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FEBRUARY, 2017

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1780 Green Village Dr.

Hernando, MS 38632

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February 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Craig on February 11, 2017 at 1:42pm at The Southern Eatery in Holly Springs, MS. There were 23 RAMS and 17 motorcycles present.

New Business

1) We have 1 new member for February:

Jimmy Simmons who lives in Medina and rides a Suzuki DL 650.

2) We currently have 76 new and returning members for 2017. Larry noted that 2017 Dues are payable at this time.

3) There were no guests for the meeting.

4) Larry extended Thanks to the meeting host: Jonathan Gifford and the staff at the Southern Eatery.

5) The question of whether or not to print the 2017 RAMS Directory was brought up by Larry. The cost of the printing versus the utility of it was the issue. The best pricing he could come up with after extensive shopping was approximately \$800.00 for the color version and \$300.00 for the black and white version. Donna Clark made a motion that we have only the on-line directory this year with the provision that it be possible to print a copy if one wished to do so and she offered to print a copy for anyone who desires it. Butch Turner seconded the motion and it passed.

RAMS Rally Update

1. The Rally dates have been changed to September 29 – October 1, 2017 and this information is on the RAMS Web Site.
2. Officers met with PCRV Staff on January 29, 2017. The prices for the campers and for the meal will stay the same for 2017 so we will maintain the \$40.00 Rally Fee for 2017.
3. The campground expects to have 4 new bathrooms and showers ready for the RAMS Rally.
4. Rally pin color for 2017 will be Red per the VP, Donna Clark.
5. Any meal entre revisions may affect the meal price and we will need to let PCRV know if we wish any changes asap. Suggestions have been chicken or burgers. Whatever is selected must be something that can be cooked on the grill.
6. PCRV hopes to have an operational kitchen that we can use in two years or so.
7. Ted Brechbill offered to conduct a “Downed Rider” Seminar at the RAMS Rally. This would cover the do’s and don’ts of assisting a rider who has had an accident. This was accepted by the Rally Committee as a good idea.

VP’s Corner

1. Donna had no updates on Art Manchester who had an accident on the way to the meeting today.
2. Ride Leaders are needed both for the rides to the meeting and for other rides during the month.
3. Donna would appreciate it if RAMS could get some reviews of equipment they use for trips, camping, or maintenance for the SHAFT.

Old Business

- 1) If anyone still does not have their picture in the online directory, please see Spencer or Rosey.
- 2) Larry Craig is working on getting a RAMS Shirt designed and produced that is not a rally shirt. Likely will be a Polo type in a wicking fabric of some type. Watch this space for updates.
- 3) If you would like a RAMS patch (old logo only), decal (old and new logos) or need RAMS business cards, please get with Spencer.
- 4) A few 2016 RAMS Rally shirts in limited sizes are still available for \$15.00. See Larry Craig.
- 5) 2015 RAMS rally shirts are available for \$10.00 each. See Spencer.

For the Good of the Club

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Butch Turner will be doing a seminar on sine and non-sine wave inverters as camping power sources between lunch and the meeting.

- 1) Donna and Steve Clark have volunteered to host the September Meeting so we only need someone for the July RAMS Meeting.

- 2) Donna Clark mentioned that a group is looking into getting a bench on the Memphis Greenway to honor Steve Wilson, long time Memphis Motorcycle enthusiast who was killed while walking on the Greenway by an automobile, and wanted to know if we would consider doing something to help with the \$5000.00 it takes to do this. There was some discussion but no action taken.

- 3) The monthly Saturday Donuts and Coffee at Performance Plus will continue as it brings out a lot of the RAMS to meet and then go for a ride.

- 4) There was a discussion of Art's accident and the importance of riding your own ride in group rides. Be responsible for the person behind you and the person in front will do the same and the group will stay together at a pace suitable for everyone. There also needs to be good communication among the riders and from the ride leader about stops and what to expect at turns as not everyone does group rides often and different groups may have different expectations. Tim Jones said a brief prayer for Art's recovery and for his family to close the discussion.

- 5) 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 = \$5476.01
- 2) Petty Cash = \$50.00
- 3) 2017 Dues are due.

Movement to adjourn by Greg LieVan, seconded by Hank Widdop, approved unanimously.

Our Club has provided Motorcycle support for the Memphis in May Triathlon for many Years. This event is managed by PR events. We will need 2 Riders that can carry a judge and other Riders to monitor the course.

There are 4 events that could use your support. they are.....

Memphis in May Sprint Triathlon - May 20, 2017; 8am race start
35th Annual Memphis in May Olympic Triathlon - May 21, 2017; 7am race start

Casper Lake boat ramp
Edmund Orgill Park, Millington, TN

2nd Annual Annie Oakley Buffalo Bill Sprint Triathlons June 24, 2017; 6:30 am race start

Shelby Farms Park, Memphis, TN

1st Annual Horseshoe Lake Sprint Triathlon July 22, 2017; 7am race start
Horseshoe Lake, AR

28th Annual Dragon Fly Triathlon Aug. 26, 2017 8am start
Sardis Lower Lake, Cypress Creek Point swim and picnic area
Sardis, MS

we will need 2 motorcycles to carry the officials and others will monitor the bike course segment.

If you have family they can also come out and volunteer during the race.

Coffee and a snack, lunch and T shirt for volunteers.

Thanks for the BMW-RAMS and your help!

Pam 901-550-2114

I know many of you are wondering about the condition of my Dad. He is at the rehab facility at the med (Regional One Hospital) In room T310. He is expected to be there for 3-4 weeks. He can talk. He can hear using his left ear. Keep in mind he worked around Turbine Jet engines for about 50 years. He is making progress. He knows he was in a crash but does not know when, where, why, or how. I would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers.

One thing that none of us want to talk about is when to quit ridding. For me the answer is simple ... Impairment. Some impairments are temporary and we avoid riding after drinking or when we are tired. Other impairments arrive slowly over decades. We may fail to recognize them but they are there, longer reaction times, the loss of strength or balance, the vision to read the asphalt and to see details at night. It is up to each one of us to determine when to stop.

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