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## THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST RIDING THROUGH 2007 NEWSLETTER

Connie Reaves

Marty Simpson

If you haven't paid your 2007 dues, please mail ASAP so there will be no interruption of receiving your newsletter. Please send any changes in your address, phone numbers, or e-mail. Also, you need to renew now if you want to be listed in the membership booklet. Last year there were 16 members that didn't make the booklet.

I mailed notices last month to all the new members who joined during the year to give the prorated amount for their 2007 dues. It would really be appreciated for these new members to mail in these dues so notices will not have to be mailed out all during the year. Your new expiration date will be 12/31/07 which will be the same date as the other members.

The annual dues for the principal member is \$20 plus \$3 for the secondary household members. Please make check payable to BMW M/C Owners of AL and mail to:

Marty Simpson

10010 Torino Dr. SE

Huntsville, AL 35803

All memberships that are not renewed by December 31 each year expire on that date.

I am looking soooo forward to 2007. After spending so much time last year getting the R100RT and all it's electrical problems sorted out, getting it lowered to fit, and taking a few aborted test rides in between, I should now have it, "Punkin", and my old faithful R75, "Ellie May", both ready to choose from for some fun.

Although I'm unsure of days off and if I'll get to make either of the National rallies, I always know I'll have a lot of fun every month with you folks and our meeting week-ends. I'm hoping we will again pick a couple of new places that we haven't been to before, but it sure is hard to give up some of our favorites to do that. but hey, just like your tires, you don't want life to get in a rut !! Bring your ideas to the January meeting and let's vote on some really great places to ride to and meet.

I want to remind everyone that you need to send your number of check-offs from the places you managed to visit out of the ABEES book. No matter how

many you managed to make, everyone who participated will receive a nice framed-personalized certificate noting your accomplishments. So if you have not done so, you need to do it ASAP (To Bob Steber, your Director of Travel) so there will be time to get your certificate made. I will be awarding these at the January meeting so be there to receive your honor and get your input in on where we will go for the year.



A New Year's message from our President, Connie Reaves

If you have any nominations to add to the ballot, you need to get those in to me immediately so I can make sure they are on the ballot in time for printing it for the meeting. YES, you can nominate yourself. In fact we encourage you to do so. All offices are open for more names. Nominations are taken right up until voting time at the January meeting, so please remember that, although that has not happened in several years now. I would like to hear from a majority of the members on their vote choices. Please e-mail me your votes at BAMABMW@aol.com or mail them to me at Connie Reaves, 108 Cape Cod Circle, Alabaster, AL. Normally, we have

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**BMW Motorcycle Owners of Alabama  
2006 Election Ballot**

Select one nominee for each position or write in your choice (with nominee's permission) on a blank line.

**Circle your choices**

**Officers**

**President:** Connie Reaves

**Vice President:** Vance Harrelson

**Secretary:** Mari Harrelson

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**Director of Travel:** Bob Steber

**Director of Technology:** Rick Jones

**Director of Photography:** Malvene Jackson

**Director of Membership:** Jeannine Arnold

**Director of Safety:** Jim Baker

There will be ballots at the meeting, or you can e-mail your vote to [BAMABMW@aol.com](mailto:BAMABMW@aol.com). You can also mail it to: Connie Reaves, 108 Cape Cod Circle, Alabaster, AL. 35007.

All ballots mailed or e-mailed will be printed and/or saved for accounting purposes.

