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THE 21ST CHICKEN RALLY IS HISTORY

Ron Riggins

Another Great Chicken Rally is behind us...Boy what a party! We had a great crowd and lots of good times! **Lots of you worked really hard to make this an event YOU can be proud of!** It really makes me proud to be associated with a group of people that can pull off such an event year after year...Thank you all for your hard work, it's truly appreciated!

At our club meeting on Sunday morning it was decided to have a committee review suggestions and ideas for the next rally. This committee will report back to the membership sometime after the International Rally with the results. Connie Reaves, Jeannine Arnold, Vance Harrelson, Jim Kallahan, and I will be on this committee. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact any of us.

We also agreed to have a committee review the Bike Raffle and report the results at the next meeting so the club can make a decision on how to proceed. Vance Harrelson and I are on this committee. Again, if you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact us.

Our next meeting is at Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground...see you there!

WE OWN IT !!!

Connie Reaves

We own largest club at Burkesville again.....and some of our members who come every year must have weened out and looked at the weather too much. They missed a good rally and the weather was not that bad. Small shower on Fri. morning Sat. afternoon was all.

We won with 11 people that they counted, but we actually had 12. Dual memberships of some of the Nashville club members could have brought us to 14 if we had needed to count them.

They called for our club "President" to come up and get the award, and the gang sent me up again. I told everyone I had abdicated, but still got the glory!

Steber told the crowd I was their "Ex" !! It was hilarious.

I sold 7 books of raffle tickets while I was there. I made me a sign on some scrounged poster board and sat near the lemonade jug. It was like shootin' fish in a barrel.

When they presented largest club award to me, their Rally Chairman, Ron Wade, said, "Also known as "The Alabama Club award". No one can remember another club ever winning it, although I think some may have way back. Good for us !!! We pretty much "own" the largest club awards at Shiloh and Burkesville, so let's keep up the good work.



Where is MARI WHEN YOU NEED HER?

NO ALABAMA CLUB MEMBERS BUT ME, MOM, AND GREG AND MELANIE WOULD GET UP TO DANCE ! So much for the tradition of the Alabama club "being the party" wherever we go. I told them all I was going to tell Mari on them and there would be trouble ahead.

SAFETY TIP

Joan Ware, Safety Director

My only safety tip for now is KEEP HYDRATED when your riding this summer. Wear a Camelback or stop frequently, every 2 hours or so to drink. Dehydration can do strange things to a body, headache, slow response times...

I really want to say thank you instead of giving tips this month.

Thank you to all the folks that stopped by to say hello at the Great Chicken Rally. We were happy to get to see old friends, no pun intended, and make new friends too. Terry and I had a great time helping riders and outfitting others. BMW riders are by nature just so friend we have never meet a stranger no matter where we are.

Having several vendors for the visitors was great! Rally attendees seemed to enjoy having lots of stuff to look at and buy. The rally chairs really out did themselves with all the preparation work that was done for our rally, can't wait to get to the National Rally.

Kudos to the kitchen crew. Food was even better than usual. Kudos to the ladies that kept our facilities clean it was a pleasure :) to go in the restrooms.

Just thanks to everyone who worked or came to the Great Chicken Rally of 2009.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Jane Wall	14	John Keel	19	Mark Foreman
3	Chris Perret	15	Bruce Cain	19	William Weaver
3	Ted Thompson	15	Julie Peterson	21	Beth Gregory
5	Jeannine Arnold	16	Bill White	22	Joe Oliver
5	Stephen Smitherman	17	John Holliman	23	Tom Dyer
6	Fred Merrill	18	Mary Borden	24	Paul Orr
8	Bob Daigle			25	Ken Pedigo
8	Susan Johns			26	John Harper
9	Jamie Jackson			28	Kay Headrick
10	Bruce Dinoff			29	Steven Cooper
10	Claudia Shar			29	Lori Dendy
13	Martin Benson			29	David Lawrenz
13	Gary Dubois			30	Phillip Johnson
13	Miles Hinton			31	Paul McClain



