

MOUNTAIN CRUISERS

Mountain Cruisers Ride to Jim's Smokin' Que Sept 9, 2011

Well, this turned out to be an interesting day. We missed riding on our regular Wednesday because of the wet, leaf covered roads after several days of rain. We made a suggestion of a short ride Friday over the mountain to a new BBQ place that was gaining an enthusiastic reputation. It was a cool, crisp morning when thirteen people, seven bikes, showed up. The ride was exhilarating in the new fall chill, especially at the top of the mountain. Jim's Smokin' Que lived up to its reputation. A large table was all ready for us and the quick service was appreciated. The BBQ: excellent. Now, since this was just a short ride to lunch, that should be the end of story. However...

As we were ready to leave and go our separate ways, we found that one of our bikes was in trouble. Seems the battery was dead. After much pushing and popping of the clutch, still no go. Some of our riders had tools and they began to investigate. Now they found several important nuts were missing from somewhere in there. No one had any extra nuts that they could donate so a 911 call was placed to a repair shop. By this time many of our group had gone to do their thing while several of us then headed to a motorcycle rally in Hiawassee. After browsing around there a while we were whittled down to Sam and me and Ed and Sharon Spenik. We four decided to go over to Sleepy Hollow and walk through the little village of fairy homes. I did get a little fairy house and some accessories for my yard back in Florida.

By the time we got back home I had an email from the broken bike owner telling us that all was well and had been fixed for \$20. So the day ended well with everyone home, safe and sound.

Till next time - put me in the Be-Back Book.

Gail Flynn