 19th - Day-long GS Riding School available at separate fee of \$100 — details to follow.



**Barnsley Motor Werks Autumn Magsama-sama  
(Philippine Get To Gather)  
19th 20th and 21st of October 2012**

Bob Steber

David and Amy Woodburn welcome us to come pass a great time with them and other friends from the US and around the world at their home and shop near Ephesus, Georgia. You will meet an Australian couple, Ken and Carol, who are on their second motorcycle trip around the world and enjoy hearing them tell all about their adventures. All meals are provided including their famous pig roast for Saturday night's dinner; yes it's the whole pig roasted on a spit over an open fire. After lunch on Saturday, there will be a ride out into the hinter-land. Folks are welcome to come early and stay late. There is plenty of room to pitch your tent and there are two showers and toilets for your convenience.

They offer their wonderful hospitality and property and do not wish to charge for food and other expenses, but even though they will protest, please make a contribution to help them cover their costs. Also, if you would like to help with food preparation and chores that would be greatly appreciated too. I assure you that you will be impressed with what they have built there, and all of it built with their own hands. It's amazing.

The shop is situated in the small village of Ephesus, Georgia, just off highway 100, between Bowdon and Franklin. The nearest large town is Carrollton, Georgia about 30 miles east. Their property is approximately 75 miles west of Atlanta and 100 miles east of Birmingham on I 20. The address is 400 Alabama Rd., Ephesus, GA, 30170, Telephone 770 854-9136. Please give them a ring if you are going so that they can better make plans. From Birmingham on I 20, take Exit 205 Hwy 46 to Ranburn, then Hwy 49 to Hwy 100 and turn right (south) to Ephesus. After passing through Ephesus, continue south on Hwy 100 1.2 miles, then turn right onto Alabama Road. Go approximately 1/2 mile. They are on the right. Visit at: <http://barnsleymotorwerks.com/>

**Club Sponsored Events With Meetings**

Oct 27/28 Laurel Trails Campgnd - Monteagle, TN  
Dec 8 Christmas Party - Hampton Inn, Eagle  
Point

**Other Events of Interest**

Oct 12 - 14 Barber Vintage Days - B'ham, AL  
Nov 12-14 SwampScooters Rally - Carencro, LA

## FOR SALE

Donald and Mavis Cave are selling their 1996 R1100RT with Bushtec Trailer. The bike has 51,636 miles; Donald and Mavis live in Bermuda and only use the bike when they are vacationing in the US. The bike is located in storage in Orlando and has never missed a scheduled service. The list of options and accessories is too long to post here but can be requested from Donald. They have \$22,579. invested in the bike and 1998 Bushtec trailer, and are asking \$13,500. E-mail [somers@northrock.bm](mailto:somers@northrock.bm) , or call (441) 541 0175.



# 12th Annual Cajun Swamp Scooter Rally

Come pass a good time and *laissez les bons temps rouler* at Bayou Wilderness RV Resort ([www.bwrvr.com](http://www.bwrvr.com)) near Lafayette, Louisiana, November 9-11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Come for Friday and Saturday night primitive tent camping under beautiful, old oak trees. There is NO electricity. If you want electricity you will need to get an RV site. If you arrive earlier than Friday, you will have to pay extra for camping. We will have clean port-o-lets and water stations in the camping area. There is a bath house with toilets and hot showers in the RV area for our use. NO TRAVEL TRAILERS, CAMPER OR BUSES ALLOWED ON GRASS. If you have one of the aforementioned sleepers, you will need to call the campground, 337-896-0598, to reserve a site in the RV area. Charges are separate from entry fee.

There will be a Friday evening meal and bon fire. Breakfast will be available on Saturday, and our infamous grits and grillauds served Sunday morning. The usual dual-sport ride, games, and door prizes will be held on Saturday. Then our Fourth Annual Gumbo Cook-off will offer the best gumbo sampling, and you won't go away hungry! *Ca c'est bon!* If you would like to compete in our cook-off, please email [bmwbonton@yahoo.com](mailto:bmwbonton@yahoo.com). Space for our teams is limited, so get your reservation made early. Also, music around the camp fire on Saturday evening.