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Carlton K. Mason	Tallasse, AL	Sponsor; Jim Pippin
Matt Wilson	Anniston, AL	Sponsor: John Harper
Linda Goodin (FOB)	Mulberry Grove, IL	Sponsor: Vance Harrelson
Mike Carter	Atlanta, GA	PAST MEMBER

NEW SECONDARY MEMBER: Rhonda Scott with Mike Scott - Houma, LA

ITEMS FOR SALE

For Sale 2007 BMW G 650 XMoto, 3K miles, ABS, Leo Vince Exhaust, bar end mirrors, rack, 2 tail bags, new super moto rear tire. Well maintained. Must sell due to health. \$5,999.00 - Call John 205-601-1938

MEETING MINUTES

May 21-24

The Great Chicken Rally
Ditto Landing, Huntsville, Al
Jeannine Arnold, Secretary

President Ron Riggins opened the meeting Sunday morning informing everyone that there was a get well card being passed around for Ann Carter. who in past years has worked very hard at the Rally, Warm regards to Ann.

Thanks were given to everyone who worked so hard at the Rally to make it another success. An applause was given by all. Members as well as non-member volunteers pitched in to help in all areas. The final figures are not completed yet, but Marty will have them ready very soon and they will be posted on the website. We had over 600 attendees and ticket sales were enough to more than pay for the bike we raffled.

Thanks were given to Mari and Vance for their hard work on the raffle. Thanks to Vance and Connie, Co-Chairs of the Rally, for the tremendous work to put it all together.

A motion made to have another rally next year passed by a show of hands. The rally will take place the same time, same place. A short discussion was begun on whether to raffle another Bike and after

some discussion Ron suggested we postpone it for another time. He suggested a committee be formed to decide. Jamie put it in the form of a motion, Vance seconded, and all voted in favor to postpone the it until a committee could study the proposal.

Ron recognized Jamie Jackson for being awarded the Russ Simpson award. This award is voted on by members of the club in recognition of hard work and dedication to the Club. Jamie said he was humbled by the award and felt it to be an honor to have his name engraved on the same plaque as Russ.

Bob Steber gave a short talk about All Around Alabama Ride, reminding everyone to get their ABEES points sent to him.

Margaret Hoffman asked everyone to fly their American flags tomorrow in remembrance of our fallen heroes

Beverly Hughston (FOB) stood up and told everyone how kind Marty Simpson was to her by sending a hand written note of welcome and that it meant alot to her. Thank you Marty for everything you do.

Our next meeting will be at Blue Ridge, June 27-28.

Meeting was adjourned.

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

Date: ____/____/2009

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

THEY CALLED THE BATTLE “DITTO”

Red Cloud

Wednesday May 20, 2009

They gathered like warriors upon the shores of the great river at a place called Ditto Landing. They were decorated in all kinds of tribal dress that displayed pictures and symbols that indicated their heritage and allegiance to their tribes. Some wore feathers or other decorations attached to their ears while some donned their tribal headgear. One even wore a headdress of skins that protected his head from the heat of the sun. It seemed as though a great war was in the making as they chose up sides and planned their strategies. Their moccasins were carefully fitted, their loin cloths were girded, and they readied their weapons. Then throughout the evening they sat by the fires and chanted while they drank the ceremonial drink that had been prepared by the elders and sent to the battle site in bottles and kegs.

As the evening wore on they became braver and fiercer as they raised their voices unto the skies. Some were almost in frenzy, beating their chests and proclaiming that they were the mistiest of the warriors. They told tales of past battles where they had been bruised and beaten, but were able to overcome and return for this encounter, armed with the experience of those past battles. Some had seen many, many battles and were beginning to show sagging muscles and graying hair, but they too were ready and due to their great wisdom carefully hid away in their teepees to rest before the ordeal.

