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BUSY, BUSY JULY!

Ron Riggins

July 2009...An exciting month! In fact, July is always busy and exciting! In just a few days, our club will be extremely involved in helping Vance Harrelson, Connie Reeves, and the MOA put on what is shaping up to be one of the best and largest MOA International Rallies ever! We have club members heading up all sorts of committees and volunteering in all capacities to help this be the absolute best rally possible. In addition to all the hard work, this is going to be lots of fun to boot!

Take a look at the latest issue of BMW ON or at the rally website...the entertainment, seminars, vendors, etc., is just mind boggling! There will be so much to do and something of interest for everyone. If you haven't made plans to attend...go ahead and do so, as there will be plenty of space for you! Also, if you haven't set aside time to volunteer at the rally...I encourage you to do so. It's a lot of satisfaction and fun! You also get to qualify for the volunteer door prizes!! The volunteer grand prize is a Brazil Motorcycle Adventure!! And that's not all...check 'em all out in the BMW ON or online. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there!

If that's not enough fun, the next weekend is the BMW RA International Rally in Canaan Valley, WV.

In fact, the MOA and RA are sponsoring "The American Heritage Ride". It is a rolling rally starting with the MOA Rally in Johnson City and concluding at the RA Rally in Canaan Valley. It'll be a fun week and rally! Go to the RA website for all the details.

And if you're not going to the RA Rally, we're having our club meeting at Ft. Toulouse on the same weekend as the RA Rally. In addition to normal meeting fun, we'll have a ride up to Horseshoe Bend Military Park, one of Alabama's most important historical sites, and we'll have dinner at Café Napoli, a great little Italian restaurant!

WOW...So many fun things to do!! That's why I love July...I'll bet you do too!!

MOTORCYCLES AND THE LAW

Jamie Jackson

With summer in full swing and motorcycle travel on the increase it becomes necessary to occasionally review the various state laws that apply specifically to motorcycles. Knowing the various state laws is a good way to avoid being stopped by a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) that may issue a costly citation.

Generally, BMW enthusiasts wear the proper gear that signals the LEO that the rider does not intend

to break the law. Well, in appearance at least; however, the RA-DAR gun sometimes says otherwise.

I feel that even being stopped by a LEO for speeding can be somewhat defused if the rider appears to be in compliance with the laws that directly govern safety of the rider and passenger. We all know that riding without a helmet, in states that require one, is a sure signal for the LEO to "Come on and get me!" But did you know, for instance that at least 33 states require some kind of eye protection?

The eye protection can usually consist of shatterproof eyeglasses, a helmet shield, or an approved windshield on the motorcycle. If you have any doubts as to whether your windshield (some are pretty small) meets the state's approval, then it may be better to wear glasses, sunglasses, or full face helmet with shield.

Without getting into particulars, I heard on one case where the LEO gave the rider a ticket because he could not prove that his eyewear was shatterproof. Of course we can assume it was the rider's attitude that got him the ticket, not the eyewear.

On page 2 you will find some of the more common motorcycle laws. Details can be found at: <http://www.bikernation.net/motorcyclelaws.htm>

