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MUCH TO LOVE

Connie Reaves

Any time I hang around the Alabeemers I find much to love. This past meeting was another example of that. I so enjoyed getting to know Greg & Melanie Turp a little better, who joined at Blue Ridge last month. What a great fit into the group! They're as nuts as we are already, no training involved. (hehehe) And to have Lori and Terry Dendy attend after a long absence was a load of fun too.

The "Eenes" (spelled for pronunciation purposes), did a bang up job on the fried pies and cobblers. Jeannine had taken Malvene, and Darlene to the house and instructed them on the art. It seems that someone mixed up dough, someone made filling and someone fried. I wish I had a hidden camera for that operation. If you know the "eenes" then you know what I mean. Tommy Arnold had again overwhelmed us with his expertise in smoking pork butts for our BBQ. As usual, we ate till we were all "bout to 'splode". We had about 50 to show up but some of our explorers had to leave before dinner so we only had about 46 for dinner.

There were lots of folks who took advantage of the different rides Tommy Arnold had written up and Lenn Rainwater led several on two of them I believe. Nice, nice roads in that area of Tennessee and N. Alabama. Vance, Mari, Ron, Susan, and myself all went

on a good ride Sunday morning after the meeting and stopped for lunch and got the best hamburger I've had since "Sherri's club "afterhours" place in Nashville back when I was a bartender in my 20's. I mean it was THAT good !! We'll have to ask Vance for the name of the place. I've had another of my "file not found" moments.

Eric Bahl brought his daughter Emily and boy does that girl have him pegged. But that's been so ever since she was about 7 years old I think. What a treat she is to have around.

Bob and Wanda Daigle made it up from Louisiana after weeks of no power, no fuel, and damage to the house after the last big Hurricane went through. It was good to see them happy and in one piece.

John Harper was in attendance again but it seems he did not bring the sidecar to give the "girls" a ride around. If he did, I guess I got left out.....It's always good to see John show up. He's so busy with the Vintage Club these days we don't get to see him much.

Grant and Mary Borden dropped by on Saturday to spend some time with us too. It's not often we get to see them anymore either. I didn't get much chance to talk to them, and realized too late that they were not staying and so missed my chance.

I hope we have as large a crowd for Shiloh as we did last year and

year's past. The Superhero theme should be fun. Look for pictures and stories of that to come next week. I know my Superhero costume might make some folks wet their pants. Yep.....it's just that funny.

We need folks to come to Barber's Vintage days and help walk around and sell some tickets and then hang with us at our "group" place at Don Drasheff and David Bollinger's RV sites. It should be a fun weekend. Bring some libations for the evenings and look for the club banner.

I'd also like to see a big group at the BBB (Beer, Brats, and Beemers). This will be my first one and I can't wait. After that weekend the next is our October meeting in Centerville, TN for the Lee Waggoner Rib Fest with the Nashville club. Details will be in this issue elsewhere.

Looking forward, please make a note that our January 2009 meeting will fall on the Jan 31st/Feb 1st weekend due to the club cruise returning during our regular meeting weekend. It's scheduled to be at the Montevallo Traffic Safety Center again so plan to be there and get your ideas heard for places to meet next year.

The ballot will be coming out in the Nov/Dec issue of the newsletter. Plan to put your name in a slot. None of these jobs are hard, you will get plenty of help, and it's time for some change!

MEETING MINUTES

Sept 28, 2008 8:00am

Shell Mound Park

President Connie Reaves presiding

Secretary, Mari Harrelson

Connie opened the meeting with a special thanks to Tommy and Jeannine Arnold for the great accommodations and the wonderful feast. Jeannine has now trained Malvene and Darlene to make the special Fried Pies. We had a great crowd and I didn't see many leftovers.

We didn't have any new member but the stalkers, Greg and Melanie Turp did return from Florida after joining last month.

A special mention was made of someone who stopped by the Hunstville meeting place on Friday after seeing our website so we want to give special thanks to Steve Schuckman for all the hard work he has put into our website. It is really getting attention; even outside of the state. We had several people comment about it at the MOA open house also. Connie announced that Steve has rebuilt the Nashville club website recently because they liked ours so well. Thanks Steve...You do us proud.