**Membership must be paid up to vote and you must be a BMW Owner. "Friends of Beemers" members do not vote.**

**Nominations will still be taken from the floor, up until voting time so please be aware that additional names may be added.**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bill Shanks
- 2 Brian Slark
- 2 Paul Wharton
- 3 Maureen Griffen
- 3 Terri Reaves
- 4 Larry Camp
- 4 John Lide
- 4 John Roderick
- 5 Debra Keele
- 6 Bo Abernethy
- 6 Charles Hearn
- 7 Steve Johns
- 8 Doublas Dyer
- 8 Jim Holley
- 9 Bill Carthy
- 9 Bob Sweeney
- 9 David Wergowske
- 10 Steve Odom
- 11 Connie Reaves
- 11 Anna White
- 12 Glenda Cockrell
- 12 Leslie Johnson
- 13 Betsy Barker
- 14 C. R. Burns
- 14 Judy Converse
- 14 John Heckman
- 14 Teresa McGee
- 15 Jim Farrell
- 15 Peggy Guffey
- 15 Sybil VanderVelde
- 16 John Penn
- 17 Tina Younger
- 18 Paul Brooks
- 18 Elaine Willey
- 19 Tony Authier
- 19 Dan Thompson
- 19 Craig Vechorick
- 20 Joan Ware
- 20 Harland Dyer
- 24 Lenny Gribben
- 25 Hebert Baird
- 28 Robert Allred
- 29 David Yokley

## THOUGHTS / PRAYERS AND TIDBITS

Please keep the following people/situations in your prayers:

Joan Ware who lost her mother on November 25

Phillip Johnson whose mother passed away in December

In December we lost one of our charter members, Harold Crowe, after a lengthy illness. Harold has served as club president and was a very active promoter of club activities. He will certainly be missed.

Vernon Headrick is walking around without a cane most of the time. He still has a lot of pain if he stands or walks too much. His biggest problem is his inpatients with the inconvenience of being injured.

John Zibell says "I am not as well as I would like. The PT spawned some tendonitis and cramped muscles. I need to let this situation settle down before I can go back to strength training."

Rob Allred was in the hospital for 21 days, came home for a day, and had to be taken back by ambulance. He came home again two days ago. He is on IV nutrition and can't eat on his own. He has started new medication and also is on antibiotics. He is experiencing much pain and also nausea. Please pray for Rob and Rhonda during this dark moment in their lives.

## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

James J. Duffy - Robertsedale, AL	Sponsors: Dan Thompson, Connie Reaves
C. J. & Anna Morgan - Hoover, AL	Sponser: Dave Wergowske

## NOTICES

The club anniversary mugs are still available. The attractive coffee mugs were designed to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our club. They are \$2.00 each and can be purchased by contacting Connie Reaves.

Connie also has plenty of club patches, pins, and decals available. These items should be of particular interest to our newer members. Contact Connie for prices and pictures.



## **NEW YEAR REVOLUTION?**

Vance Harrelson

Well it's that time of year again when many of us will make all kinds of promises to ourselves and others. You know, all those promises like, I'm gonna lose some weight, quite smokin', be a nicer person and the like. Well if next year is like most years, the vast majority of those promises will be all but forgotten by February 1<sup>st</sup> or so.

Well, in 2007 I hope my resolution is part of a revolution! I am going to better support our club and I hope you will too. Of course, I realize that our club is comprised of folks from many backgrounds with all kinds of obligations, many of which keep them from participating in club functions and riding as much as they would like. But I hope this year you will try to attend a few more meetings, ride a little more and better support your club and its functions. You can bet your officers are dedicated to providing you a club that is well organized and provides many opportunities for you to meet new people, ride to new places, and learn new stuff about your bike and your gear. Your club is here to support you, support safety and do what it can to help you get the most out of your chosen hobby.

Mari and I are sure glad we have chosen this hobby and found this club as part of it. In the 2006 alone we have been fortunate enough to attend many club meetings, rallies and ridden to and discovered many places right here in Alabama with our ABEES escapades. We have met many new friends and seen first hand and up close the Louisiana Bayou to Daytona Beach to the mountains of North Carolina and New England and into Canada. Our club is the foundation from which the vast majority of these wonderful experiences were born. Sharing the experiences of motorcycle touring with good friends adds significantly to the enjoyment.

I urge you to participate in as many club functions in 2007 as you can. Whatever level at which you can participate, you are a real asset to your club. Organize a ride, host a meeting or write a newsletter article. These are but a few of the ways you can support your club. And hey, did you notice? We don't beg for your money! Just lend your time and talents. I guarantee you will get back more than you put in! Be as active as you can, you'll be glad you did!

