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What's Up

By Connie Reaves

As usual Tommy and Jeannine Arnold pulled off one of the best BBQ dinners we ever have. Jeannine's fried pies make you want to dance. I don't think anyone went hungry and there sure were some satisfied faces around the campfire a little later on. And that was before the adult beverages kicked in.

Thanks again to them both for their huge efforts at making us all well fed and happy. All that food and dinner only came to \$8.00 per person. That was also including the coffee and breakfast pastries the next morning that were available too. Not bad !

The campfire drew nearly everyone around it Saturday night because there was a slight chill in the air, and so the group was large.....and funny. You just haven't experienced anything until you've been at one of the AlaBeemer campfires where the whole group says just whatever comes into their heads. Sheesh !! Bring your "Depends" to wear, if it's a first time for you.

The campground was really, really nice and the ladies who ran it were very accommodating. We had our own section of the campground and there were no restrictions at all about where to place a tent and it was right near a bath house too. I heard that the land is sold and it will probably not be a campground next year, but we'll check that out, because it sure was one of the best we had ever stayed at. Clean, quiet, and nice people to deal with.

At the next meeting, on October 27th/28th, we will be having our annual Halloween costume contest. So some of you who used to do this and have been too lazy to participate in the last couple years better step up and join the crowd with costumes this year. It's way more fun to give away the awards when there are more than 8 people to choose from. So

kick out your lazies and come up with something this year and let's make it a REAL contest this time. And a big thanks to all you who DO participate. I don't like to scramble around getting these awards made for nothin'. OK, I'm done gripin' at you non-participants for now.

At this next meeting the Bonner Boyz will be cooking up some fried catfish with the standard side dishes. If it's as good as last year, we should have another fine dinner on Saturday night. We'll price it after we see what they spent and how many heads show up as we usually do. And please, IF YOU TELL ME YOU ARE COMING, THEN PLEASE COME! The no-shows put a kink in the zipper, so to speak. I do realize that sometimes things come up at the last minute sometimes. But if could let me know it would help. I'll post my cell phone number on the E-newsletter so you can call if you are not going to make it and I'm already gone and not able to check e-mail. Dinner will probably run about the same price for this one too, if I remember correctly from last year. If you came to this meeting last year, then you know the pavilion we used. Well, we do not have that one this year. We have the other one. You'll find us okay. It'll be obvious when you drive in to the camping area.

I may be at the next one and I may not be. My son comes home from Baghdad for 12 days about the 21st this month and it will depend on where he wants to be at meeting weekend time. If he wants to be in Tennessee with the rest of the family at that time then I'll come, and if he wants to be here and hang out with me then I won't. He probably won't be interested in camping out. He's going to be looking for nice homey rooms and beds to spend his little vacation. I'll let you all know in the E-newsletter when I'm taking the head counts and let you know who to contact instead of me, if it ends up I won't come. If so, I'll save my costume for next year.

Ya'll ride with the rubber side down now.....

MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2007 - 9:00 AM
Shell Mound Park - Nickajack Dam - Jasper, TN
President Connie Reaves presiding
Mari Harrelson - Secretary

Connie opened the meeting with a big hand to Tommy and Jeannine for great food and accommodations. We love those fried pies. No new members this meeting.

Connie gave the treasurer's report and reported that Marty sent off the check to the Head Injury Foundation and we will be presenting the check this month at the Diplomat Deli to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Watch for Connie's e-mail for the night and join us if you can for that presentation. As always, she offered a peek to any one interested in looking at the details. As always, Connie has decals, pins and mugs available for sale. We also have rally t-shirts, as well as club t-shirts for sale.

Raffle tickets - It is not to early to start selling raffle tickets. **Keep in mind you will not receive tickets unless you request them so for tickets contact Vance or Mari Harrelson at weridebmw@bellsouth.net or call 205-621-1682.**

Bob Steber told us all about the plans he and Joan Ware are getting together for the Christmas Party and you can read more about it in this newsletter. Sounds like a real nice place and menu has been put together.

Our next meeting is at Little River State Forest and there is a great ride planned that will get you 5 Abees points and involves 2 ferry rides, so don't miss it. It is also the meeting for the Halloween costume contest so get planning your costume.

50/50 split this month is \$38.50 and was won by me.