October 10-12 is the famous BB&B held this year by Jim Kalahan in Enterprise, AL. On Friday our very own "Fly-boys set up a Demo for us at Fort Rucker and they say that there has never been a mis-fire into the grand stands. You will need a Valid Drivers License, Proof of Insurance and Registration to get on the base. They will spend the Tech Day on Saturday working on Steve Hebert's bike to get it ready for the Rib Fest while he is home from Afghanistan on a short leave. You must have reservations for this one so Jim has a head count for the Shrimp boil and beverages. The cost for this event will be determined by headcount. There is camping space available at Jim and Steve's place. Watch the website for directions and more information.

October 10-12 David Woodburn is having an Air-head Tech Day at his place.

October 25-26 Rib Fest - Lee Wagner was planning on making our meeting to tell us more about it but he is still building the bridge to get us in. There will be a 2-wheel only bridge for this meeting and Bob will be putting the directions up on the website soon. We need a headcount by Oct. 20th. There will be a \$10.00 gate fee and tip jar for the cooks. Please be prepared to tip well, the cooks are near by neighbors just volunteering to make it a great time for all. The Nashville club is paying for the Porta-Potties. Word is there is beer near but no "whiskey"

stores. There is no shower but the creek is clean. Saturday morning there will be a Dual Sport ride. Check the website for further details.

Connie mentioned that the January meeting will actually fall on the last Saturday of January, Jan. 31 and Feb 1 next year.

Connie gave the treasurer's report and offered a peek to any one interested in looking at the details. As always, we have decals and pins for sale.

It is never too soon to get your raffle tickets. We had raffle tickets at the meeting and you can get them and club t-shirts at any time. Contact me at weridebmw@bellsouth.net and I will get them right out.

Vance brought up the fact that Connie has decided to take a year off that someone needs to step up to the plate. I will be leaving a position open also. So get on the ballet and have some fun. We need some fresh blood. Please contact Connie or Vance if you are interested and want to know more about any of the positions that are open for next year.

Vance then spoke a little about the upcoming MOA rally next year and the part he would like to see our club play. We will have a recreation section with the other charter clubs and have several people on call at all times to handle the volunteer positions that don't show where they are needed. Last year that was one of the problems we noted that came up continuously and I think we have people in our club that could fill most any spot. He received a very good response from his suggestion.

Lenn Rainwater then spoke about several of the rides that taken place during the month and some of the upcoming rides. Check her section of the newsletter for the listing of all of the upcoming rides; there are several rides for every type of rider.

Bob Steber encouraged us all to work on trying to complete the All Around Alabama in 48 hours. The days are getting shorter so now is the time. Only 9 people have accomplished this one so far. You get 10 bonus points for making it in 48 ours and another for making it in 36. Get out there and give it a try. That \$300 Bogart's jacket is waiting on some lucky rider.

On a final note we would like to congratulate Malvene on her retirement this week and hope she is not too hard on Jamie.

50/50 split this month is \$55.00 and was won by Jim Kalahan

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please keep Suzi Dubick in your prayers as she recovers from rotator cuff surgery and suffers weeks of physical therapy.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Steve Tillery	14	Tom Sherrill	15	Martha Warren
2	Will Diener			16	Carolyn Shea
2	John Tarver			20	Roger Ingram
3	J. Don Flowers			21	Ernie Brooks
3	Sybille Kern			21	Susan Galpin
5	Bob Reich			22	Melba Kipp
5	Kathy Steber			23	Jeff Pesnell
6	Vance Harrelson			24	Marcella Thompson
7	Luke Bloodworth			27	David McClean
8	Jeanne Zibell			27	Mike McDevitt
9	Tommy Arnold			29	Michael Greenwood
9	Oliver Wright			29	Larry Mullens
10	Don Kimbrell			30	Mike Gilbreath



Shell Mound Campout and Meeting



ITEMS FOR SALE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lady Gerbings ¾ Shell-Jacket and Pants

Wear with or without heated liners. Water resistant. Perfect condition. Sizes: neck 17" adj, sleeve from collar 30", inseam 30", waist (elastic not stretched 29". E-mail for pictures. Price \$300.00 plus shipping. Contact Joan Ware at jkware35242@gmail.com Phone 205-408-7047

R1200GS OEM Front Fender: Black, no scratches \$40

R1200GS OEM Front Seat, Grey Perfect, never been used. Great to have in case you want to have another saddle rebuilt. \$125

Set of OEM Amber Turn Signal Covers, \$20.

