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BMW OWNERS OF ALABAMA PRESENT CHECK TO THE ALABAMA TRAFFIC SAFETY CENTER

Jamie Jackson

Thursday evening , September 4, the folks present at the Diplomat Deli presented a donation to the Alabama Traffic Safety Center of Montevallo. The club feels that the donation helps to promote safer motorcycling through the work done by the Safety Center. The Alabama Motorcycle Safety Program is nationally recognized by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The goal of the Alabama Motorcycle Safety Program is to provide quality motorcycle rider training. Two courses are taught at Montevallo: the Basic Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course. I took the Basic Rider Course in 1981 and took the ERC Course in March of this year. I recommend that every rider sharpen his/her skills with these courses. The Club meets each January at their facility in Montevallo to plan each years events, elect officers, and establish our calendar. That would be a good time to inquire about the 2009 schedule.



Left to right are Rick Randolph, Willie Echols, Mari Harrelson, Vance Harrelson, Jamie Jackson, Malvene Jackson, Connie Reaves, Jack Goertz, Marty Spellici, Chris Chappell, Michael Greenwood. (Rick, Willie, and Marty are from the Safety Center.)

The donation that was presented is part of the net proceeds from the raffle of the motorcycle at the 2008 Huntsville Rally. Books of tickets are available for the 2009 motorcycle raffle that is the centerpiece of the "Great Chicken Rally" held in Huntsville each year at Ditto Landing. As always, the net proceeds will be distributed to various charities within Alabama. Get started now to help make this year's contributions a record; order your ticket books from Mari Harrelson, Connie Reaves, or Vance Harrelson right away.

MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2008 10:30ish
Blue Ridge MC Campground
Vice President Vance Harrelson presiding
Mari Harrelson, Secretary

Vance opened the meeting with a special thanks Phillip and Leslie and their kids, along with Connie, Brenda and Paul who collaborated to keep us well fed and the place neat and clean. None of the above were present to hear our thanks because they were busy cleaning up the kitchen but thanks were given all the same.

We had three new members to sign up at this month's meeting; Greg and Melanie Turp, and Tim Nesmith.

Our September meeting will be held at Shell Mound Campground near Chattanooga - "Dr". Tommy Arnold and his assistant Jeannine will be our hosts. Boston butt & beans with all the fixins' with Jeanine's famous fried pies will make it worth your ride.

October 10-12 is the famous BB&B held this year by Jim Kalahan in Enterprise, AL. This event was started by Steve Hebert who is serving us in Afghanistan so Jim is taking over as only he can. Our very own "Fly-boys set up a Demo for us at Fort Rucker and they say that there has never been a misfire into the grand stands. You must have reservations for this one so Jim has a head count for the Shrimp boil and beverages. The cost for this event will be determined by headcount. There is camping space available at Jim and Steve's place. Watch the website for more information.

October 3-5 is the Shiloh Rally and Terese says we are to dress up as super heroes so get your bodysuit, cape, mask and super powers ready and power-up for this event. Get with Terese Stevens or Connie for assistance if you are having trouble with a costume. Don't let them down; both of these ladies have been known to be witchy women.

Vance gave the treasurer's report and offered a peek to any one interested in looking at the details. The Alabama Safety Center gang will be at the Diplomat Deli this Thursday night so we can present them with our check from this year's rally contributions. As always, we have decals and pins available for sale.

Vance let everyone know that we will be raffling off an F 800 GS this year and reminded them that sales of 4 books will get you in the rally free. We

also had club t-shirts and raffle tickets at the meeting and you can get them at any time. Contact me at weridebmw@bellsouth.net and I will get them right out.

Lynn Rainwater then spoke about several of the rides that taken place during the month and the week end. Check her section of the newsletter for the listing of all of the upcoming rides; there are several rides for every type of rider.

Bob Steber encouraged us all to work on our ABEES points and SEE ALABAMA!!!!

Joan Ware announced that Terry will be having another Basic Motorcycle Maintenance course at Lawson State soon....watch the web-site for dates and further information.

Vance announced that he had asked Connie to be his co-chair for the upcoming 2009 BMWMOA national rally. He expressed his appreciation to all for their desire to jump in to volunteer and let them know that there are numerous committees that will looking for able bodies in the near future and asked that you watch the MOA website and get on the volunteer list in your area of expertise as soon as possible when it is posted.

