



ELECTION ISSUE

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Officers & Directors Election

The time has arrived to cast your vote for the 2011 BMWMOGA Board of Directors. Voting will take place on Nov. 14 at the Club Meeting and annual Shrimp Boil held in High Falls State Park. Should you not be able to attend this meeting you can vote via absentee ballot by printing and mailing the ballot below. Absentee ballots must be in the hands of the Club Secretary on or before the November Club Meeting date. An Election Proctor will ensure that members vote only once. Thank you for your assistance in making BMWMOGA a diverse and vibrant organization!

BMWMOGA 2011 VOTER BALLOT

NOMINEES	VOTE (X)
PRESIDENT	
Danny Andrews	
Write-In:	
VICE PRESIDENT	
Eric Chatham	
Write-In:	
TREASURER	
Jan Herron	
Write-In:	
SECRETARY	
Jim Dunlap	
Write-In:	
RIDE CAPTAIN	
Randy Miller	
Write-In:	
DIRECTOR	
Doug Peters	
Jonathan Sharpe	
Write-In Nominee:	

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print out ballot. Place an "X" in the grey right hand column next to the name of the nominee for whom you wish to vote. You may enter an additional nominee by printing (in ink) candidate's name next to the words "Write-In Nominee" in the left hand column of the ballot. There may be only one vote placed per position. If more than one "X" is marked per position the ballot will be discarded.
2. This is a secret ballot. Do not put any other identifying marks anywhere else on the ballot. To do so will cause the ballot to be discarded.
3. Place the ballot in a business envelope, seal and write in ink your return address on the envelope. Please include your name (printed), address, phone number and legal signature. Envelopes with return addresses not filled out exactly this way will be discarded unopened. Mail to: **BMW Motorcycle Owners of Georgia** • ATTN: Club Secretary-Absentee Ballot • P. O. Box 2156 • Duluth, GA 30096. Please note: absentee ballots must be in the hands of the Club Secretary on or before the November meeting date (11/14/10) in order to be considered.
4. Those voting at the club meeting may either bring this ballot or receive a ballot at the November Club meeting. They will then sign for and vote with this ballot. An Election Proctor will ensure that members vote only once. Bullets 2-4 above apply to members voting at the meeting.
5. This is per Article 4, Section 4, Club Bylaws, August 4, 2002.
6. Votes will be tallied by the Election Proctor at the November Club Meeting at High Falls SP (N33 10.931 W84 00.936) starting at 11am. This is the Club's annual Shrimp Boil.

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Candidate Profiles

PRESIDENT

DANNY ANDREWS:

HERDING CATS: I ended up in this position last year for the same reasons as this year — no one else wanted to do it. That is truly a shame. Makes one wonder if the Board is needed anymore. This past year some administrative issues were addressed and new policies and procedures were put in place that had to be done or we were in big trouble. I have made some mistakes as I went and have learned from them. If reelected this time it will be another year of learning.

Sometimes my language is a little “salty” but it is always said with a grin and I hope I didn’t offend anyone as that was not the intent. I hope my manner of conducting meetings has been acceptable, as I hate meetings that drag on and on. Brevity should be the rule for all meetings, official gatherings and communications.

There have been a few recent issues that were not resolved and drag on way too long because the “silent majority” refused to speak up. This “silent” group is just as guilty as the pot stirrers

you privately complained about. I hope that for the balance of this year we can calm down and quit stirring the bucket. Please become familiar with our Bylaws and if something isn’t relevant for today’s club then let’s get them changed to better suit the current make up of the club. And please, if something doesn’t go your way on a particular issue voice your opinion and if the majority doesn’t respond let it go for the good of the club. You have choices to make so think about your vote and don’t forget WRITE INS are encouraged. ☐

DOUG PETERS:

I have been a member of the BMWMOGA for about fourteen years. I am a geologist by trade, as well as a bit of musician and farmer/rancher. I have enjoyed being a part of the club and its activities through the years, especially the events related to riding and the rallies. Through this club I have met some very friendly and interesting folks who share a common enthusiasm for motorcycling and the fabulous BMW motorcycles.



I believe it will be beneficial to the club to have someone like me on the BOD, who has a lot of experience with the club, and has actually served as a rally chair, as that brings a level of experience and understanding to the table that is gained only through doing.

For the past three years I have served as Rally Chair for the GA Mountain Rally, working along with Andrea White to manage rallies that set a standard our club can be proud of. Our rallies have been very successful and have generated about \$20,000 for our club over three years. We brought the rally to our current world-class venue, the GA Mountain Fairgrounds, and attendees seem to really like this location. We brought in more vendors, interesting seminars, great door prizes, and tried to design an event that would be interesting and memorable, and that represented our GA club well. We wanted to carry on the BMWMOGA tradition of a great rally and make it even better. Andrea

and I worked hard to maintain complete records of the rally and expenses, and strived to follow procedures the late Dave Coon helped put in place to keep our finances accurate and secure. Andrea and I have been working together on a handbook to document procedures, information and instruction regarding all aspects of the rally so that others can carry forth without reinventing the wheel. We donated most weekends and many evenings to working on all aspects of rally preparation and management, for three years. We needed to take a breather from that intensity, but still offer our support and advice to current rally managers.