THE MORE COMMON LAWS AFFECTING MOTORCYCLE OPERATION BY STATE

	Helmet required	Daytime Headlights	Eye Protection	Radar / Kids / Earphones	Lane** Sharing	Max Speed	
						Rural	Urban
Alabama	Yes				Yes	70	70
Alaska	18	Required	Required		Yes	65	55
Arizona	18		Required		Yes	75	55
Arkansas	21	Required	Required			70	55
California	Yes	Required		1 Ear Only	Yes*	70	65
Colorado	18		Required		Yes	75	65
Connecticut	18	Required	Required		Yes	65	55
Delaware	19 Rflct		Required			65	55
Florida	21	Required	Required		Yes	70	65
Georgia	Yes	Required	Required	No Music	Yes	70	65
Hawaii	18 Rflct		Required	No Pass Under 7	Yes	55	50
Idaho	18					75	65
Illinois		Required	Required			65	55
Indiana	18	Required	18		Yes	65	55
Iowa		Required			Yes	65	55
Kansas	18	Required	Required		Yes	70	70
Kentucky	21		Required			65	55
Louisiana	Yes		Required		Yes	70	55
Maine	16	Required			Yes	65	55
Maryland	Yes Rflct		Required		Yes	65	65
Massachusetts	Yes		Required	No Earphones	Yes	65	65
Michigan	Yes				Yes	70	65
Minnesota	18	Required	Required	1 Ear Only	Yes	70	65
Missouri	Yes		Required			70	70
Mississippi	Yes					70	60
Montana	18	Required			Yes	75	65
Nebraska	Yes				Yes	75	65
Nevada	Yes		Required		Yes	75	65
New Hampshire			Required		Yes	65	65
New Jersey	Yes Rflct					65	55
New Mexico	18 Rflct		Required			75	55
New York	Yes Rflct	Required	Required	1 Ear Only	Yes	65	65
North Carolina	Yes	Required			Yes	70	65
North Dakota	18 Rflct				Yes	75	55
Ohio	18		Required		Yes	65	65
Oklahoma	18	Required	Required			75	70
Oregon	Yes	Required			Yes	65	55
Pennsylvania	21	Required	Required	No Music	Yes	65	55
Rhode Island	21		Required	No Earphones	Yes	65	55
South Carolina	21 Rflct	Required	21		Yes	70	70
South Dakota	18		Required		Yes	75	65
Tennessee	Yes	Required	Required		Yes	70	70
Texas	21	Required				70	70
Utah	18				Yes	75	65
Vermont	Yes Rflct		Required			65	55
Virginia	Yes		Required	No Radar Det	No	65	55
Washington	Yes	Required	Required	No Pass Under 6	Yes	70	60
Washington DC	Yes		Required	No Radar Det		55	55
West Virginia	Yes Rflct	Required	Required			70	55
Wisconsin	18	Required	Required		Yes	65	65
Wyoming	18	Required			Yes	75	60
Canada	Yes	Required		No Radar Det, Music		65	55

* Rflct - generally, reflective material on both sides

** Lane Sharing - Two motorcycles in a single

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Remember Bob Shar in the loss of his father and hero, Frank Shar. Mr. Shar passed away on June 14, 2009. Mr. Shar was an Army veteran who served in WWII under General Patton

Remember Terry and Joan Ware in prayer as they mourn the loss of Terry's father, Thomas Ware, who passed away July 1, 2009. Mr. Ware proudly served his country as a Patriot and Soldier during WWII, in the Third Army, 35th Infantry, Normandy June 6, 1944 to Bastogne, and he was a Purple Heart recipient.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Clint King	Madison, AL	Sponsor(s): Jeannine & Tommy Arnold
Vic Purvis	Maylene, AL	Sponsor(s): Terry & Joan Ware
Hunter (Buzz) Copeland	Homewood, AL	Sponsor: Terry Ware
Joe Lichtenstein	Birmingham, AL	Sponsor: Terry Ware
James (Jim) McArthur	Gadsden, AL	Sponsor: Oliver Wright
Electa Sparks (FOB)	Gadsden, AL	Sponsor: Mari Harrelson

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

June 27-28

Blue Ridge Campground

Cruso, North Carolina

Jeannine Arnold, Secretary

President Ron Riggins called the meeting to order with 33 members present.

For the first order of business, Ron asked if everyone had a good time? A resounding yes and a round of applause for Phillip and Leslie for all the good food, weather and Extras! Honestly, the weather was perfect and everyone had safe rides all weekend.

Ron read the Treasurers report and it is available to any club member. This Secretary isn't going to attempt to quote him, as I'll get the figures wrong I'm sure.

A donation from the club to the charity chosen by the MOA is \$200. Vance reminded everyone there is a Club Challenge going on to raise money for the charity "Coalition for Kids", which provides a place for inner city kids to go. He said the hope is to raise \$10,000 for this charity by the end of the Rally at Johnson City, Tennessee. In addition to the \$200 donated by the club, at the meeting, club members in attendance donated another \$170.

Connie told us we did make a profit at the Great Chicken Rally that was in Huntsville, Alabama.

Ron said a committee he has formed will meet soon to go over particulars of the next Chicken Rally for 2010. This will be mainly to go over things like food amounts, etc.

The bike we will raffle FOR 2010 will be a G650 and will cost about \$7,800.00. A profit made on this years' bike will go to our favorite charity.

Phillip Warren will represent our President Ron Riggins at the Canaan Valley Rally in West Virginia which is held the weekend after Johnson City Rally.

Ron said there is a bike for sale in the newsletter.

Ron also told of an idea in the works for a calendar contest with pictures submitted by anyone who'd like to enter them. Don Norwood informed us how it would work. We would need to sell at least 25 of the calendars, and recruit sponsors to help defray the cost.