Thursday May 21, 2009

As dawn broke over the Tennessee River the faithful warriors arose and took to their stations to prepare for the onslaught. The fires were lit and the pots were filled; it was time for the pony soldiers to arrive. And arrive they did, upon steeds of every kind and color that snorted and belched like the mighty thunderbird. They were brightly painted and glistened in the sunlight. The riders wore their armor that protects them from the perils of travel and were decorated with the symbols of their many tribes. The defending warriors had a plan; weaken the pony soldiers with an abundance of nourishment and defeat them through gluttony. The plan was set and the struggle began. The first wave of force was with pulled pork, beans with onions, and potatoes. It was working, the pony soldiers were weakening. The gas was building. The bellies were tightening.

Friday May 22, 2009

Sunrise brought more pony soldiers in an almost endless parade as they checked with the leaders to see where they were to encamp. It seemed important that they form small bands that pitched their teepees near one another. Many greeted each other as if they were brothers. They began to swarm the area. The warriors met them face to face with an arsenal of hoecakes with syrup and peaches. The pony soldiers were again sated with victuals that proved to be the fodder for repelling them for a while. Some of them mounted their ponies and rode away, to not return until the evening, at which time they were met by a barrage of smoked prairie chickens, high calorie fried potatoes, and even more onion laced beans, and chopped cabbage. They took it all in and began to swell; the plan was working. They then gathered in the chief's lodge to celebrate and dance to the beat of the drums. It seemed clear that they were beginning to weaken for they crept away to their wigwams before the moon had risen.

Saturday May 23, 2009

Beginning at sunrise the pony soldiers made one last effort to overrun the coffee pot but the brave warrior stationed there fought them off with the courage of the mountain lion. Other warriors joined the skirmish, again offering an abundance of Johnny cakes, this time drenched with syrup fortified with real sugar. They ate and seemed to become somewhat disoriented, probably from the sugar rush following the huge doses of caffeine. At any rate they mounted their steeds and rode away for the better part of the day. As the shadows began to lengthen they returned for one final charge and were met with even more prairie chicken, onions with beans, potatoes with onions and garlic, and another dose of chopped cabbage. Many foolishly followed this down with foaming beverages that added to their discomfort. As the night wore on it was obvious that the warriors were winning for the sounds of distress could be heard coming from all of the pony soldier's teepees.

Sunday May 24, 2009

The pony soldiers realized their defeat and arose early to ride away as swiftly as their ponies were able, for some had great distances to ride. The warriors gathered within the elders lodge to celebrate their victory and then back to the battleground to garner the spoils. The weapons were cleaned and stored for yet another battle...but only after twelve moons have past.