50/50 split this month is \$78.00 and was won by Dan Thompson drawn strangely enough by his wife, huh!

Until next time RIDE SAFE AND BE HAPPY, Mari



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Keep Joan Ware in your prayers as she continues to mend following her unfortunate crash as she was returning home from the August meeting at Cruso. Take time to send her a note of cheer.

Remember Bob and Wanda Daigle as they struggle to resume a normal life after Hurricane Gustav. They had considerable damage to their home and may not have power restored for 4-6 weeks. They have a generator and check e-mail once a day. Leave them a word of encouragement on the "Forums" at our web

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Don Drasheff, Jr. of Gotha, FL

Greg and Melanie Turp of Punta Gorda, FL/Eufala, AL

Tim Nesmith of Hartselle, AL



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--------------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2 | Joe Clark | 16 | Mike Ford | | Bryson Stephens | |
| 3 | Sue Lide | 16 | John Zibell | 20 | Judith Haynes | |
| 4 | Charlie Parsons | 18 | Ann Carter | 20 | Hank Holcomb | |
| 5 | P. Harding Leach | 18 | Barry Clay | 21 | Gene Necklaus | |
| 6 | George Remick | 18 | Steve Sanders | 21 | Tommy Patterson | |
| 9 | Jim Kalahan, Wade Killen | 18 | Phyllis Tillery | 21 | David Woodard | |
| 10 | Lee Clements | 19 | John Lee | 22 | Mark Rusak | |
| 10 | Donna Fearing | 19 | Gary Nesmith | 23 | Becky Blair | |
| 10 | Marlin Priest | | | 19 | 23 | Darin Keele |
| 10 | Don Stover | | | | 24 | Linda Holley |
| 11 | Frank Sirles | | | | 24 | Don Little |
| 12 | Sam Kemp | | | | 25 | Jim Dubick |
| 14 | Thomas Armour | | | | 26 | James Pritchett |
| 14 | Tom McIntyre, | | | | 26 | Rhonda Wharton |
| 14 | Lawrence Russo | | | | 27 | Joyce Goehler |
| 14 | Steve Schuckman, | | | | 30 | Gary Williams |
| 14 | Phillip Warren | | | | 30 | David Woodburn |
| 15 | Lana Aiken | | | | 31 | Kris Hieber |



ITEMS FOR SALE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lady Gerbings ¾ Shell-Jacket and Pants

Wear with or without heated liners. Water resistant. Perfect condition. Sizes: neck 17" adj, sleeve from collar 30", inseam 30", waist (elastic not stretched 29". E-mail for pictures. Price \$300.00 plus shipping. Contact Joan Ware at jkware35242@gmail.com Phone 205-408-7047

R1200GS OEM Front Fender: Black, no scratches \$40

R1200GS OEM Front Seat, Grey Perfect, never been used. Great to have in case you want to have another saddle rebuilt. \$125

Set of OEM Amber Turn Signal Covers, \$20.

R1100RT Rear Shock. Does not leak. \$250.00

R1200GS OEM Front Shock GC less than 8000 miles. \$225

R1200GS OEM Rear Shock GC less than 8000 miles. \$450

R1200GS OEM handlebar tip to tip 30 1/4 " \$175

R1200GS Exhaust System #18117 673 113. \$500

BARNESLEY MOTOR WERKS AUTUMN TECH DAY

David Woodburn

Our Spring Tech session went swimmingly, so we are more than happy to sponsor another such event in the autumn. The Calendar gets a bit busy but we can squeeze it in between Shiloh and Vintage days at Barbour's, on October 11 and 12.

The workshop shall be open all day Saturday but, if needs be, people can sleep Friday and/or Saturday nights. Bring what you need. There is a cold shower and toilet in the workshop and floor space to sleep. You can pitch a tent otherwise.

Last time we killed a goat to feed the multitude. We'll do something similar. Bring a bit of backup food, just in case we run out. We have tea and maybe can find a little coffee. If you drink more than this bring it with you. We don't mind drinking but the reason for the gathering is fellowship and the sharing of knowledge.

There will be at least two benches available and we have any special tools you might needs. Bring your own basic tools if you have a project to do. We can help and advise. You will do the bulk of the work.

