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...SHELLMOUND REVISITED

Vance Harrelson

Based on personal experience, I have come to expect certain things at our regular club meetings and this month the things we have come to expect from a meeting at Shellmound were certainly present. First Tommy and Jeannine Arnold once again outdid themselves in the food preparation department! Tommy artfully smoked the Boston butts although I understand there were some trying moments during the process. Then there is the "pulling" process that must take place before the final product is served. Another fine job indeed! Simultaneously Jeannine is preparing the beans and those ever popular fried apple and peach pies and homemade cobbler too! The additional fixin's included cole slaw and several "secret" sauces and even one provided by Jamie Jackson labeled something like "Sauce For Sissies" ?? The end result of all this painstaking preparation was another great meal and all were well satisfied in quality and volume ...*Shellmound Revisited!*

We have come to expect other things as well like Mickey the campground host. Once again she was a gracious host and worked hard to accommodate us. Apparently she has come to expect that our group will be the courteous and respectful motorcycle gang

And, for some reason it ALWAYS rains during this meeting. Well...*Shellmound Revisited.* We all know that rain is an integral part of our sport and must be dealt with. And we deal with it as a group in a variety of ways. Some just decide not to attend if the weather is bad. Most bring their tents and various optional tools for dealing with it. I on the other hand brought the RV...I know, wimpy but I have to tell you quite warm and comfortable none the less! Several stayed in nearby hotels for a couple reasons. First- the Alabama football game, and secondly several of our group were leaving from the meeting for a week on the bikes up the Blue Ridge parkway and yes, those of us left behind and being forced to go to work on Monday were jealous!



Shellmound guided tour allowed participating riders to check out latest gear at Pandora's during lunch break.

that we are...or could it be that she realizes we are a harmless bunch of aging riders that won't hurt anything or anybody and will leave the campground just like we found it. Either way, this is a nice campground and works very well for our group...*Shellmound Revisited.*

It was another great meeting that was well attended, but if you weren't there you were missed! It was great to see Ian Schmeisser and Dan Thompson riding in from North Carolina and Electa Sparks as well as Leroy Sloan and others that cannot attend every meeting. Glad to have you all back with us. We were

glad to also welcome Alan and Debbie Donnels that joined us from the newly formed BMW Riders of Chattanooga.

We also welcomed Justin Prann along with his dad John and the guys from the shop that rode out to eat with us and share their ideas on how Pandora's could provide BMW owner support with the recently announced closing of Bogart's in Birmingham. Thanks Justin for your support of the Alabama club! And thanks for feeding about 20 of us on Saturday when we dropped in on you...and staged the Alabama invasion!

Yes, it was announced in late September that Bogart's Motorsports in Birmingham would be closing. While there has been much speculation as to what will happen with BMW motorcycle representation in central Alabama, I suppose no one knows exactly what that will be. We are fortunate to have great local independent repair facilities and proactive dealers not too far away that provide great service for us presently. I understand there will be a period of approximately six to eight months with no local dealer representation but I am confident be-

yond that the outcome will ultimately be positive for us owners. Stay tuned for details as they develop!

October is packed with events and I encourage you to look at what is available elsewhere in the newsletter and online. I urge you participate and support your club and events whenever possible! Our goal going forward is to provide more opportunities for you the membership and we are working hard to do it. I hope you can join us soon. And if you know of a fellow member that you haven't seen in a while, ask them to join

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Melanie Turp	15	Martha Warren	17	Jim McArthur
2	Will Deiner	16	David Hogg	19	Butch Banks
2	John Tarver	16	Carolyn Shea	20	Clint King
3	Don Flowers	17	Frank Nelson	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
8	Jeanne Zibell			26	Buzz Copeland
9	Tommy Arnold			27	David McClain
9	Oliver Wright			27	Mike McDevitt
10	Don Kimbrell			29	Michael Greenwood
11	Eliaine Thompson			29	Larry Mullens
14	Tom Sherrill			30	Mike Gilbreath



ITEMS FOR SALE

Titan Silver 2002 BMW K1200LTC for sale. 16,310 miles. Meticulously kept, Motolights , Factory Stereo with a Single Disc Player in the Console and a 6-Disc changer in the Saddlebag , ABS integrated brakes, Heated Grips, Heated Seats, BMW Alarm System. Always garaged. Selling due to health reasons. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Call Michael Langley Sr at 256-693-4162. Asking \$10,995 or Best Offer.