**THANKS TO THESE COMPANIES/PEOPLE THAT CONTRIBUTED DOOR PRIZES.
PLEASE BUY THEIR STUFF!**

Amarex - Darlene Massey	5 - Chrome Fire Extinguishers
Beach's Motorcycle Adventure Ltd	\$250.00 Gift Certificate
Bench Mark Works	1 - Battery Tender Jr.
BikeBandit.com	\$100.00 Gift Card
Bing Agency International	30% Discount or Free Fuel Line or Free Carb. Manual
Black Book USA, Ricky Beggs	10 Pocket Tire Gauges
Blue Grass Beemers/ Roy Rowlett	Free Admission for 1 to the 2009 Beemers in the Bluegrass Rally
Blue Moon Cycle	2 - T-Shirts (XL)
Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground	5 - Certificates 20% off Camping Fee
BMW MC Owners of Nashville/Polly Wright	Certificate to the Burksville Rally, & 4 Caps
BMW MOA National HQ	T-Shirt, Golf Shirt, and Cap
BMW-RA	1 - Green XL T-Shirt, 1 - Blue L Polartec Jacket
Bruce & Anita Person	2X - Turtle Wax Rapid Dry Cloth
Chase Harper	Adrian Sports 11 L Tank Bag, Chase Harper 650 Tank Bag, Chase Harper RipStream Saddlebags w/ Bungee net, 15 50% off Coupons
Cloud Nine / Terese Stevens	Free 30 min. massage
Cycle Gear	1 Frank Thomas Senegal Jacket XL
Don Hamblin	Clock, Notebook & pen
Dowco, Inc.	Fastrax Tankbag w/ Hydration Bladder, Faxtrax Tail Bag
Dunlop Tire	15 Ball Caps
Echo Products	Two Echo Quick Release Helmet Buckles
EnerSys	2 Certificates - 1 Odyssey OMAX Ultimizer Charger and 1 Odyssey Powersports Battery
EUBMW	1 - Bing 320 Carb Kit '70 on
Formotion Products, Inc	Formotion Clock and 360 Moto Compass
Full Throttle Camping	25% off any online order at www.fullthrottlecamping.com
GIVI USA Motorcycle Accessories	Balloons, Pens, 11 Lanyards, 4 caps, Voyager Tank Bag
Grab On Products	3 Sets of Grips - Classic, Johar Signature, and Deluxe Road
GSMmotoRent	Certificate for 2 nights lodging in River Cabin & cost of 2 days m/c rental.
Haynes Publications	3 Books - '70-'96 Two Valve Twins, '04-'06 R1200 Twins, '94-'07 F-650 Singles, 3- Mugs
Hebert Cycles	2 T-Shirts
Held North America	2 T-Shirts, 2 Ball Caps, 30% off certificate
Helen's Badges	1 - T-Shirt & Coupon for free badge
Helmet Sunblocker, Peter Harris	Two Helmet SunBlockers

Hoosier Beemer Rally	2 - Free Rally Admission
Iron Pony Direct LLC	4 T-Shirts
JMH Motorsports	\$50.00 off Cycle Gard Products
Kansas City BMW Club	Land of Oz Rally certificate
Kermit Camping Products/Kermit Easterling	1 Small Duffel
Kermit Chair Co./Tom Sherrill	1 Kermit Chair
Larry Camp	1 - CycoActive Glove Box, 1 - BMW Air Filter K Bike 13 72 1 460 337
Livin' Lite Recreational Vehicles	\$100 Gift Card to Motorcycle Superstore.com
Mad Maps	Gulf Tour Pack
Moto-Bikini	1 - Moto-Bikini Cover
Motogear Outlet, Inc./ Ed Iwanici	2 \$25.00 Gift Certificates
Motolight	10% off purchase of Motolights
Motorrad Elektrik / Rick Jones	1 - LED Work Light, 1 - ElectroPods Brake Lights
Mountain Brook	Certificate for 2 nights lodging in a Cottage in the Smokies.
Omar's Cafe Motorcycles, Inc.	\$25.00 off the purchase of a BMW rear set made by Raask of Sweden
Post Enterprises LLC	6x - Glare Reducer for Face Shields
Protect All Inc	2 sets - 16oz. Quik & Easy Wash & 13.5oz. ProtectAll
Racer Parts Wholesale/Amy Volk-Helen	2 Wheels 10L Teardrop Tank Bag, HTW Roll Top Sack - L, HTW Super Pack Strap - Red, 5x Lucas Oil Hat, Marsee Cell Phone Holder, Marsee Sunglasses Case, Marsee Wallet, Marsee Retractable Lanyard
Real Gaskets Tennessee	4x - Bing Carb Float Bowl Gasget Set 4x - Silicone Valve Cover Gasgets for '50 to '94 Boxer Twins Exc R69 & R69S
Road Runner Magazine	3 packages - One Year Subscription, Magazine, and XL T-shirt
RoadGear, Inc.	Ready-To-Go Hi-Tec Digital Tire Gauge & Hi-Tec Talking Digital Tire Gauge
ROK Straps USA, LLC	3x Adjustable Pack Straps, 3x Adj. Motorcycle Stretch Straps, 2x Multipacks
Royal Purple, Ltd.	Certificate for One Free Case of Royal Purple Motor Oil
Run-N-Lites/Wilbers USA	Run-N-Lites Product and 2 20% off Hyperpro/YSS shock(s), YSS Racing cap
RyKel Industries, Inc.	12 Cramp Busters
Shango Rider / Dan Allen	Bike Pad Products Puck, Choko Riding Gear Overboots
Silver Eagle Outfitters	1 - Classic Cooling Vest
Smokin Stuff / Don Stover	1 - Blazer Lighter
Sound RIDER	3 Books - Packing Light Packing Right!
Springfield BMW Roadriders	Complementary Registration to the 37th Annual Missouri State BMW Rally
Stop & Go International Inc.	Pocket Tire Plugger and Cap
Terry's Two Wheel	Grab Bag - Bike Wash, Helmet Renew, T-Shirt, Cap, Sunglasses, Camelion T-Shirt & 50% Coupon
WANDRR Motorcycle Tours/Gregg & Melanie Turp	Ball Cap & Certificate for travel discount
Wells Cargo, Inc.	6 Ball Caps
Works Performance	Six \$100.00 Gift Certificates