Until next time.....RIDE SAFE AND BE HAPPY.....Mari Harrelson



Shell Mound campout and meeting was all about good weather, good food, and good friends. Jeannine and Tommy Arnold outdid themselves with the bar-b-que and fried pies.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Steve Tillery
- 2 Will Diener
- 2 Kevin Freeman
- 2 John Tarver
- 3 Sybille Kern
- 5 Bob Reich
- 5 Kathy Steber
- 6 Vance Harrelson
- 7 Luke Bloodworth
- 8 Mark Clodfelter
- 8 Jeanne Zibell
- 9 Tommy Arnold
- 9 Oliver Wright
- 10 Don Kimbrell
- 12 Katie Brannan
- 13 Tammie Atchison
- 15 Martha Warren
- 16 Carolyn Shea
- 19 James Duffy
- 20 Robert Hill
- 20 Roger Ingram
- 21 Ernie Brooks
- 21 Larry Eddingfield
- 21 Susan Galpin
- 27 David McClain
- 27 Mike McDevitt
- 27 Kenneth Poe
- 29 Michael Greenwood
- 29 Larry Mullens



THOUGHTS / PRAYERS AND TIDBITS

Remember Don Little with a phone call or e-mail as he recovers from his broken leg and injuries that resulted from his accident returning from Shiloh.

NEW MEMBERS

James Pritchett	Fairhope, AL	Sponsor: Tim McGee
Jack & Melba Kipp	Sunny Hills, FL	Sponsor: Bob Foley
NEW "FOB" MEMBER:		
Bob Foley	Seagrove Beach, FL	Sponsor: Vance Harrelson

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 The Green Hills Grill on Wynn Drive near the intersection with University Drive. If you are in the area stop in and join the fun.

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 joh-nart1@aol.com for details

Test ride the club's exciting new web site at www.bmwmoal.org

BB&B with a Weekend of Reminiscence

By Gary DuBois

As soon as the BB&B at Enterprise and Ft. Rucker was announced, I counted myself in. Matter of fact just could not wait to get there. You see I am an old retired Army aviator who had not been back to Mother Rucker in 21 years. Here was my chance to see the boys do their stuff and blow up some ground with their Apache helicopters. If ya ain't never seen a live fire exercise you don't know what you missing. Film doesn't do it justice. On film, you don't smell the smoke or feel the concussions. This is going to be an adrenaline rush. I even dug out my old flight helmet and tried it on for the first time in 19 years. Yep, guess they are right about getting the big head when you buy a beemer, cause the helmet was a little tight.

Angie's birthday was the Thursday before the departure for Enterprise and our anniversary was the following Monday. A perfect sandwich if we extended the weekend to chase down several ABEES points. I planned the route out to link up with Cornbread and his crew at Alabaster and check off whatever he planned enroute to Enterprise. We would extend our weekend to celebrate our anniversary by meandering up the eastern side of the state to check off several county courthouses along with several more choice sites - shows we are getting old if this is the best we can come up with to celebrate 36 years of marriage.

On Friday morning we joined Bob Steber, Vance Harrelson, Tom Arnold, Ron Shea, Phillip and Martha Warren, Terry Ware and Terry's son Matt at Alabaster. What a pleasant young gentlemen Matt is. He is a student at UA and serving his country in the Air National Guard (thank you Matt for serving.) We rode the slab to Montgomery then 231 to Troy where we checked off the Pike County Courthouse before adjourning to Sisters for a country lunch and to allow Bob to absorb his bowl of "nanna pudding." As we left Sisters it began to rain and would rain on and off for the remainder of the day and night. We got separated before arriving at Steve Hebert's in Enterprise. When Bob and his flight arrived he was mumbling something about feeding his mice - I think the pudding went to his head or maybe Traveler could not pull all the weight bestowed upon it from such a luscious lunch. After being dressed down by Bob, we all settled in and began enjoying the hospitality of the Herbert's and their friends Jim and Shelia Kalahan.

At the Herbert's we were joined by several of Steve's sport touring friends from Georgia and Florida. As the rain and clouds drifted in Steve announced the live fire exercise had been cancelled. Terry and Matt left to return to B'ham and the ones so inclined used the opportunity to drink as much of the beer as they could. Despite the disappointment of no bombs and bullets we settled in for a great time. For supper, Jim Kalahan did a shrimp boil for an appetizer (thank heavens it was not as hot as ours in Gulf Shores) The shrimp was followed by barbeque and the fixings. I got to say it now - the organizational minds behind this perfectly hosted weekend were Steve's wife Suz'anne and Jim's wife Shelia.