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The 1994 metallic red K75 "Rally Bike" won by Brian Hatley, plus a complete package of equipment and ride-on 4'x8' trailer, custom built by Tony Autier, is offered for minimum of \$6,350, or better offer for 30 days following newsletter publication. Photos and itemized list of inventory to all inquiries by mail. 13,856 mi. Contact Fred Merrill at 251-923-6271 or 923-6255 or by mail at 16260 East Indigo Loop, Summerdale, AL 36580.

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MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2010 8:00 AM
Shellmound Campground

President Vance Harrelson presiding

Vance opened the meeting by thanking Tommy, Jeanine and Darlene for the great spread and especially the fried pies.

Although we didn't have any first timers we had several folks that had not been for some time and it was great to have them back. We also had Alan and Debbie Donnels, members of the BMW Riders of Chattanooga join us on Saturday night. They enjoyed it so much they will likely join the club.

Vance acknowledged the passing of Bill Stevens, husband of our dear friend Terese. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her.

Discussion was held about the closing of Bogart's. Justin from Pandoras visited with us on Saturday and told us of his plans to help us in the interim while we are without a local dealer.

Barber's Vintage Festival is October 8-10 and we are having a booth. We are in dire need of volunteers. Please contact Tim Flynn or Rodger Williamson and sign up for a few hours to help out your club. We will be displaying bikes from old to new, signing new members and just letting people know what our club is about.

Vance gave an update to the Newsletter status thanking Joan for all that she did through the first part of the year and thanking Jamie for taking over for the balance of the year. Jamie asked for members to please send him content for the newsletter. Vance brought up the idea of adding advertisement to the newsletter and website after he was approached this week. The current policy was discussed and it was decided that we will give it a try.

Vance broached the subject of how to get more members active going forward and what we could do as a BMW club to raise awareness of motorcycle safety and create responsible motorcyclists. Does anyone have any ideas or do we care about these issues as a club?

Bob Steber's Leaf Peepin' Ride will be on October 16 - see his write up in this newsletter for more details.

Pandoras is hosting the Cruise into Fall Riverboat Cruise also on October 16 - see write up in this newsletter for more details

Next meeting is Blue Springs for a "Little" Chili!

50/50 split this month is \$66.00 and was won by Dan Thompson.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN - SHORT STORIES

Don Norwood

I guess the moral of this story would be that good deeds can have great paybacks.

Last April while at a BMW event in Western North Carolina, I met a couple of brothers from West Palm Beach. They asked me to show them some of my "secret roads" and best place to have lunch in the area. I was honored to show these two brothers some of the best riding to be found in North America and yet in our own backyard. I also shared one of my favorite places for lunch, Sunset Restaurant in Franklin NC. That night I was invited to share dinner with them and we talked about our summer riding plans.

I told them that Alaska was in my plans and they immediately responded, We have a sister in Alaska and we will contact her to let her know you are traveling in Alaska. They continued by saying that should I need anything while riding in Alaska, she and her husband was just a phone call away along with the support of their company. Then they said. "Ever watch Ice Road Truckers?" I said yes and they replied that she was CEO and her husband owned Carlile Trucking Co and they had a network of trucking terminals in Alaska and Canada.

Well you know how things go sometimes and get lost in the mix, but about three weeks later I received an e-mail with contact information for the corporate office, their cell numbers and other contact information. I also received follow up e-mails to check my progress as well. I enjoyed meeting a few of the drivers along the way and kidding with them that I knew Sandy and Jack...ok well sorta...but it was great peace of mind that help was just a phone call away.

And for you ice road trucker fans, I did get to wave at Lisa Kelley as she pulled away from the drop area at Yukon River. A big wave back...I didn't realize until I got home that she is so cute...now I am a fan of Ice Road Truckers. BTW, the truckers on the haul road where very professional. I found that when I saw a truck approaching I would simply yield, put on my flashers and wait til they passed and they would slow as well. This was contrary to stories I that heard about the trucks on the Dalton Highway... after all I was just having fun and they where making a living.

