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**June, 2016**

Our new President and Vice President.  
Larry Craig, and Steve Clark.

Special thanks from Paul

Thanks to all who participated in the ride last weekend. A good turnout for the RAMS for sure. Special thanks to Tim Jones and Rodger Moring for helping out. I dare say it sure would have been a Mystery Ride without their help. A good weekend, with good folks, and what about those roads!

Thank you from Pam Routh

Thanks to the RAMS that made the Annie Oakley and Wild Bill triathlon Possible.  
Crystal, Rick, and I

## **June 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Herb Anderson at 1:35 pm at the Hartwoods Motorcycle Campground in Waterloo, AL. There were 22 RAMS. and 16 motorcycles present.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1) We have 1 new member for June, Sam and Ellen Riney who live in Cordova, TN and ride an R1150 RT.

2) We currently have 107 new and returning members for 2016.

3) Doug Dashter and his dog “T-Bone” were guests of Michael Hart and provided the pavilion we held the meeting under.

4) Herb extended Thanks to the Meeting Hosts: Mike Hart and Peggy Russell.

5) Herb then “Passed the Gavel” to Larry Craig as the incoming President. Larry made a few opening remarks and then opened the election for the incoming Vice-President to fill out his remaining term. Spencer read out the duties of the Vice-President so all would understand what was involved. After much discussion and several nominations and declinations, Butch Turner nominated Steve Clark, Joe Marshall seconded the nomination and, after consulting via phone with Steve, John McWhorter made a motion that we elect him by acclamation and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Steve Clark in the new RAMS Vice-President and will serve out the remainder of the 2016 Term.

## **RAMS RALLY UPDATE**

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

1. Spencer brought examples of proposed 2016 rally pin and rally shirt artwork to be viewed and discussed, after a good deal of discussion it was decided that the brown would be better for both the pin and the shirt.
2. Hank Widdop made a motion, seconded by Robert Rehkopf, that this year's shirts have the RAMS Logo on the back and the 2016 Rally Pin Design on the front left breast, with the words "Happy 100 th Birthday, BMW." beneath the design. This was approved by a unanimous vote of the membership present.
3. Spencer Bennett had rally flyers for all who wanted them.
4. Spencer brought prices for the Kick Stand Pads and some other "happies" to present and after some discussion it was decided that we could not afford to offer these tis year. This proposal was tabled for reconsideration
5. Pin Prices were not available as we had not settled on color and size. These should be available at the July Meeting.

## **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
- 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. Paul Whitworth will be leading a ride on June 25 th that will leave from theParker's Crossroads Restaurant at 0900 or so and will go to Centerville, TN for lunch. E-mail Paul for details
3. The July RAMS Meeting will be Saturday, July 16, 2016 in Hamburg, NY. at the MOA National Rally in the RAMS Group Camping Tent. Lunch (fruit) will be provided by your host, Hank Widdop at 1200. the Meeting will begin at 1:30.
4. RAMS Meeting Locations: Hosts for 2016 are:  
  
July – RAMS Tent at the MOA National Rally: Hank Widdop  
August – My Favorite Place Restaurant, Cordova, TN: The Manchester  
September – TBD: The Clark Family  
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
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. The former Lavinia Sunday morning Breakfast group has moved back to Lavinia. The Buffet is also back and the food is reported to be “muchbetter” but no chocolate gravy.

1) Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$5711.82

2) Petty Cash =\$55.00.

3) No significant expenses (over \$100) this month.

John McWhorter made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.

# The ROK Report

## 2016 ROK Rally

Spencer Bennett

The 2016 ROK Rally was held over the Memorial Day Weekend at Del Rio, TN which is in the middle of the Smokey Mountains and provides some great riding roads for both GS and street folks. Pre-registration is required as they have a limited amount of space at their Rally Site and do not want to over crowd the facility.