Make plans to be at the January planning meeting now. Let your voice be heard and help us decide where our meetings will be this year. Let's pull together more than ever before to make this the best club year ever!

Mari and I hope to see you soon and see you often in 2007. Ride safe!

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### **The Ride**

The highway looms before me,  
Ever calling me away,  
But day to day commitments  
Say I 'd better stay!  
But in my mind I see us,  
My cycle friends and me,  
We're somewhere on the highway,  
Seeing – feeling – free!  
The wind, the rain, the sun,  
Good friends by now, you see,  
They're all a part of riding,  
To my Beemer friends and me.  
The mountains and the seashore  
Will be there once again,  
I 'll ride away to see them,  
Every time I can.  
I 'd like to think I 'm envied  
For all my riding friends,  
We'll visit 'round the campsite  
At day's beginning and its end.  
We'll share our riding stories,  
We'll plan another ride,  
We'll feel this thrill of friendship  
Because we rode and tried.

(Anon. - Submitted by Martha Warren)

## ABEES RECOGNITION

The 2006 ABEES "Ride and Eat" fun has come to an end. Of course we still have the list and a new year is just beginning.

Here is the list of folk's check-offs for locations visited that have been submitted to date to Bob Steber. Awards will be presented at the January meeting. If you have not yet submitted your check-offs you may e-mail the number of locations that you visited to Bob at

[bsteberbtr@gmail.com](mailto:bsteberbtr@gmail.com)

Completing more than twenty checkpoints in 2006 were:

Connie Reeves	44
Gary Nesmith	43
Martin Benson	23
Terry Ware	58
Barry Clay	29
Suan Clay (Pass)	29
Jim Dubick	35
Jamie Jackson	41
Malvene Jackson (Pass)	28
Vance Harrelson	98
Bob Steber	122

Those that completed the Bogart's Big 50 Challenge that are eligible for the Olympia Jacket are:

Vance Harrelson, Bob Steber



## 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.

Members or someone just interested in BMW's in the area are encouraged to come. Plan a ride, share a story, have some dinner and a tea or a brew. CONTACT [BAMABMW@aol.com](mailto:BAMABMW@aol.com)

### Huntsville

The Huntsville crowd is temporarily meeting each Friday night at the Holiday Inn at Madison Square Mall due to the closing of their 15 year meeting location. They are currently scouting a new place to meet and eat, so until they find a new place please join them at the Holiday Inn.

### 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](mailto:johnart1@aol.com) for details

## ALABAMA BACKROADS

Bob Steber

Happy New Year everyone.

Hurrah, Vance and I took advantage of the beautiful riding weather during this last week of 2006 to complete the “**ABEES-Bogart’s Big 50 Challenge**”. We met in Chelsea, and rode to Auburn to check off Toomer’s Drugs and the Auburn Campus walk, then to Clayton to see the Octagon House, the state’s sole sur-



viving antebellum house, and the whiskey bottle tombstone, once featured in “Ripley’s Believe It Or Not” television show. The story is that Mr. William T. Mullin was a heavy drinker. “His wife was a devout teetotaler and threatened that if he drank himself to death, she would let the world know by erecting an appropriate memorial. The Whiskey Bottle Tombstone testifies that she kept her promise.”

From Clayton, we rode to the Poarch House Café in Headland for a fantastic lunch arriving there with only one minute to spare before they closed. The buffet line was shut down, but the owner went back to the kitchen and fixed us with a plate of delicious fried chicken and 4 veggies. After that wonderful meal with



perhaps the best fried chicken and cornbread ever, we headed to Dothan’s Hobb’s BBQ, home of the Hooie Stick for a pound of BBQ to go ( got to think about my bride you know), then on to Sisters in Troy for some fantastic “nanner puddin”, a “dish you must eat in Alabama before you die”. This 420 mile run was lots of fun and a great adventure.

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Then, to finish the year with a bang, Barry and Susan Clay, Terry Ware, Vance and I rode to the Stage Coach in Stockton for lunch and a visit with lots of other Alabeemers. We returned home via the new Gee's Bend Ferry landing in Camden; another fantastic 400 plus mile day ride.