Google Ice Road Truckers or this click on this link.
<http://www.history.com/shows/ice-road-truckers>

APALACHICOLA RIDE TO EAT!

Vance Harrelson

The first of what I hope will be many regional events took place on September 18 in the quaint fishing village of Apalachicola, FL. We had a great group that included Pierre & Gilda Nicolas from Miami, Albert & Anna White from Tuscaloosa, John and Jeanne Zibell from Huntsville, Mike Greenwood with Terry & Darryl Falkner from Pelham, Gail and Lana Kaltz from Crestview, FL along with Mari and me.

The idea was a simple one really. Everyone meet at the Boss Oyster Restaurant in Apalachicola at 3 PM and enjoy the fun and fellowship along with those world famous Apalachicola oysters...and that we did! It was a bit warm that day but Mari and I left home about 7AM in the cool morning and enjoyed a great ride down through Panama City, Mexico Beach and into Apalachicola. I had arranged for rooms next door at the River Inn and upon our arrival we met John and Jeanne casually strolling the streets and enjoying the sites. The rest of the group arrived shortly and we headed over to the "Boss" next door. What followed was about two hours of laughter, oysters and fun!

That evening there were ten of us that stayed at the River Inn and enjoyed the lounge there. The rooms were quaint, well-appointed and located immediately adjacent to the river itself providing an interesting and beautiful room setting and a fantastic sunrise view on Sunday morning.

We all had a great time and I would like to see more of these informal events take place. If you have a special location or spot to eat like Mari and I have at Boss Oyster, I would urge you to consider hosting one of these events. If you have ideas or suggestions and don't really know how to go about it, just give me a call! I look forward to seeing you at your special spot soon!



ANNOUNCEMENT

Barnsley Motor Werks Autumn Tech Weekend - October 15,16,17. This event is for air cooled BMW motorcycles. Food and non-alcoholic beverages served; limited camping, some barn space; 2 or 3 benches available; please, no pets; can dispose of old oil but not tires or batteries; drinking is okay but no drunkenness, please; the address is: 400 Alabama Road, Ephesus, Via Roopville, Georgia 30170. Phone 770-854-9136 c/o David and Emy Woodburn.

This is a free event to give people a chance to maintain and understand their older BMW motorcycles. Regardless, it is primarily a social event to celebrate the fellowship and interest motorcycling gives us.

Y'ALL READY FOR SOME CHILI????

Barbara Little

Yep, it's time for a Little Chili. I am sorry I did not get this info in last month's newsletter but I guess I thought everyone knew about it since this is year 19 for us. The format hasn't changed much in all that time because everyone seems to like the simple menu, and since I am not much of a cook this is about as good as it gets. Sheila Kalahan has agreed to bring her big coffee pot so we will have coffee Saturday and Sunday morning which will be a vast improvement over the instant I usually have.



The Blue Springs

One thing that will change this year is collection of camping fees. I am going to let the park take care of that, and I am only going to collect for the meal itself. Since I won't know what the costs will be till I get around to shopping I won't know the cost of the meal, but it will be as cheap as possible, usually around \$7 or 8. As far as camping costs, it seems to me that prices have gone up or maybe it's just that I have not been charging the right amount. The primitive area (behind the restroom) is \$12.48. The sites with water and electric are \$18.72 and the sites with sewer connections are \$21.82. There are only 4 of those sites so if you need one, better call and reserve it NOW.

If you arrive after the gates to the park are closed, just undo the chains on the gate and come on in. Please secure the gate again once you get inside though.

On Friday before the meeting some of us are getting together for lunch at the "dime store" (Clayton 5 & 10) in beautiful downtown Clayton. We have 4 ABEES sites in Clayton and this is one of them. Just around the corner is the only octagon house in the southeast and one of only a few in the entire country. I am trying to arrange a tour for Friday af-

ter lunch. We also have another unique ABEES feature just down the street in the Clayton cemetery. The story goes that we had a notorious drunkard here years ago. His long-suffering wife threatened to have his tombstone shaped like a whiskey bottle since he loved his liquor so much, and she did just that. We also have that ugly monstrosity we call our courthouse. It is one of two in this county, the other is located in Eufaula, 20 miles east .



