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Redmond Rally Recap

Vance Harrelson

Well, I have just returned from the MOA national that was held July 15-18 in Redmond, OR and boy was that a good time! The chance to ride out west with my brothers Rob and Lee along with Tommy and Jeannine Arnold and Albert and Anna White was a delight indeed! Our decision to trailer to Reno was a good one given the heat we encountered (I know, it was a dry heat but hot none the less!) Rob, Tommy and I had the honor of driving the truck with 5 bikes in tow and the others flew into Reno and Redmond. I tell you no matter what you are driving or riding it is a long way to Redmond from here!

The Alabama club was well represented as we counted some 20 members in attendance. And at least one of us was really lucky! Ask Don Little about all that new camping gear he has next time you see him. Yep he was one of the grand prize winners!

Our ride out west took us to some grand places such as Carter Lake, the lava fields outside Redmond, the redwoods in California, the Golden Gate Bridge and even a ride down the world famous Lombard Street in San Francisco! Oh and the magnificent ride through Yosemite National Park!

But now it is back home and back to work. I want to thank Rodger Williamson for sponsoring the July meeting that was held while I was away. Although the attendance there was small the meeting planning was superb and included the great museums in Columbus, GA and a great campground too! Thanks Rodger for all your hard work!

We have a great slate of meetings upcoming. Next up is the now famous "Kinderfest II" hosted by Jim and Sheila Kalahan. See the details elsewhere in this issue and make your plans now to attend!

Lastly, I encourage **YOU** to get involved in your club! Ideas that provide activities for members are every member's responsibility. The club cannot thrive on a few dedicated members, but needs input from each and every one of you to continue to grow and be viable. We always need fresh faces and ideas to support your local BMW Motorcycle community. If you have an idea for a ride or event, let us know. If you need help with it...we'll help you! Rides and events can be tailored in size and scope to accommodate a few to many! On the road or off the road...let us have your ideas and "Let's Ride"!!

BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF ALABAMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

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

ABEES News You Can Use

Bob Steber

We are almost finished with the "Dog Days of Summer" and I for one am happy about that and looking forward to the wonderful cool, clear, bright riding days of autumn.

Thinking about the great riding weather ahead and hearing the excellent riding roads in northeast Alabama calling for me to come and enjoy their twisties and great scenery, I am planning a two day mid- month club ride for us, October 15-17, head-quartering at the Lake Guntersville State Park. We will ride the ABEES Grand Tour on Backroads in NE Alabama, Favorite Ride NE 7, rides #1 and #2. The rides are detailed in your ABEES Travel Guide pp 178-184. If you do not have a Travel Guide, go on our website <http://www.bmwmoal.org/abees.php> and click on either PDF or Word - Restaurants, POIs and Favorite Roads and Rides. Go to page 180 to see Ride NE 7 and print the pages to place in your tank bag.

At Lake Guntersville State Park we have the option to camp at the park's campground on AL 227, five miles north of the main entrance (check in at the Town Creek Fillin Station just past the bridge going north on AL 227), or staying at one of the park's motel rooms, chalets or cabins. The park's telephone number for reservations is 205 571-5440 and their website is www.alapark.com/lakeguntersville. Plan to arrive Friday, October 15. We will have dinner at Wintzell's Oyster House on the lake in Guntersville at 5:30. http://www.wintzellsoysterhouse.com/loc_loc_gun.php.

Saturday morning breakfast will be at the Lodge. We will start our ride from there, so please be sure to be ready to roll at 9 am sharp with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder. Our ride will be Ride #1 which is 260 miles from start to finish back at the lodge. We will have a late lunch at the Pikeville Store & Deli for one of the best cheeseburgers anywhere. We should arrive back at the park around 4 pm and can have dinner at the Lodge.

Sunday morning breakfast will be at the lodge and we will roll from there at 9am with a full tank and empty bladder for Ride #2 ending in Collinsville, Alabama around 2 pm (177 miles). We will have lunch in Mentone at the Wild Fire Café. At the Jacks restaurant in Collinsville, we say our goodbyes and head home.