To add a little structure to the meeting we have chosen a theme, "On the Road". What happens if you are camped out in the 'never-never' and you roll your swag up in the morning, pack your bike, swing a leg over and press the little battery . . . and nothing?

What happens if you get a flat tyre? What happens if the charging light stays on?

Rick Jones from Motorad Elektrik will be here to discuss the electrical side of things. I will help with the tyres. These short classes will run in the afternoon. We might be able to entice my wife to bake some bread or a cake in a campfire. A simple but now uncommon skill.

We are happy to discuss anything about traveling on a bike with you. Any questions, and misgivings you have, and any knowledge, bring there with you

I have some parts in stock. If you plan on doing a procedure bring parts or ring in advance, 770-854-9136, to see if we have it. Some jobs are too big for a tech session. Also, let us know in advance, what you contemplate doing.

John Swift, like Rick is a 'mother lode' of knowledge. He was here last time and I hope we can entice him to attend again. So, come and have a nice outing and learn from some of the best. No pets, please keep your guns concealed. I'm glad you have them, but we don't need to see them.

We are situated approximately half way between Bowdon and Franklin on Highway 100. Tallapoosa in the last exit on I-20 in Georgia before it crosses into Alabama. Hwy 100 runs south from Tallapoosa to Bowdon, to Franklin to La Grange. Our village is called Ephesus. Coming from Atlanta, Highway 5 from Douglasville is a good route. From Anniston turn off the Highway at Heflin onto 46.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Connie Reaves

Let's start with the **Christmas Party. It's Sat. night, December 13th** at Guntersville State Park. If you plan to rent a room or Chalet, don't wait much longer, as they will only hold our special deals for just a bit longer. I got a Chalet today for four of us to share. Remember the code to rent Chalets for only one night is CGBMWM and tell them you are coming with the BMW Motorcycle group of Alabama. Chalet's normally have a two night minimum. You can also rent a regular room at the lodge without needing the code. So don't wait too late to get your rooms for the Christmas party weekend.

The weekend at Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground was a blast. As usual, the hospitality was wonderful, the food was to die for, and the weather held out excellent for a change. Those mountains love to rain, but this time all weekend was exceptionally perfect weather. Monday AM brought a sprinkle but was gone before we all got out of there it seems. Within 5 miles from the campground all roads were dry on my trip home. Those folks who led rides are to be thanked and congratulated for a job well done.

It was great meeting our new "stalkers".....uhhh members.....Greg and Melanie Turp from Florida, although they do have an Alabama place too. (PS - Greg is actually the stalker.....self professed.....he's been stalking our website for about a year) It was also nice to meet Gary Nesmith's brother, Tim, who is back into bikes after many a year. Welcome to all you folks !!!

Our next feed-trough.....uh meeting.....is at Shell Mound, near Japser, TN, and the Arnold's are our hosts, and several other members will be putting on another great feast. There is some good riding in that area, so plan to attend and see some right purty scenery. Watch for my e-news for those reservation head counts and more details.

The Shiloh rally is on Oct. 3-5 weekend. Last year we dressed as pirates and had a blast ! The BMW RAM's club were appreciative of our efforts. And the rally attendees who got the gold coins I tossed weren't listening too well when I told them to bring their gold coins to our Great Chicken Rally. Only three folks who came to our rally brought a gold coin and claimed a special prize I had ready for anyone who did. But just to show ya what I thought.....I threw out nearly 100 gold coins

(Pirate booty), and I had 6 prizes ready at the rally. ANYWAY !!! **This year we are going as "Super Heroes"**. Any one you want. Wonder Woman, Super Man, Spider Man, The Green Lantern, you name it, you like it, then come to dress as it and participate in our 2008 Shiloh Rally parade. This should be as much fun as the Pirate thing. Maybe better. The thing I'm looking to more though is Darlene singing Karaoke !!! WHOO HOO !!

Don't forget to set aside Oct. 10-12th for the BBB (Beer, Brats and Beemers) at Jim and Sheila Kalahan's place in Enterprise. Originally started by Steve Hebert (who is in Afghanistan) , the Kalahan's and I believe the Carver's will be hosting it this year and continuing the tradition. Please see details in the newsletter for events that are scheduled and more will be posted on the forums later on for a continual updated reference. I will be taking the reservations by E-news as it comes closer to time because the tour of the Base and the meals are dependent on knowing how many are coming.

