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CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT CHOSEN TO HEAD 2009 INTERNATIONAL RALLY

Jamie Jackson

Vance Harrelson, Vice-President of our club, has been named as the Rally Chairman for the 2009 BMW Owners of America International Rally. This prestigious election is a mark of distinction for Vance and will focus considerable attention toward our club.

The theme for the 2009 rally will be *"Mountain Magic...Southern Style!"*

The location that has been selected for the rally is near Johnson City, Tennessee, at the Appalachian Fairgrounds. The location provides access to some of the very best motorcycle roads in the nation. Vance has announced that he anticipates an attendance record of around ten thousand, since the location is within a one-day ride for more than one third of the country's population.

And because the location is very near the Smokey Mountains National Park, and near some of the well know motorcycling roads, it should be very appealing to most riders.

Vance has already asked for the support of the club and will be seeking volunteers during the coming months. Let's all commit to helping Vance make this the one national rally that everyone will remember.

CATFISH, HUSHPUPPIES, AND SUMMERTIME

Jamie Jackson

Nearly fifty club members showed up for the campout and fish fry at Little River State Forest despite the threatening weather forecast.

Some folks got in some good riding Saturday with excursions to the town of Atmore, and to Mobile to tour the USS Alabama. Some just hung around the campground and caught up on the latest news.

The campers enjoyed a lot of summertime heat with a brief but cooling shower on Saturday evening.

But more so, everyone enjoyed a dinner of fried catfish, french



Part of the kitchen crew.

fries, hushpuppies, cole slaw, and even chicken nuggets for those that don't like catfish, although that is hard to imagine.

All that was followed up with fresh coconut cake, chocolate

cake, and assorted pound cakes.

Despite the heat, the Bonner family (Ricky, Lila, Harry, John-Stanley, Kimberly), Mike Harvill, Sam Peacock, and John and Glenda Cockrell brought all the equipment to the campground and prepared the wonderful meal there on site.



The kitchen staff making plans.

After a nice evening of campfire and conversation we retreated to our tents and awakened to the smell of hot coffee, orange juice, sausage biscuits, and assorted Danish pastries. Thanks again to our campout hosts for their outstanding effort.

Don't let the summer heat keep you away from the Guntersville meeting as the lake and beach will surely provide relief. The dog days of summer are on us but we can still take advantage of the time to socialize and to ride some wonderful motorcycle roads in North Alabama.

MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2008 8:00 AM

Little River State Forrest

President Connie Reaves presiding

Lenn Rainwater, Acting Secretary

After the meeting was called to order a big thank you was given to those who organized and cooked the wonderful food; Mike Harvill, Rickie, Lila, John-Stanley, and Harry Bonner, Sam Peacock, and John and Glenda Cockrell.

New Members

Steve Forwood was welcomed as a new member to the club.

New Business

Gary Dubois announced that the July meeting is to be held at the Town Creek Campground at Gunter'sville State Park. The campground is located a little further up 227 from the main Park entrance. Gary estimates the cost of camping to be \$11.45. The cost for the catered barbeque dinner, and breakfast will be announced. Connie will publish the details as soon as everything is ironed out. Bob Steber will be leading an all-day ride on Saturday. Gary Dubois will probably lead a dual sport 2-hour ride.

Vance Harrelson announced that he had ordered raffle tickets for the Rally next year. He added that the bike to be raffled will be an F800GS. There will be 3500 tickets to be sold. Also, there will be a paragraph on the back describing the rules and where the money goes.

Gary Dubois asked everyone to turn in their name for the ABEES since it's so easy to get your name in the pot. He also said that Martin Benson was home from the hospital.

Vance Harrelson reported that the 2009 BMW MOA Rally will be held in Johnson City, TN in July. Further, he was asked to be Chairman of the Rally, to which he accepted. He has set a goal of 10,000 people in attendance – the largest EVER – and he

requested our help. Also, he will be working at the Rally in Gillette at the Johnson City, TN booth and can use help passing out information if anyone wants to help.