R1100RT Rear Shock. Does not leak. \$250.00

R1200GS OEM Front Shock GC less than 8000 miles. \$225

R1200GS OEM Rear Shock GC less than 8000 miles. \$450

R1200GS OEM handlebar tip to tip 30 1/4 " \$175

R1200GS Exhaust System #18117 673 113. \$500

For sale: '98 K1200RS, yellow, 69K miles, one owner, with color matched hannigan sport sidcar , \$8950 or good K75 + cash contact tony at alafilingsys@bellsouth.net or 334-244-0499 in Montgomery

A PLEA FOR SERVANTS

Jamie Jackson

You probably have read by now that our beloved President, Connie Reaves, is going to take a break and vacate that position at the end of this year. Also, our Vice-President, Vance Harrelson, will be very involved organizing the BMWMOA National Rally for 2009. This will essentially leave the Club without our top leadership for the year of 2009.

We need your help. Now is the time to put something back into the Club by serving in one of the vacated posts. In addition to the positions above, Malvene Jackson is vacating the Director of Photography position and Mari Harrelson is resigning as Secretary to assist Vance with the BMWMOAL Rally. Job descriptions for all of the officer and director positions may be reviewed on the Club website at <http://bmwmoal.org/> , menu item "Contact" and hover the pointer over the positions.

Again, the Club needs your help. Please commit now to guiding the Club into the future by notifying Connie of your intent to serve. She needs to know by the first of December so that she can get your names printed on the ballot.



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I Want To Be A ROMEO!

Don Hamblin

Who has not dreamed of being a *ROMEO*? No, not the guy slithering through the bars every night, hitting on your daughter, but a *Retired Old Motorcyclist Eating Out!*

Soon after moving to the *Heartland* I ran across a group of riders who were living the dream. Every Wednesday this loose group of non-schedule driven folks ride "somewhere" for lunch. Usually to a town with a population of less than 2,000 people, and one far enough off the Interstates to make for interesting routing. Normally the town would have but a single diner, and that place would be (or would become) motorcycle friendly and serve outstanding pie for desert. No club meetings, dues, elections, or structure is involved, only an email every week announcing where the next ride would be. Meetings for eating, and pick your own route: ride to eat, eat to ride! With the *ROMEO* popularity growing all the time, *ROMEO*'s have broken up into two groups of riders, an Eastern group and a Western group to ease the burden on targeted dinners. After years of thinking of Wednesday as *Hump Day* at work, the idea of it being a *ROMEO Day* can really change your outlook!

A good example of a *ROMEO* ride happened last week. The little town of Chapman was 'Hit' several months ago with one Kansas worst tornados since Greensburg was completely leveled last year. News photos appeared devastating. This ride being a joint *ROMEO* Lunch with the Eastern and Western contingents, the idea was add more of a well needed economic impact to the town. Another nice thing about retired motorcyclists is that it would not matter if the place could handle everyone, we really would not be in any hurry.

Gathering riders from around the states of Kansas and Missouri, the shortest rides were around 14 miles and my 164 miles from Lee's Summit, Missouri as the second longest by 3 miles! For me it was a best of all routes to Chapman: a quick free-way ride through Kansas City, some "technical" roads alongside the *Kaw* and *Missouri Rivers*, enjoyable views through the Flint Hills of Eastern Kansas, ending up with an incredible country fried steak sandwich and the company of over 90 riders. Now that is the way to spend your Wednesday!

Riding into Chapman was sobering to say the least. Signs of the devastation were everywhere. But signs of the pioneer spirit handed down from the townspeople's forefathers shown through all the rubble. Volunteer coordination efforts were still ongoing, yard signs thanking others for their support, and youngsters still acting like youngsters as they went from trailer to trailer at the "temporary" high school reminded you that disaster can bring out the best in all of us. But you can see the devastation yourself at: <http://www.cityofchapman.org/>.