Also on Oct. 11-12th, members David and Emy Woodburn are hosting a tech weekend at their place in Roopville, GA. See elsewhere in this newsletter for his write up on the details for that.

On Thursday night the 4th, the Birmingham area Alabeemers presented the club's donation check to the Montevallo Motorcycle Safety Center folks. Marty Spellici, Rick Randolph and Willie Echols were present. Also present was Freddie Ford, a former instructor and long time club member. Marty had called Freddie to see if he wanted to tag along and visit with us. We were sure glad he did. It was nice to have Freddie join us again with the other guys from the safety center. We took pics of the presentation which I believe Jamie will have one of somewhere in this issue. Marty said we are certainly onboard to have our meeting there again this coming January and thanked us again for our continued support of their program. He brought a very nice camera with him and told us that it and a printer and some other accessories, were what our funds were used for last year. Some well needed equipment. He says he has plans to build a pavilion out on the far side of the course so there can be some shade for folks taking the course when there is waiting time. It gets very hot out on that tarmac and that sounds like a really good plan. Go by and see their facility. They have been able to get everything repaved, new lines painted and they have an additional garage built to house motorcycles and cars used in the courses. Say hi, and tell them you're with the club.

See ya 'round a campfire soon !!!

A GREAT (MIS)ADVENTURE

Barry Clay

What a long, strange trip it has been (as the Dead said); 3200 miles and four days later, we (Susan and I) did it! All Around Alabama, 1 3/4 times. Oh my butt, back and neck! I laugh only now, three weeks later and two trips to the chiropractor. Our adventure began at 05:30 Monday morning. Off we went from Birmingham, heading East on I-20 where we picked up Highway 49 South near the Georgia state line to start our run at 07:00. We had perfect weather and great roads. Stopping to get directions from a local, after missing the first turn in Ranburne, then South we go (no, my Garmin 5 was not programmed with the route due to computer malfunction (bad move)). We finally made it to the SE corner after missing a half dozen turns, then across to Gulf Shores to catch the last ferry to Dolphin Island. It was getting dark, so it was up I-10 for 15 miles to find a hotel.

Up at 05:00, back on track and making great time until we were North of Waterloo going up a rocky dirt road, and all the time wondering 2 things, (1) how Bob got up and down this mountain on that LT and, (2) did I have the right directions?. Come to find out I had the 1st set of directions and not the revised directions. After 2 hrs in the mountains (we visited Tennessee once or twice) and the sun going down, we made it to I-65 N. 1300 miles, tired and hungry we decided to eat and head home and regroup. We still had 2 great days of riding. After 2 days rest, (GPS loaded with the correct directions this time) off we go again. Are we crazy or what? (No I think somebody mixed some stupid pills in with my vitamins) This time we go counterclockwise, just to change the scenery a little. We left Birmingham around 05:30 and headed North to Ardmore to start the route.

After the 1st gas stop, Susan noticed the paper directions I had in the tank-bag flying out. Oh well, hope the GPS works. We made the last ferry ride across Mobile Bay at 18:30. By the time we get to Eufaula the next day, I was spent. Brain dead, hot and tired I wanted to take a swim in the lake, take a nap and head home. But Nooooooo! Susan wanted to keep on. After an instant breakfast and a pillow from Dollar General for her to sit on, we kept on going. We made it to Fibber's in Cedar Bluff for the buffet dinner; very nice.

Then we were off to Long Island at dusk. We went up two or three mountains in the dark. I saw Rudolf and his brother practicing takeoffs and landings on Paint Rock road. By the time we get to Hwy 72 (with my throttle arm going numb), I was ready to call it quits again. But Nooooooo! Susan wanted to get a hotel in Huntsville and complete the trek in the AM. So be it. In bed by midnight and up at 03:45, we completed the quest with 1 hour and 10 minutes to spare. Halleluia! This was a great adventure with 1683 miles round trip to our house. Thank you guys, Bob and Gary for putting this together. I hope this will be an annual event, although I will better plan the next time. Now if I can only get Susan back on the bike.