Jim Kalahan invited everyone to his and Steve Hebert's annual Beer, Brats, and Beemers – a 3-day event to be held at his house in Enterprise on Oct. 10-12. The event will include a trip to the Ft. Rucker Range, Shrimp Boil on Friday night, Saturday morning Tech Day, then a tour of the Army Aviation Museum in the afternoon, followed by beer and brats for dinner around the pool and hot tub. He has camping available at his and Steve's houses as well as a few bedrooms.

Treasurer's Report

Connie gave the Report, which included the results of the Rally and Raffle. After seeking legal advice, the Officers voted to give the winner of the rally a cash settlement in lieu of the actual bike because the bike was not available for us to purchase. This was a special circumstance and is not meant to establish a precedent. The winner had to sign a letter stating the above reasoning and that she was in agreement with the cash prize.

Connie further reported that \$100 was taken from the Raffle Fund and sent to BMW MOA's sponsored charity at the International rally, as we have done in the past.

Even after all the expenses and replacement of stolen items, the Rally cleared a profit.

Door Prizes and 50/50

Door Prizes were from Racer Parts Wholesale, Chase Harper, L D Comfort, Rider Magazine, K&N Filters, Bing Carbs, Best Western – Spokane, WA, Terry's Two Wheel Service, and Jimmy Lowe a member donation, and club purchased items.

Susan Dubick did the honors of drawing for the 50/50 raffle. Jim Dubick won the \$68.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

THOUGHTS, PRAYERS, AND TIDBITS

Martin Benson is at home recovering from recent surgery. Give him a call or send him an e-mail.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Eddie Lindsey	Gadsden, AL	Sponsor: Alan Barton
Stephen & Laneace Whitley	Moody, AL	Sponsor: Jamie Jackson
Jerryl & Sharon Hyche	Jasper, AL	Sponsor: Don Drasheff
Steve Forwood	Mobile, AL	Sponsor: Connie Reaves

CORRECTION

Last month John Holliman was listed in the New Members section as a “FOB” member. John owns a 2007 BMW HP2 Megamoto and is indeed a full member. Sorry, John, for the confusion. [ed.]

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Brenda McBrayer	15	Michael Waybright	20	Mary Ultz
1	Milton Woodfin	16	Brian Hinton	20	Les Willey
2	Kevin Louie	17	Shelia Baker	21	Barbara Shanks
4	William Gordon	17	Leigh Delashaw	21	Robert Shar
5	Ann Clements	17	Perry Guffey	22	Steve Morgan
6	Tom Cowan	18	Bain Brown	23	Steve Bangham
9	Amy Hinton	19	Reggie Dean	23	Kenneth Reynolds
9	Albert White			28	Susan Clay
10	Myrtle Harris			28	Jim Thompson
10	Eric Oller			29	William Bray
11	Susie McAlevy			30	Judy Swafford
11	Phillip McMurren			31	Billy Barnes
14	Sharon Hyche			31	Lee Harrelson



Some Dreams Do Come True !! Or.....The Family Tradition

Connie Reaves

Most all of you who know me know that Dad and I traveled to 27 states together on our bikes over the years and it was always the best of times. Who better to travel with than your Dad and best friend...the one that got you into bikes since you were a kid. And now I've had 37 years as a street licensed rider and met some of the most wonderful people and been to wonderful places, and had the best times of my life because of it.

So one of my biggest dreams has been for my son, Josh, to get an interest in bikes and to be able to travel with him some in the same way I got to share life with Dad. When Josh was a teenager he had no interest in bikes and hanging with MOM. He was into his Jeep and going "mudding" with his buddies and other such things. I figured maybe I was holding onto a pipe-dream.

Well right after high school he went into the Army. He has grown into a man in the last 4-1/2 years and has changed immensely. In the times we've had together to visit we've been much closer and I've watched him change but I've not had enough time with him at all to get to know this new man.