Now I got down to jawboning with Steve and Jim about their flight experiences. Presently, both are retired Army Warrant Officers who are employed by the Department of the Army to teach scout tactics to the new aviators. You have to have been around military aviators to understand some of the nuisances between the different aviator specialties. All military aviators walk around with a certain amount of bravado, but some with more than others. In the Army this would be the Cavalry pilots (Apaches and OH58 scouts), in the Air Force and Navy it would be the fighter pilots. Steve and Jim fit the mold perfectly. You see I was a medium lift (Chinook) pilot and a little more reserved (I can see Vance laughing now.) Anyway it was great to be around some of my brothers-in-arms. If you have never been part of the military family, you would not understand (nothing negative here, just the facts.) All of the Alabeemers except Angie and I stayed at the Herbert's - I think it was the liquid refreshments calling the others. Angie and I took advantage of the Kalahan's offer of a bedroom. I think the Alabeemers are more frugal than most since we observed most of the Florida bunch retire to a hotel.

Saturday morning after a most excellent hot breakfast cooked by Shelia Kalahan, we rode to the Enterprise Rescue Squad HQ's for a briefing by two of the emergency responders. The subject was handling emergencies that we may ride upon. I think we all gained important information from the discussions on the do's and don'ts of on-scene emergency management.

After lunch, we rode to the Army Aviation Museum for a private guided tour. Our tour guide was retired Chief Warrant Officer Fred Zsasa. Fred was a wealth of information on the entire history of Army aviation from the Wright Brothers to the present

use of aviation resources in Iraq. After his explaining the use of silk to keep the neck from chaffing, I expect to see Tom, Vance and Ron wearing silk scarves around their necks on future rides.

Several of us decided to ride into downtown Enterprise to worship at the boll weevil statute and gain an ABEES point. However on leaving Ft. Rucker, a serious storm cloud was gathering in the not to distance sky. Having already checked off the boll weevil, Angie and I decided we were IBMWR (intelligent BMW riders) as were the Warrens; so we headed for the house. Others, who shall remain anonymous and classified as NSIBMWR (no so intelligent BMW riders), met the storm head on and got to see the lady holding the boll weevil. To Bob, Tom, Ron, and Vance, there are easier ways to get ABEES points - like sitting in a restaurant while the rain passes.

For the evening, we were served grilled brats and fixings. The remainder of the evening was spent shooting the bull with the other riders. Bob and Anna Fowler from Tampa enjoyed our camaraderie so much they decided to join the BMWMOAL organization. I think they are just curious to find out if we have any members who may be normal. The highlight of the evening for us was when the Herbert's and Kalahan's gave us an impromptu anniversary party with cake and champagne. Man do the aviators know how to give a party?

Sunday morning after determining we had lost one of Angie's T-shirts and later discovering the loss of my cell phone, we began chasing ABEES points. Just glad I didn't rag Angie about being absent minded. We went by the Houston County Courthouse in Dothan, then on to Chattahoochee State Park to garner a ticket for one of the extremes. We rode through Abbeville where we attended church and then on to Clayton for three easy points - Barbour County Courthouse, Octagon House and Whiskey bottle tombstone. Over to Eufaula where we checked off the second Barbour County Courthouse, Shorter Mansion, Hart House, Fendall House and Allie's at the Airport (the Bread Basket was closed.) Man is this easy, we are smoking and we are gaining on the three leaders. I can just see that Olympic jacket hanging in my closet - shucks, think I may ride by Bogarts and get fitted for it. Bad idea - this is Sunday and Bogarts don't open until Tuesday. **Don't count your ABEES eggs before they hatch.**

About 20 miles north of Eufaula just after riding through a heavy rain storm (now I am a NSIBNWR),

Angie's bike quit. Just like the blamed thing did on our departure for Alaska. Nothing I do can get it going. We pushed it under a State Forestry Commission shed. Unloaded the bags, threw them against the shed and two-upped into Phenix City for a hotel. The next morning we went back and got the bike started. It seemed to be running good, so again we began the ABEES quest. Check offs included Fort Mitchell just south of Phenix City, Russell County Courthouse, Lee County Courthouse, Auburn University Campus, Toomer's Drug Store, Chambers County Courthouse (BTW there are some beautiful old homes and a nice church in this quaint little town of Lafayette), Randolph County Courthouse, Mt Cheaha (1 hard ticket), Cleburne County Courthouse, Calhoun County Courthouse.

