



THE ALABAMA BEEMER

BMWMOAL OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2011 ISSUE

Martin Benson is the 2011 Recipient of the Prestigious Russ Simpson Award!

23rd Great Chicken Rally Winners - 2011

Grand Prize

Marsee Tank Bag

John K. Holmes II

New Market, AL

Grand Prize

Barbers Superbike Weekend

Wanda Daigle

Napoleonville, LA

Grand Prize

Kermit Chair

Hiram Bazemore

McDonald, TN

Grand Prize

Baxley Trailer Chock

Rhonda Scott

Houma, LA

Grand Prize

Lee Waggoner camp table

Mikee Sandlock

Morristown, TN

G650 GS bike winner

Andy Scott

Houma, LA

50/50 drawing winner of \$604.50

Gordon Thompson

Vernon, TX

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BMWRA Charter #107

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BMWMOAL



Welcome

New Members

Steven & Darlene Council
Sponsor: Connie Reaves
Grove Hill, AL.

Timothy & Lori Dixon
Sponsor: Don Drasheff
Hope Hull, AL.

Tom Hargrave
Sponsor: Marty Simpson
Huntsville, AL.

Roland Keith Gutbier
Sponsor: Mike Scott
French Settlement, LA.

Tom & Cara Barnhart
Lacey's Springs, AL.
Previous members rejoined.

Lisa Irwin
Pell City, AL.
Previous member re-joined.

CHICKEN RALLY REVIEW!

Chicken, Chicken...I Still Smell Chicken!

Vance Harrelson



Well, Chicken Rally 23 is in the books! If you did not make the rally this year you missed another great time indeed. The weather was a bit yucky Wednesday night and into Thursday before it became summer time hot for the rest of the weekend! All the elements came together to create another successful rally for those who attended. Our numbers were off from the last several years and I suspect there are multiple reasons for this. However we did have a fun crowd with a wide variety of vendors including representatives from three...yes I said three BMW dealerships!! Thanks to Red Mountain Motorsports from Birmingham, Bloodworth's from Nashville and Pandora's from Chattanooga for bringing the demo fleet and that new K1600! Putting on the rally must not have hurt too many too badly. At the meeting on Sunday morning we voted unanimously to have Chicken Rally 24 and raffle another bike! As fast as I am getting old...it will be here in no time! Another great rally on Memorial Day Weekend. Thanks to all of our veterans and active military for your service! That service and dedication provides us the greatest place on earth to live...and live freely!

One of the highlights each year of the closing ceremony is the presentation of the Russ Simpson Award. This award was established several years ago to honor the recipient for their hard work and dedication to the club. Russ Simpson was one of the founders and a driving force in the establishment and running of our club. I would like to congratulate the 2011 recipient of this honor and that is your Travel Director Martin Benson. Martin has worked tirelessly in the development rides and events for our club. In addition he has plotted the entire ABEES book in GPS format that can easily be downloaded from our web site! Martin received this award by a majority vote of the club members, an honor indeed. Thanks Martin for all you do and keep up the good work!

Also, don't forget the RA rally in Chippewa Falls, WI and the MOA rally in Bloomsburg, PA are both just around the corner. Both of these venues will offer fantastic riding and lots of rallying opportunities! Complete details are available on the respective club websites.

We are still booking for our 6th annual Alabeemer Blue Water Cruise! The itinerary changes this year as does the cruise line. I hope you will plan to join us for seven days of fun, sun and friends. The cruise will be March 17-24 aboard Royal Caribbean and sailing from New Orleans. Several of us will be riding the train from Birmingham so come on along! All the details are available from Mari Harrelson by contacting the AAA Alabama branch in Fultondale, AL at 205.841.2378. Be sure to book your cruise through AAA to get all the extras and be included in the group! It only requires a small deposit now and will give you a nice trip to look forward to, so get on board today!

With the Chicken Rally behind us the summer riding season is in full swing! I hope you will look for the many opportunities offered by your club from meetings the lunch rides to off road rides and get out there! Remember we have the Explore Alabama Challenge underway. This is a great opportunity to visit some unique places in AL while benefiting the Eldridge Children's Home. All the details are available on the website or by email from Martin Benson travel@bmwmoal.org.

Our next meeting will be at the Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground in Cruso, NC the weekend of June 24-27. This is an all-time favorite spot for the Alabeemers when we get to visit Phil & Leslie at their beautiful campground in the mountains. Be sure to make your reservations early for cabins as they will sell out! Escape the heat of the summer here in AL with a great ride to the cool of the mountains. That stream runs cool all summer and is inviting for many. Ask Jamie and Gator!