Bob Steber reminded us again that now is the time to do the *All Around Alabama Ride* from the ABEES book. "It is a great challenge, and fun to do." he said.

Business cards are available to all of us, Ron has them.

50/50 was won by Phillip Warren.

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

CAPTIVE BIKE OR HOW TO TRAILER A MOTORCYCLE

Joan Ware, Safety Director

On occasion a bike may have to be trailered somewhere, it could be for a repair, a trip that is just hot, long and straight, just wanting to get to the good riding faster or any other number of reasons.

Here is a check list of things to do when you trailer:

- Use a trailer that is designed or set up to haul motorcycles
- Use enough tie down straps, a set on the front and a set on the back
- Tape up the excess strap material to keep it from blowing in the breeze. (Duck tape is great for this and can be reused)
- Scuff guards - to protect plastic parts. (T-shirts or shop rag - tape them too, they will blow off if not secured)
- Always pull the bike forward in the chock when tying it down
- Check tire pressure of the trailer wheels
- Check lights and safety chains
- NEVER trailer bike with either the side or center stand down

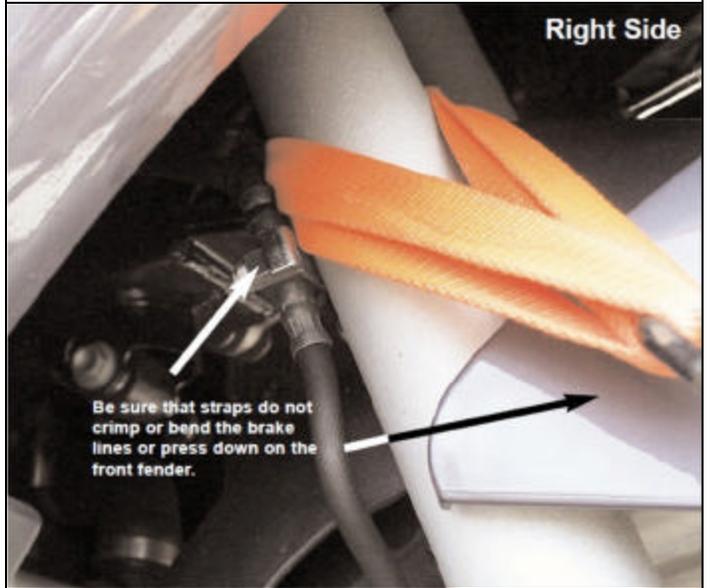
Each time you stop check the tension of the tie downs and adjust if necessary

NOTE: When securing the bike on the trailer do not compress the front suspension unless absolutely necessary - tie to fork brace if necessary, not too tight



This is the recommended way to tie down the rear of a K1200LT

This is the proper way to tie down the fork of a K1200LT. Do not attach to handlebars!



CLUTCH HEALTH

Terry Ware, Tech Director

I received a question about a clutch from the last newsletter and thought I'd outline an easy method for you to test yours.

Preferably, find a steep hill that can be climbed in a higher gear. While in 4th or 5th climbing the hill, accelerate briskly. If engine revs and bike speed does not increase, or it increases slowly, then clutch is very likely slipping.

Clutch slipping is usually caused by one of 2 things:

- Worn clutch parts (friction disk, clutch spring, clutch basket, etc.)
- Contaminated friction disk

Friction disks (clutch plates), of the dry type can be contaminated by leaking engine or transmission seals. When oil gets on the friction disk replacement is required.

Wet clutches can be contaminated by the use of improper oil, usually automobile oils, or oil additives especially those containing moly. In this case also, replacement is required.

You have tech questions? Send 'em to me!
terrystwowheel@gmail.com

HORMONES WILL BLIND YOU

Gary Dubois

It's too late to forewarn my children, but I need to let my grandchildren know their hormones will blind them. How do I know? I will relate two experiences where I never saw it coming.

In 1964, I bought my first motorcycle. It was a tough little Honda 50 cub - you know the kind that has a step through with the gas tank under the seat. This sucker would fly - actually it would do about 50-55 mph with all of my seventy pounds on it or about 45 mph doing two-up.

I was in the ninth grade and Geraldine Cox was in the tenth grade. We all thought Geraldine was the hottest thing going at Elkmont High School. She was the new girl on campus and she had peroxidized blond hair. Man was she a hottie, not to mention a flirt. The problem was that she was flirting with all the older boys and someone as bashful as myself - yes, I was bashful then - did not stand a chance of gaining any attention from Geraldine.