Overall, 2006 was a fun and exciting year exploring this great state. As I think about all of the wonderful places that I found, and the great food that I enjoyed, I am trying to decide which my favorites were. Hands down, the Berman Museum in Anniston was the most enjoyable and interesting place I found. If you haven't been there, please do yourself a favor and go. Just seeing the ancient Royal Persian scimitar and the Greek Helmet dating to 300 B.C will make your trip worthwhile. The Runners up would be the Rosenbaum Home built by Frank Lloyd Wright in Florence, and the rustic Sally Howard Memorial Chapel which is built into the side of a huge boulder located near Mentone. In the food department, the dish that stands out in my mind the most is the key lime milkshake at Stacy Rexall Drugs in Foley, a lip smacking delight indeed. At Stacy Rexall, you not only get a great shake, but also a show put on by the soda jerks. The fried chicken at the Hotel Talisi in Tallassee and the Porch House Café in Headland are tops. The Porch House Café also has the best cornbread ever. And, don't miss the "nanner puddin at Sisters in Troy or the Orange-pineapple ice cream at Trobridge's in Florence or the "Strawberried Alive" at Wrights Dairy in Alexandria. For BBQ, the Gold Post in Anniston is fantastic. Most importantly, my favorite motorcycling road in the state is Alabama 65 running north from Gurley to Huntland for its excellent pavement, beautiful scenery and exciting curves and sweepers. The Little River Canyon Road (Hwy 176) near Ft. Payne comes in a close second.



Most of the places that I visited in 2006 were unknown to me until researching them for our Touring Guide. I must say that searching them out totally changed my way to enjoy riding a motorcycle. I never dreamed how much fun it would be to play "Tommy Tourist" in our own state. It is unbelievable to me just how much there is to see right here in our own back yards.

I'm looking forward to seeing you down the road in 2007.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2006

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



about 18% or less who vote either ahead of time or at the meeting. In a way, that says you have confidence in those who are on the ballot, and in a way that says you don't really care. I'd like to see the year that a majority of our 460 plus, members make that effort to send in their votes. As always, any e-mailed votes are printed and saved to be counted with the rest of the ballots at the meeting.

I look forward to a year of not only wide participa-

tion in the voting, but lots of participation in the monthly meetings also. It's always true...."The more the Merrier" !!!! So far there hasn't been much cabin fever happening due to the mild weather so far this "winter", at least not in Birmingham and southward, but it's still been a little light on the fun for me since I like the meetings and seeing everyone so much.

See ya all in a couple of weeks !



All Christmas Party pictures were furnished by Jim and Suzi Dubick pictured to the left.



**ITEMS FOR SALE**

1980 BMW AIRHEAD - 1,000cc - 48,195 miles. 2nd Owner- Has been in storage. Green with Cream Pin-stripe - Full Race Faring - Clip Ons Mikuni Carburetors - New Tires, Battery, Steering Bearings , Swing arm

Bearings, Rear Main Seal, Oil Pump Seal, Air Filter, Clutch - Gearbox rebuilt. \$4,000.00 David Woodburn 770-854-9136 [boxwood567@yahoo.com](mailto:boxwood567@yahoo.com) 01

2004 BMW 1150GS Adventure, black, 10,600 miles, dealer serviced, BMWsystem cases, BMW cloth bike cover, Marsee tank bag & tail bag, garage kept, handlebar risers, Kisan flashing brake light, air horn, Tobinators, good tires, overall condition is very good. \$11,500.00, John Taylor 931-433-9811, 256-714-0239, [jct@vallnet.com](mailto:jct@vallnet.com) 01

1993 K1100 LT - Charcoal Grey - New tires, battery. 111K mi.- \$3000 obo. Larry Camp 205-655-7165 or 286-478-0367 01

## What Should I Know About Highway Riding?

Don Hamblin

[http://www.epinions.com/content\\_4804223108](http://www.epinions.com/content_4804223108)

**The Bottom Line** You have to *Know* before you know!

### The Quiz

#### **Know Yourself!**

Before you decide to ride a motorcycle on the highway, first make sure you know yourself. While that brings up a tough set of questions, you do need to know the answers to them before putting a tire on roads with higher speed limits (or no speed limits at all).