Ride Safely And Enjoy!



Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2011

Huntsville, AL

President, Vance Harrelson presiding

Vance opened the post-rally meeting with his feeling that we had a good, smooth rally. We had a drop in attendance this year from past years, perhaps because of the weather or fuel costs. We won't know until Connie gets everything tallied how the financials work out.

We were able to donate about 800 pounds of chicken and other uncooked leftovers to the recent tornado victims through Cara Barnhart's organization.

Vance thanked all of the GREAT VOLUNTEERS for making it happen...again. The Cajun Contingent says they will do breakfast again next year, but they want their own banner. No one argued with that!

Jim Kalahan made a motion, and it was seconded, that we have rally # 24 next year. The motion carried.

Rodger Williamson made a motion, and it was seconded, that we also raffle a bike next year. That motion carried as well. Rodger also agreed to handle the raffle ticket sales next year. He said that the Vintage motorcycle festival at Barber's would be a great place to start selling tickets as he did last year. We were offered a spot there last year and hope that will be the case this year as well.

Several comments were made about how much the display bike that Pandora's had on hand helped ticket sales at both Barber's and the rally. The Club really appreciates the loan of the bikes.

Russ Kruse talked about a website www.reflectivegear.com that offers inexpensive reflective clothing (some of which he demonstrated during the rally) that will hopefully help riders be seen by automobile drivers.

Cheap safety!!

Vern Headrick brought up the fact that a Huntsville ordinance prohibits smoking where food is being prepared. Do we want to post "No smoking" signs next year??

That lead to discussion of signs "No pets allowed in pavilion" next year. It was decided to post both.

Steve Sanders thanked everyone who helped Bonnie and him with door prizes this year.

Don Little reminded that security is for everyone. Anyone can stop persons without arm-bands and ask them to leave. If they resist, get him involved though. He will handle the really persistent cases.

Sheila Kalahan has a pair of pants that do not belong to her. The legitimate owner can pick them up at Kinderfest in August.

Rodger Williamson reminded everyone of the Super Bike Races coming up in June. Come out to support the BMW race teams.

Jamie Jackson gave a report on the July meeting at Brierfield. He dropped the option on the 2 cottages but still has the bunkhouse that will sleep 16. So far, only 10 folks have reserved rooms for Saturday night. (It is only available Saturday.)

Call or email Jamie if you are interested in a bunkhouse bed Saturday night.

Michael Johnston reported that the RA is looking into sights in Alabama for their 2012 rally. He asked if the Club would be interested in hosting such a rally. Attendance normally runs 2 to 3 thousand and would be held in either spring or fall of next year. Something to think about.

With that the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Little

**OH Yeah ! It takes a Village..
Or just the best oiled machine in the BMW world !!**

If you came to the 23rd Great Chicken rally and had a good time, here's a list of folks you can thank. Hard working, smiling and greeting folks and making them feel welcome. And it always amazes me how many non-Alabama club folks pitch in their time too. _N means not a club member.

If you see that there is a name missing please let me know. Those cap/shirt slips is what I use to make sure folks get recognized and to make sure that folks get their goodies. If you didn't get your cap or shirt let me know and we can rectify that situation right away ! And we'll make sure to mention you in the next issue.

- Arnold, Tommy
- Arnold, Jeannine
- Bahl, Erik
- Bauman, Mike
- Bauman, Amelia
- Bennett, Jake
- Benson, Martin
- Bonner, Harry
- Bonner, Rickie
- Boon, David
- Bray, William
- Camp, Larry
- Collins, Tom
- Cox, Jack
- Daigle, Wanda
- Daigle, Bob
- Drasheff, Don
- Dubick, Susan
- Dubick, Jim
- Ebbs, Michael