I had one angle that the older boys didn't have. I had a cool motorcycle, and then I discovered Geraldine's grandfather lived at Thatch about three miles from our country store. I told Geraldine that if she ever went to her grandfather's house, I would come over and ride her on my Honda 50. Eventually, that happened and we went two-up on the Honda one afternoon. I rode her all over the countryside, but was too shy to ride her by the store where I was sure my Mama would be sitting on the front porch.

Boy, I knew I was cutting in on the big boys one day when she told me she and her friend Jane Moran would be spending the night at her grandfather's and wanted to know if I would come over and ride them on my Honda. I couldn't wait to get to Thatch, but as reinforcement I took Andy, my younger brother by five years. Andy had always had a way with girls and had always had a girl friend. .

Anyway, Andy and I showed up at Thatch. We were in the big time! In my mind, I was officially dating Geraldine, the hottest little number at Elkmont High, and Andy all nine years of him would be dating her 15 or 16 year-old friend Jane. I gave Geraldine a ride first. We rode from east of Thatch all the way to the Interstate Exit (about two miles) and back. I can't remember if Geraldine was holding on tight or not, but in my mind I would like to think she was. Then Andy and Jane rode the Honda to the exit and back while Geraldine and I waited beside

the road. We didn't hold hands, nor kiss, not even sure we talked about anything. It did not matter because I was in the presence of Geraldine Cox, and that was enough.

When Andy returned with his "date," the girls asked if they could ride the Honda to the exit by themselves. Heck, I would've slit my wrists if they would have asked me - remember my hormones were blinding me. The girls left on my Honda and I'm not even sure either one of them had ever been in control of a motorcycle. Time passed and Andy and I waited beside the road. More time passed and I don't know what has happened, but Andy and I waited beside the road because we did not have any other recourse.

After about an hour we saw the single headlight approaching from Thatch. When they got off the bike, we asked where they had been. They were all bubbly and announced they had ridden to Athens and back and circled all the hangouts in Athens. It is ten miles to Athens. Andy and I had been had. We never saw it coming, because my hormones had blinded me.

Geraldine never did look that good to me after that night. I'm sure she and her peroxide hair are still laughing about it.

Episode two. The first summer (1969) that I was dating Angie, I was eighteen and she was fifteen. I was doing whatever I could to impress her. We had met the summer before at the laundry mat when I rode up on my Honda 150 Dream wearing my authentic Nazi helmet. Can't you tell I was getting tougher all the time. That summer of 1968 I weighed about 95 pounds and rode a motorcycle with a real gas tank between my legs. At the time I was dating Angie's cousin. Oh, I regress. Now back to the story. I'm trying to impress my wife to be when I mentioned Daddy had a really nice Tennessee walking horse. Angie told me she just loved horses and liked to ride.

The following week, I saddled up the mare and rode her the ten miles to Angie's house. It took me a while to get there, but it only seemed like minutes because I was falling in love and my hormones were in control. I arrived at the Eckstein household and Angie came out to greet me. Only thing, she was talking to me from a distance. I was holding the reins of the horse and asked her to come closer so she could pet the horse before she rode it. She would not get any closer and then finally told me that she didn't know the mare would be so big, and that she was scared of the horse. I asked if she wasn't going to ride after I had taken the time and effort

to ride the mare ten miles for her. Angie said, "No!"

My heart sank as I realized I hadn't impressed Angie as I had hoped. Even worse, I realized I had to get the mare the ten miles back to my house. Guess I haven't mentioned that until this day, I had not ridden a horse in over four years.

I saddled back up and headed home. I didn't get very far until my butt started to ache. During the ten miles home, I rode the mare sidesaddle, I rode backwards in the saddle, I walked the mare and I rode the normal way in the saddle. When I finally got home - remember it took a lot longer going home because my hormones had been torched - I was so sore I could hardly walk for about three days.

I never saw it coming.

To all my grandchildren: You have been forewarned, but I can assure you at some point your hormones will blind you.



Pictures from around the campground at Blue Ridge



Oilhead gas tank fuel pump plate studs - How they can ruin your day!

Erik Bahl

This is the story of how the plan of attending the June meeting in Cruso NC went from riding my bike to driving my truck.