A very active rider, I have led many club rides through the years, including one last year to the Cherokee Parkway. I have served on the BOD in the past, served on the committee that wrote and put our current ride guidelines in effect (I felt it was important to have an organized system for conducting group rides safely, while not making them so rule-oriented that they were no longer fun), provided entertainment for various rallies through the years, and attended many club functions. I attended and helped with our club track day at Roebbling, and I encourage more of these motorcycling activities for our club.

I enjoy seeing new riders embrace motorcycling, and I believe in the benefits of good instruction and training. Encouraging young riders and offering helpful advice is always rewarding. I like being a part of a club that can promote motorcycling, fellowship, and goodwill, and I like the quality, European style, comfort, and the blend of sport and touring that BMW motorcycles offer.

We do need to work a little sometimes to get along, and realize the club should be fun, not stressful. We need to remember that we are a so-

cial motorcycle group, working together to achieve goals, conduct our rally, and ride. I hope to encourage the riding and social aspects of the club, and I believe the members should get something back from the club for their participation and efforts.

My beginnings as a two-wheel rider started in the dirt, as a kid. I continue to enjoy off-road jaunts on my Suzuki DRZ400. I also love street riding, and have logged over 132,000 miles on my 1985 K100RS alone, about 67,000 miles on two Ducatis, and over 16,000 on a 1987 K100RS and a few other odd bikes. My main bike is my R1200S, and I have about 25,000 miles on it now, including a fantastic trip out west last year. I realize these miles are not much compared to some BMW riders, but let me say that many of my miles have been “exciting” ones (sometimes it is quality, not quantity).

As a rider, I try to learn and improve my skills and abilities as much as I can, in ways such as riding with and learning from highly skilled riders, attending courses, reading about techniques, and attending occasional track days. Participation in five Reg Pridmore courses at Road Atlanta, a race school at Roebbling, various track days through the years, and a lot of street riding has helped me develop my current riding style and become a better rider. I love being on the track and believe it is a great environment to hone riding skills that not only make you a faster rider, but a more confident and safer one as well.

I always love finding “new” roads with plenty of curves and challenges to meet. I believe our club should be a “riding” club, and I will look forward to seeing my fellow riders out there enjoying the challenges and rewards of the road also. ☐

DIRECTOR

JONATHAN SHARPE:

My name is Jonathan Sharpe and I have been a member in good standing in the club and with the Board of Directors for over 12 years. I am presently serving as Interim Director to replace Charles until the new Board is installed. I am a commercial real estate broker with over 24 years of experience, and

am a member of the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors. I will bring my professional honesty, integrity and problem solving skills to the job of Director. I am serious about being a good steward of the club’s resources and seeing that the club will be a benefit to the entire membership.

My wife, Renee, and I enjoy touring and camping

on our 1150 GS. I also own an 1100 S for sportier rides and track days. I enjoy working on and maintaining my bikes as well. Renee and I have been volunteers for the club’s rally’s and for the MOA rally. I am honored that I was appointed an Interim Director and would like your vote so that I can continue to work for you. ☐

Bikers For Barkers



First ANNUAL POKER RUN

October 16, 2010

A Benefit Ride For The Clayton County Humane Society
A No-Kill Animal Shelter for Dogs and Cats

First Place Prize - \$500.00

Prizes for 2nd - 5th place

Day Of Event Registration - 8:00 a.m.

First Bike out at 10:00 a.m. last bike in at 2:00 p.m.

\$25 Entry Fee, Includes Lunch and Commemorative T-shirt

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or call us at 404-630-8515

Location: Clayton County Harley Davidson 1384 Southlake Parkway, Morrow, Georgia 30260

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

It's that time of the year again to elect BMWMOGA members for positions on the Board of Directors. A ballot for the Board is listed on the front cover of this issue. If you cannot attend the club meeting in November when voting will take place, please submit the absentee ballot to:

BMW Motorcycle Owners of Georgia

ATTN: Club Secretary-Absentee Ballot

P. O. Box 2156

Duluth, GA 30096

All ballots sent via mail must be received by the club secretary on or before November 14, 2010 to be counted. All BMWMOGA members are urged to exercise their right to vote. □



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mark your CALENDAR

Always check with the club calendar on the web site to verify date, time and destination prior to your departure <http://bmwmoga.info/forum/calendar.php>

Month	Day, Date	Activity/Location
October	Sat, 16th	Bikers for Barkers — First Annual Poker Run
November	Fri-Sun, 12th-14th	10th Annual Cajun Swamp Scooter Rally
	Sun, 14th	BMWMOGA Club Meeting
December	Fri-Sun, 3rd-5th	Savannah IBMWR Shrimp Boil
	Sun, 12th	BMWMOGA Club Meeting

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