HALL EFFECTS SENSOR FAILURE

Gary DuBois

Most of us have heard stories of being left along side of the road when our BMW just stopped running without any prior indication of problems. Most shade tree BMW mechanics will immediately tell you there has been a Hall Sensor failure. In fact this may be true or it may not be true. I will relate three experiences I have had with sudden engine stoppage without prior notice.

First what is the Hall Effects Sensor? In simple terms, on the oil heads (the only ones I know about) there are two Hall effects sensors mounded on a steel plate the fits on the front of the oilhead engine behind the drive pulley for the alternator. These sensors sense Top Dead Center (TDC) and 180 degrees on the crankshaft. On sensing these positions a signal is sent via wiring to the Motronic unit which in turn tells the coils to fire the appropriate spark plug and to squirt an appropriate amount of fuel through the fuel injectors. Of course the Motronic unit is monitoring a whole bunch of other stuff such as battery voltage, oxygen sensor, & etc.

1. Two years ago, Angie's R850R decided it would not crank after stopping for fuel. I had to trailer the bike home from Moulton. Everything pointed to a Hall Sensor failure. I decided to repair the old Hall Sensor by replacing the sensor on the plate (actually a friend did it for me.) After doing this the bike ran fine for approx. 2000 miles then it suddenly quit again. This sudden engine stoppage continued for about 3 months and cost us our bike trip to Alaska. The problem was literally driving me nuts and everyone kept telling me to change the Hall sensor. The problem was that it would run fine on some occasions and just decide to go dead where ever it seemed most inconvenient like Phenix City. I finally discovered the bike had a couple of grounding problems. The bike had lost its ground from the fuel sensing unit and I replaced this unit at a cost of \$250+ then the problem occurred again. I finally noticed a short in the wire from the tachometer where the wire crossed a frame member. Repaired that and have had no problem in last two years. This bike had about 45K miles on it at the time of the first failure.

2. Last year after swimming my R1100GS during a Waterloo run, the bike just shutdown about a 1/4 mile from the swim site. I had to trailer the bike home. All indications were Hall Sensor failure, but first I wanted to inspect all the wiring for shorts since the bike has had a long history of wiring problems. Not finding any wiring problems, I ordered a

Hall Sensor at about \$250. When I removed the old Hall sensor, I noticed all of the lead wires from the two sensor to the pigtail that connects to the Motronic unit were brittle, cracked, and in a generally poor condition. I have attached photos of these wires may be view on our club forum under the GS and Oilhead section. After replacing the Hall sensor the bike cranked fine. This bike had about 92000 miles at the time of failure.