Josh came with me to our October meeting/campout and we came in the truck since he had no motorcycle license, nor gear to ride one with. On the way home from that meeting I told him I wished we could have ridden bikes together there and I asked him if he had fun. He said it was okay, but "why do you always have to be in charge of things, because I always have to sit around and wait for you to do stuff". Well that really hit home. All his life since he was in kindergarten, I HAVE been in charge of something. The PTA treasurer, carnival coordinator, room mother, chaperone for every trip he ever took, and additionally with all that the Alabama BMW club. In the 20 years I've been a member of this club I have held some office for 13 or 14 of them. Membership Director, newsletter Editor, President. He's right. He's heard the line, "no, it's meeting weekend" way too many times.

Two weeks ago I went to Texas to welcome him back to the USA from his 15 month tour in IRAQ and I asked him if he had been thinking any more about getting a bike. He said he had actually been thinking about it and was planning to do it pretty soon. A couple of days after I came back home he had already signed up for the Motorcycle Safety Course, and had been looking around for used bikes and had pretty much settled on one to buy. I was Ecstatic!!!! Today as I write this, he has now purchased a Kawasaki Z1000, Shoei helmet, body armor and a leather jacket and gloves, and the safety class is on the 9th and 10th of this month on base in Arizona.

WHOO HOO !!!

So this is my announcement to the club, due to a promise I made to Josh, that I would not be in charge of anything for a while.....Next year, 2009, I will not be running for or holding any position in the Alabama club for at least one year. I want to help him get settled into his own apartment, shop for furniture, decorate, help him get signed up for school, and find time to ride with him places. This doesn't mean that I don't plan to attend meetings (and hopefully get him to come with me), nor help with the rally or anything else like that. I just will not "be in charge" of anything so I can say, "ok, we can do that" to Josh, even if it is a meeting weekend. I actually made this decision last October after Josh went back to IRAQ as Vance and Mari can tell you. I just wanted to wait and see if he was really going to get out and come home or re-up and stay in, before I made a final decision. So although this is news to most of you, it's something I have planned on and hoped for, for quite a while.

So you guys need to get a President lined up for 2009 at the very least. I will give whatever level of support the new President wants; From "no help, I can handle this"....to "please spoon feed me"....or any level in between. Same with the rally, I'm not going to disappear, but just don't want to commit every single day of the year to anything except getting to know my son again, and getting him situated back into the civilian world. I am so looking forward to spending time with him.

Another important announcement. Due to the resignation of Gary Dubois as Travel Director on Sunday after the meeting, as President, I have appointed Lenn Rainwater to fill the Travel Director's position for the remainder of the term. Lenn is very capable, as I have seen her in action when she was a coordinator at Barber's track for the Control Tower volunteers where she was very professional and knowl-

edgeable. She has already written good articles for the newsletter and has experience in planning rides for our club too.

I thought of Lenn on Sunday night after the meeting, and mentioned it to Vance and Mari the next day, and I even got a couple of e-mails from other members on Monday and Tuesday suggesting her too, although I did not say anything about it since I had not yet talked to Lenn. Thanks to those of you who suggested her as it helped to confirm my thoughts.

I discussed this at length with Lenn and she already spoke of some ideas she has that she can now feel free to run with. I think this is going to be a really good placement and hopefully she will continue in the job in the future too !!!

TOLERANCE - AN EDITORIAL

Jamie Jackson

Tolerance: "sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own." Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

Recently I observed a young lady riding a small motor scooter at a local shopping center and overheard another motorcyclist say to his friend, " Look at that. She's stupid to be riding that thing without protective gear." The lady was dressed in a t-shirt, shorts, and tennis shoes. His brash statement set me to thinking, does he have the right to deem her "stupid" because she chooses to dress unlike him?

First off, I don't think I have ever seen a motor-scooter rider in full leathers. Even some serious riders dress without ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time) during the hot summer months. Are they also "stupid" or just willing to assume the increased risk for the increased comfort? It seems to me that within the BMW circle especially, there has developed a mentality of "If you don't do it exactly like me then you don't know what you are doing." Maybe we should all try being more tolerant of those that do things differently from each of us.