So, for your pre-entry of \$35.00, you will receive a t-shirt, two nights camping, fun, food and entertainment! The first 100 pre-entries are guaranteed a shirt. Children 8-12, \$15.00. Children younger than 8, lagniappe (no charge). Pre-entry deadline 11/1/12, post-entry, \$45.00.

Questions: Rally Queen Cindy [bmwbonton@yahoo.com](mailto:bmwbonton@yahoo.com)

Allen [allen@allenbacque.com](mailto:allen@allenbacque.com)

Darrel [darrel.leger@yahoo.com](mailto:darrel.leger@yahoo.com)

Details: [www.swampscooters.net](http://www.swampscooters.net)

Money and registration to: Joe Gajan, 114 Evangeline Drive, Lafayette, La., 70501.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail & Physical

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL Camping? Fri.\_\_\_\_ Sat.\_\_\_\_\_

I want to participate in: Games\_\_\_\_ Dual-sport ride\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail & Physical

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL Camping? Fri\_\_\_\_ Sat\_\_\_\_\_

I want to participate in: Games\_\_\_\_ Dual-sport ride\_\_\_\_

## OCTOBER MEETING DETAILS

Jamie Jackson

**DATE:** October 27 - 28, 2012

**PLACE:** Laurel Trails Campground - Monteagle, TN



**HOSTS:** Tommy and Jeannine Arnold

Tommy and Jeannine are well versed in hosting club meetings, and Tommy's own barbeque has become a very popular meal for club meetings in North Alabama and South Tennessee. My advice is don't miss out on this opportunity for good eating, good riding, and good company at the October meeting/campout.

The barbeque butts will be complimented with slaw, beans, and buns. Dessert will be included. Water and tea will be available for the meal and the coffee pot will be ready in the AM. Sunday morning will include various sweet rolls and orange juice. The food should be in the \$10 - \$12 range for the weekend. Saturday evening meal will be served around 5:00 pm.

Rick Trimble has a group ride planned for Saturday, around 9:00 am. This will be a street ride, NOT off-road.

**A headcount is needed for food planning no later than Wednesday, October 24.** Please contact Jeannine Arnold at 256-259-1493 or Tommy at 256-599-2968. or e-mail [TWA535is@charter.net](mailto:TWA535is@charter.net)

The campground has a shower house, covered eating area, screened cook house, and a beautiful lake. For more details about the campground and surrounding area go to <http://www.laureltrailscampground.com> .

### DIRECTIONS TO CAMPGROUND

From I-24 West take exit 135 (Monteagle, Tracy City). take a right at stop sign go 1/2 mile, Turn right on 41S toward Tracy city go 7/10th mile See Laurel Trails Campground sign on left hand side of road Turn left go 4/10th mile, At end of road Turn left. See campground entrance turn left onto the campground.

From I-24 East Take exit 135 (Monteagle, Tracy City). Take a left at the stop sign go 1/2 mile, Turn right on 41S toward Tracy City go 7/10th mile See Laurel Trails Campground sign on left hand side of road Turn left go 4/10th mile, At end of road Turn left. See campground entrance turn left onto the campground. OR use the 134 exit to see the town (no turns are marked except on 41 South) From I-24 East or West Take exit 134 (Monteagle, Sewanee) Turn right Go 1 mile, Turn left on 41S toward Tracy City go 7/10th mile See Laurel Trails Campground sign on left hand side of road, Turn left go 4/10th mile, At end of road Turn left. See campground entrance turn left onto the campground. Garmin GPS users need to enter this street..... W Nirth Bluff Rd

# OCTOBERFEST AT NAUVOO, AL

