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## YOU JUST HAD TO BE THERE

Don Little, President

As we have come to expect this year's Kinderfest was another great weekend, or for some, most of the week. Every year Jim and Sheila seem to try to outdo the previous year and this year was no exception.

Our weekend began Friday afternoon with the fire power of the Kiowa Warri-Fort Rucker. This year we were able to see two of these helicopters go through the maneuvers they use in training new pilots there. After one burst of fire I heard to remark "Wouldn't you hate to see that coming at you if you were the enemy?" I got some fairly good pictures this year and hope

Afterwards we returned to the pool while Tim Flynn cooked up supper. Saturday started off with us having a lot of that every year.) Breakfast sub sandwiches for lunch, and we had a shrimp boil cooked up by Jim and Russ followed by several different desserts.



with another AWESOME display of fireworks that Jim and Russ pilot at Fort Rucker. I was able to see two of these helicopters they use in training new pilots there. Lynda Trimble was with you hate to see that coming my?" I got some fairly good pictures this year and hope

Kalahan's and filled up the pool with some great bratwurst for supper. (It seems we do a lot of that every year.) Breakfast sub sandwiches for lunch, and we had a shrimp boil cooked up by Jim and Russ followed by several different desserts.

Later, we were entertained by A Horse with No Name, a very good local band featuring one of Russ and Roxanne's sons.

At some point during all of our rambunctious pool play, we suffered a terrible tragedy...the unthinkable happened...we killed the booby ball. Punched a whole right through its little heart and it bled, or maybe I should say oozed, itself to death right there. Some tried emergency measures but nothing worked. When last seen it was lying in one of the flower beds looking quite pitiful. That brought the game of booby ball to a screeching halt with both sides claiming to be ahead at the time of death. But because we are not a group to

be sad for long, we shook off the loss and continued to have a great time for the rest of the weekend.

I have to say that one of the high points of the weekend, for me, was meeting Bill Campbell, a friend of Jim's. Mr. Campbell was in WWII and took part in the Normandy invasion. He talked of begging his father to sign for him to join the Navy and when he turned 17 his father relented and signed for him. He also saw duty in Korea, and then Viet Nam. This gentleman is a true American Hero and I feel privileged to have been able to meet and talk with him for a while.

I was reminded that we failed to vote on whether or not to change our meetings to Saturday. Please continue to think about this and we will try to remember to vote on it next month.

I am already looking forward to our September meeting at Nauvoo. That is always a wonderful weekend and it sounds as if Gary and Darlene have another great time planned for us. I hope to see you all there.

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

**The September meeting will be held Saturday September 29 at 7pm. This will enable those of us in a hurry to get home to get an earlier start than would have otherwise been possible.**



## MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2012

Enterprise, AL

President, Don Little presiding

Don opened the meeting by thanking Jim and Sheila for once again opening their home for another great Kinderfest. He went on to thank Jim and Russ for that amazing demonstration of fire-power (our taxes at work) at the range on Friday. Jim then introduced and thanked his fellow pilot, Bryan, who flew the second aircraft.

Next up was the introduction of new members: Kevin and Alisha Morris and John Mabus who was attending for the first time. It was also good to see the Trimbles and Buzz Cole and Linda Bates all of whom joined the Club at the rally in May. Jim then introduced his brother-in-law John Griggs who was visiting with us.

Tommy Arnold then took the floor to report that we had one new member since the last meeting and to say that he had gone to Huntsville to have one of the tires on our trailer repaired so it is now road worthy again. He also said the winner of the rally bike had sold the ticket to someone in San Francisco and a check had been sent to BMW of San Jose for \$7850 to cover the cost of the bike; at which point Don reminded everyone that tickets for the 2013 raffle are now available. (Email me at [secretary@bmwmoal.org](mailto:secretary@bmwmoal.org) to get tickets.)

Don then talked about Barber's Vintage Festival which is coming up in October (12, 13, and 14). Linda Woolrich from BMW Atlanta has generously agreed to let us use one of that dealership's GS650s for display at our booth, which as Connie pointed out Linda also paid for on our behalf. Linda also donated quite a few door prizes at our rally, per Steve Sanders our door prize guru. So if you see Linda at Barber's please be sure to say "Thanks" for all of her support. Rodger Williamson has agreed to oversee our booth at the Festival and several other members indicated they are planning to attend as well. Erik Bahl said he will have extra floor space available at his booth if members have items they want to bring to sell.

Gary Nesmith gave us a brief preview of our next meeting at Nauvoo, AL. He and Darlene have planned an Oktoberfest bash complete with finger foods on Friday night for the early arrivals and brats and other German foods (including some pierogies being sent from Chicago) on Saturday night. Gary says to bring your beer stein if you have one as he is planning to have a keg available.

Gary has also designed a great looking t-shirt to commemorate the occasion. They will be available for about \$12.00 and he has to know by September 18 if anyone is interested in getting one.

Rodger then asked that anyone participating in the mileage contest send him their mileage so he can keep track of them.