Maybe we should be more tolerant of those that ride another brand,

Maybe we should be more tolerant of those that wish to ride slower through the curves,

Maybe we should even be more tolerant of those that choose not to wear a helmet,

Maybe we should be more tolerant of those that enjoy an alcoholic beverage after riding,

Maybe we should be more tolerant of and respect those that do not use alcohol,

Maybe the non-smokers can be more tolerant of the smokers, and vice versa,

Maybe we should be more tolerant when it comes to handgun ownership, as well as many other debatable issues.

I don't believe being tolerant of others means that we must compromise in our beliefs in any way, only to be aware that others may have conflicting beliefs just as strong as ours, and that we should respect their right to do so.

So in the future I will refrain from saying "That's stupid." when someone does a wheelie or a stoppie or some other stunt that my age and lack of skill prevents me from doing.

Feel free to submit your replies or rebuttals to newsletter@bmwmoal.org as I am certainly interested to hear or print your views.

DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS

Jim Baker

BMWMOAL wishes to sincerely thank the following list of vendors and individuals that generously contributed the items that were given as door prizes at the "Great Chicken Rally". Please consider these vendors when you purchase items in the future.

Grand Door Prizes:

Napier Enterprises	Sport X-Treme PAC, tent, stool, sleeping bag combo
Kermit Chair Company	Kermit Chair
BMWMOA	Book, "The First 35 Years"

Door Prizes:

Racer Parts Wholesale	Helen 2 Wheels Stuff Bag, Lucas Slick Mist, Battery Tender, Jr., Lucas Octane Booster, Stop & Go Tire Plugger, Helen 2 Wheels Packing Straps, 12 T-Shirts
Echo Products	6 Helmet Quick Releases
Stop and Go	Tire Plugger, Ball Cap
Powerlet	Accessory Plug Kit, 2 Power Adapters
California Superbike School	Book, "Twist of the Wrist", Book, "Soft Science of Road Racing Motorcycles" Book, "Twist of the Wrist II", 2 DVD's, "Twist of the Wrist" Audio CD, "Twist of the Wrist", Audio CD, "Twist of the Wrist II"
Grab-On Grips	2 sets Deluxe Grips, 2 sets Classic Grips
Road Gear	Deluxe Tire Gauge, Regular Tire Gauge
Helmet Head Cycle Gear	4 Helmet Sun Blockers
Kauffman Marketing	3 Green Light Triggers, 3 Green Light Swipes
Alaska Leather	Large Seat Cover
ROK Straps	7 sets ROK Straps, assorted lengths
White Horse Press	Book, "Ride Guide to America" Book, "Motorcycles Journeys Through the American South"
Ron Barrody	2 Bike Logs
I.F. Bethke	4 "Anytime Bags" assorted sizes
Buddy Products	6 Sun Buddy's, 2 Cuff Buddy's, 3 Security Buddy's
Haynes	3 BMW Service and Repair Manuals, 5 Coffee Mugs
Ashland Chemicals/ Valvoline	Pen, Flashlight, and Tire Gauge Combo Kit
Jim Post Enterprises	5 Glare Reducers
Fulmer	2 Helmets, 2 Helmet Bags
Bob's BMW	6 Ball Caps, 3 T-Shirts
Wells Cargo	6 Ball Caps
Protect All	4 Cans Protect All
Chase Harper	Magnetic Tank Bag, Hideaway Bag, Duffle, 15 Zip Pouches with Gift Certificates
EuBMW.com	Oil pan gasket 70-95 Airheads, Oil pan gasket 54-69 Boxers, Head gasket set 54-69 R68-R69S, Rear brake switch w/boot 54-84, Valve cover gasket 54-95 Airhead, Head gasket 54-69 R68-R69S, Head gasket 1000cc Airheads 77-95, Head gasket 70 on 900cc Airheads R50/5 through all 900's, Piston 3 ring set 600cc 70-77, Piston 3 ring set 1000cc 77-80, 76 on push rod seal set, 100/80 watt H4 bulb,