Susan and Barry on ferry crossing Mobile Bay.

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The All Around Alabama Challenge is quite a feat for a single rider, but to do it two-up is incredible. Barry and Susan have been known to take on some riding challenges that would leave a lot of us sitting in the shade; and on a GS to boot. Susan must be one tough girl! [ed.]

LET'S TALK BLUE WATER CRUISIN' BMW STYLE

Mari Harrelson

Come January 19 close to 60 of us will be casting off on our 3rd annual Alabeemer Blue Water Cruise. This year we will be cruising to Key West and then to Nassau Bahamas with several beautiful fun filled days at sea in between. If you have never joined us for one of these events you have no idea what you are missing. Since what happens at sea stays at sea you may never know for sure unless you join us but some stories that have leaked have stirred enough interest to keep the group growing every year.

Some may think that a day at sea would be boring with nothing to do however nothing is further from the truth. You start out the day with either an all you can eat buffet, breakfast in your cabin or breakfast to order in the formal dining room and never take out your wallet. Then there is your choice of anything or nothing at all to do. The ship is full of things to do. There are movies in your room, a library with books, games or magazines. You can catch some rays on the pool deck or join Jamie and the crew in the shade soaking up libation and people watching. There is always some kind of entertainment going on board ship; you can learn to line dance, make some piece of art, learn about buying jewelry, learn about the shore excursions. Just check out your daily Carnival Capers, the daily newsletter, to see what is going on at any given time. Then there are the shops, casino, misc. bars and more food. That is just the day at sea. The nights are even better.

This ship offers appetizer hour with sushi bar where you will see me every night. The nights will offer a wonderful dinner in the dining room where you can eat as many entrees or desserts as you want and again you don't have to take out your wallet. Our group will all be arranged at tables together so we have a great time telling tales of the day. If you don't want to go the formal dining route there is always the buffet line, pizza or sandwich bar or room service. After dinner there is an option of a show every night and dancing or music at one of the lounges or just sitting on top deck staring at the stars like you just can't see over land.

There is still time to get in on the fun. We still have 8 cabins available at the original price. Don't miss out! Call Vanessa at 205-978-7030, or toll free at 1-800-521-8124

Join me next month for more about Alabeemer Blue Water Cruisin' and a taste of Key West.

Breakfast
at the
camp-
ground is
always
good....



but the
line can be
very long.



"Dr." Tommy Arnold kept everyone entertained with his nonstop comedy act at the campground.

ABEES NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bob Steber

Congratulations to Barry and Susan Clay for completing the All Around Alabama Challenge on their second attempt. The next time you see Barry and Susan, be sure ask them to tell you about their exciting adventure.

Congratulations also to Martin Benson for amassing a total of 320 ABEES check offs; 120 more than the next highest count by Gary Dubois. Looks like Gary is going to have to be real sneaky this year to be the 2008 champ.

ABEES POINTS SUBMITTED TO DATE

| Name | Restaurants & Points of Interest | Favorite Roads & Rides | Total ABEES Check Offs | Total ABEES Tickets | Total Bonus Tickets | Total Tickets |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Martin Benson | 305 | 15 | 320 | 16.0 | 21 | 37.0 |
| Gary Dubois | 221 | 19 | 240 | 12.0 | 32 | 44.0 |
| Bob Steber | 196 | 13 | 209 | 10.5 | 29 | 39.5 |
| Angie Dubois | 98 | 5 | 103 | 5.2 | 10 | 15.2 |
| Vance Harrelson | 82 | 2 | 84 | 4.2 | 7 | 11.2 |
| Gary Williams | 63 | 8 | 71 | 3.6 | 8 | 11.6 |
| Lenn Rainwater | 56 | 8 | 64 | 3.2 | 7 | 10.2 |
| Paul McBrayer | 61 | 2 | 63 | 3.2 | 5 | 8.2 |
| Tom Gilbert | 54 | 4 | 58 | 2.9 | 17 | 19.9 |
| Steve Schuckman | 50 | 7 | 57 | 2.9 | 21 | 23.9 |
| David Smith | 33 | 3 | 36 | 1.8 | 18 | 19.8 |
| Jim Dubick | 28 | 2 | 30 | 1.5 | 6 | 7.5 |
| Joan Ware | 21 | 6 | 27 | 1.4 | 7 | 8.4 |
| Paul Orr | 20 | 1 | 21 | 1.1 | 1 | 2.1 |
| Terry Ware | 16 | 5 | 21 | 1.1 | 6 | 7.1 |
| Erik Bahl | 14 | 4 | 18 | 0.9 | 3 | 3.9 |

New Entries - 2008 ABEES TOURING GUIDE ADDENDUM

Please go to our website (www.BMWMOAL.org) > ABEES TOURING GUIDE > 2008 ADDENDUM for the complete addendum listing and more details.