I know that I said the country fried steak was incredible (this is Kansas after all), but the fast and friendly service was something to behold. I cannot think of another time where I felt so welcomed in an off the beaten path diner. Adding in the diverse personalities of 90 riders and you are talking about a serious good time. Much better than most of my past lunches in the cafeterias at work! But as is said in your *Readers Digest*, *Laughter is the Best Medicine*, you could not help but chuckle when the lady running the cash registers said, "If I would have known there were going to be this many Romeo's here today I would have changed my name to Juliette!"

One of the great things about motorcycling is that there are great roads and great people wherever your bike takes you. So any Wednesday your Beemer takes up to the Midwest, give me a shout and you too can be a *ROMEO*!



ROMEO bikes on Chapman, KS. Main Street

Safety First – Good Gear Saves the Day!

Joan Ware

While returning from our great week end at Blue Ridge Campground I had a very serious accident. While traveling into Cherokee on Highway 19 I came into a downhill right turn and everything I know afterward is what I have been told. I know for sure that good gear and a full face helmet saves lives and bodies. This is not a plug for one brand or another but I was wearing a full face Scorpion helmet (which stood up to a serious beating) and Field Shear textile jacket and pants. I have one spot of road rash the size of a nickel. The gear could not have prevented the broken arm, finger & toe but it did protect my elbows, knees, and etc. I am saying this to remind you that gear is good, gear is your friend. That nickel sized spot of road rash hurts like \$5. I'm glad it isn't worse.

I'd also like to thank all of you for your postings and prayers. Terry says God isn't finished with me yet, because, if you saw the bike and my gear you'd wonder how I am still here.



Joan's Bergman resting in the salvage yard after collision with an automobile. It was fortunate that Joan was wearing proper protective gear at the time of the accident, or the injuries would surely have been even worse.

Tail of the Lizard Ride

Andrea Pedigo

Ken refers to our Saturday, September 13 ride as "The Rookie Tour." He led his first group ride and Gary Williams a first time sweep rider and rookie group riders Don Delashaw and Noah Johnson joined us.

After a short rider's meeting, where Ken passed out turn-by-turn instructions for both parts of our ride, a description and information regarding some of the places we were going to be going through, and a special anniversary list (you'll have to ask him), we departed somewhat on schedule at about 10:15. It was a beautiful day for a ride. Not too hot and although rain threatened, it did not materialize. The Tail of the Lizard portion of the ride has over 150 turns and usually very little traffic.

Our four bikes and five people (we were going for quality), and the shorter ride time, made it good for all who participated in The Rookie Tour. The ride was a BLAST. The first leg of the ride was Ken's Tail of the Lizard. We took a break at the Shell station at the Hayden exit and continued on with part two of the ride. This part of the ride took us through portions of the community of Smoke Rise where we enjoyed some fantastic views, since Smoke Rise is situated in the Appalachian foothills.

We stopped a few times, giving us a chance to visit and get acquainted, especially while taking a break at a small motorcycle shop called "About Bikes" near Hayden in Blount County. We left the bikes parked at About Bikes and walked up to Blount Springs. According to the history marker, Blount Springs was a famous health resort between 1843 and 1914. "Here fashionable ladies and gentlemen of the South vacationed with their families". By 1888 the summer population reached into the thousands and there were more than 100 homes. The rural village is now gone and not much is left there except the smell of the mineral springs!

Gary led the next section of the ride to show us the locations of Bangor Cave and Mulberry Fork of the Warrior River. We did not take time to explore those places as time was passing and we were all ready for Ken to lead us to some of the great BBQ at Big Daddy's. We would like to thank Gary, Don, and Noah for participating and making this a most enjoyable day.

Directions for "The Tail of the Lizard" ride may be found in the ABEES guide. [ed.]

WATERLOO DUAL SPORT RIDE REPORT

Lenn Rainwater

The main contingent of the BMW/KLR Adventure Riders arrived in Waterloo at lunch time on Friday; Gary and Angie DuBois, Paul and Gail Thorne, Vance and Robb Harrelson (brothers, not spouses), Jim McCutcheon, Jim Dubick, Eric Stinson, Gary Nesmith, Tom Gilbert, Bob Steber, and me. Most of the members had made this adventure last year albeit about a month or so later. I was a newcomer and considered this ride to be a research and development project with my new used KLR.

