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BMW RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF THE MID-SOUTH  
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## THINK COOL

This time of year in the Mid-South favors us with its annual blast of heat and, oh that humidity. Feels like natures home-made sauna, doesn't it? Seeking out a "cool off" takes on many different shapes. For most of us the favorite is the stiff breeze afforded by high speed Beemer cruising. Just a few months ago, however, high speed Beemer cruising was not only a "cool off" for one of our members, but a real effort was put forth just to stay warm. Funny, talking about staying warm in this heat. I've been saving this one just for us to "think cool".

Jim Walker, one of our members (see your member roster, we don't see much of Jim) was gearing up to ride with us on our annual Polar Bear ride back in January, remember? Jim didn't make the Polar Bear ride, but he experienced the reality of his own. Seems Jim wanted to ride his BMW to St. Louis so that Side Car Restorations could do some work on it, and then ride his BMW with us on January 11th. On January 4th Jim struck out for St. Louis, a bright sunny day--good for a nice long ride. On the way, Jim said he got a bit chilly and stopped a few times to warm up, but he forged on. When he arrived at his hotel in St. Louis, he asked the desk clerk what the temperature was----"15 degrees, the warmest all day" the desk clerk replied. What tops this little ditty off is, you see till then, Jim being from Florida, had no fairing.....he does now!

## NEW MEMBERS

Please add to your member roster:

Bob Herndon  
1203 Dorothy Place  
Memphis, TN  
726-5221

Bob is the proud owner of a European purchased 81 R100/RT. He was referred by Ray Neihouse. Bob is a pilot for Republic Air Lines. He bought his bike in Europe this summer. Welcome Bob, hope to see you often.

## out of line

Earl Williams says any club member presenting this newsletter to his place of employment can get a \$13.95 front end alignment for \$10.00 (4 wheeler). Earl works for Dixie Tire Company located on State Line Road in Southaven. Earl says Saturdays are busy.

For Sale: Gazebo full bike cover.....\$40.00 Mike Caruthers  
Vetter 3/4 bike cover.....\$25.00 Mike Caruthers  
Mike says they are like new..phone 785-0640

## OIL FILTERS

Call Pat Fitzgerald.....362-3232



## Last Month

JULY 11th Five BMW's and eight people turned out for the mystery ride for breakfast. Mike Caruthers and Harold Cagle showed up to see us off, then had to pass on the ride. I think I overheard someone mention they saw a cloud in the sky. The mystery ride took us to Brownsville, Tennessee to The Old English Tavern & Restaurant. This was a very quaint place full of nostalgia of its heyday back in the 30's, 40's and 50's. The owner was a spry old fox, who was full of reminiscence for the "good old days". When we arrived, the air conditioner was out of order. I happened to pick a seat right in front of a high speed fan sitting on a bar stool. When I bent over to turn it down, I was promptly admonished by our friendly proprietor to keep my hands off, you see, he was sweating a lot and wasn't really worried about my hair blowing down in my face. At that point it looked like things were going to get off to a bad start. However, he lightened up and so did I and the meal was great. The ride back via Somerville and Moscow was delightful.

JULY 16-19th The Grand Ole National. I could go on all day about this one. Unquestionably the largest M/C event I've ever been to. As the local officials put it, "the biggest thing to ever hit Humphries County". Without counting heads, a great number of the RAMS showed up for this one. Thanks to the help from RAMS Walter Burnett, Phil Nolan, Paul McReynolds, Spencer Bennett and Jim Hamby (if I missed anyone, I'm sorry) my Beer Race went off very smoothly. The winner, Steve Hernandez of Milwaukee literally inhaled three beers in what must have been record time, not to mention the open field sprints in between. He's a two time winner. He won the same event last year in Prineville. The third place finisher appeared to actually turn green and nearly passed out.

### A few statistics:

Attendance	6122
BMW's	3486
Brand X	373
MOA Charter Club Members	2035
States represented	49 (ex Hawaii)
Coors Beer consumed.....	70 cases per hour, more in one day than the whole city of Nashville drinks in a week.
Foreign countries represented	8
	England-Germany-Saudi Arabia- Canada-Australia-France-Denmark-Guatemala

Our friends from Denmark were awarded the Road Rider Touring Award by Road Rider staff reporter Bob Carpenter. 44000 miles in eighteen months (two up).....WHEW!

JULY 25th Mother Nature spoiled the beach party, but she sure didn't spoil the pie. Tony and Dana Reed graciously invited all of us in out of the rain to their lovely log home (114 years old). As is becoming routine, this meal event was a delight, including the pie. Those present were the Reeds, the Burnetts, the Fitzgeralds and Dale, the Bennetts, the Caruthers, Bill Wilkins and son Ken, S. C. Rose and Connie Irby, the Haleys, the Wounschs, the Cagles and the Unversaws. A short meeting was held. Thanks Reeds for your hospitality.

## COMING EVENTS

AUGUST 8th.....Saturday 7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST RIDE. Destination-Pete Streiff's Restaurant and Boat Dock. This is on Horseshoe Lake not far from S.C. Rose's place.

Meet at the foot of Beale Street, at Tom Lee Park on Riverside Drive. Y'all pick a ride leader from there, Nona and I will be in Colorado riding the ridges. Directions: Go west on I-40 to exit 271. Go south on Highway 147. Stay on 147 for about 25 miles. Look for Streiffs. S.C. Rose will meet us down the road. This is Connie's father's place, so come on out-she says the fixins are good. You newer folks come on out, we don't bite.



AUGUST 8th cont'd

S. C. says after the breakfast, stop by his lakeside home for some fun and frolic.

AUGUST 22nd....Saturday 7:00 P.M. Club Meeting

Location: Shoney's Restaurant on Lamar, across from the Holiday Inn. Its on Lamar between I-240 and Winchester. This will be the next to the last club meeting prior to our Return to Shiloh Rally. It would be nice for you to show up as a demonstration of your interest in our club's most important event of the year. We'll be needing your help.

AUGUST 30th....Sunday 12:45 P.M. Saddlebag Lunch Ride

Destination: Yacona Ridge State Park located on Enid Lake, Miss. Lets meet at the parking lot across from Graceland, on Elvis Presley Boulevard.

Footnote: The RAMS riding on the July 11th breakfast run were, the McReynolds, Mike and Carol Arendale, Butch Turner, Bert Smith and the Unversaws. Just for the record.....

**General B.M. Doublya says ....**



Ah'd like to interduce  
Cap'n R. Sixtyfife.  
He's watchin thu gate  
this munth.  
He's been doin lotsa  
saddle time as ya can  
tell frum that space  
tween his legs.  
Eats lotsa griyuts too,  
jus look at that belly.