- Fasold, Ben
- Fasold, Caleb
- Flynn, Tim
- Goodin, Linda
- Gutbier, Keith
- Harper, John
- Harrelson, Vance
- Harrelson, Mari
- Headrick, Vernon
- Irwin, Lisa
- Jackson, Jamie
- Jackson, Malvene
- Kalahan, Sheila
- Kalahan, Jim
- Kruse, Russ
- Kruse, Roxanne
- Lang, Larry
- Lee, Marliam
- Little, Barbara
- Little, Don
- Massey, Darlene
- Mulhern, Paul
- Mulhern, Jackie
- Nelson, Frank
- Nesmith, Gary
- Norwood, Don
- Pedigo, Andrea
- Reeves, Connie
- Rodrigue, Antoine
- Sanders, Steve
- Sanders, Bonnie
- Sawvell, Anna
- Scott, Rhonda
- Scott, Mike
- Simpson, Marty
- Stanfield, Jeff
- Stanfield, Michelle
- Stover, Serita
- Tate, Richard

- Whitley, Stephen
- Wright, Polly
- Zeringue, Tommy
- Zibell, Jeanne
- Zibell, John



STATES ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

546 ATTENDED (15 WERE CHILDREN)

25 STATES AND CANADA

WERE REPRESENTED

Last year 567—only 21 less people this year

ATTENDANCE NOT MUCH OFF ! (CR)

ALABAMA	157
CONNECTICUT	2
FLORIDA	47
GEORGIA	44
ILLINOIS	7
INDIANA	10
IOWA	5
KENTUCKY	14
LOUISIANA	30
MARYLAND	2
MASSACHUSETTS	3
MICHIGAN	4
MINNESOTA	3
MISSISSIPPI	15
MISSOURI	10
NEW YORK	1
N. CAROLINA	14
OHIO	24
OKLAHOMA	1
PENNSYLVANIA	6
S. CAROLINA	21
TENNESSEE	98
TEXAS	9
VIRGINIA	6
WISCONSIN	7
ONTARIO	6

STATISTICS 2011 – 23RD CHICKEN RALLY

50/50 - \$604.50 (2010 - \$575)

RAFFLE SALES - \$1575.00 OVER 2010 SALES

YOU CONSUMED:**

1000 LBS CHICKEN
512 LBS PORK
700 LBS POTATOS
300 LBS ONIONS
198 LBS SLAW
36 GALLONS BAKED BEANS
30 GALLONS PINTO BEANS
8 GALLONS PICKLES
18 GALLONS PEACHES
180 LBS PANCAKE MIX
13 GALLONS PANCAKE SYRUP
8 GALLONS BBQ SAUCE
100 LBS ROASTED PEANUTS
110 GALLONS LEMONADE
106 GALLONS COFFEE
60 LOAVES BREAD
70 LBS COOKIES

** LEFT OVERS WERE DONATED TO

TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

SINCE 1992 RALLY FOOD CONSUMPTION

31766 LBS CHICKEN
6812 LBS PORK



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL VENDORS—THEIR PRIZES HELP MAKE FOR A FUN RALLY !!

CONTRIBUTOR	PRIZE DESCRIPTION
Angel City Cycle	Medium T-Shirt
Bob's BMW	Ball Caps, Large T-Shirt, XL T-Shirt
Black Book	Pocket Tire Gauge
Bench Mark Works	New /5 Mufflers (pair)
BMW MOA	Large T-Shirt, XL Long Sleeve T-shirt
Bridgestone North America	Ball Caps, XL T-shirt, Gloves
BMW RA	Mini Pocket Tool, Stainless Beverage Mug, Ball Cap, XL T-Shirt
Baxley Trailers	Sport Bike Chock
BMW MOA Foundation	XL T-shirt
Cima International	Nolan Ball Cap, Hedz Multi-functional Headwear, SOKZ Arrow Socks Men 5-6 Ladies 6-7
Capital Cycle	First Gear Bravado Jacket Men's Medium
Crystal-Glo Manufacturing Corp.	Crystal Glo Kit
CycleWerks of Ocala, FL	Vega Altura Helmet, XL T-Shirt, Ladies Large Strap Shirt, Ladies XL Strap T-shirt
Frogg Toggs (Guntersville Breathables)	Frogg Toggs Chilly Dana
Formotion	Stick on Clock, 360 Moto Compasses
FuzeBlocks.com	FuzeBlock
Fulmer Helmets Inc	AF 655 Open Face Wine—Medium, AF 655 Open Face Silver—Large, AF 655 Open Face Wine—XXLarge
Haynes Manuals / Ken Gearhart, Newbury Park, CA	Motorcycle Maintenance Tech Book, BMW 4 Valve Twins Maintenance Book, BMW F650 Singles Maintenance Book, Motorcycle Electrical Tech Book, Coffee Mugs
HelmetHead Cycle	Helmet Sunblocker
Held, USA	3 XL T-shirts, Ball Cap
Iron Pony Motorsports	Small T-shirt, Medium T-shirt, Large T-shirt, XL T-shirt
Kauffman Marketing Inc.	Green Light Swipe, Green Light Trigger
Kermit's Camping Products	Small Easy Pack Duffel
Lee Waggoner	Handmade Wood Camping Table
Motorrad Elektric	Stopper LED Second Brake Light, Ball Cap
RoadGear, Inc.	Digital Tire Gauges
ROK Straps	12" -42" Small, 18" -54" Large, Green, unlabeled pairs of straps
Road Runner Magazine	Prize Pack T-Shirt, Magazine and 1 Year Subscription