The weekend, prior to the club meeting, I was preparing to head up to my employers home office in Avenel NJ. My employer is kind enough to fly me up whenever necessary, however I often opt to ride my bike up to NJ and do some camping on the way. Plus it just happened that I could catch the Cruso meeting on my return trip. I had packed up the 1995 R1100GS that has 83k miles Friday night. The intent was to leave at the crack of dawn and camp in the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia and then to NJ the next day.

I rolled out the bike about 7 am Saturday morning. I turned the key to the on position and heard the familiar fuel pump momentary whine. I hit the ignition button; it turned over and fired up. Then the bike immediately stopped. I cycled the ignition key and this time the fuel pump did not go through its momentary run up. Dead silence. The bike turned over but never fired. I checked the usual suspects, the kill switch and side-stand switch. They were fine. It was time to pull out the multimeter to see what was going on.

I quickly narrowed the problem down to the fuel pump itself. To verify the pump was bad, I pulled the tank, drained the gas and removed the fuel pump plate from the tank. The plate is held to the tank by six studs, nuts and washers. The plate once removed from the tank has the fuel pump attached to it. The fuel pump sits inside the tank and is normally submerged in gas.

When I got the pump out the problem was quite apparent. The fuel input to the pump is covered by a mesh sock to keep debris out. Well my sock has split open at the end and a piece of the tank liner that had come off of the inside of tank was floating around and had gotten sucked into the end of the pump jamming it up. I removed the debris and the pump started running again. I debated installing the pump back in the tank and going on my 2k mile + trip. With this many miles, I thought it was probably good preventative maintenance to go ahead and replace it.

Getting a replacement fuel pump in town that morning was not going to happen and I had to get moving. I decided to do it; I would reinstall the old

pump and replace it with a new one when I returned from my trip. I stapled the end of the filter sock closed so no debris could get into the pump again. I attached the fuel pump plate to the underside of the tank, put on the nuts and washers and started tightening them down. This is when it became obvious that I would be driving my truck to NJ. By the time I was done, three of the studs had twisted off. I guess taking this plate on and off over the years had weakened them.

After examination I suspected that repairing this problem was not going to be trivial. The studs were pressed in and maybe even welded to the tank. The underside of the stud was sealed to prevent gas leakage. Plus the wall of the tank was very thin which would make removing the studs without distorting the mating surface unlikely. I started thinking I might possibly need to find a used tank that could potentially have the same problem down the road.

On a whim I decided to call Les Willey. He is a retired machinist (with a nice machine shop) and BMW club member that lives across the mountain from me. He looked at the tank and agreed this was not going to be easy. But if I was not in a hurry he would see if the repair was possible, he had a couple of ideas. I left my tank with Les and headed north. I did my duty up north and called Les on my way home. He had repaired the tank. He used stainless steel studs with sealing compound to prevent gas leaks. Now that Les has perfected this process using my tank as a guinea pig, he said that he is now in business to do this for other BMW owners that might encounter this same problem. I have to say he did an excellent job with this repair and saved me from buying another tank. Les can be contacted at his e-mail address listed in the blue members book or 256-536-3937.

After talking with a couple of members at the Cruso campout, I discovered this is not an uncommon problem. The nuts that retain the plate have nylon inserts to lock the nut on the stud. This nylon insert hardens with age and puts undue stress on the stud. With stainless studs this will not be a problem.

I also bought an aftermarket fuel pump kit from Euro Motoelectrics. I found this kit on ebay. It comes with an automotive fuel pump that is slightly shorter, plus a new filter sock as well as everything else required to install it. They have a special where I got the pump plus set of spark plugs and oil filter for the bike for \$119.00. The pump price is \$328.00 by itself. So not a bad deal!



ALABAMA BACK ROADS

Martin Benson

Phillip Warren, Vance Harrelson and Bob Steber completed the All Around Alabama challenge on June 2 and checked off 40 ABEES points and got 15 bonus tickets to boot. Bob said they had a blast. Way to go guys.

I have been able to do some riding this month. Here are some of the things and places I found: a great restaurant in Mentone - The Wildflower Café, good food and atmosphere, (try their sweet potato biscuits), the house salad with fried shrimp on top at Wintzell's in Guntersville, the smooth pavement and great twisties of CR-45 north of Waterloo, camping at Davy Crockett State Park, the BLT at Limestone Trading Co. in Mooresville.