During our two day ride, we will collect 18 POIs including the NE Extreme location at Long Island and 11 Favorite Roads and Rides which will give us a total of 29 check offs. Everyone completing the ride will qualify for one of the six fantastic prizes that will be awarded at our January 2011 meeting in Montevallo.

Speaking of the great prizes, many thanks go to Terry & Joan Ware at Terry's Two Wheel for their gift of either a helmet or riding jacket, Maurice Green of Catoma Outdoor for his gift of two Catoma Tents, your choice of a Two-Up or a Switchback, Kermit Easterling of Kermit Camping Products for his gift of a Kermit Easy pack Duffel and to Justin Prann of Pandora's European Motorsports for his gift of a deluxe GS tool kit.

Good riding weather is a few short weeks away and I encourage every Alabeemer to take advantage of the excellent planning tool that you have in your ABEES Touring Guide. Plan your ride, hop on your bike and see what Alabama The Beautiful has to offer.

2010 ABEES COUNTS

Name	Restaurants, Points of Interest and Monthly Club Gatherings	Favorite Roads & Rides	Total ABEES Check Offs	Total ABEES Tickets	Total Bonus Tickets	Total Tickets
Martin Benson	232	26	258	12.9	0	12.9
Rodger Williamson	134	24	158	7.9	0	7.9
Bob Steber	122	18	140	7.0	0	7.0
Lance Harrelson	67	3	70	3.5	0	3.5
Jamie Jackson	42		42	2.1	0	2.1
Malvene Jackson	42		42	2.1	0	2.1
Tim Flynn	18	4	22	1.1	0	1.1
Terry Ware	20	2	22	1.1	0	1.1
Rhea Converse	15		15	0.8	0	0.8
Meroy Sloan	13	1	14	0.7	0	0.7
Joan Ware	11		11	0.6	0	0.6
John Harper	8	3	11	0.6	0	0.6
Mari Harrelson	10	1	11	0.6	0	0.6



