

FLAIRHEAD BEEMER CLUB
TALLAHASSEE TECH SESSION
APR 14-16, 2006

This year's session was again hosted by Kevin Reimer at his retired goat-milking barn now turned BMW MC workshop. In addition to the work described below, the camaraderie was aided with superb BBQ and Lasagna provided by Gay Johnson and Jann Paxton. Because of Easter, most of the work was done on Saturday, with only a couple of tents, and overall attendance lower than last year. The longest distance rider was John Hoge (R75/5) from Athens, GA who came to provide support to his brother-in-law (Kevin R.) and to meet the notorious Florida Air Marshall, Jimmie (GATOR) Balough. Three of the attendees were in their early 20's, and we may have a new generation of airheads on the way.

Larry Meeker (76 R90S), Allan Moskowitz (81 R100RS) and Steve Edmunds (81 R100RT) visited from St. Augustine but couldn't find anything on their rides that needed fixing. Larry did learn about the hazards of inadvertently hitting the kill switch. Andy Foster of Tallahassee brought his 72 R75/5 Toaster out for a checkout but no work was done on the good-looking bike. Another local, Liz Vickery rode her R90/6 out with her brother. Ed Miller (R100/7) and Woody (R60/5-6) visited and offered their help where needed.

The work that was accomplished and references to some of the learning that occurred is synopsized below. If more information is desired please contact the owner involved. Dave Mordecai (74 R90S) came out even if Clark Morris didn't. Dave was everywhere and his help was greatly appreciated by all. Forrest Vickery (83 R80RT) changed to progressives on rear shocks but had wrong parts to complete his brake fix. Reesha Gruender (84 R100RT) changed to progressives on front and rebuilt forks. Aaron Spitler (78 R100/7) rebuilt his forks with donated parts because of incorrect dealer parts supply. Chris Smith (R100GS) replaced steering head bearings and brake fluid. Bob Messer (85 R80) replaced steering head bearings and brake fluid. Ask him what it means to run unplugged. Steve "Honda" Wagner (R100RS) and son Alex (age 7) replaced oil-sending unit and helped others. Tim Hyde (R100/7) was running on one jug when he brought it in but with coil swap outs, plug lead repair and minor carb adjustments he was purring when he left (and his bike was running good too). Owen Hardin (87 R65 "Rita") resealed the top end and installed a new oil-sending unit. Jeff Johnson (R75/5) occupied center stage for 24 hours. To check a possible flywheel installation error he removed the transmission and, while having it apart lubed the splines and redundantly practiced his transmission installation procedures. Spacers really are necessary. He also completed a Dyno electronic ignition installation and replaced his clutch cable. Flywheel was fine. He did amaze his brother in law (Johnny the Shadow man) with Beemer knowledge and we predict Honda may lose this one. Kevin Malfa (72 R75/5 "Frankenbeemer") replaced RS bars with some S bars, and changed all the fluids from forks to final drive all while making his poor girlfriend Amy wait until the bike was ready for the road again.

Finally, Gator Balough (R90/6, R100RS and looking) had electrical issues with the RS but after finding a loose nut behind the bars and by adjusting it we could not rectify the problem. We also

tried to repair an after market center stand on the /6 but couldn't find the right spring and had to send him on his way with a bunch of Zip ties.