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Triathlon Volunteers Wanted !

The Memphis In May Triathlon will be returning to the Edmund Orgill park in Millington, TN. This event needs Motorcyclist in order to give the Referee's access to the Race. Other riders provide an increased level of safety by calling in crashes and getting help to the athletes with broken bikes.

May 21, 7am we need 4 volunteers

May 22, 6am we need 6 volunteers

If you are interested in Participating email me at.
art04rt@gmail.com

Camping accommodations for RAMS volunteers can be arranged.
but must be done in advance.

April 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Herb Anderson at 1:35 pm at the RAMS Campsite at Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR. There were 29 RAMS and 14 motorcycles present.

New Business:

- 1) We have 2 new members for April
Gene Amigliani who lives in Memphis and rides an R90/6.
Frank Vento who lives in Eades, TN and rides an R1200 RT.
- 2) We currently have 103 new and returning members for 2016.
- 3) There were no guests at the meeting.
- 4) Herb extended Thanks to the Meeting Hosts: **Spencer & Rose-Anne Bennett and Mike & Barbara Dale.**

RAMS Rally Update:

The Secretary/Treasurer (Spencer Bennett) did the 2016 RAMS Rally report:

1. The Big Tent has been secured in writing for the Rally.
2. The tables and chairs provided by the city last year will be provided again.
3. RAMS Officers will attend the Parkers Crossroads City Council Meeting on May 5, 2016 at 6 pm to discuss any issues that the Council may have about the Rally.
4. Hank Widdop has secured a sound system for the movies at the RAMS Rally.
5. Spencer has received information on a possible alternate porta-potty vendor and will follow up.

Old Business:

- 1) If anyone does not have their picture in the online directory, please see Spencer or Rose-Anne Bennett to get it made and posted.
- 2) RAMS Patches (old logo only), decals, and business cards are available from the Secretary.
- 3) 2015 RAMS Rally shirts are available for \$10.00 ea. From the Secretary.

For the Good of the Club:

1. Check the RAMS Website for other rally schedules and locations.
2. The Wilderness Rally will be held the weekend of May 6-8, 2016 on the Buffalo River in Arkansas. Please contact Hank Widdop or Paul Whitworth for specific directions to the site.
3. The **May RAMS Meeting** will be Saturday, May 14, 2016 at:

Bruce Ottways Home in Murray, KY.

Herb will send directions and coordinates to the list prior to the meeting. Friday and Saturday night camping will be available should you wish to stay over. There will be a Saturday morning breakfast ride and a tour of the Hannigan Facilities. Lunch will be at noon and the meeting at 1:30.

Your host will be Bruce Ottway.

4. **RAMS Meeting Locations: Hosts for 2016 are:**

June - Hartwood Campground, Waterloo, AL : Mike Hart

July - Open

August - My Favorite Place Restaurant, Cordova, TN: The Manchester Family

September - Open

October - At the RAMS Rally on Oct. 2: No Host

November - Joe's Restaurant, Boliver, TN: Paul Rhodes

December - Old Timers in Millington (December 17): Larry & Teresa Craig

If you would like to host one of the open meetings please let the Secretary/ Treasurer or any RAMS Officer know. If you would like to host the RAMS Christmas Party and Meeting in December at your home, please let any RAMS Officer know as we have reserved Old Timers but could not get our usual date.

5. If you have an item for the RAMS Meeting agenda, please get it to the Secretary (officers@bmwrams.com) by Wednesday prior to the meeting. This is not required for an item to be discussed, but it will insure it gets in the agenda.
6. Please remember that the former Lavinia Sunday morning Breakfast group has moved to Parker's Crossroads, TN (Crossroads Café north of I-40) due to Mama Judy's closing. Start time remains at 0800.
7. Hank discussed the issue of Trophies for the RAMS Rally Bike Show and whether individual RAMS wanted to make the trophies for the classes. Hank made a motion, seconded by Donna Clark, that we make the trophies this year and it passed unanimously after a brief
8. discussion. Hank will spearhead this project so please see him if you want to work on it.

Treasure's Report:

- 1) Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$6909.66.
- 2) Petty Cash = \$40.00

Bert Fechner made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.

Words from Our President

The May meeting of the RAMS is scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at the farm of RAMS member Bruce Ottway. The address is 3646 Speaker Trail (Hwy 280), Murray, Kentucky. (GPS N36 35.130 W88 09.435.)

Bruce's cell phone is 270-226-3472 Lunch will be provided by Reno and Herb Anderson at 12:00 noon, with the meeting to follow at 1:30 pm.

But wait...there's more! , Early risers are invited for a 8:30 am. A no-host breakfast at Wild Mountain Bakery and Cafe, located on the court square in Murray, Kentucky. The street address is 412 Main Street. This is a regular Saturday morning gathering open to all motorcyclists regardless of brand.

Interested RAMS members are invited for a tour of the Hannigan Motorsports showroom and production facility at 10:15 am Saturday. Hannigan Motorsports is a manufacturer of world class sidecars, trikes, trailers, and quads, plus the all new Roadster. Your visit will include an opportunity to visit the Hannigan Museum where you can view Dave's large collection of vintage and modern motorcycles, including many BMW's.