I left Hernando on Wednesday before the Rally as I wanted to go over to Maryville and join up with Jim and Nicky Linneman as they live 50 miles or so from the rally site. I got off to a late start as sometimes happens, so I elected to slab it over on I 40. I was riding the K75 and towing “Snack bar”, the trailer, for its first long trip I and thought this would be a good idea in case anything cropped up. Nothing did and I had an uneventful ride over to the Linneman’s.

Thursday morning I awoke to the patter of light rain in the roof. Further inspection revealed that the rain appeared to have come for the weekend so after a hearty breakfast Jim and set off for the Rally, with Nicky to follow along later in the day. We followed some of Jim’s favorite local roads, including the “Foothills Parkway” and had a great ride over. The rain had shifted to intermittent and actually was not enough to keep the road wet so it was a non issue.

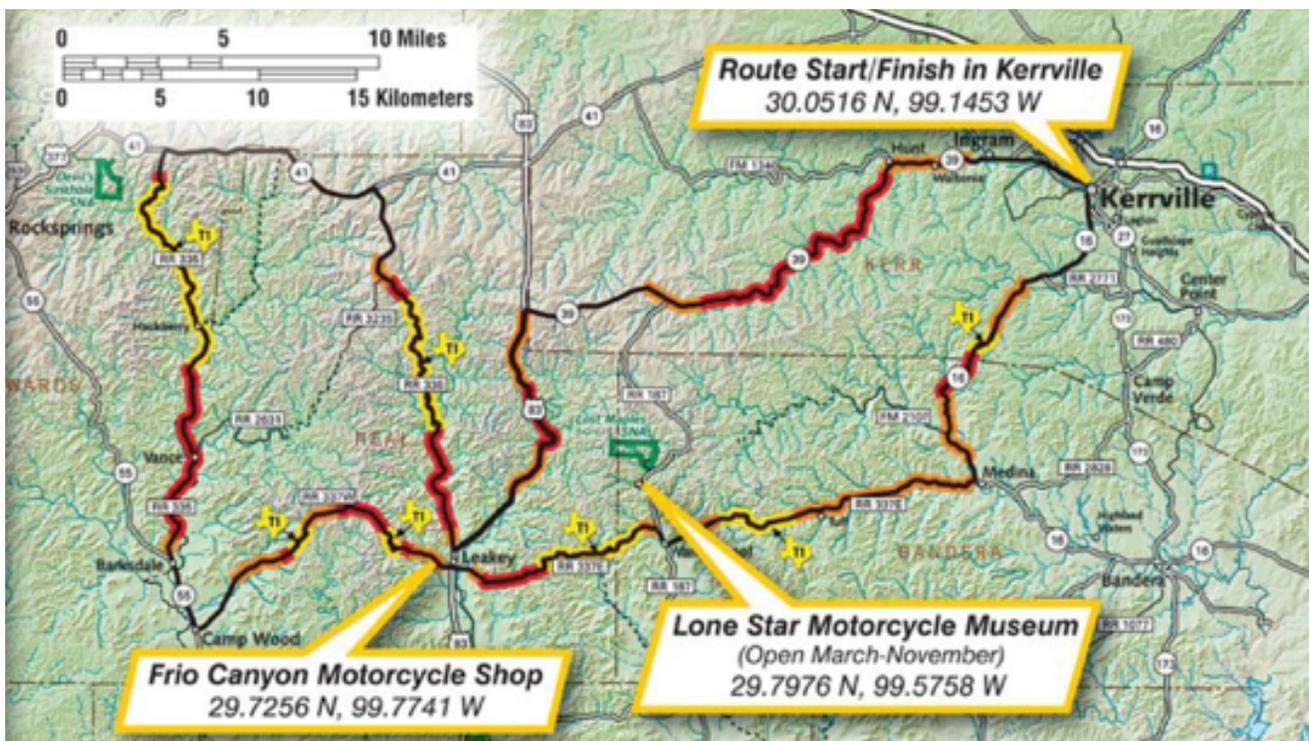
We arrived at the Rally at about 2:30 and soon had camp set up, helped by some of the Four Winds BMW Club who had arrived on Wednesday and staked out a prime location. The Rally facility is a privately owned family campground and is really well set up with outdoor showers, augmented with porta-potties, and plenty of cooking and serving areas. The road in is well graded and packed gravel and presented no problem, even with the trailer.