Octogon House

Across the street from the octagon house, we have the Clayton Mercantile which has a nice collection of mostly unnecessary stuff, like costume jewelry, books, glassware, etc but it's fun to browse through and who knows there might be something there you didn't know you need. There is another antique shop on the block as well for your shopping pleasure. And that's about all there is to Clayton but I hope you enjoy your visit.



ABEES NEWS YOU CAN USE

Bob Steber

It's about time mister weather man! Finally we have good riding weather so grab your ABEES Touring Guide and select some POIs and favorite roads, rides and tours and go exploring in Alabama the Beautiful and its surrounding areas. There are over 600 places of interest and 55 favorite roads to choose.

My favorite ABEES tour is the **Favorite Roads and Rides** NE 7 (rides #1 & #2) . The ride details are in your Touring Guide starting on page 178. There you will find a description of the tour and turn by turn directions. If you have a GPS that can download route files, go to our website), then click on **GDB - GPS Route Planning Map Template with Favorite Roads and Rides and ABEES POIs**. Click on NE 7, rides 1 & 2 and save the two route files to your computer and then send them to your GPS.

If you would like to go on this tour with your fellow Alabeemers, join us at Guntersville State Park the weekend of October 15-17, 2010. We will meet for dinner at the Guntersville Wintzell's on Lake Guntersville at 5:30 pm Friday the 15th. See our August Newsletter, ABEES NEWS YOU CAN USE article, for all of the details. I plan to camp, but there is lodging available in the Park if you prefer to motel it. Along the way, we will check off 20 points of interest, 9 favorite rides and one extreme location.

Thanks to Gary Nesmith for leading our ride Sunday, 19 September from Benedikt's Restaurant and Bakery near Springville. Lunch there was sooooo good. Gary, Darlene, Barry, Susan, Jamie, Malvene, Tim, Vernon, Kay and myself were there. Gary must have spent days planning the ride because he kept

me happily lost the entire day. We went on some fantastic roads and in one area they reminded me of being in the mountains because the elevation changes and views were so grand. Along the way we checked off eight ABEES points: Benedikt's, Easley Covered Bridge, Horton Mill Covered Bridge, Swann Covered Bridge, Blount County Courthouse, Oneonta Bible Church, Blountsville United Methodist Church and the Motorcycle Helmet on top of the Telephone Pole. It was a fun day and great to be with fellow Alabeemers.

During our Club gathering at Shellmound Saturday, 25 September, we had another fun ride on the mountain roads above Nickajack Lake near Chattanooga, Tennessee. Jim, Susie, Sabrina, Electa, Vance, Mari, Phillip, Gator, Wanda, Greg and Melanie made an early 8:30 (slow time) departure from Shellmound to insure that we would return in time for the Alabama/Arkansas kickoff. Some of the most fun motorcycling roads in the southeast are near by. SR 27, Suck Creek Road, the W Road, East Brow Road and Roberts Mill Road offered great and sometimes exciting riding and wonderful views.

One of the highlights was seeing Electa's expression when she was about to go for her first ride in a sidecar and then the big grin on her face and thumbs up when we arrived at Pandora's. Thanks to Sabrina for taking Electa with her. After a great lunch and wonderful hospitality at Pandora's, we headed back to the campground over the W Road again and then the beautiful SR 283 arriving back in plenty of time for the opening kickoff.

I look forward to seeing you in Guntersville on October 15th for our Fall color weekend riding tour. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by the incredible motorcycling roads in northeast Alabama.

BMW MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF ALABAMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Date: ____/____/2010

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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: Connie Reaves, 108 Cape Cod Circle, Alabaster, AL. 35007

RAWHIDE - ACROSS BLOUNT COUNTY

Jamie Jackson

It started out as an uneventful Sunday morning as Malvene and I suited up around ten-thirty a.m. and mounted the bike for a ride up to Straight Mountain. Wow! It didn't take but a few miles up Highway 11 for us to realize that the heat was going to be a real test. After a left turn in Springville and a short run through Homestead Hollow, we climbed the esses and switch-back to reach the top of the mountain. "Aha", I thought, "the air is at least 8 to 10 degrees cooler up here". Well, that notion didn't last long. By the time we arrived at Benedikt's Restaurant and Bakery it was just plumb down-south-midsummer hot. It felt good to shuck off some of the riding gear and go in to get a table. A table for twelve suited our needs just fine as there were ten of us. In addition to ourselves, there was Bob Steber, Gary Nesmith and Darlene Massy, Tourin' Tim Flynn, Barry and Susan Clay, and although not on their bikes, Vernon and Kay Headrick showed up.

