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**February, 2016**

The Winter time is an interesting time for Bikers. Its a time to Plan our trips and prepare our Bikes for the riding season. Don't forget about the little things like tyre pressures and suspension settings. We know all know how important it is to have good Tars, and Brakes.

And now to quote the Greatest President Ever !!!!

Andrew Jackson,

“It is a weak mind that can only come up with one way to spell a word. “

## February 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Herb Anderson at 1:35 pm at Old Timer's Restaurant in Millington, TN. There were 19 RAMS and 6 motorcycles present.

### **New Business:**

- 1) We have no new members for January:
- 2) We currently have 86 new and returning members for 2016.
- 3) Paul Rhodes brought guests Ann and Morgan to the meeting,
- 4) Herb extended Thanks to the Meeting Hosts: **Larry & Teresa Craig**

### **RAMS Rally Update:**

- 1) The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the 2016 RAMS Rally information has been listed in the MOA Owner's News and the RA On the Level magazines.
- 2) We are still looking for a 2016 RAMS Rally Chair.
- 3) There was discussion of the 2016 RAMS Rally Pin design and Larry Craig pointed out that the RAMS Agreed last year to use the same design every year with a color and date change. This year's color will be selected prior to pin ordering.
- 4) RAMS Management commented on the quality of the Rally Committee Chairs last year and how well the rally went, but no volunteers for Rally Chair were forthcoming.

## 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. Larry Craig announced that he will be hosting a coffee/conversation meeting at Performance Plus on the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 and encouraged all RAMS To attend if they can.
3. Donna Clark encouraged everyone to get their 2016 RAMS High Mileage Contest starting entries in ASAP. The contest will run from January 1 to December 1, 2016 and that any brand of bike's mileage will be accepted. Note, however, that both beginning and ending numbers must be turned in for you to win.
4. Herb Anderson proposed an overnight ride to Nashville to meet with the Nashville and Knoxville Clubs and perhaps see some of the local sights. He will work on this and have more information at the March Meeting.
5. The matter of RAMS Club Shirts was brought up by Larry Craig. This would not be a Rally Shirt but rather a RAMS Shirt to advertise the RAMS when we are at other Rallies. He stated the Knoxville Clubs shirt is a good example of what he would like to see. Maybe something with a collar as well? The Secretary will look into pricing and availability and report back to the RAMS

6. The **March RAMS Meeting** will be Saturday, March 12, 2016 at:  
**1780 Green Village DriveHernando, MS 38632**  
**(901)-626-2831**

**GPS: N 34.796618, W-90.021272**

Your Hosts will be Spencer & Rosey Bennett and Rick & Susan CoffmanThere will be a **Tech Session** preceding the meeting. It will begin at 0800 and will continue after the meeting. Lunch will begin at 1200 and the meeting will follow at 1:30. Chile will be prepared by your hosts and you are welcome to bring any sides you may want to contribute. Soft drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring any adult beverages you may wish to have (a refrigerator will be available). The Tech session will be in the Hangar behind the house and is best accessed from Robertson Gin Road via the back driveway. There will be two motorcycle lifts and Tom Wolfgang has generously agreed to bring his tire changing setup.

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

March - 1780 Green Village Dr., Hernando, MS: The Bennett's & Coffman's

April - Village Creek State Park, AR: The Dale's & Bennett's

May - TBD: Herb Anderson will be host.

June - Hartwood Campground, Waterloo, AL : Mike Hart

July - Open

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

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.

If you have an item for the RAMS Meeting agenda, please get it to the Secretary ([officers@bmwrams.com](mailto: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.

Please remember that the former Lavina 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.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

- 1) Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$6902.49.
- 2) Petty Cash = \$45.00
- 3) IRS Form 990-N has been filed for 2016.

A motion to adjourn was made by Spencer Bennett

Second by Art Manchester III

Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned.

## BMW Riders of Knoxville Rally May 26-29, 2016

If you are looking for a smaller, family like rally in late May, the ROK rally fits the bill! Paul Whitworth and I enjoyed this rally last spring. The ROK rally takes place in Del Rio, TN which is about an hour southeast of Knoxville. The rally is held on one of the club member's beautiful property located between two creeks. There is sunny or shaded camping on level ground. The club provides simple dinners for all three nights with plenty of home baked cookies to satisfy your sweet tooth. Great riding is located nearby including "The Rattler" which has 290 curves in 24 miles! Hot Springs NC is nearby providing lodging and restaurant options. The rally is limited to approximately 100 people so register quickly. More information is available at <http://www.bmwrok.org/>



## 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. You were warned last month.....

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

Do you smell carrots ?

And Now for a Random Note.....

Special Thanks To:  
Jim Linneman for the ROK rally info.

Bob and Janet Kelly for The Super Bowl Party.

Performance Plus BMW for hosting and catering The Saturday ride.

Fred Bradley and Marshal Robilio for all they do for the motorcycle community.

Our Club Volunteers who make our Club what it is..... Awesome !!!

Stuff for sale or  
Trade! 

*If you have anything you want to sell, trade or give away to a  
good home, email your pictures and description to:*

*Editor, The Shaft:*

*[newsletter@bmwrams.com](mailto:newsletter@bmwrams.com)*



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