# The Five'Fer Report

These days we all seem to be combining our tasks, juggling as many balls as we can. Well I did what I call a five'fer, a 5 ride combo more or less. The goal was to ride to the Texas Hill Country, and meet up with the I-BMW group in Hunt, TX and a least ride the 'Three Sisters', 335, 336 & 337. I have been to the Hill Country many times and the local eat and drink places are legendary, especially Cooper's in Llano, TX it's grills are huge and you can buy any part of anything their grilling, down to which rib you want of and which end and how much sausage, chicken etc. My plate above was a rib with jalapeno sausage which came with all the bread, beans, jalapenos and other 'stuff' you could eat. It was delicious as always. If you're in the area don't pass up Cooper's. After a quick 'rally' with a great group of riders I was off to my second of my five'fer. (The Motorcycle Tourers Forum Flower Sniffin in Patagonia, AZ.) I took the long route to AZ, via the Big Bend and NM, and saw some interesting sites. The first was the Radar Blimp in the middle of nowhere NM. If you remember this was the blimp that became untethered and did millions of dollars in damages. It is supposed to locate approaching aircraft, etc. in Washington DC and protect the POTUS. But evidently from what I read it doesn't work! Billions more wasted dollars. One of the 'things' riders have to get used to out West is the 'WINDY' conditions. I have a new more visual description of the wind 'when a bicyclist has to get off their bike and walk it' you know the wind is blowing. In Deming, NM walking against the wind back to the hotel from dinner, I could jump up and be blown back. There were many, many, many signs warning about blowing and zero visibility. I did not know in the zero visibility sand storms the signs said 'move to shoulder of the road and TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS! Now that's pretty drastic, but I remember reading about a 20 car pileup recently. Best advice I can think of is don't ride your bike in zero visibility! Arriving in Patagonia, AZ I was pleasantly surprised by the town, as described by the local tourist info guy, as a town where you can walk to anything you need, and doesn't have a MacDonald's! It is an art and craft type community, with a great hotel, and the restaurants have 4 star food, IMHO! I would certainly go back. Homemade pies and dark roasted coffee! Yum Yum. The rides are great from Patagonia, especially the Observatories and Museums in the area. You can spend 3 or 4 days including the Pima Aircraft Museum. Regardless, I of course went to Tombstone and watched the reenactment of the OK Corral gunfight which was well worth the money. After the Flower Sniffin the ride got serious, heading to San Diego the wind got high and although it was 470 miles they were tough miles with blowing sands, and some tumbleweeds! Arriving on Friday night for a 0330 Sunday departure, my riding buddy (Bill Campbell), and I took time Saturday, our rest day, to take care of the 50CC starting witness paper work and to collect Pacific Ocean water and sand.

THE 50CC goals were riding a BBG riding 1500 miles/24 hours, SS2000GOLD riding

2000 miles/36 hours and the 50CC ending in Jacksonville Beach, FL in less than 50 hours. Sunday night weather said 75+ MPH wind gusts in NM on Tuesday! So I knew we were on the cusp of the weather coming from the West. We left on time and road the route as planned with 3 stops to the exact minute. End result is we made all the goals finishing the 50CC in a few seconds less than 41 hours. We had near perfect riding weather, relatively mild winds for the West, some heat around the 90's, a rain shower in FL which actually cooled us off, and NO animals. We were blessed. We celebrated in Jax at one of my favorite eat places in the world! Beach Road Chicken Dinners, served home-style, Yum, Yum, Yum, and more Yum. Lee Trevino, the golfer said it was the only place in the world he'd stand in line for! Rested a day in Jax and rode a single leg back to Memphis. 6700 miles in total.



Links to the rides: Texas Hill Country Rally (THCR) sponsored by the I-BMW Internet Group

<http://www.i-bmw.com/showthread>

MTF Patagonia AZ FlowerSniffin Rides

<http://www.mctourer.com/rides/2016/Arizona/index.htm>

the Iron Butt Association (IBA) 50CC

<http://www.ironbutt.com/ridecerts/getdocument.cfm?DocID=4>.