Our July meeting will be in Wetumpka at Fort Toulouse Park camp ground. I will be leading a day ride on Saturday, July 25th. This ride will be on mostly back roads at a moderate pace. We will have a riders meeting at 8:45 AM and leave at 9:00 AM. Some of the stops we will make are ABEES POI's in Wetumpka and Caperton's store. Lunch will be at Sho'Nuf BBQ in Alexander City.

After lunch we will visit Horseshoe Bend National Military Park. Ron Riggins will give us a tour and information on the park. On our return to camp we will stop by Martin Dam and will ride one of the favorite rides. For those that are collecting ABEES point we should get 11 POI's, a BBQ joint and a power dam. Check our web site to download a GPS file of the ride.

See you down the road.



Firing of the canons during a re-enactment at Horseshoe Bend National Military Park.

JULY CAMPOUT / MEETING FT. TOULOUSE

Jamie Jackson

When.....July 25, 26

Where.....Ft. Toulouse National Historic Park,
Take US 231 South out of Wetumpka
for 1.2 miles to CR-89. Stay on CR-89 for
2.3 miles to park.

Fort Toulouse / Fort Jackson is located just south of Wetumpka where the Coosa and Tallapoosa rivers meet to form the headwaters of the Alabama river. It is a National Historic Park with 165 acres of history and natural beauty.

You can step back in time by exploring the French and American Forts or you may walk to the Mississippian Mound site. You may choose to visit the William Bartram Nature Trail, which is named for the 18th century botanist. The trail winds through the southern edge of the park to the Tallapoosa River.



The Graves House serves as the visitor center and museum. The Graves House Museum was originally located in Lowndes County. This Tidewater cottage was moved to the park to avoid destruction. Built between 1825-1830 by David Graves, the son of a Revolutionary War hero, It has been restored by the Alabama Historical Commission and now serves as an interpretive center for the park. Books and souvenirs may be purchased and site artifacts may be viewed at the visitor center.

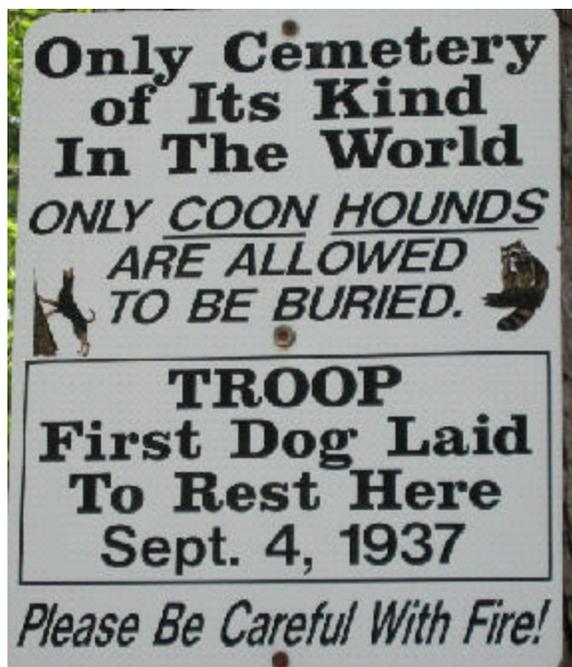
The park hosts a full service 39-site campground overlooking the Coosa river. Each site includes electric and water hook up, a grill, and a picnic table. There is a centrally located shower and bath house at the campground entrance. Camping fees are: \$14 for an RV, \$11 for Seniors (62+), and \$11 for tents.

There is a variety of restaurants in Wetumpka but limited lodging, with a Key West Inn 2 miles from the park which has generally poor ratings. There are numerous motels at the intersection of 231 and I-85 in Montgomery (15 miles).

July is a busy month but please try to join us.

ABEES NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bob Steber



A new northwest Alabama Favorite Ride (NW 7) is available for you to download from our website. The Grand Northwest Alabama Backroads Tour beginning and ending at the Old Harbin Hotel in Nauvoo has it all. Your riding adventure will take you on the best of the best roads in northwest Alabama while avoiding heavy traffic in the tri cities area.

Along the route, you will be surprised by the beautiful scenery and excited by the excellent roads with their fast sweepers, ess turns and multiple altitude changes. You will cross the Tennessee River twice by going over Wheeler Dam and then again on the Natchez Trace. While making the crossings, be sure to slow down a bit and enjoy the beautiful views.