*Question #1:* Why do you want to ride a motorcycle on the highway? If it is only because you loved watching the copy of *Easy Rider* you found at the video store, then that is not enough. If it is because you want to cover longer distances in shorter amounts of time, then you have a *maybe*. If you are prepared for, and will enjoy, being an integral part of the whole environment, then it could change your life for the better.

*Question #2:* Do you really understand the rules of highway etiquette? Hopefully you have already learned that passing a test for a drivers' license did not fully prepare you for vehicle interaction on city streets. The highway has its own set of rules. If you are comfortable with the higher speeds and risks of highway travel on a motorcycle, then you have another *maybe*.

*Question #3:* Are you prepared to accept the fact that it will not be as comfortable as riding in the family car? Hundreds of thousands of miles ridden on the finest examples of luxury touring motorcycles have convinced me that it will never be as comfortable as riding in either the *Jaguar* or *Mercedes Benz* sedans in my garage. But I do enjoy it much more. If you believe you will feel that way too, then you have yet another *maybe*.

#### **Know Your Mount!**

My first Atlantic to Pacific Ocean ride was on a 500 cc *Yamaha*. During that ride I met another rider on a 350 cc *Yamaha*. Neither of us knew that we were supposed to be riding motorcycles that weighed in excess of 700 pounds, but each motorcycle was suited, and appropriately modified, for the expected climates and road conditions. If you know that your motorcycle will be able to carry you safely through all the expected changes in traveling environments, then you have *one more maybe*. If you are not completely sure, then do as much research as you can (library, magazines, internet, and even showing up at local club meetings for your chosen mount) before you take another step.

#### **Know Your Gear!**

There are vast numbers of manufacturers of motorcycle gear. Each has its' own strengths and weaknesses for potential riding environments. Again, do that same

research you did for your choice of motorcycle on your current and anticipated riding gear. You must know what your gear will do in every possible situation prior to heading down your driveway. During just a single day of riding I once experienced all of the following: 100 F baking sun, driving rain, 40 mph winds, 30 F cold in a mountain pass, and a dust storm while reentering the plains. That ride did give me a number of stories to tell around the campfire, and it also gave me a renewed appreciation for my prior choices of riding gear!

#### **Know Your Skills, Strengths and Limitations!**

No, we were neither created equal, nor have we been educated and developed equally. After well over a quarter of a million miles on just one of the brands of motorcycles I have ridden, I find that I learn something new on almost every ride! The effectiveness of your skills and strengths applications will diminish as speed increases. This is not my rule, it is nature's rule. You must know, and I mean really know, that your learned skills and developed strengths will be up to those increased demands. Your limitations are even more important. If you do not deal well with distractions or 30 mph cross winds while riding around your neighborhood, you should consider backing an automobile out of your garage instead of a motorcycle.

#### **Risk!**

Everything is dangerous. Even sitting on a recliner involves some degree of danger. Motorcycles are no more dangerous than carrying the trash to the curb. But, riding a motorcycle does involve an increase in *risk* over driving an automobile. Riding a motorcycle on the highway involves a serious increase in risk, so management of risk becomes paramount. You must finally consider all the variables in what you already know, and what you guess might happen, and decide if you know for certain that you can manage all those risks.

#### **Scoring this Quiz!**

Should you have not been able to come up with an honest "*maybe*" to all these factors, then you should admit (at least to yourself) that you do not know enough to ride a motorcycle on the highway. But do take heart, if you truly do want to ride on the highway, take the steps to "**know**" all these things. There are a lot of us out there who would enjoy the company!