Favorite Motorcycling Roads & Ride Additions

Route C 7 Bailey Road from Rex Lake Road to Hwy 119 in Leeds. (N33 30.653 W86 36.802) Newly paved, the 1.5 mile narrow Bailey Road is one off the best motorcycling roads in the Birmingham Area and an excellent way to go to 29 Dreams from Bogart's Motor Sports. There are altitude changes, s-curves and one hairpin turn, and you will ride through a tunnel of trees the entire distance. Be sure to stop on the one-lane wooden bridge crossing the Little Cahaba River for a beautiful view of the river and woodlands.

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

Date: ____/____/2008

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

NON-MEETING GET-TOGETHERS AROUND THE STATE

Birmingham

Diplomat Deli - Each Thursday evening the Birmingham folks are meeting at a new location called the Diplomat Deli which is located at 1413 Montgomery Highway, Vestavia Hills which is in the same shopping center as Pier 1 near the Bruster's Ice Cream. The food is excellent, the service is unsurpassed and they have the largest selection of beer of any place in the state. They also boast of over 500 different wines. Arrivals begin from about 5 to 5:30 PM and stay till about 7:30 to 8 PM.

Huntsville

The Huntsville crowd currently meets at 6:00 pm each Friday night at West End Grill off of Madison Pike just east of Research Park Blvd (This change is due to the recent closing of the Green Hills Grill). Stop by for food and conversation.

Montgomery

Flip's Uptown Grill

The monthly Montgomery, Alabama area breakfast (and possible ride) is the second Saturday of each month, at Flip's Uptown Grill in the Sturbridge Shopping Center at the corner of Vaughn Road and Taylor Road. We will meet for breakfast at 8am and those who choose to ride afterwards can plan to do so at that time. All brands of motorcycles and cars welcome. drive whatcha got. Flip's has a complete made-to-order breakfast menu. Bring bucks and come hungry!

Robertsdale (South Alabama)

The Oasis Truck Stop

Saturday mornings at the Oasis Truck Stop at Wilcox Rd Exit I-10 about half way between Mobile and Pensacola, every Sat. morning. Riders are usually there from about 7:30am until 9- 9:30. Rides are concocted for afterwards. Contact John at johnart1@aol.com for details

MEETING AND CAMPOUT - SEPTEMBER

The September meeting will be at Shell Mound Campground in Jasper, TN which is about 20 minutes from Chattanooga, located at Nickojack Dam. The address is:

2735 TVA Rd
Jasper, TN 37347
Phone: 423-942-9857

Directions: If coming from south on I-59, take I-24 West to Exit 158. Follow the signs on TVA Road for about 3 miles to the dam. Follow the BMW signs to the campground.

If coming up Highway 72, at South Pittsburg turn right on 156 toward New Hope. Travel approx. 11 miles to Highway 41. Turn left on 41 and go across the old river bridge to Highway 27 (approx. 2.5 mi) to Hyway 27. Turn left on 27 and follow to dam and campground.

Saturday dinner will be around 5:30pm. The menu will include Tommy Arnold's Barbeque pork with baked beans and cole slaw. Desserts will include homemade cobbler and Jeannine's wonderful homemade fried pies.



A sample of the cobbler and fried pies from last year.

Coffee and Pastries will be available Sunday morning.

The cost of the meal will be split between the attendees and should run \$8 to \$10.

Sites with hookups are \$22; tent sites are \$10. The area that we will be using is near the bath house.



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS: (within 20 min.)