Photo's from the "Mystery Ride" Provided by Butch Turner.  
If I told you all about it, It would no longer be a Mystery ride.



## Words from our President

Once again, we want to thank Reno and Herb Anderson for all they have contributed to the RAMS club over the many years as members and most of all for their leadership over the past 2 years.

After assuming the role of President of the club, one of my first tasks was to fill the position of Vice President. At this time I would like to thank Steve Clark for his willingness to accept the position of Vice President for the rest of this year in spite of his busy schedule. I would also like to thank all the RAMS for the support they have given me while I was serving as Vice President and ask for that same support for Steve as he assists me in leading the club for the rest of the year.

Our next big event will be the MOA national rally in Hamburg, NY, and once again the RAMS will have a tent set up at the Charter club area for all RAMS in attendance. Please check in at the tent so that we will have a head count of RAMS at the rally. We are leaving on the 9 July 2016 and will have my trailer. We are going to Canada from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> arriving at the rally site the 14<sup>th</sup>. We can carry some items as long as it is accepted in Canada at the border. I will be bringing a club cooler for the tent area for ice and drinks. I will also have some electric extension cords for RAMS use while camping. My cell phone number is 901.619.5079, or sends an email through the RAMS website. Don't forget that our July club meeting will be held at the tent on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. I had to move the meeting time because of the RAMS officers attending the MOA leadership meeting.

For those of you who are not going to the MOA rally, I encourage you to use the RAMS email and post any activities or rides you would like to have others join you. Ride the back roads, ride for a lunch or whatever you enjoy doing while riding your two wheelers. Be safe and always ride safe.

Larry Craig

## Bad Jokes and Random Notes

Cajun Humor is Awesome !!!!!

Boudreaux woke up one morning to find Marie packing her bags. "Where the heck are you going?" ... demanded Boudreaux. Marie replied, "You know all da free sex I've been giving you all these years? Well... I just found out I can get 3 or 2 hundred dollar for sex out in Las Vegas !." and With that, Boudreaux jumped out of bed and began packing his own bag as fast as a duck on a june bug. "Where do you think you're going?" demanded Marie. "I want to see jus' how de hell you gonna live on 3 or 2 hundred dollars a year!"

# Stuff for sale or Trade!

**Steve Browning** <[browningsteve@bellsouth.net](mailto:browningsteve@bellsouth.net)>

Date: Tue, Jun 21, 2016 at 8:33 PM

Subject: [RAMS] R90S for sale

To: BMW RAMS <[rams@bmwrams.com](mailto:rams@bmwrams.com)>

I have decided to quit riding so I am offering my 1974 R90S for sale. 65K miles. The bike is in good shape mechanically but has some cosmetic issues (as many 40 year old bikes and people do!). It comes with what I believe to be the original tool kit, an extra windscreen (one clear and one smoke), a Clymer's, Tom Cutter's dual plug book (the bike is dual plugged), recently powder coated valve cover protectors, and some assorted gaskets.

You can see pictures of all of this at [R90Sforsale.shutterfly.com](http://R90Sforsale.shutterfly.com)

I'm asking \$5000. The bike is located in Lexington, TN

Steve Browning

**Robert Rehkopf** <[captrehkopf@gmail.com](mailto:captrehkopf@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Jun 21, 2016 at 6:55 PM

Subject: [RAMS] 2010-2013 RT FARKLES for sale

To: RAMS <[RAMS@bmwrams.com](mailto:RAMS@bmwrams.com)>

Hi all,

I have many accessories for sale from my old 2102 RT.

Ztechnik engine guard, Wunderlich rear saddlebag protection bars chrome, several windscreens, heated seats 3 brands, low side stand, lifting handle, tankbag, 49 liter top case, basically any accessory you might need.

Let me know if you are interested?

Thanks,

Robert Rehkopf

 *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:*

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