	Oil fill drain seal set 1985-on, Oil fill drain seal set 1955-1969, 3 Oil fill drain seal sets 1970-on
Heindl Engineering	T-shirt
Diamond Gusset Jeans	2 T-shirts
Held	3 T-shirts
BMWMOA Country Store	Ball cap, T-shirt
Road Runner Magazine	3 Magazine/T-shirt/subscriptions
Iron Pony Motorsports	4 T-shirts
Motorrad Elektrik	LED work/camp light, LED 2 nd brake light
Amerex / Darlene Massey	5 2 ½ pound fire extinguishers
IBS, Inc. / Darlene Massey	2 metric tool kits
Kermit Easterling	Easy Pack duffle
Don Hamblin	BMW oil filter
Vision Reflective Vests	2 vests
Rita Walters	Zippo tape measure
Micatech / Bob Gould	Camp stove
Bogart's Motorsports	4 sunglasses, Ball cap, BMW valve stem caps, 4 T-shirts
Earific Molds	Wickers Performance Underwear
BMW/RA	T-shirt, Thermos
Dave Corl	Intrepid Traveler coffee mug and T-shirt
Silver Eagle Outfitters	Cooling vest, Thermal underwear top and bottom
Bench Mark Works	Battery Tender, Jr., BMW patch, 2 T-shirts

Gift Certificates:

Ayres Adventures	Book, "Going the Extra Mile", Book, "Against the Wind"
Blue Grass Beemers, Inc.	Free admission 2008 Blue Grass Mini-rally and Campout
Parabellum	\$100 Off product
Spiegler Performance Parts	Free set of brake pads
Rider Magazine	3 one-year subscriptions
Best Western Peppertree Of Washington	Overnight accommodations for two
MC Tours LLC	Free one day motorcycle rental, Arizona
Bing Agency International	3 certificates 30% off any gasket kit 3 feet alcohol resistant fuel line, Free Motorcycle carburetor manual
LD Comfort	Free pair Men's or women's riding shorts
Full Throttle Camping	Certificate 10% off all on-line purchases May 26- Jun 9, 08 2 certificates \$35 off any on-line order
K&N Engineering	4 Performance oil filters
Held, USA	30% off one item
Blue Ridge Motorcycle	4 certificates, \$15 off Campground
Omar's Café Motorcycles	\$25 off set of rear set pegs
Bill Mayer	\$100 credit toward a saddle
Works Performance	6 certificates \$100 off
Beaches Motorcycle Tours	\$250 discount
Racer Parts Wholesale	3 \$25 certificates
MotoGear Outlet, Inc	2 \$25 certificates
BMW/RA	Free membership
European Riders Rally	Admit 1
Cloud Nine / Terese Stevens	30 Minute massage
Cycle Guard	\$50 certificate

ALL AROUND ALABAMA

David Smith

Early in the morning (5:20 a.m.) of Friday, May 30 Paul, Gail, and I met up at the intersection of AL 96 and CR 75 to start our attempt of the All Around Alabama Challenge. We had decided to run the ride counterclockwise, partly to make the arrival time at the Dauphin Island Ferry a little easier to time and partly because, as most of you know, us Mississippi folks are just plain backwards to start with. We had divided the entire route into four sections of roughly 320 miles each. With the routes loaded in my GPS and a spare on in my saddlebag, we set out. We figured to be able to make the ferry in 5.5 hours or slightly less. After a very uneventful ride down the southwest side of Alabama and only one missed turn, we arrived in Dauphin Island at 10:20 a.m., plenty of time for the 11:00 crossing. During this part of the ride, we did run into about a dozen raindrops, certainly not enough to even slow us down. The ferry was a unique experience, having been on only one ferry before. There are lots of gas wells out in the Gulf and we even had to give way to an ocean going cargo ship which gave us an extra 10 minutes or so on the boat.