3. Sunday on the way home from the Chicken Rally, Paul Thorne's R1100R suddenly stopped running after he had just ridden through a rain shower. Terry Ware stopped to check on Paul and diagnosed the problem as probable Hall Sensor failure. Terry called me and asked if I could possibly help Paul since he did not have room in his trailer to carry Paul's bike. I told Terry, I thought I had an old Hall sensor and that I might get Paul back on the road. Short story - after hauling Paul's bike to my house, I could not find a Hall Sensor other than the old one I removed from my R1100GS and I knew the wiring on it was crap. Paul and Gail left the bike with me and I removed the Hall Sensor. The wiring on it may have been worse than the wiring on my R1100GS sensor (again view the photos on the club forum.) I asked my friend, Mike Weyler, to come over Monday and see if we could replace the wiring on Paul's Hall Sensor. In fact we did and after reinstalling the Hall Sensor, the bike cranked fine and ran fine on a short 15 mile trek. Today I replaced the wiring on my old 1100GS sensor so I will have a spare next time. Paul's bike had approx. 96,000 miles at the time of failure.

What have I learned from this? Rarely is it that the actual Hall Effects Sensors fail but rather it is a failure of the wiring which is attached to the front of the engine and absorbs all the heat over all the miles. Both of the R1100's had approximately the same mileage and the wires on both sensing units were in a similar poor state. If I owned a R1100 or R850 with over 75,000 miles I would immediately replace the Hall Sensor as a preventive measure. It doesn't take long in a hotel and with a recovery charge to pay for the \$250 Hall sensor and labor if you have to have someone else replace it for you.

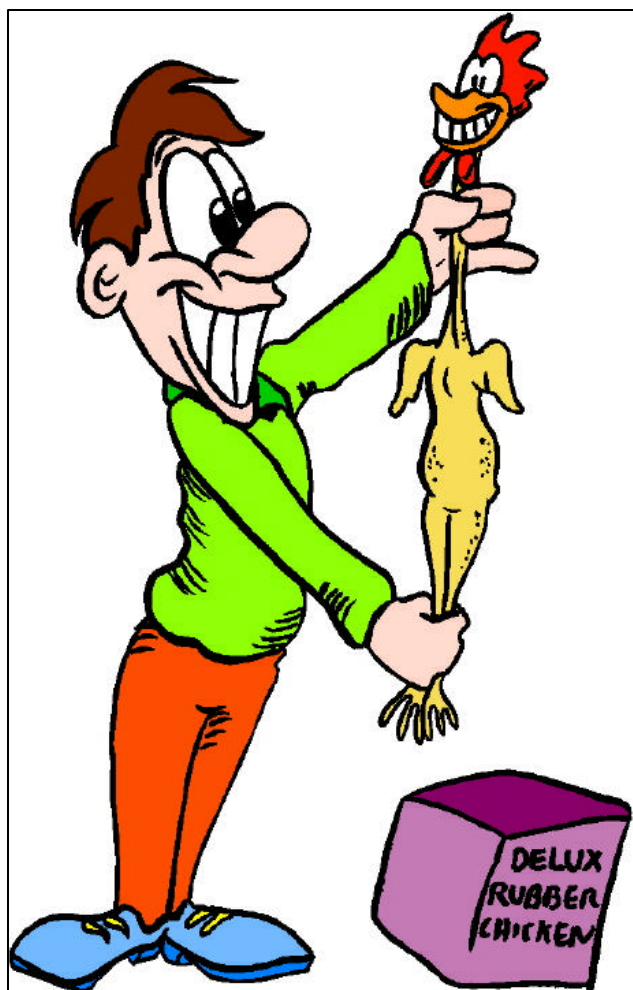
I don't have any experience on R1150 Hall sensors except that I know the part number is different from a R1100 Hall sensor. I do know I have 130,000+ miles on my R1150GS with no problems to date with the Hall Sensor, but I am seriously considering changing the unit out before a trip out west this fall. Then I will carry the old one with me along with all the other just-in-case parts I carry.

Why did I take the time to write all this stuff up?