Oh no, Angie's bike is missing again and going dead at every stop and here we have been horsing around instead of heading home. We are just too close to Ft. McClellan not to get by Remington Hall and the POW cemetery. Besides the Remington Hall stop is one for remembering when we were young. You see this is our anniversary; and the Friday after we were married I started working part-time as a bar waiter at the Ft. McClellan Officer's club - knocking down \$1.45 an hour plus tips while attending Jax State. We arrived at Remington Hall just after they had closed for lunch, but the chef was gracious and offered to feed us. I told him of my experiences at the club. While he was fixing our lunch, I prowled the club for the first time in 35 years. I was delighted to see the murals by the German POWs are still in the bar/lounge. These wonderful murals were rediscovered while I was working there in the early 70's. They had been covered during some previous renovation. Appropriately, the POW art is recognized by a bronze plaque. What a wonderful building and I was glad the present owners are taking good care of this piece of history from the 30's. After lunch, we went to the Italian-German POW cemetery.

From Anniston, we rode by my Alma Mater at Jacksonville State then out to Cooter Browns. With a poorly running bike we rode through Gadsden to check out the Etowah County Courthouse and then on to the house. On arriving at the house I noticed the car had a flat on the rear. **Happy Anniversary.**

Not all was bad, Phillip and Martha had stopped by the house and hung Angie's t-shirt on the door; and Steve found my phone which the Kalahans mailed to me; and I have finally determined the true cause of Angie's bike maladies. All's well that ends well - besides we earned two ABEES tickets and 25 points. **Baby you gonna look good in the Hi-viz jacket.**

ALABAMA BACKROADS

Bob Steber

Greetings Alabamians:

Put on your exploring helmets and join fellow club members for the Alabama Beemers Exploring and Epicurean Society (ABEES) "River Run" to Little River Forest via Old Cahawba, Gee's Bend Ferry, Davis Ferry and Burnt Corn. We will meet at the Alabaster Chevron (I-65 Exit 238) Friday, October 26, for a 7:00 am departure. There is a Waffle House next door to the Chevron if you would like an early breakfast. Please have a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder (FTEB) prior to rolling.

We will make a rest stop in Selma (about 70 miles) at the Chevron on Hwy 22 just north of US 80 at 8:15-8:30ish to meet other club members. From there we will need enough fuel to get to Camden (about 65 miles).

Our first ABEES stop will be SW of Selma at Old Cahawba which was Alabama's first state capital (1820 to 1826) and a thriving antebellum river town. It became a ghost town shortly after the War of Northern Aggression. We will visit the Crocheron Columns and the point where the scenic Cahaba River flows into the Alabama River. There are many other interesting sites to see while there, but regrettably, we won't have time for more sightseeing. Old Cahawba is one of the most significant historical sites in Alabama, so if you want to fully explore the area, please plan another trip there. The city of Selma has many great sites and eateries to enjoy, so look in your ABEES Touring Guide and plan an entire day there. You will be able to check off lots of ABEES points while you are at it.

After our visit to Old Cahawba, we will ride to the Gee's Bend community where we will tour Gee's



Bend Quilt University and see how the famous Gee's Bend Quilts are made. You can purchase a quilt from dozens on display there, but bring a big checkbook. They are beautiful; not cheap. From there, we will cross the Alabama River on the Gee's Bend Ferry which departs sharply at 12:00 noon to Camden. The crossing is not just a short ferry ride; it is an over a mile scenic cruise up the Alabama. While in Camden, we will have lunch at either Jackson's Fried Chicken or Uncle Redd's Soul Food and BBQ. The two eateries are across the street from one another, so it's your choice. Here also is where we will refuel for the remainder of the ride.

After lunch, we continue south west to the Davis



Ferry near Lower Peachtree in Monroe County and cross the Alabama River once more. Crossing the river on the Davis Ferry is like stepping back in time. The little

ferry was built in the 1930s and is powered by a period 6 cylinder Chevy truck engine with an old greasy transmission that has a long gearshift lever with a black knob. The captain moves the lever forward, you cross the river in one direction, shift it in reverse and it goes to the other side. Be sure not to miss taking a peek in the engine house during the crossing. Propulsion is provided by a large side paddle wheel that sends up a rooster tail when under full power; quite a sight to see.