#### **In the Zone!**

There comes a time while traversing long distances on a motorcycle when you are *in the zone*. This is when you mentally and emotionally become an integral part of the environment. Every thought and movement is working harmoniously toward the goal of moving farther down the road. There is a feeling of confidence, relaxed concentration, accomplishment, and connection with the motorcycle and the environment that is unequaled in all but piloting an aircraft. This is the payoff that makes it all worthwhile. But you have to *know* before you can go there!

## JANUARY MEETING DETAILS

Connie Reaves

**Where:** Montevallo Traffic Safety Center, Montevallo, AL. Phone 205-665-6740

At The University of Montevallo on Shelby Street

**Dates:** Saturday Jan 27th thru Sunday 28th

**Dinner:** Sat. night we will be ordering in pizza and have a pizza party. Soft Drinks will be available also and included in the cost. Dinner will be \$8.00 per person and **I DO NEED A HEAD COUNT BY WEDNESDAY THAT WEEK (24th)** so we can know how many pizzas to order. We have pre-planned with Dominos Pizza in Montevallo for this event. Please call, or e-mail me to let me know you will be there. [BAMABMW@aol.com](mailto:BAMABMW@aol.com) or 205-663-5376 and leave a message. Also, let me ask you again to please bring cash, and change (PLEASE break those \$20 bills before you come). Also included in the cost will be pastries and coffee before the meeting on Sunday morning.

**Meeting Sun. Morning:** We will hold the business meeting Sunday morning at 9:00 AM at the Montevallo Traffic Safety Center. This is the longest meeting of the year. Plan to be there a couple of hours for this one. We will hold the elections and plan the entire year's meeting sites. Please bring your ideas of places you would like to see us go, and get details ahead of time from those places if we have not yet been there. Also please be thinking about whether you would be willing to host one of the meetings if it's near your area and cook something for the Saturday night dinner or scout out a place for us to ride to eat.

**Swap Meet:** If you have bikes, parts, gear, or camping items you would like to sell please bring those items and set them out in the SafetyCenter's garage for our annual "Yard Sale".

**Year in Pics:** Unless something happens, I should have the 2006 Year in pictures CD ready and we will have it playing for everyone Sat. night. If you have a video or some pictures on CD of a bike trip you have taken, that you would like to bring and share please feel free to do so.

**Where to stay:** You may bring your bedrolls and spend the night in the Traffic Safety Center, slumber party style. There are male and female shower facilities available there. Or there are dorm rooms available at the Ramsey Hall just up the street from the Safety Center. It's within walking distance.

### Details on rooms:

Hotel like rooms, with TV, 2 twin beds, air and or heat, no phones in rooms and they are \$35.00 per night. Call 205-665-6280 for reservations. The "office" is open from 8AM to 5PM so you should arrive and get checked in by 5PM or CALL THEM AND TELL THEM YOU WILL BE LATE AND MAKE SOME KIND OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR GETTING YOUR ROOM KEY.

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### January Meeting Directions

University of Montevallo, Alabama Traffic Safety Center, Phone (205) 665-6740

Sat. Jan 28th - Sun. Jan. 29th 9:00 am Meeting. Arrive anytime after noon on Saturday. *Please keep any ADULT beverages HIGHLY concealed during the day when the folks are there taking the rider course.*

Directions: From I-65 take exit of choice to Montevallo. The main street through town is Hwy 119. Off 119 (across from the Pontiac dealership) take Shelby Street. It's just two blocks (north) down Shelby Street on the left. Call number above if you need more directions.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2007

- Jan 28/29 Club Meeting - Alabama Traffic Safety Center  
Election and Planning Meeting
- Mar 2 - 11 Daytona Bike Week
- Apr 20 - 22 Barber's Track - Honda Superbike Classic
- Apr 6 - 8 2007 Vintage Motorcycle Rally at Bench Mark Works  
<http://members.aol.com/vechbmw/veteran.html>
- May 24 - 28 19th Annual Great Chicken Rally  
Ditto Landing, Huntsville, AL
- Jul 12 - 15 35th BMW MOA International Rally  
West Bend, WS
- Aug 28 - 31 Curve Cowboy Reunion  
Osage Beach, Mo