After lunch, Gary D, our leader and organizer for the weekend, led us up and down and around and in and out and under just to get to the campsite. But what a campsite it was! Way out in the woods of a Wildlife Management Area on the banks of the Tennessee River where Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee merge. We were favored with a glorious sunset and full moon each night, no rain, and a mild breeze. And a sailing club held a regatta for us to enjoy as well.

After setting up our tents (yes, even me), we mounted our bikes for an afternoon of adventure. Gary led us on some really fun dirt roads crossing several creeks, one of which was unexpectedly slippery causing several of us to find ourselves swimming with our bikes. It turned out to be a lot of fun especially since no one got hurt or any bikes damaged. We continued on more trails through the woods to one last water feature. We all managed to get through even though a couple of bikes almost got lost in a hidden deep hole in the middle. We were headed back to the campsite when Gary's GS decided it had had enough torture and called it quits for the day. For the weekend. Nothing would get it started again so we went back and got Gary's truck with trailer and he towed the ailing bike back to the campground where it remained silent the rest of the trip. But like every good rider, Gary had packed an extra bike! His trusty KLR. So he was still able to play with the rest of us.

We had a light supper that included a choice of 3 homemade desserts that Gail had made. What a treat! The next morning we rode into Waterloo about 20 miles away for a home-cooked breakfast buffet. However, on the way my bike decided it was a good opportunity for a tech day so it got a flat tire. It took Gary N, Paul, Jim, Robb, and Gary D to come up with the tools, tube, air compressor, knowledge, and muscle to fix it. How people change a tire alone I do not know. But these guys were wonderful and I appreciate their help. It turns out

that the tube had a pinch that just couldn't hold up to all the fun I was having. Fortunately for me, Robb had a spare tube which he donated to the cause.

After breakfast and getting gas, Gary led us out in the woods again. He introduced us to something called Michigan Trail Riding System, which worked out really well for staying together as a group (yet not all bunched up) without getting lost at the turns. The leader directs the rider behind him/her to stop at the first turn until all the riders get by and then join the back of the group. The same thing happens at the next turn, and so on. It works very well when you can't see the whole group at one time. This is great for groups with people of varying skills and speeds. At this point though, everyone's skills are very good so we are moving along. It was easy for the guys but Gail and I had bikes that had been lowered quit a bit so we could first get on and then actually ride. With our shorter bikes and short legs, it's a lot harder for us, but we kept up. I got bogged down in some really soft river rock that had been thrown on the road and when I got home, I pulled a few rocks out that had made their way into my skid plate. My favorite spot was at Rainbow Falls where we could ride right up to and in the water of the falls. The water was refreshing and we had fun playing in it.

Gary and Angie cooked and served a wonderful grilled fish, green beans and potatoes dinner, and of course, we had more of Gail's desserts. The wind was picking up as the outer bands of Ike were passing making for a wonderful evening. The next morning, the wind was whipping the tents around like kites so we decided it was best to pack up and move on. Just in time. The rain came right as we were leaving. Also, we weren't sure how the gas situation would be. Gratefully, we all got home safely. What a great adventure! Thanks Gary and Angie.



It seems that Gary is going the wrong way...again. [ed.]

ABEES POINTS SUBMITTED TO DATE

Name	Restaurants & Points of Interest	Favorite Roads & Rides	Total ABEES Check Offs	Total ABEES Tickets	Total Bonus Tickets	Total Tickets
Martin Benson	311	20	331	16.6	22	38.6
Gary Dubois	221	19	240	12.0	33	45.0
Bob Steber	197	18	215	10.8	30	40.8
Angie Dubois	98	5	103	5.2	12	17.2
Vance Harrelson	82	2	84	4.2	8	12.2
Gary Williams	63	8	71	3.6	8	11.6
Lenn Rainwater	56	8	64	3.2	8	11.2
Paul McBrayer	61	2	63	3.2	5	8.2
Tom Gilbert	54	4	58	2.9	17	19.9
Steve Schuckman	50	7	57	2.9	21	23.9
David Smith	33	3	36	1.8	18	19.8
Eddie Lindsey	35		35	1.8	0	1.8
Jim Dubick	28	2	30	1.5	6	7.5
Joan Ware	21	6	27	1.4	7	8.4
Paul Orr	20	1	21	1.1	1	2.1
Terry Ware	16	5	21	1.1	6	7.1
Erik Bahl	14	4	18	0.9	4	4.9

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.