RacerParts Wholesale (Specialty Sales)	NikWax Product Assortment, Lucas Oil Chain Lube, Lucas Ball Caps, Helen Two Wheels Roll Top Sack, Marsee 15L Tour Pocket Tank Bag
Red Mountain Motorsports / Terry's Two Wheel	Women's Airglide 3 Jacket—Medium, Barbers Superbike Weekend—Tickets, 2-XL T-Shirt, Large T-Shirt, TCX Boots (sz. 9)
Ray's LED Lights	Microfiber Cloth 4 Pack
Rex Brown	2 DVDs, 4 Episodes of Two Wheels Oklahoma Travel Show
Silver Eagle Outfitters	Evaporative Cooling Vest, Long Sleeve Cooling Shirt, Boxer Briefs
Stop & Go International	Pocket Tire Plugger, XL T-Shirt
Sound Rider	Book—Packing Light, Packing Right
Steve Sanders	Orange County Choppers Autographed XL T-Shirt
Tim McCarty EAR-ific Molds	Wickers T-Shirt (Medium), Wickers T-Shirt (Large)
Tom Sherrill	Kermit Chair
Whitehorse Gear	Book—BMW Racing Motorcycles , Essential Guide to Motorcycle Maintenance

Hey Folks!

If you love Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground, here's another event to attend there in JULY! Phillip and Leslie say, "Come on up!!"

JULY 15-17, 2011

The Forth Annual Klassic K Kampout will be held July 15-17, 2011 at the Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground, <http://www.blueridgemotorcyclecamp.com/> N 35° 24.235 W 82° 48.682, in Cruso, NC. The campground is located 6 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway and 20 Miles off I 40. This year you have a chance to attend the rally the week before BMW MOA National (in Bloomsburg, PA). Come and enjoy the great riding around the southern end of the Blue Ridge Parkway along with general great times. This is a no-charge rally held at one of the best motorcycle campgrounds that you will find. There is no charge other than camping, food and supplies. This will be the annual meeting of the new classic K MOA Chartered Club The Klassic K Riders #347! From 1985 K bikes have been a reliable mainstay of the BMW motorcycle experience. There are examples with hundreds of thousands of miles on them. Of course, all motorcyclists are welcome. Cabin space is limited / tent space is plentiful. Contact BRMCCG for cabin reservations. 828-235-8350. More info at <http://brickbattalion.weebly.com/>. Questions contact GREG HUNT at scbmwrider@gmail.com.



JULY CLUB MEETING

Jamie Jackson

When/Where: The July 30/31 campout and club meeting will be at Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park, located at 240 Furnace Parkway, Brierfield, AL.

Directions: From Montevallo take Alabama Highway 25 south for approximately 6.6 miles. Turn left onto Bibb County Road 62. Follow signs to campground.

What: There will be a cookout on Saturday evening and pastries and coffee for the Sunday morning meeting. The cookout will include grilled hamburgers with a full condiment tray, and baked beans. Ice cold soft drinks are included. Dessert will be a surprise. Cost of the food will be shared by the campers.

Camping: Of course you may tent camp and the cost of camping will be; Primitive camping (no water or electricity) is \$12 per night and does not include pool passes. Improved site camping is \$20 per night and does include four pool passes.

As an alternative: I have reserved the Brierfield Lodge for Saturday night. 16 “campers” can sleep in the lodge which is AIR CONDITIONED. The cost of the lodge is \$185 per night, to be split among the users. If 16 people decide to sleep in the lodge the cost will be \$11.56 per person. Did you read AIR CONDITIONED?