It is really difficult to try and describe the buffet that Benedikt's offers. There was fried chicken like your grandmother used to cook, thick broiled pork chops, wonderful country fried steak smothered in perfect onion gravy with tomato chunks, homemade dressing, fresh purple hull peas, fresh mixed greens, fresh corn, creamed potatoes, and on and on. Did I mention the fried chicken? I think I heard Bob say about the pork chop that it was "the best he ever had". There was also a very well supplied salad bar, but who would want a salad when there is all that lip smacking chicken just lying there. Now, for the serious part, a light and fluffy bread pudding with (rum?) sauce, chocolate pie, coconut pie, lemon pie, coconut cake, chocolate cake, and pound cake, all home

baked.

If none of those desserts appealed to you then they had all kinds of baked goods in the bakery. The lady in the bakery was finishing up with some little apple dumplings, brownies, blueberry muffins. She had earlier made apple turnovers, cheesecakes, blueberry muffins, and angel food cakes. The place is a culinary overload! Although Ms. Benedikt wears a chef's hat and chef's coat, you will not see a lot of dishes like those on the Food Network; just down to earth wonderfully prepared food.

After we all stuffed ourselves and shuffled back out to the parking lot we donned our gear (I felt like the Michelin Man) and mounted up and with Gary's



lead we rolled away to the north in search of ABEES locations. As we rode from covered bridge to covered bridge and from churches to a motorcycle helmet on top of a telephone pole I began to drift away in thought and envisioned myself as a cattle drover of the old west, just following along with the herd and trying to stay conscious in the oppressing heat and not fall out of the saddle. Yep, ole Gary shared that same stoical appearance with Gil Favor himself (from TV's Rawhide). And in the same style as Mr. Favor he led us with courage and stamina through the distraction and unpleasantness of the overbearing heat to find our locations that were to be recorded as ABEES points; and he did it all in a very safe manner. We did man-

age to convince Mr. Favor to cut the drive short of the last leg however, and all headed home to cold beverages and air conditioning. I guess I just ain't much of a cowboy.

I am glad we have dedicated people like Gary Nesmith in the club who are willing to plan and lead events like the Benedikt's lunch and ABEES run across north Alabama. Thanks, Gary, for a day to remember.

WET WEATHER ANTICS

Gail Thorne, Safety Director

Slip Slidin' Away

Slip slidin' away, slip slidin' away

You know the nearer your destination

The more you're slip slidin' away

Sorry, I faded back to my youth for a moment. I guess I was thinking about how nice it would be to see rain for a change. With the drought we've encountered this summer, riding in wet conditions hasn't been an issue. However, this might be a good time to briefly discuss the topic. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation and the Hurt Report (I always thought this name was funny concerning motorcycle crash statistics), has a ton of excellent information about this subject. For this article, I am just going to touch on a few basic things to keep in mind when you find you and your m/c all wet.

Even, if you are determined to only ride in fair weather, you will get to ride in the rain sooner or later. For a lot of BMW riders, it just isn't a big deal, and when you're well prepared, it is just part of the riding adventure. It is not uncommon to start out on a long road trip, only to find yourself riding in a downpour & sometimes all the way back home in it. Unless the conditions are severe, Paul & I don't pay any attention to the weather. If we've planned to go, then we go.

If you're afraid it will rain on you, you probably don't have your heart into riding & just need to stay at home or go in the cage. It is just so tiring worrying about whether it is going to rain or not every time you plan a m/c ride. Just buy adequate rain gear (most top of the line gear already has good waterproofness), and getting soaked will not be an issue. The BMW line is the only riding gear I've found to be 100% waterproof. Even Aerostitch will leak around the zippers in prolonged rain, but they tell you that up front.