Favorite Motorcycling Roads & Ride Additions

C - 7	N 33 30 653 W 86 36 809 1.5	Bailey Road from Rex Lake Road to Hwy 119 in Leeds. (Bob Steber) Newly paved, the 1.5 mile narrow Bailey Road is one of the best motorcycling roads in the Birmingham area and an excellent way to go to 29 Dreams from Bogart's Motor Sports. There are altitude changes, s-curves and one hairpin turn, and you will ride through a tunnel of trees the entire distance. Be sure to stop on the one-lane wooden bridge crossing the Little Cahaba River for a beautiful view of the river and woodlands.
C - 8	N 33 28 888 W 86 31 250 97	North Shelby County Run starting at 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort (Charles Binder) There are plenty elevation changes and tight s curves amidst these out of the sun rural environs. Many of these roads are very splendid indeed. Enjoy. You can checkoff three ABEES points in Columbiana: Shelby County Courthouse, Bernie's on Main Street and the Museum of George Washington. On the way out of Columbiana about one & ½ miles, check out the Motosports Racing Club Go Cart Track on the left and if you feel adventuresome, go for a lap or two around the track.

**BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF ALABAMA
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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

ALABAMA BACKROADS

Bob Steber

Greetings Alabeemers

John Harper, Larry Camp and I rode home from Shellmound by way of some great Alabama backroads. Our plan was to enjoy cheeseburgers for lunch at the Pikeville Store and Deli in Pikeville, then ride the switchbacks on CR 33 up Crow Mountain to Alabama 65 and then to Grant and Guntersville then home. When we got to Pikeville, the Store & Deli was closed, so we decided to go to the Squirrel Nest in Grant for lunch. Off we went to Crow Mountain only to find that County Road 33 was closed for the Crow Mountain Hill Climb. Time for plan C. We turned around returning to Pikeville, then west on County Road 21 to Skyline, then to Woodville on Jackson County Road 8, then to Grant and the Squirrel Nest.

I am a firm believer that things always work out for the best and that was the case this time. We discovered that the 14 miles of Jackson County Road 8 from Skyline to Woodville has been repaved and is now one of the best motorcycling roads in Alabama. It has great s curves and sweepers and a switchback or two while making many changes in altitude. Beautiful hardwood trees line both sides of the road most of the way.

While riding, I was lost in thought thinking just how great this road would be at the peak of Fall foliage and realized that there are many other excellent motorcycling roads nearby. Many of these roads are listed in our ABEES Touring Guide in the northeast section of the [Favorite Motorcycling Roads and Rides](#) pages 8 thru 11. The best roads would be easy to string together for a day ride or even a mini-vacation trip while enjoying a great night or two of camping at Guntersville or Desoto State Parks.

Jackson County Road 8 will be added to the Favorite Motorcycling Roads and Rides section of our Touring Guide. I will also string together the best of the best roads for an over night trip and place the GPS route and direction sheet on our website for you to download. I will also list the many great sites to see and eateries to enjoy along the way. Expect these additions to the Travel Guide to be available on our website soon. If you do not want to overnight, just select the roads you want to ride within the time you have to ride.

See you down the backroads.

ABEES NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bob Steber

For the next two months, we can look forward to the best riding weather Alabama has to offer, so let's get off our couches and go riding.

That said, it's a good time to make your attempt to complete the Bogart's Motor Sports All Around Alabama Challenge. I can assure you that it will be one of the most exciting Alabama rides you have ridden. The remote backroads all around the state are spectacular and the scenery is excellent. To date, Gary Dubois, Steve Schuckman, Tom Gilbert, Bob Steber, Paul and Gail Thorne, David Smith, and Barry and Susan Clay completed it successfully. Even if you do not want to try to complete it within 48 hours to earn the bonus points, it is such a good ride that it will be worth doing it at a more leisurely pace by adding a day. Details are on our website (http://www.bmwmoal.org/routes.php#ride_001.) Here you will find the rules, route sheets and GPS route files. If you have questions, please contact any of us that have completed the ride.