The Brierfield Lodge is a group facility that sleeps 16. The lodge is built around the Mitchell Cabin, a rustic cabin built in the 1800s, which serves as the den area. It contains a functional fireplace, sofa, chairs and a large table. The Lodge has a large fully equipped modern kitchen with refrigerator, stove and microwave. The Lodge has two showers and three bathrooms with one shower and bathroom being fully handicapped accessible. The sleeping room features 16 bunks with storage areas for personal belongings. The Lodge has a large back porch complete with tables and ceiling fans.

The cost of the Brierfield Lodge is \$185 per night .



You furnish all bed linens, pillows, towels, soap and paper towels.

Another alternative:

The Hayes/Morton Inn is a large farmhouse circa 1900 that has been restored for guests at Brierfield Ironworks Historical State Park. The Inn contains two rental suites that each contains a sitting room and a bedroom. In addition, the suites share a spacious dining room and modern kitchen. The entire facility is furnished with antiques from the correct era in a usage that would be typical of a “well to do” home of the period. Each suite has its own heating and cooling system. Towels and linens are furnished however guests should bring their own soap and toiletries. Each suite rents for \$95 per night. Both bedrooms have a queen bed and there is a sofa in the sitting rooms. The sofas are NOT sleeper sofas. If additional beds are desired the park has roll-a-way beds that can be rented from the Country Store for an additional charge of \$5 per night.

There is a 30' X 60' pool available with life guards on duty. Pool passes are given with cabin rentals and improved site camping (4 per site).

Please make reservations for food and/or a cot in the lodge with Jamie Jackson at bmwpulltoy@bellsouth.net .

All other reservations or questions should be directed to the park office at 205-665-1856.



July Birthdays

JOHNSTON	MICHAEL	7	2
PERRET	CHRISTOPHER	7	3
THOMPSON	TED	7	3
MCCORSTIN	PRISCILLA	7	4
ARNOLD	JEANNINE	7	5
MERRILL	FRED	7	6
DAIGLE	BOB	7	8
MCCORMICK	MONIQUE	7	8
SMITH	ELIZABETH	7	9
SHAR	CLAUDIA	7	10
MERRILL	RAMONA	7	11
BENSON	MARTIN	7	13
DUBOIS	GARY	7	13
HINTON	MILES	7	13
KEEL	JOHN	7	14
CAIN	BRUCE	7	15
JACKSON	MALVENE	7	15
SMITHERMAN	STEPHEN	7	15
BORDEN	MARY	7	18
FOREMAN	MARK	7	19
WEAVER	WILLIAM	7	19
GREGORY	BETH	7	21
OLIVER	JOE	7	22
DYER	TOM	7	23
LANGE	JOE	7	24
ORR	PAUL	7	24
PEDIGO	KEN	7	25
HARPER	JOHN	7	26
HEADRICK	KAY	7	28
COOPER	STEVE	7	29
JACKSON	JAMIE	7	29
LAWRENZ	DAVID	7	29
JOHNSON	PHILLIP	7	30
MCCLAIN	PAUL	7	31

BMW MOAL 2011 Miles

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Members of the **BMWMOAL** are Encouraged to Attend and Support the **BMW** Racers represented by "**San Diego BMW Motorsports**" and their riders Steve Rapp, James Randolph, Jeremy Toye, and Chris Trounson; "**Team Iron Horse BMW**" and their riders Chris Peris, and Tony Kasper; "**Liberty Waves Racing**" and their rider Eric Pinson; and "**Foremost Insurance Pegram Racing**" and their rider Larry Pegram. *BMWMOAL members are also encouraged to come by and/or volunteer @ the Red Mountain/BMW of B'ham tent located in the vendor area.*

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**JUNE 17-19 AMA SUPERBIKE CLASSIC AT
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LEEDS, AL**

**JUNE 30-JULY 3 BMWRA RALLY, CHIPPE
WA FALLS, WI**

**JULY 17-19 BMW MOA RALLY
BLOOMSBURG, PA**

**OCT. 7-9 BARBER VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE
FESTIVAL, LEEDS, AL**

2011 CLUB MEETINGS

June 24-27 CRUSO, NC

**July 30-31 BRIERFIELD IRONWORKS
STATE PARK, MONTEVALLO, AL**

**Aug. 26-28 KINDERFEST
ENTERPRISE, AL**

**Sept. 24-25 LAUREL TRAILS CAMP
MONTEAGLE, TN**

**Oct. 28-30 CLUB'S 40TH B'DAY PARTY
NAUVOO, AL**

**Dec. 3 CHRISTMAS PARTY
LOCATION TBA**