After exiting the ferry, it was back to business. We rode through Gulf Shores and on to Floribama to make our U-turn. From there it was northwest around Florida and on to Atmore. While we were stopped at a closed roadside icy drink stand to take in some much needed water (it was HOT by now), a crusty older gentleman on a Honda CX500 stopped to chat. As it turns out, he was headed to Bowling Green KY and didn't have enough money for gas to get there, He was looking to sell some metric tools to gain gas money. Since I had no cash (only a debit card) I was of no help to him. We shared our water with him and pressed on. We pressed on eastbound towards Chattahoochee Park. From here it was northbound with Phenix City the goal for the first day. By the time we got to Eu-

faula, AL hunger and fatigue had set in. We stopped at the Waffle House and had a nice meal and cooled off in the much appreciated air conditioning. After supper and still short of our intended destination, we decided to press on., Phenix City or Bust!! Darkness caught up with us a little bit south of Phenix City and we (me mostly) had had enough for one day. We stopped at a little motel and looked forward to a good nights rest. We agreed to be ready to ride by 6:00 a.m.

As it turns out, some of the towns in Alabama along the Georgia border observe Easter Time. The cell phone switched to EDT but of course our watches did not. I set my alarm to go off at 6:00 a.m. EDT which is 5:00 CDT. When I got up Saturday morning and looked out, guess whose bikes were already uncovered and loaded. Yep, Paul and Gail's alarm went off at 5:00 EDT (4:00 CDT). I scurried around and got my stuff together and we left the motel about 5:30. First stop was to fill up the tanks yet again and we were on the road and on course at 5:45. It is a very pleasant ride up the AL/GA border. Very nice country roads and numerous lakes. Perfect weather and all is right with the world...until the CR49/CR43 intersection where my GPS decided it had done enough for today. The map froze and we missed the turn onto CR43. We realized this when we crossed



David Smith's bike is very well equipped for trips such as the All Around Alabama Challenge. From this picture it is obvious how he picked up the nickname "DooDad".

I20 and the signs said dead end, it really was. A quick stop and re-boot of the GPS luckily restored order to our world. Back on track with very little lost time, we set sail for Mentone. In the Mentone area, the GPS said to take a slight left down what looked like a paved pig trail. Having blind faith in Garmin technology, we did. Several interesting miles later, we came to HWY 117. We now had Long Island in our sights. By the time we got to Hwy 117/US 72 intersection it was WAY past lunch. Right turn to the Subway just down 72. Feeling refreshed and eager to continue, everything was going well and we were making good time. After turning left onto Butler Rd. we came upon Road Closed signs. Sure enough, there was a bridge out.



Gail and Paul enjoy a break from the bikes while on the ferry.

We meandered around generally south and west until we came upon HWY 231 just south of Hazel Green. We lost a few minutes but really not many. Westbound through several small towns and making good time until we turned onto CR8 just south of Green Hill. Here the road gets very entertaining. So much fun we wanted to turn around and do it again, but time did not allow. Waterloo is next up. By Waterloo, we felt like we had it made. Familiar roads lay ahead and we are making good time. South down the Alabama/Mississippi border is not nearly as entertaining as the eastern border, but we are again in our own stompin' grounds. We got back to our original starting place at 7:20 p.m. Saturday.

Two long but very enjoyable days of riding. We were on the road a total of 28 hours 43 minutes including stops but not the overnight, of which 24 hours 40 minutes were in the saddle and moving, leaving 4 hours 3 minutes

stopped for gas, meals and refreshment over the two days. From the time we started until we returned was 37 hours 58 minutes. The odometer showed 1335 miles, my GPS showed somewhat more because it goes a little bit stupid when it loses signal, as it did several times. All in all it is a most enjoyable and doable challenge. My thanks to Bob and Gary for conceiving, laying out the route and making the challenge to the rest of us. I can't wait to see what they dream up for next year.

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

ABEES NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bob Steber

We have a fun ride planned for you at our Guntersville July 26 campout.

The ride has it all; great scenery, elevation changes, fast sweepers, s-turns, hairpins, waterfalls, old churches, painted rock garden, the best cheeseburger in the state and lots of excitement. We will leave from in front of the Guntersville State Park lodge (Coordinates N 34 23.519 W 86 12.471) at 10 am after a brief riders meeting. Please be suited up and ready to roll with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder.

