

## Society News

# Rev. Moore to get motorized tricycle as 'Bike Bug' honoree

Rev. Johnny Moore of Schulenburg has been selected as Bike Bug Brother of the Year 2011 by the Motorized Bicycle Company and, as such, will be presented a specially equipped Workman Industrial Tricycle with Bike Bug engine and industrial trailer during a special presentation at the Schulenburg Festival.

The selection, made annually by the Motorized Bicycle Company of Houston, owned by Mike Schneider, is based on a person's association with the bicycle engine and/or community service. Rev. Moore is the first honoree planning to build a church.

Rev. Moore will be featured on the Motorized Bicycle Company Web site, [www.motorizedbicyclecompany.com](http://www.motorizedbicyclecompany.com), and Bike Bug's Web site, [www.bikebug.net](http://www.bikebug.net), with photos and video of his inaugural ride on the streets of Schulenburg.

Schneider said the selection of Rev. Moore came about after the recent MS150 bicycle tour from Houston to Austin, where four Bike Bug-equipped bicyclers learned about Rev. Moore constructing the church by collecting recyclable materials with a bicycle and wagon and hauling them to his facility.

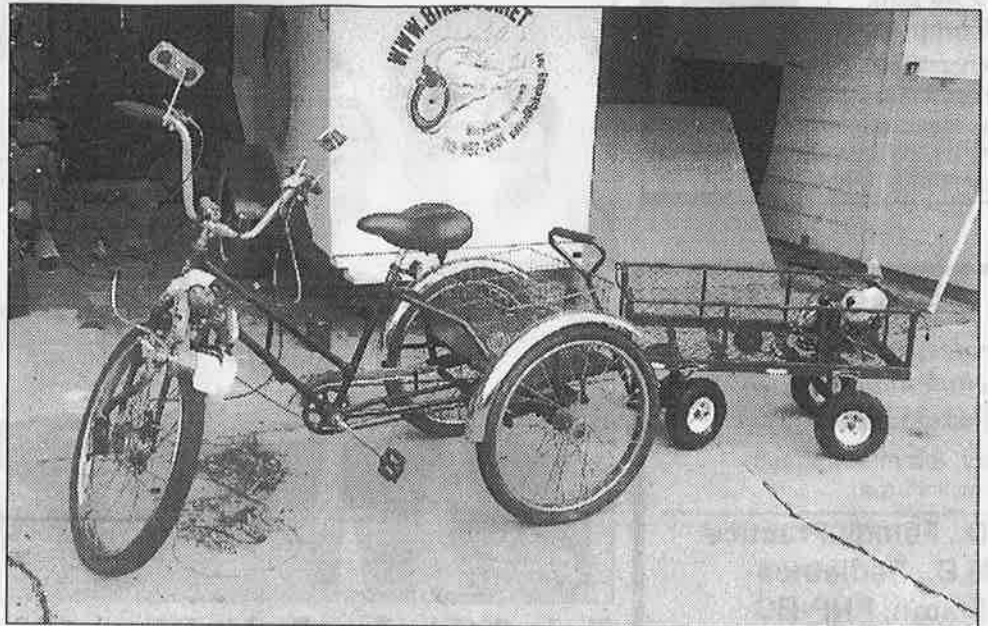
At his Church of the Heart construction site, Rev. Moore and parishioners sort and stack the various items. Citizens can shop at Rev. Moore's outdoor facility, with proceeds going to fund the church construction.

After completing the MS 150, several of the Bike Buggers drove to Schulenburg to find Rev. Moore. They were greeted with smiles and handshakes from Rev. Moore and several of his parishioners.

In front of his facility, Rev. Moore has three bicycles parked and he described their significance to the visitors:

- A bike with a mule-drawn plow (the Lord says you have to sow).

- A bike with a boat with fishing poles (the Lord says



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you are to be fishers of men).

- A bike with the wagon (the Lord will provide).

Rev. Moore also explained that he hauls refrigerators, cast-iron bath tubs and other items weighing up to 200 pounds with his bicycle and wagon. When Rev. Moore asked how much a tricycle with Bike Bug engine would cost, the Motorized Bicycle Company responded it would be their contribution to building a church in Schulenburg.

Hearing about the project, several of the Texas Bike Bug Brotherhood met at Motorized Bicycle Company's Houston facility and spent several evenings working on refurbishing the Worksman Tricycle, tuning up the Bike Bug engine and retrofitting an industrial trailer with longer axles and bicycle wheels donated by Tractor Supply of Katy.

When Worksman Cycle Company of Ozone, N.Y. was contacted for technical help in repairing the unique front drum brake system,

Worksman decided to contribute a wire basket to the project.

With the Bike Bug engine, Worksman Tricycle and trailer, it is hoped Rev. Moore will be able to travel greater distances and gather more. The Bike Bug 1.2-horsepower engine achieves 150 miles per gallon with speeds ranging from 5 to 28 miles per hour. Rev. Moore should be able to carry 300-plus-pound payloads.

In addition, a motorized tricycle or bicycle is street-legal without license, tags, inspection or insurance in Texas, which can mean additional savings, especially compared to a truck or car.

The Motorized Bicycle Company is also equipping the unit with head light, bell, mirrors, taillight and flashing safety wheel lights. They hope the good citizens will give room to Rev. Moore and his cause when he is encountered on the roadway.