There are two new Favorite rides added this month, C 7 & C 8. I added Bailey Road which is a short 1.5 mile run between Rex Lake Road and Hwy.119 in Leeds. The other ride is a fantastic run through NE Shelby County starting and ending at 29 Dreams Motorcycle Resort offered by Charles Binder. Check out the details on line at the Favorite Rides page.

If you haven't attempted to ride some of our Club member's favorite rides, please do yourself a favor and try it. Most of the rides are in your ABEES Touring Guide with route directions showing total miles and leg miles between turns. Just open the Touring Guide to the route and place it in your tank bag for easy navigation. If you have a GPS, download the route from the website. Rides that have been added since the Guide's publication are available on line too. Go to the addendum page to see which new rides have been added, then open the Favorite Roads and Rides page for the route sheets and GPS files.

It's not too late to qualify for a chance to win Bryson's Olympia Riding Jacket. All you have to do is checkoff 20 or more ABEES points shown in your Touring Guide and send the count information to me. Many of you have mentioned that you have your 20 + ABEES points, and are going to send me the information. I thought I was a procrastinator, but..... You can't win the jacket until I have the information and it only takes one ticket to win.

ROUTE TO THE RIB FEST

Bob Steber

Route starts at the Athens I 65N exit # 354, Coord. N34 49.790 W86 56.322

You can continue north on I-65 to the Columbia (Hwy 50) exit #37 and turn left to Hwy 230, then follow the directions from there without total mileage indications.

Total Miles	Leg Miles	Waypoints and Directions
0		I-65N, Athens exit 354 -- Get on ramp and drive to Hwy 31s
1	1	Hwy 99 -- Turn right onto E Elm St. (Hwy 99)
2	1	Athens -- Continue on E Elm St..to Hwy 127
3	1	Hwy 127 -- Turn right onto Hwy 127
16	14	Ala/Tenn. -- Continue NW Tenn. 166
29	13	US 64 Bypass -- Turn left onto US 64 W
32	3	Hwy 64 -- Turn left onto W College St, (Hwy 64)
33	1	Hwy 166 -- Turn right onto Hwy 166
59	26	Mt Pleasant -- Get on S Main St and drive northeast
61	2	Via Hwy 43 -- Turn left onto ramp
62	0	Hwy 43 -- Take the US-43 N ramp to the right towards Columbia
69	7	Hwy 50 -- Take the Tn-50 ramp to the right and bear left towards Centerville, TN
85	16	Hwy 230 -- Turn right onto Hwy 230
94	9	Hwy 100 -- Turn left onto Hwy 100
99	5	Hwy 48 -- Turn right onto Hwy 48 (Exxon for refreshments)
99	0	Moss Hill Rd. -- Bear right onto Moss Hill/Bell Branch Rd
100	1	Bell Branch Chirt Rd Continue to Lee's Farm
101	1	Via Lees Farm -- Turn left across bridge (approximate location)
101	0	Lee's Farm (GPS Loc: N35 51.970 W87 26.142)

UPCOMING RIDES

Lenn Rainwater, Travel Director

Don't forget to reserve your place at the Beer, Brats and Beemers that Jim and Shelia Kalahan are having on Oct 10-12. Remember that you must wear something reflective to go on the tours at the base.

On November 8-9 is the Tri-Cities Cultural Tour. We will tour the Helen Keller House, Frank Lloyd Wright House, Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Muscle Shoals Sound Studio, and many other points of interest. All of the sites will be on Saturday but for those of us needing to stay overnight, we will be at the Days Inn in Muscle Shoals. Book your room online to get the best rate.

Also, I am working on putting together a ride for the day after Thanksgiving, sort of our own After Thanksgiving Day Sale.

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Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

- Oct 25-26 Waggoners Rib Fest - Centerville, TN
Dec 13 Christmas Party, Guntersville State Park
Lodge - Guntersville, AL
Jan 31/ Montevallo Traffic Safety Center
Feb 1 Montevallo, AL

Other Events of Interest

- Oct 10-11 Tech Day at Woodburn's - Ephesus, GA
Nov 7-9 Swamp Scooters - Lafayette, LA



Newlyweds Terry and Darryl Falkner enjoy some sunshine at the Shell Mound campout and meeting with Don Norwood's sidecar rig in the background.