The approach to Davis ferry is about ½ mile of fairly well packed chert from the north side of the river and 1 ½ miles before reaching pavement after making the crossing. The ride on and off the ferry is a bit of an adventure. The approach ramp is fairly routine, but



you ride down the exit ramp, then fairly abruptly up the hill while the ferry is moving just a little due to the current. Wow, what fun that is! I easily made the trip across on my K1200LT two times and R90s

once, so a GS isn't necessary to handle this part of the ride.

The Davis Ferry portion of the ride is probably not for the faint of heart, because of the chert access roads and challenging ride on and off the ferry ramps. But, all of the experienced BMW riders that I know who keep their feet on the pegs when moving can do this without difficulty.

There is a rumor that The Davis Ferry will not be in operation much longer, so if you want to ride on an original "old timey" Alabama ferry, this will be your chance.

The "River Run" is one of the most interesting and fun rides that I have ridden in the state of Alabama and the Davis Ferry adventure is a big part of the enjoyment. However, if you do not feel comfortable with the challenge, you can depart the ride after lunch in Camden and go directly to Little River Forest.

Our final leg to the Little River Forest campground will take us through Monroeville, going by the Monroe County Court House ("To Kill a Mockingbird" fame), then to Burnt Corn (www.burntcorn.com/htmlfiles/bchistory.html), the site of a shoot-out on 7/27/1813 between about a 180 man militia under Col. James Caller and a band of Red Stick Creeks led by Peter McQueen that led to the great massacre of American soldiers, pioneers and friendly Creek Indians at Ft Mims. The massacre at Ft. Mimms started the U.S. - Creek Indian War which was settled with the defeat of the Creeks at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in 1814. The subsequent peace treaty signed at Ft. Jackson ceded three fifths of the land that is now Alabama.

There is a grand old general store & post office in Burnt Corn that sells everything from "baby nipples to caskets". The store looks like it did at the turn of the century and is a do not miss site to see. I hope they are still open for business.



Burnt Corn General Store

The "River Run" to Little River Forest is about 250 miles and will take 8 1/2 to 9 hours to ride, including stops. We should be at the campground around 4 pm. The Bonners highly recommend David's Catfish House in Atmore; so after setting up camp and relaxing a little bit, it's a 20 mile ride to David's for dinner.

We will not have an organized group ride Saturday, but no worry. Rickie and John-Stanly Bonner suggest a great tour of SW Alabama that starts in Stockton, and then goes along the Tensaw River delta to Blakely State Park (the last major battle of the Civil War). From Blakely the tour continues to Mobile with a stop at the Battleship Alabama. From there you have many other choices of interesting attractions like riding through the wonderful historic district of Mobile and seeing Bellingrath Gardens.

You can also go to Bayou La Batre (home of Alabama's shrimp fleet) to check-off the SW ABEES extreme location. Along the way, there are many great eateries to enjoy. Just choose the sites you want to visit and plan your ride, but be sure to get back to the campground in time for the Bonner's fantastic feast.

Look on page 8 for another very nice ride in south Alabama.

See you down the backroads.



Burnt Corn General Store

Here is a re-print of Rickie and John-Stanley's Southwest Alabama Eat to Ride or Ride to Eat Run from our ABEES Travel Guide:

Southwest Alabama Eat to Ride or Ride to Eat Run - Stockton to Gulf Shores

Starting at the Old Stage Coach Restaurant at Stockton, Al, go south on Hwy 225 which takes you along the Tensaw River Delta and Blakeley State Park, the site of the last major battle of the Civil War. You can walk the boardwalk and miles of trails along the Tensaw River. Continue south on 225 til you get to Spanish Fort and follow Hwy 31 south across the causeway (Battleship Parkway) Hwy 90. In this area you can find some of the best sea food in South Alabama, namely Roussos Seafood Restaurant 30500 Hwy 181, Spanish Fort, The Original Oyster House and Felix's Fish Camp Restaurant, both on Battleship Parkway. When you finish eating, go to the USS Alabama and walk off those pounds on the ship and land sites. Leave the battleship and head west through the old Bankhead tunnel into Mobile's Government Street and take a side trip on Dauphin Street to Wintzell's Oyster house, or west on Hwy 90 (Government St) to 60 North Florida Street to Butch Cassidy's for one of their World Famous Burgers. Get back on 90 west and please take time to enjoy the old homes and old live oak trees along Government Street. Continue (Hwy 90) to Theodore, Al turning left on CR #59 (Bellingrath Road) till you come to the Bellingrath Home & Gardens and please take the tour of one of Mobile's most beautiful historical sites along the Dog River of Mobile.