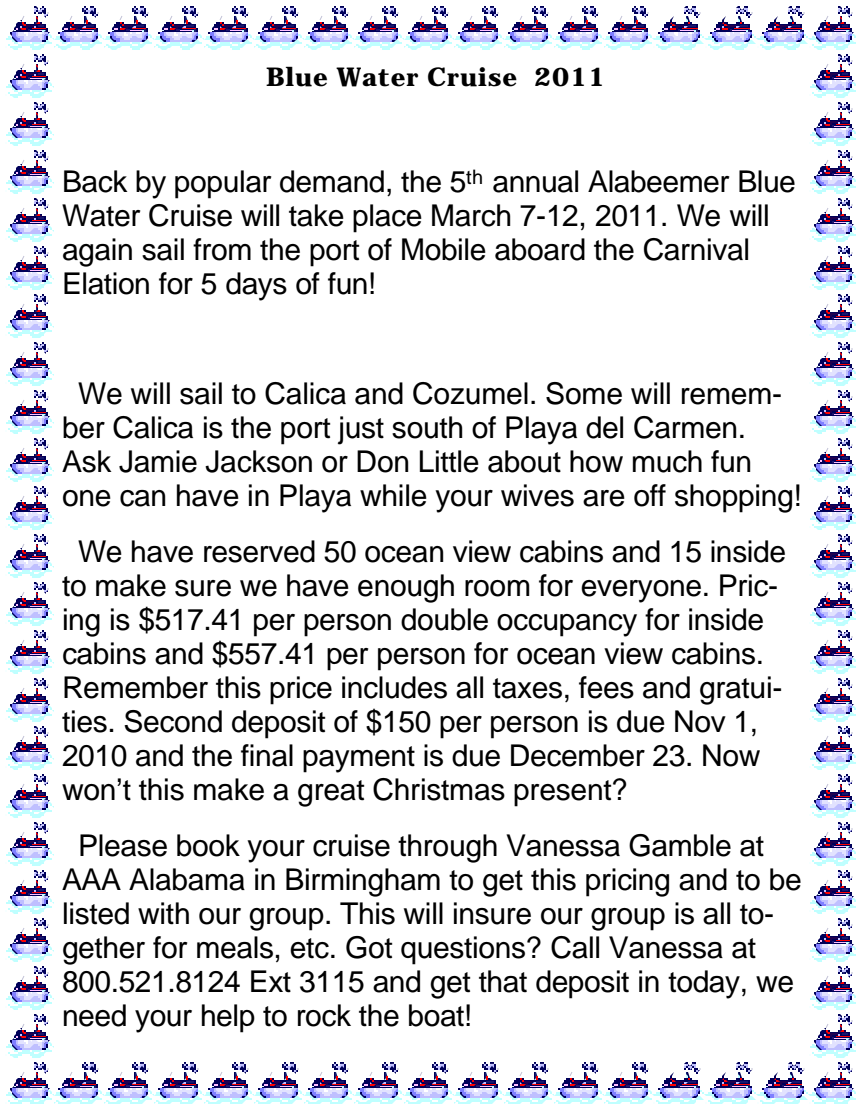
September Birthdays

Sabrina Summers	1-Sep
Mark Mitchell	2-Sep
Michelle Stanfield	3-Sep
Britt McBride	4-Sep
Sreve Irwin	4-Sep
Don Drasheff, Jr.	5-Sep
Ian Schmeisser	5-Sep
Sabrina Zange	15-Sep
Bill Bedgood	5-Sep
Marty Simpson	7-Sep
Barbara Little	8-Sep
Kathy Biddlecombe	9-Sep
Leroy Sloan	9-Sep
Mac Stewart	10-Sep
Jack Cox	11-Sep
Jennifer Bahl	12-Sep
Daniel Sims	13-Sep
Vic Purvis	14-Sep
Ricky Huey	15-Sep
Jennifer Rusak	15-Sep
Becky Ghostley	17-Sep
Wanda Daigle	18-Sep
Walter Kirkwood	19-Sep
Stan Zangel	19-Sep
Angie Dubois	20-Sep
Robert Munday	20-Sep
Laneace Whitley	20-Sep
John-Stanley Bonner	21-Sep
Clinton Frey	21-Sep
Pat Huey	21-Sep
Chuck Sloan	21-Sep
Casey Hardison	23-Sep
Lisa Irwin	23-Sep
Dan Lowery	23-Sep
Carlton Mason	23-Sep
Bud Meade	23-Sep
Daryl Falkner	24-Sep
Carmen Sparks	24-Sep
Jeff Stanfield	24-Sep
James Tucker	26-Sep
Ronald Ultz	26-Sep
Rhea Converse	27-Sep
Sheri Nesmith	28-Sep
Melissa Walls	29-Sep
Darlene Massey	29-Sep

Welcome New Members:

Frederico Moarales Madison, AL

Wanda & Steven Hudson Harvest, AL



Blue Water Cruise 2011

Back by popular demand, the 5th annual Alabeemer Blue Water Cruise will take place March 7-12, 2011. We will again sail from the port of Mobile aboard the Carnival Elation for 5 days of fun!

We will sail to Calica and Cozumel. Some will remember Calica is the port just south of Playa del Carmen. Ask Jamie Jackson or Don Little about how much fun one can have in Playa while your wives are off shopping!

We have reserved 50 ocean view cabins and 15 inside to make sure we have enough room for everyone. Pricing is \$517.41 per person double occupancy for inside cabins and \$557.41 per person for ocean view cabins. Remember this price includes all taxes, fees and gratuities. Second deposit of \$150 per person is due Nov 1, 2010 and the final payment is due December 23. Now won't this make a great Christmas present?

Please book your cruise through Vanessa Gamble at AAA Alabama in Birmingham to get this pricing and to be listed with our group. This will insure our group is all together for meals, etc. Got questions? Call Vanessa at 800.521.8124 Ext 3115 and get that deposit in today, we need your help to rock the boat!

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Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

Aug. 27-29 Kinderfest @ Kalahan's
Sept. 25-26 Shellmound, Jasper, Tenn.
Oct 30-31 Blue Springs
December 4th in Leeds

Other Events of Interest

October 23—24 Rib Fest
December 4th, Eldridge Children's' Home