While in Waterloo, the northwest extreme location, stop at the Riverwalk Cafe for a meal or just take a break. The food there is excellent. Also, be sure to make a rest stop at the Coondog Cemetery and read some of the humorous epitaphs on the tombstones.

2009 ABEES COUNTS

Name	Restaurants Points of Interest and Monthly Club Gatherings	Favorite Roads & Rides	Total ABEES Check Offs	Total ABEES Tickets	Total Bonus Tickets	Total Tickets
Martin Benson	249	22	271	13.6	13	26.6
Bob Steber	206	39	245	12.3	28	40.3
Vance Harrelson	122	15	137	6.9	23	29.9
Paul McBrayer	104	6	110	5.5	7	12.5
Phillip Warren	78	13	91	4.6	23	27.6
Beverly Hughston	57	3	60	3.0	3	6.0
Jim Dubick	48	6	54	2.7	6	8.7
Noah Johnson	41	8	49	2.5	1	3.5
Jimmy Lowe	38	4	42	2.1	3	5.1
Mike Scott	40	1	41	2.1	3	5.1
Terry Ware	29	8	37	1.9	1	2.9
Gary Nesmith	36		36	1.8	5	6.8
Erik Bahl	32	1	33	1.7	2	3.7
Stephen Whitley	27	4	31	1.6	3	4.6
Bob Daigle	23	3	26	1.3	4	5.3
Tim Flynn	18	5	23	1.2	4	5.2
Ron Shea	14	7	21	1.1	3	4.1
Mickey Gee	14	6	20	1.0	0	1.0
Gary Williams	19	1	20	1.0	1	2.0

ABEES ADDENDUM

Please update your ABEES Guide by penciling in the following additions, deletions, and corrections.

Restaurants and POIs

Alexander City	Big-Boy-BBQ	Delete
Anniston	Buckner Historical District on old Ft. McClellan	Add
Birmingham Mountain Brook	McElwain Furnace (Old Iron-dale Furnace 1863 1873	Add
Brent	Sawmeal Restaurant	Add
Cedar Bluff	Fibbers	Delete
Dora	Mining Museum	Add
Dothan	World's Smalest City Block	Add
Douglass	Old Meeting House	Delete
Elmore County	Tallapoosa Falls Historical	Delete
Elmore County	Wetumpka Falls	Delete
Eufaula	Walter F. George Dam	Add
Ft. Payne	Little River Falls	Add
Gulf Shores	Rocky Rawshucks	Delete
Greenville	Smokehouse Restaurant	Add
Heflin	Pop's Charburgers	Delete
Leeds	Augies	Delete
Marion	Perry Lakes Park	Add
Marrion	Marrion Military Institute	Add
Marrion	Judson College	Add
Northport	Northport Diner	Add
Pelham	Gerri's	Delete
Rockford	Old Coosa County Jail	Add
Shorter	Back Forty	Delete
Smuteye	Old Store - BMW roundell on Sign	Add
Tallassee	Hotel Tallassee	Delete
Tuscaloosa County	Historical Falls (Historical)	Delete
Tuskegee	Talliaferro's	Add
Tuskegee	Whispering Oaks	Delete

Favorite Roads and Rides

C 1	Mile 81 - After leaving Mt. Cheaha, turn right on Hwy 281, not left	Correction
C 11	Cottaquilla Road	Add
C 12	Mt Cheaha Skyway (Hwy 281)	Add
C 13	Pochantas Road	Add
C 14	Smith Camp Road	Add
C- SE 1	Go to website to see several changes in this route	Correction
NE 11	AL 65 from Hwy 72 @ Gurley to Hwy 146	Add
NE 12	Butler Mill Road from Cr 468 at Bucksnot to New Hope Cedar point Road	Add
NE 13	Jackson County 27	Add
NE 14	Jackson County 93 from SR 73 to Long Island Baptist Church.	Add
NE 15	Jackson County 39 from Cr 33 at Crow Mountain to Cr 42 at Carns	Add
NW 7	Grand NW Alabama Backroads Tour	Add
SW 4	Oasis to the Smokehouse in Greenville	Add
All Around Alabama Challenge	Changes to routes in the NW and SE regions due to road name changes. Go on line to the AAA page and down load the new routes.	Correction

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Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

- 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
Jul 23-26 BMWRA Rally - Canaan Valley, W.V.
Aug 13-16 32nd Dan'l Boone Rally. - Boone, NC
Oct 24-25 Waggoners RibFest - Centerville, TN

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