Steve Sanders won the 50/50 pot of \$140.00 after which the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Little, Secretary

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Joe Clark	14 Phillip Warren
2 Alisha Morris	16 John Zibell
2 Erwin Simon	17 Joe Bogle
3 Sue Lide	17 Jerry Brooks
4 Charlie Parsons	17 Rick Trimble
4 Jeff Sparks	18 Barry Clay
5 P. Hardin Leach	18 Steve Sanders
6 George Remick	19 Michael Adams
7 Diane Niebuhn	19 Gary Nesmith
9 Jim Kalahan	19 Brian Niebuhr
9 Wade Killen	21 Tommy Patterson
10 Lee Clements	22 Mark Rusak
10 Donna Fearing	24 Tammy Benoit
10 Marlin Priest	24 Linda Holley
10 H. Michael Smith	24 Don Little
10 Don Stover	25 Jim Dubick
13 Emery Brawley	26 Richard Shoemaker
14 Thomas Armour	30 Gary Williams
14 Jim McCorstin	30 David Woodburn
14 Steve Schuckman	



### THOUGHTS / PRAYERS / TIDBITS

- Long time member James Darrell Holley, a resident of Wetumpka, died at home surrounded by his family on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012, after a very short battle with cancer.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1943, and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1970. He served one tour in Vietnam.

Jim retired from Alabama Power Company in 2005 after 37 years. Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Linda Pike Holley, associate member.

- John Harper's mother (91 years) passed away August 29. John was at her side when she succumbed to a heart attack.

## FOR SALE

Linda Holley is going to sell her late husband Jim's 2003 K1200LT and his matching Bushtec Trailer. The bike and trailer are brown metallic. The bike has 52k miles. Contact Linda at the number listed in the blue members book.



### 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

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

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Ross Lewis                  Homewood, AL          1989 BMW R100RT          Sponsor: Jim Baker

Kevin and  
Alisha Morris                  Quinton, AL          1998 BMW R1100R          Sponsor: Harry Bonner

## **BMWMOAL Club Mileage Rankings to 21 August 2012**

- 1 - Tommy Zeringue (21,885)
- 2 - Greg Turp (15,662)
- 3 - Vance Harrelson (9,571)
- 4 - Michael Waybright (8,968)
- 5 - Mike Bauman (7,823)
- 6 - Rodger Williamson (6,935)
- 7 - Bob "Gator" Daigle (6,380)
- 8 - Bill Bryan (6,079)
- 9 - Steve Hudson (5,695)
- 10 - Albert White (3,443)
- 11 - Wanda Hudson (1,921)
- 12 - Bill Shanks (1,453)
- 13 - Shep Brown (734)

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/>



Some people have more fun than others



So, who wants some shrimp?

## NAUVOO OKTOBERFEST

Darlene / Gary

The September meeting for the BMW M/C owners of Alabama will be held in Nauvoo, Alabama with headquarters in the historic Harbin hotel. The theme for this month's meeting will be Oktoberfest. Come join us for great German food and beer on Saturday night, with snacks and appetizers served on Friday night.

Why are we having Oktoberfest in September, you ask? Traditionally the Oktoberfest season runs from the last two weeks in September through the first two weeks in October - so, with our meeting being on the last weekend of September we're going to be right in the middle of the season. Our Travel Director, Rodger Williamson, will lead an organized ride on Saturday. Practice up on your best "chicken" dance and bring your beer steins for Saturday evenings' oompah music.

We are offering, again, T-shirts for sale for this meeting. If you missed Kinderfest, where I had a sample of the shirt and the design we will using, here is a picture that shows you what it looks like.

I think the lederhosen suspenders for the front of the shirt will help put you in the Oktoberfest spirit. These T-shirts are 100% cotton and run fairly close to size. If unsure order the next size larger. We need to have your order by no later than September 18th. The cost will be approximately \$12.00 - however, if we only order just a small quantity - the price could go up a couple of dollars. You don't have to pay until you receive it at Nauvoo and if for some reason you can't make it to Nauvoo - just send us your address and we'll get it to you. So email Darlene at [dmassey@amerex-fire.com](mailto:dmassey@amerex-fire.com) if you're interested.

Hoffe sie dort zu sehen. (Hope to see you all there.)

Thanks, Gary and Darlene



FRONT



BACK

## HOMAGE TO A BOOBIE

Jamie Jackson

It all began as a gag at the first “Cajun Chaos” when the “boobie” (not to be confused with booby) made its debut into the club as a boobie prize for the member that made the biggest fool of himself. I say himself for the boobie prize has never been bestowed on any of our ladies, whom of course always maintain a ladylike composure. The boobie has since traveled from meeting to meeting, traversing several states and many months. The boobie soon became accepted as a regular part of the club and gained fame at the 2010 Kinderfest at Jim and Sheila Kalahan’s, where the original “boobie ball” game originated.

Boobie ball was intended to be an organized water sport designed to amuse the players as well as the spectators. Of course, as alcohol was introduced to facilitate recruiting of players and to encourage participation, organization surrendered to enthusiasm and any rules that had been established were quickly disregarded. About the only rule left in place is that most participants must be in the pool during regular play.

Well, that was pretty much the birth of boobie ball, and some have written of visions of boobie ball until well in the future with hopes of international competition and maybe even Olympic status. But alas, boobie ball will be no more...the boobie succumbed to catastrophic failure following a mighty swing of the “bat” at this years Kinderfest.

The boobie can be seen expanding beyond design limits as it is squarely struck by the powerful swing of well known Kara “The Hammer” of boobie ball fame.

It is rumored that the boobie may find its final resting place somewhere on the firing range at Ft. Rucker.



A mighty swing....



....And powerful contact!

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Our newest members, Kevin and Alisha Morris



Batter and Ump disagree on call!

### Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

- Sep 29/30 Harbin Hotel - Nauvoo, AL
- 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
- Oct 5 - 7 Return to Shiloh - Pickwick Dam, TN
- Nov 12-14 SwampScooters Rally - Carencro, LA