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The January **RAMS** meeting will be Jan. 07, 2017

Old Timers Restaurant in Millington Tn

7918 C St
Millington, TN 38053
Tel: (901) 872-6464

This is our “Be there or be President” meeting.

Lunch at noon and then a club meeting with our annual elections at 1:30pm.

December 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Craig



(winner of the Ugly Sweater contest) on December 10, 2016 at 2:28 pm at Bruce Ottway's Home in Murray, KY. There were 17 RAMS and 2 motorcycles present. Bruce put out a beautiful catered spread that was delicious and well received by the members.

His opening his home to the RAMS is truly a generous and caring display of the fellowship that makes the RAMS what it is.

Spencer is speechless at Larry's Sweater.

New Business

- 1) We have no new members for December.
- 2) We currently have 110 new and returning members for 2016
- 3) There were no guests for the meeting.
- 4) Larry extended Thanks to the meeting host: Bruce Ottway
- 5) Officer Nominations for 2017 were opened. The nominations were:

President: Larry Craig

Vice- President: Jonathan Gifford

Donna Clark

Secretary/Treasurer: Spencer Bennett

No new/additional nominations were made. Please remember that the nominations will stay open until the January Meeting when the elections will be held.

RAMS Rally Update

- 1. The RAMS Officers have offered to serve as the RAMS Rally Chair for 2017 as was done in 2016 as we do not seem to be overcome with volunteers for this position. The discussion at the meeting was that the Officers present felt that this worked well last year and they were willing to take it on again.**
- 2. The RAMS Officers will set up a meeting in January with the PCRV Owners to discuss the new RAMS Rally contract. If anyone has any issues that they feel need to be discussed at this meeting, please submit them to the officers at: officers@bmwrams.com. Note that meal selection has been brought up and we will discuss this at the meeting to see what can be done other than Brats and fixings.**

- 3. The need for RAMS Rally Committee Chairs is great with the following positions required:**

Registration

Food

Door Prizes – Rose-Anne & Spencer Bennett

Swap Meet

Rally Shirts

Awards

Bike Show- Donna Clark

Poker Run

Coffee

Signs

Trailer – Tom Wolfgang

Sanitation

There are job descriptions available for each of these positions and the Officers would be pleased to share them with you or answer any questions you might have about them. If you wish to volunteer for a position, please let the Secretary/Treasurer know.

- 4. The question of whether the RAMS wish to continue to conduct the RAMS Rally was discussed and the resounding opinion of the members present was that we do. The feeling was that focus needs to be on making it a good time for all attendees, and let the other issues sort themselves out over time. Larry Craig pointed out that we do have about 40% of our members attending, and that is better than most of the other BMW Clubs he has talked to, so we must be doing something right.**

Old Business

- 1) If anyone still does not have their picture in the online directory, please see Spencer or Rosey.
- 2) If you would like a RAMS patch (old logo only), decal (old and new logos) or need RAMS business cards, please get with Spencer.
- 3) A few 2016 RAMS Rally shirts in limited sizes are still available for \$15.00. See Larry Craig.
- 4) 2015 RAMS rally shirts are available for \$10.00 each. See Spencer.

For the Good of the Club

- 1) Check RAMS website for rally schedules.
- 2) The January Meeting will be at Old Timer's Restaurant in Millington on January 7, 2017. This month we are a week early as several RAMS Officers & Members will be out of town on the normal meeting weekend. This was announced at the meeting as being at Fox Ridge Pizza but the management at Fox Ridge required a \$200.00 Deposit to use their meeting room so the Secretary/Treasurer elected to move the meeting. The address for Old Timer's is:

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Lunch will be in the side room and will begin at 1200 with the Meeting and Election beginning at 1:30.

- 3) Larry Craig is organizing the January RAMS ride to the Northeast Florida BMW Rally. The Rally dates are January 13-15, 2017 and the group will likely depart on January 11 and overnight on the way down. Please get with Larry if you are interested in riding down with the group for a nice mid-winter break and a really good rally.

- 1) **Hank Widdop mentioned that he had stopped by Bench Mark Works in Sturgis, MS (www.benchmarkworks.com) on his way back from the Swamp Scooters Rally and felt that it is definitely something worth stopping in to see if you are in the area. Craig Vechorik (the owner) also specializes in Airhead parts and maintenance for those of you who may have a need.**
- 2) **Spencer & Rose-Anne Bennett offered to host a Tech Session at their home in Hernando in March. No firm date yet, so watch this space for details.**
- 3) **Several members mentioned their hope that the new Vice-President will organize more local rides during the coming year. The Saturday Donuts and Coffee at Performance Plus were also mentioned as a very good thing to continue as it brings out a lot of the RAMS to meet and then go for a ride.**
- 4) **Larry Craig said we also need to work to support the Grass Roots Dealership, even if they are not RAMS Members, as several of the RAMS in North TN and Kentucky rely on them for service. He thought perhaps an organized ride to their next open house would be a good thing.**
- 5) **Butch Turner thanked Bruce for putting up a ramp to his front door to help Nancy Turner access the house. This is just another reflection of Bruce's thoughtfulness, per Butch.**
- 6) **Bruce Ottway wanted mention made of his appreciation to Paul Rhodes and Steve Clark for their help in getting the maintenance issues on his K1300 RS ironed out.**
- 7) **If you have an item you would like to see in the next meeting agenda, please get it to the Secretary by Wednesday prior to the meeting and it will be added to the next meeting agenda. This is not required for an item to be discussed, but it will make sure it gets in the mix. Send the information to: officers@bmwrams.com**

Treasurer's Report

- 1) Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$5620.45
- 2) Petty Cash = \$50.00
- 3) 2017 Dues are due and they must be paid to vote in the January election.

The usual "Sneaky Santa" gift exchange closed out the meeting with a great time had by all. Several RAMS moved to adjourn and it was done by acclamation.

RAMS Meeting Locations and Hosts for 2017:

January- Old Timers Restaurant, Millington TN.

February - Open

March - Open

April - Traditionally at the Village Creek State Park, AR. ???

May - Open

June - Open

July - Open

August - My Favorite Place Restaurant, Cordova, TN.

September - Open

October - At the RAMS Rally ???

November - Open

December - Open

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