For me, if I want to add a little extra waterproofness, the Frogg Togg rain gear is my pick. For the money, it is a good choice because it is light weight, has some reflectiveness (they make one specifically for motorcyclist), packs small and will not make you overheat like vinyl. Personally, it is a pet peeve to have to pull over on the side of the road, and dress for rain, so I just buy waterproof gear to start with.

If I know I'll be riding in heavy rain most of the day, I'll usually put on the Frogg Togg jacket over my riding jacket. With the proper gear, you can enjoy the ride no matter what the weather conditions. I actually think it's kinda cozy, especially in the winter, but y'all know I'm crazy anyway.

I DO NOT recommend intentionally riding in the rain, especially if you're not comfortable doing so. There are some things you need to consider in addition to your everyday fair weather riding skills. Now, you have even less traction and poorer visibility (low light & face shield fogging up). Also Grand Maw, who doesn't see you in good conditions, sure can't see you now!

In the event, you get caught in a heavy downpour that isn't letting up, I suggest finding a safe place to pull over until it eases up. This is always a good excuse to eat. If you must continue on, slow down. When riding in wet conditions, don't steer abruptly and initiate your turns gradually. This isn't a good time to try out your new knee pucks. Down shift smoothly, engaging the clutch slower than you normally would, and avoid throttle changes. In other words, don't do anything "Herky-Jerky".

If your m/c isn't equipped with ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System) or the red neck version (Ain't Been Slidin'), then you need to use even more caution. You DO NOT want to lock up the rear wheel! Believe me, it is a strange sensation to be riding in a straight line and suddenly find yourself sliding sideways, perpendicular to the once straight line, only to have the bike correct itself. I learned this lesson without crashing, but I was lucky.

If you can, avoid any deep water or puddles that have accumulated on the road surface. They might be hiding a huge pothole. Also, you can hydroplane. If you do, make no steering inputs & ride straight through. However, you may need to change "yo draws" ASAP.

With Fall now here, watch for fallen leaves on the road, as they are slick even if not wet. Also, if riding after a storm, be cautious of fallen trees or branches.

As you can see, there are additional dangers involved in riding in wet, rainy conditions, and it is almost certain you will encounter this at some point. With common sense, good riding skills and proper gear, it can be done safely.

Ride Often To Ride Well, Gail

ABEES Addendum-2010

City	Rgn	Place	Code	Description
Alexander City	C	Wellborn Muscle Car Museum	POI	124 Broad Street. 23 of only 63 made 1971 Dodge Daytona Chargers. 50 American made muscle cars on display.
Chattanooga	TN	Pandora's European Motor Sports	POI	4784 Highway 58. BMW Motorcycle Dealer
Columbus	GA	The Fife and Drum	EAT	1775 Legacy Way. The Fife and Drum is an upscale, American Bistro featuring classic American fare served in a richly appointed dining room by a professional, dedicated staff. Our attention to detail and warm service with a southern charm provides a rare combination of excellence and value.
Columbus	GA	The Cannon Brewpub	EAT	1041 Broadway. The brewpub consists of two main areas - a barside dining area and pizza side dining area. The brewery located in the barside area is the central feature of the Brewpub. Dominating the rear of the building, it reaches from below floor level to the ceiling, 20 feet tall. The copper-topped bar, directly in front of it, provides a place where patrons can watch their favorite beer being brewed. Belt driven fans hang beneath the wood-beamed ceiling. Wall sculpture, castings, historic artifacts, flags and antique prints give the Cannon Brewpub a festive party atmosphere.
Evergreen	SW	Beacon The Restaurant	EAT	316 Perryman Street. Southern Cooking at it's best. Very reasonable price. Try the cooked cabbage if available, and of course the fried chicken
Foley	SW	Lambert's Café	EAT	2981 S. Mc Kenzie. Wonderful Southern cooking served in huge portions; the "thrown rolls" and gags pulled by the wait staff make it a fun place to eat.
Gulf Shores Orange Beach	SW	Doc's Seafood	EAT	Two locations: 1140 Gulf Shores Parkway & 26029 Canal Road.
Hammondville	NE	Sunrise Café	EAT	3757 Hwy 11 N, The Sunshine Cafe is open 6 days a week, 6:30am - 8:00pm. I think you will appreciate the new menu. It's more than expected. The chefs attended Berry College's culinary school.
Mentone	NE	SR 87	FR- NE 16	SR 87 from Mentone to SR 35.
Selma	SW	Bama BBQ	BBQ	Change name to Jo Jo's