Nickajack Cave (across the lake), Nickajack Dam, Russell Cave National Monument, Raccoon Mountain pumped storage, Reflection Riding, Tennessee Wildlife Center, Lookout Mountain, Ruby Falls, Battles for Chattanooga Electric Map & Museum, Point Park, Cravens House & Battle Above the Clouds, Incline Railway, Rock City, Tennessee Aquarium, Imax Theater, Creative Discovery Museum, Ross's Landing, Southern Belle Dinner Cruises, Hunter Museum, Chattanooga Regional History Museum, African Heritage Museum, Huston Museum, International Towing and Recovery Museum, Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, Chattanooga Choo Choo, National Military Cemetery, Confederate Cemetery, John Ross House, Lake Winnepesaukah, Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park



BMWMOAL RIDE/EVENT INFORMATION

Lenn Rainwater, Travel Director

Please check the website “Happenings” forum for complete information on rides.

Previous Rides

Thanks to Charles Binder for putting together a super group ride on August 16. There were about 7 bikes that met at 29 Dreams for the ride through some great roads in north Shelby County. Several people commented about how it helped improve their riding skills.

Another big thanks to Paul and Brenda McBrayer for leading the group up to Hot Springs for lunch. We had a total of 11 bikes and 17 riders. The roads were challenging, and I was impressed with the number of skilled riders we have. Paul amazed me with how he could handle that huge LT through the tight curves. After lunch, 2 groups took different routes to the Wheels Through Time Museum in Maggie Valley. Thanks to Mike Greenwood and Martin Benson for being leaders of those groups. I stayed with Paul, and we returned to the camp via more curvy roads.

Upcoming Rides

Don't forget about the September 13 ride that Ken and Andrea Pedigo are leading. The ride leaves at 10:00 am from the Shell station at Exit 271 on I-65 north. The ride will be a touring ride of about 2-3 hours with a lunch stop.

Gary Dubois is leading a dual-sport ride on Sept 12-14 around northern Alabama. The word got around about what a great ride it was last year so the ride is almost booked for this year. Contact Gary for more information.

I will be posting several ride options for attendees of the Shellmound meeting on Sept 27-28 thanks to Tommie Arnold. There will be no official group ride so get your friends together and head out on one of the routes.

The event for October is the Beer, Brats, and Beemers at Jim and Sheila Kalahan's place. It begins on Friday the 10th. He has arranged several tours, a tech day, shrimp boil, and of course, beer and brats on Saturday night. Make your reservation with Jim by Sept 29.

For November 8-9, Randall and Sonia McMurtrey and Wade Killen are putting together a trip to the Muscle Shoals/Florence area. This will include visits to the Helen Keller house, the Frank Lloyd Wright house, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, and the Coon Dog Cemetery. There will also be a beautiful ride through the area. Camping and motel options will be available. Watch the website for details.

Anyone interested in Basic Motorcycle Mechanics??

Joan Ware

There is a second class forming for October at Lawson State in Bessemer. It is conveniently located at the Adventureland (Visionland) exit. All the bikes come indoors with us as we will be using them for props during the lectures. The class is Tuesday, October 28th and Thursday October 30th, at 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

Terry will once again go over the Basics that every rider should know. If you are interested send me an email; joanware@bellsouth.net. I can send you a class outline and if you would like to join us send me an email and then check for \$30.00 made out to Lawson State. Spaces are limited so register early.

If you have any questions about class content ask Barry Clay, Paul McBrayer they both attended the first class. The class is not brand specific so if you have friends with other brands invite them too.

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Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

- Sep 27 - 28 Shell Mound Campground
Nickajack Dam - Jasper, TN
- Oct 25 - 26 Waggoners RibFest - Centerville, TN
- Dec 13 Christmas party , Guntersville State
Park Lodge - Guntersville, AL
- Jan 24 - 25 Montevallo Traffic Safety Center
Montevallo, AL

Other Events of Interest

- Sep 11 - 14 Heart of Dixie Rendezvous, Laural Trails
Campground, Monteagle, TN
(Sam Tabor Memorial Rally)
- Sept 19, 10AM-4PM
MOA Open House at the MOA office in
Ellisville, MO (St. Louis)
- Oct 3 - 5 Return to Shiloh - Pickwick Dam, TN
- Oct 10 - 11 Tech Day at Woodburn's, Ephesus, GA
- Nov 7 - 9 Swamp Scooters - Lafayette, LA