The total distance is 191 miles and we should return to the campground by 4 pm. We will check off 10 ABEES points along the way. For folks who would like to make it a shorter ride, it will be easy to go back to the campground after lunch at the Pikeville Store and Deli (5 ABEES check offs plus additional ones in Scottsboro).

JULY MEETING - GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK - JULY 25-27

Gary DuBois

The July meeting will be at the Guntersville State Park Town Creek Campground. Directions: From Guntersville US431, take AL227 South (you will actually be riding Northeast) across the causeway (follow signs to Guntersville State Park) ten (10) miles. This is three miles past (NE) the main entrance to Guntersville State Park. The Town Creek Campground is on the west side of AL227. On entering the campsite you will see the pavilions, continue all the way through the campsite past the RV parking. Our camping area is on the right as you go through the campground. Waypoint for campsite is N34 24.814 W86 11.253. Select your campsite then go back to the registration office (opposite side of the road and about a ¼ mile back towards the Guntersville SP main entrance) and pay for your site. Tent camping is \$11.45 per tent per night with a discount for those over 62. If you want electrical hookups you will need to get an RV site cost \$17.05. Dinner Saturday night will be catered barbeque. If you arrive Friday night, recommend dinner at the State Park Lodge.

Bob Steber is planning a club ride for Saturday departing from State Park Lodge. Bob requests those going on the ride to meet him at the Lodge for a 09:45 riders' briefing with a 10:00 departure. Breakfast is available at the lodge if you wish to eat before the ride.

Gary DuBois will lead a short ride (about 2 hours) to Bucks Pocket SP and Dekalb High Falls followed by lunch somewhere. Departure time for this ride is 1000 from the campground.

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

ABEES POINTS SUBMITTED TO DATE

Name	Total Tickets Earned	Restaurants & Points of Interest	Favorite Roads & Rides	Total ABEES Check Offs	Total ABEES Tickets Earned	Total Bonus Tickets
Martin Benson	32.45	269	13	289	14.5	18
Gary Dubois	41.85	206	19	237	11.9	30
Bob Steber	35.50	163	15	190	9.5	26
Angie Dubois	12.80	86	4	96	4.8	8
Vance Harrelson	9.70	66	2	74	3.7	6
Lenn Rainwater	8.30	53	8	66	3.3	5
Paul McBrayer	7.15	58	2	63	3.2	4
Tom Gilbert	19.90	48	4	58	2.9	17
Steve Schuckman	19.15	32	5	43	2.2	17
Gary Williams	8.10	30	6	42	2.1	6
David Smith	19.75	24	3	35	1.8	18
Jim Dubick	4.40	23	2	28	1.4	3
Joan Ware	6.25	15	5	25	1.3	5
Paul Orr	2.05	19	1	21	1.1	1
Terry Ware	6.05	11	5	21	1.1	5

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.

Restaurant & POI Additions

City	Place	Description
Blount Springs	Mineral Spring	Drink form the famous mineral spring.
Blount Springs	Bangor Cave	Used to be a casino and speakeasy in the 30's.
Blount Springs	Mulberry Fork	Beautiful rapids and a sandy beach on the Warrior River
Blountsville	On 231 between MM271 /MM272	Motorcycle helmet on top of a telephone pole.
Warrior	Big Daddy's BBQ	Great BBQ

Favorite Motorcycling Roads & Ride Additions

Route #	Name
	Tail of the Lizard - Gardendale to Warrior

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Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

- Jul 26 - 27 Guntersville Park - Guntersville, AL
Aug 30 - 31 Blue Ridge MC Cmpgrnd - Cruso, NC
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

Other Events of Interest

- Jul 17 - 19 BMWMOA Int'n'l Rally, Gillette WY
July 24-27 Top O the Rockies, Paonia, CO
 BMW MC of Colorado
Aug 28 - 30 Curve Cowboy Reunion Midway, Utah



Our newest member, Steve Forwood, lives in Mobile and signed up at the meeting at Little River.