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## Out & About by Al Jones

Sunny weather and temps in the upper fifties brought out the bikes for the February meeting. There must have been at least 25 bikes show up to Ben Proffitt's house in Apex for the meeting. Thanks to Ben for hosting and having an early lunch so that the afternoon daylight could be put to good use. I appreciated Ben's well stocked garage with the diversity of two-wheeled hardware present.

A highlight of the meeting was the Plaque presentation to Jim Morrison. Vince Provenzano presented the Plaque in appreciation for all the actions Jim has volunteered to modernize the club's newsletter and website as well as Jim's work with the Adopt-a-highway program. Jim volunteered his home as the meeting place for that activity and stocks all the items there that are required. The quality of upgrades that Jim carried out on the newsletter and website are of the highest professional caliber.



Our Treasurer, Sandy Osta had the new Club Notebook available at the meeting. She has transitioned the club databases and business information to that platform. This should make her job easier and certainly make transfers of responsibility easier in the future when club officers change.

The Adopt-a-Highway activity took place on Saturday, 20 February. Five individuals showed up and helped with roadside clean-up and enjoyed lunch together afterwards. That activity goes smoother and quicker when about a dozen individuals show up. The next one is in May on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so mark your calendars.

**CAMPOUT:** A number of club members have approached me about reviving a Club Campout in some way. It does seem that BMWs and camping just go together. This doesn't have to be a revival of the Halloween Campout. Everyone did think it should be located near the mountains. There was some talk of centering something around the Yadkin wine country area, which would be one possibility. I need suggestions on locations to check out and timing of such an event. The first year we would certainly keep it low-key and then build on it in successive years. Please send your suggestions to me, Pres at tarheelbmw.org or call at 910-488-6526.

**Meeting Hosts:** Look at the calendar we still have some open months later in the year for meeting locations. Sometimes, it seems like a big job to undertake, but it is one Karol and I always end up enjoying. Email me if you have an interest in hosting.

See you on the road...