Hannigan Motorsports is located at 4044 US Hwy 641 South, Murray, KY 42071.

From Hannigan Motorsports we will do a 20 minute group ride to Bruce's farm near Kentucky Lake for eating and meeting. Or is that meeting and eating? Bruce has a campsite on his farm where you are welcome to spend a quiet afternoon and evening. Herb will lead a ride on local roads for those who feel the need for some extra miles. You are on your own for the evening meal at a restaurant of your choice, or you may bring fixings to do some campfire cooking. Over night primitive camping is available for all. so plan to

Bring your camping gear and stay overnight. Larry Craig will be organizing a ride (or rides) to the May meeting from the Memphis area. Watch your email for details.

A Personal Note from Herb

For more than two decades I have worked in the motorcycle industry. I count myself blessed to have had the opportunity to make a living spending my time around motorcycles and the people who ride them.

However, the time has come for a change. Some of you are aware that I had previously served as a pastor at churches in Canada and California. Recently I received a call from a church in western Canada to come as their lead pastor. After much prayer, Reno and I have agreed that I should accept the call. Sometime this summer we will make the move to Saskatchewan.

I had never expected to return to the country of cold winters and straight roads, but the time has come to focus my time and energy on sharing the good news about God and his son Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to complete my second term as club president. When the time comes, VP Larry Craig will move into the role. He will do a great job leading the RAMS, and Reno and I will become your most northerly members.

I am hoping and planning to come back for the RAMS Rally, and look forward to seeing you all at that time. Also, I will probably leave a motorcycle in the Memphis area so I can get back for a RAMS ride occasionally.

Editors note: I bet there is a Hanger or a garage out there that may have room for Herbs bike next to a future port-a-potty storage area.

Doo-Dah 2016: Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR

By: Spencer Bennett

The 2016 Doo-Dah Sidecar Rally and Tax Revolt got off to a good start with Mike Dale, Steve Hamilton, and Hank Widdop arriving at the park on Thursday, April 7, 2016 to get everything set up for the rally. At the Doo-Dah this consists of renting a couple of campsites and getting the fire going for the evening.

Friday morning found folks starting to drift in, with a good representation from the Arkansas Club and some RAMS, although the RAMS did not really start rolling in until late in the day for any number of reasons. Mike and Hank, aided by Steve, prepared the traditional Doo-Dah meal of white bread and bologna for the folks who had not made other preparations and the group settled down to an evening of campfire and conversation under a great sky with reasonable temperatures.

Saturday morning dawned a little brisk but reasonably clear and the group, which had swollen somewhat overnight, was soon convened at Cabin 1 for the usual Waffle and sausage breakfast hosted by the Bennett and Coffman Families. This has become a fixture at this rally and the beer waffles are really worth the ride over. After breakfast, some went for a ride, some went to town for supplies, and some went back down to the campsites to prepare for the next meal.

Noon rolled around, and with it Mike Dale's brats and "fixins" which really hit the spot after a morning in the great outdoors. The day tripping RAMS, who were riding over from Memphis or Paris, or Illinois, began to arrive about 1130 and there was soon a large group feeding and waiting for the RAMS Business Meeting to begin.



Steve Hamilton enjoying the Saturday Lunch at Doo-Dah

Once the lunch and the meeting (see minutes for details) were done with the group spent the afternoon kicking tires, wandering in the woods, and admiring the new shower/restrooms at the park. Yeah, there wasn't much going on.

About 330 the preparations began for the highlight of the Doo-Dah, the evening meal feature a selected ingredient prepared by the rally attendees. This year the ingredient was "Peas" of any type, and the types presented in dishes included English Peas, Chick Peas, Blackeyed Peas, and even some red peas, or so Rick Coffman claimed and his red peas and rice was so good no one objected. After dinner and cleanup it was back to the campfire and relaxing with another, somewhat cooler night to look forward to.

In case you were wondering, there were a number of motorcycles and at least one sidecar at the rally although the main emphasis was, as always, the food and fellowship that comes of sharing a great weekend in a really nice camping area. Next year the date will be April 7-9 (early due to Easter falling on April 16 next year) and the featured ingredient will be Pineapple in all of its many incarnations. Get your recipes together and join us for a truly enjoyable spring weekend in central Arkansas.

Bad Jokes and Random Notes

As a Former Scoutmaster I have lots of Bad jokes. You can spare the club jokes told by scouts by simply sending me good ones. Apparently, You like BSA Humor.

A scout on a hiking trip fell behind on a trail that went around a large cow pasture. The scout saw a Rancher and asked if he could cut across the pasture. He explained that the short cut could save him 20 minutes.

The Rancher agreed and then told the straggler, “If My bull see’s you, You might even save 30.”

And now for a Random Note.

How is Swapping Ted Cruz for Herb Anderson a fair Trade ? The Canadian Government better pony up some money to the RAMS to make up for this massive trade deficit.

Saskatchewan, Really,...? I’m Pretty sure That is Canadian for Siberia. I am not sure why God has called Herb and Reno to the Forgotten Providence, But, Who am I to question Gods plans. So , Herb GO North And Make Saskatchewan Great Again !

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