WHAT'CHA ATE THIS YEAR AT THE CHICKEN RALLY

Connie Reaves

1040 lbsChicken	42 lbsKetchup
400 lbsPork	24 lbsBrown sugar
700 lbsPotatoes	9 lbsButter
300 lbsOnions	36 bottlesSqueeze butter
164 lbsColeslaw	18 Gal.....Peanut oil
36 gal.....Baked Beans	72 bottles.....Pancake syrup
36 gal.....Pinto Beans	60 lbsAssorted Cookies
18 gal.....Peaches	4000 each.....Pancakes
12 gal.....Apples	50 cupsHot chocolate
60 loaves.....Bread	150 gal.....Coffee
12 gal.....Pickles	150 gal.....Iced tea
100 lbsPeanuts	100 gal.....Lemonade
55 gal.....Popped Popcorn	768 cupsOrange Juice
12 gal.....BBQ sauce	1000 lbs.....Ice



2009 Rally Attendance Statistics

31 States represented and 3 Countries	MS - 22
	MO - 12
	NE - 1
AL - 118	NV - 1
AR - 3	NY - 3
CA - 3	NC - 21
CT - 1	OH - 33
FL - 36	OK - 3
GA - 40	PA - 11
IL - 12	SC - 13
IN - 18	SD - 2
IA - 3	TN - 92
KS - 2	TX - 15
KY - 25	VA - 8
LA - 22	WA - 1
MD - 2	WI - 5
MA - 1	Ontario, Canada - 7
MN - 7	UK - 1

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Just to warn you that an ounce or \$250 worth of prevention may save you a pound of problems down the road while the problem ruins a good trip. Just envision the Hall Sensor dying on your high mileage bike late on Saturday afternoon and ain't no dealer gonna to be open until Tuesday morning and then they have to order the part (cuz there ain't three dealers in the US that carry this part in stock.) If you are lucky your part may arrive by Friday and the dealer may grant you special favor and install it so you can be back on the road on Sat. That's a recovery fee, and one week in the hotel plus meals that you didn't budget for.

Since writing this up on the forum, I have spoken with Terry Ware who assures me he keeps an R1100 Hall Effects Sensor unit in stock. Terry also told me that on the R1150's the wiring was rerouted and he knows of no R1150 Hall sensor problems. If you are interested in maybe rewiring your old sensor, I have posted some rudimentary procedures for this on the same club forum thread. Caveat - You are on your own and responsible for your own actions if you go this route and the Outlaw is not liable.



Col. Leghorn stands watch while the Cap'n is away

ABEES POINTS TO DATE

Name	Restaurants, Points of Interest and Monthly Club Gatherings	Favorite Roads & Rides	Total ABEES Check Offs	Total ABEES Tickets	Total Bonus Tickets	Total Tickets
Bob Steber	177	30	207	10.4	12	22.4
Martin Benson	117	11	128	6.4	5	11.4
Vance Harrelson	84	10	94	4.7	6	10.7
Paul McBrayer	69	6	75	3.8	5	8.8
Jim Dubick	48	6	54	2.7	6	8.7
Noah Johnson	38	8	46	2.3	1	3.3
Beverly Hughston	57	3	60	3.0	3	6.0
Jimmy Lowe	38	4	42	2.1	3	5.1
Mike Scott	40	1	41	2.1	3	5.1
Gary Nesmith	36		36	1.8	5	6.8
Terry Ware	29	8	37	1.9	1	2.9
Erik Bahl	32	1	33	1.7	2	3.7
Phillip Warren	27	3	30	1.5	5	6.5
Tim Flynn	18	5	23	1.2	4	5.2
Bob Daigle	23	3	26	1.3	4	5.3
Stephen Whitley	18	3	21	1.1	1	2.1
Mickey Gee	14	6	20	1.0	1	2.0
Gary Williams	19	1	20	1.0	1	2.0

ALABAMA BACK ROADS

Martin Benson

Five hardy souls showed up on Saturday, May 9th at 7:30 for the club ride. Vance, Lenn and her friends Steveo & Randall joined me for an enjoyable ride.

Our first stop was at the Keener Methodist Church. We stopped in the church yard and our kickstands buried up in the soft earth. Fortunately we were able to keep all bikes upright.