When you leave go back to the left on CR # 59 and watch for Deakle Road, the first right going west which will dead end at Padgett Switch Road. Look to the right and you will see the Lighthouse Restaurant which has some of the best crab claws in South Alabama. When you're finished go south on Padgett Switch road which dead ends at Hwy 188 and go through Bayou La Batre and Historical Coden Al. Stop and enjoy the shrimp boats at Bayou La Batre and then on to Mother Mary's Restaurant in Coden to eat. Continue south on Hwy 188 til you dead end at Hwy 193 and take a right (South) to Dauphin Island to enjoy the beach, sand between your toes, Estuarium, and Fort Gaines. Then take the ferry and catch some sunset on the Mobile Bay between Dauphin Island and Fort Morgan. After your visit to Fort Morgan please head east on Hwy 180 to Gulf Shores, Al. Continue east on Hwy 182 to the famous Flora Bama for your favorite beverage. (Rickie Bonner)

**BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF ALABAMA
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CURRENT STANDING OF ABEES POINTS EARNED

NAME	CLUB MEETINGS	RESTAURANTS & POINTS OF INTEREST	FAVORITE ROADS & RIDES	TOTAL ABEES CHECKOFFS	TICKETS EARNED FOR ABEES	EXTREME LOCATIONS	TOTAL JACKET TICKETS
Bob Steber	9	118	15	142	7	6	13
Phillip Warren	4	84	4	92	4	7	11
Vance Harrelson	6	75	11	92	4	7	11
Gary Dubois	6	121	12	139	6	6	12
Angela Dubois	3	115	10	128	6	6	12
Martin Benson	0	98	8	106	5	3	8
Connie Reaves	6	55	4	65	3	4	7
John Harper	2	34	4	40	2	0	2
Gary Nesmith	5	26	4	35	1	0	1
Terry Ware	4	57	10	71	3	4	7
Joan Ware	1	17	2	20	1	1	2



OCTOBER MEETING

LITTLE RIVER STATE FOREST

Ricky Bonner/Connie Reaves/Jamie Jackson

The October club meeting and campout will be at Little River State Forest near Atmore, Alabama. The park used to be known as Claude D. Kelly State Park. The park is located approx. 11 miles north of I-65 on Highway 21 (Atmore Exit). The park lies slightly more than 75 miles north of the Gulf.

There are 12 improved campsites with full hookups and plenty of primitive sites. We will be camp around the pavilion which is near the bath house. If you prefer you may camp in the back part of the campground where there are hook-ups, and we will be allowed to put three tents per site. The club will be collecting the camping fees so just come on back, following Ricky's signs and set up. Fees will be \$10 per tent per night.

Royal Oaks Bed & Breakfast is nearby and has one room in the house and two bungalows out back. The bungalows are nice with hardwood floors, etc. they are \$80.00 per night. Phone is 251-368-8722



There is also a Best Western in Atmore that you can call if you are not going to camp.

Dinner will be Catfish, slaw, baked beans, french-fries and some kind of dessert. Dinner is planned for 5:30 PM.

Breakfast items will be provided. Coffee for sure and either sweet rolls or possibly sausage biscuits.

Directions:

If you are coming south on Interstate 65, get off at exit 57 which is state highway 21 Atmore/Uriah. Go north on highway 21 to Little River Campground entrance 11 miles from interstate. Going north on 21 you turn right into the Park. If you are coming south on 21 from Uriah, it is approx 4 miles and you turn left into the park. The road is paved till you get to the fork going into the camping area, which is hard dirt and in good shape.



For the sightseer, a Vanity Fair Outlet Center is located about 15 miles north on Highway 21, the Creek Family Restaurant and Creek Bingo Palace are located about 12 miles south on 21 just off I-65. There are convenience stores located about three miles north and south on Highway 21.

Whether you prefer to dress up, judge, or just observe, make an extra effort to attend this meeting and bring your appetite because based on last year, the food will be wonderful.



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

Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

Oct. 27/28 Little River St. Forest Atmore, AL
Dec. 1/2 Christmas party Vizzini Farms Winery
Calera, AL
Jan. 26/27 2008 Montevallo Traffic Safety Center
Montevallo, AL

Other Events of Interest

Oct 12-14 Falling Leaf rally - MO.
BMW Gateway Riders



The Club was well represented at Shiloh.
Some had even more fun than others....