ABEES POINTS TO DATE

Name	Restaurants, Points of Interest and Monthly Club Gatherings	Favorite Roads & Rides	Total ABEES Check Offs	Total ABEES Tickets	Total Bonus Tickets	Total Tickets
Martin Benson	245	26	271	13.6	14	27.6
Rodger Williamson	230	24	254	12.7	20	32.7
Bob Steber	133	19	152	7.6	10	17.6
Jamie Jackson	72	4	76	3.8	11	14.8
Malvene Jackson	72	4	76	3.8	11	14.8
Vance Harrelson	67	3	70	3.5	11	14.5
Tim Flynn	54	2	56	2.8	9	11.8
Paul McBrayer	37	12	49	2.5	10	12.5
Brenda MCBrayer	37	12	49	2.5	10	12.5
Gary Dubois	21	7	28	1.4	2	3.4
Terry Ware	24	3	27	1.4	7	8.4
Bob Daigle	25	1	26	1.3	7	8.3
Wanda Daigle	20		20	1.0	6	7.0
Joan Ware	15	1	16	0.8	0	0.8
Rhea Converse	15		15	0.8	0	0.8
Leroy Sloan	13	1	14	0.7	0	0.7
John Harper	8	3	11	0.6	0	0.6
Mari Harrelson	10	1	11	0.6	0	0.6

BMW RIDER'S CLUB FALL RIVERBOAT CRUISE October 16th, 2010

Come to Chattanooga for a complimentary lunch at Pandora's European Motorsports. Listen to Allen Kelly and John Queen's presentation covering their recent 16 day Alaska expedition starting at 11:00 am.

At 12:45 pm all riders will head downtown to board the Southern Belle for a two hour cruise on the Tennessee River. Pandora's has arranged for a private 'BMW Rider's Club Deck' just for the occasion.

Enjoy refreshments of your choice on the river as you overlook some of the most beautiful fall scenery in the country. Door prizes will be raffled off during the boat ride, compliments of Pandora's and BMW NA, as well as other premium vendors.

Cost of admission is \$25 per person, which includes the riverboat cruise as well as a commemorative T-shirt. To register simply call Pandora's at 423-468-4104.

The river cruise is limited to fifty passengers and there are only eight slots still open as of October 1st, so go ahead and call for reservations.

This sounds like a wonderful opportunity to ride in the Chattanooga area, hear amazing Alaska stories, and enjoy a riverboat cruise in the Autumn setting, and all with fellow BMW enthusiasts.



There's still Time Ya'll...

Get On Board The 5th Annual Alabeemer Bluewater Cruise!!

Yep...This 5th edition is all set to go! The dates are March 7-12, 2011. We will be sailing on the Carnival Elation out of the port of Mobile, AL for a tour of the Western Caribbean and calling on the ports of Calica and Cozumel!

If you have never been on one of these cruises, you are missing a great time indeed. We have a block of cabins reserved that must be released on November 1st if not booked. While it may still be possible to book the cruise after that date you will not be booked under the group and will miss out on all the benefits of being booked with our group!

Pricing *including all port charges, taxes and gratuities* is \$517 per person for an interior cabin and \$557 per person for an ocean view cabin. For complete details and booking, call today! Our cruise specialist handling our Alabeemer Cruises is;

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Club Sponsored Events With Meetings

- Oct 30-31 Blue Springs State Park - Clio, AL
- Dec 4 Christmas Party - Leeds, AL

Other Events of Interest

- Oct 14-17 Biketoberfest 2010 - Bunnell, FL
- Oct 15-17 - Autumn Tech Weekend - Ephesus, GA
- Oct 22-24 Waggoners RibFest - Centerville, TN
- Nov 12-14 SwampScooters Rally - Carencro, LA



The W road in Chattanooga offers some of the finest scenery to be found anywhere. Bob Steber led the ride from Shellmound campground during the September meeting/campout.