After visiting Buck's Pocket, we were forced to detour because water was over the bridge. We noticed that most of the streams and creeks were out of their banks. According to signs that we saw, there were more roads closed the day before. The day started out looking like rain and while at Buck's Pocket the rain started. It only lasted about 1/2 hour and the rest of the day was partly sunny.



After going through Scottsboro, we stopped at the Pikeville store for their delicious cheeseburgers. All agreed that they are hard to beat.

We pushed on to the zoo yard art and up the mountain on CR33. It seems that the locals don't expect anyone else on the roads. As we topped a hill on Cr27, an old pickup was just stopped in the middle of the road. He was nice enough to finally move over and let us pass.

Lenn, Randall and Steveo had to leave the ride so Vance and I decided to check out the ribs at O'So Good BBQ on the way home. They were good but I think that Big Daddy's are better.

All in all a great day of riding; good roads, good fellowship, good food and great Bikes.

The Chicken Rally was another success. We now look to our June meeting at Blue Springs in NC.

The food and the riding make this a special meeting each year. I will have up on the Planned Rides page a GPS suggested ride to the meeting that Bob Steber gave me last year. A great ride with no interstate.

For those that are interested in some history and culture, a visit to Carl Sanburg's home is a nice way to spend a day. The ride will take you over some of the areas best roads and you will enjoy learning about Mr. Sanburg's writings and life. I will also have a GPS route of this ride posted.

See you down the road.

ABEES NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bob Steber

There is more good news to report this month. Kermit Easterling of Kermit Camping Products will donate one of his excellent Easy Pack Duffels as a prize for our ABEES Riding Challenges. That brings the count of great prizes to five with a retail value of over \$1,000.00. Our thanks go out to David Sanders at Bogart's Motorsports for the Olympia Riding AST Jacket, to Joan and Terry Ware for the Scorpion helmet, to Maurice Green for the two Catoma tents and to Kermit Easterling for the Kermit Easy Pack Duffel.

It is so easy to accept the club's ABEES riding challenge and become eligible for a chance to win one of the prizes. All you have to do is to ride your motorcycle to twenty or more places listed in the ABEES Touring Guide including club gatherings and favorite rides then send your counts and updates to me. For all of the details, look on the second page of you Travel Guide. If you do not have an ABEES Touring Guide, let me know and I will mail one to you for the cost of postage and an envelope (\$5.00) or get one from Ron Riggins or myself at one of the club meetings. You need only one ticket to win, but the more tickets you have the better are your chances.

JULY CLUB MEETING

Don,t forget that next month's campout and Club Meeting will be at Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground near Cruso, NC., on June 27 and 28. More details are available on the club web site www.bmwmoal.org. The campground is near 3100 feet of altitude so the weather is usually ideal for camping. A few cabins may still be available. Call Phillip or Leslie at (828)235-8350.

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Please visit the BMWMOAL web site at www.bmwmoal.org and register. Log on and see what members are saying about club activities. The site is user friendly and the newsletter is in color.

Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

June 27/28 Blue Ridge MC Camp Ground Cruso, NC
July 25/26 Ft. Toulouse Wetumpka, AL
Aug 28/29/30 Beemers, Beer, Brats Enterprise, AL
Sept 26/27 Shell Mound Campground
Nickajack Dam, Jasper Tennessee
Oct 31/Nov 1 Little River State Forest Atmore, AL
Dec 5 Christmas Party Guntersville St. Park

Other Events of Interest

Jul 16-19 BMWMOA National Rally Johnson City, TN
Aug 13-16 32nd Dan'l Boone Rally Boone, NC
Oct 24-25 Waggoners RibFest, Centerville, TN

TECH TIPS

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I am asking members and friends to send questions and comments to me at terrystwowheel@att.net or twware@bellsouth.net and I will answer them in July's newsletter. If you don't ask questions I will just have to pick a subject and bore you all with it. So get those fingers clicking.

TIP: Make sure and check tire pressure when the tires are cold. Tire pressure is the most neglected thing on a bike. Each bike has pressures listed somewhere on the bike.