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The Journal of the Riders Association of the Mid-South

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**July, 2017**

The next Meeting will be on August 12 , 2017 and will be  
at:

My Favorite Place Mexican Restaurant

880 N. Germantown Parkway

Cordova, TN 38018

Tel: 901-757-8900

Your hosts will be the Manchester Family. Lunch will begin at 1200 and  
the meeting will be at 1:30.

Prayers needed for Eric, Sevilla and their children.

Tim Jones eye sight.

Art #3 brain, shoulder and  
knee.

This month we lost LaRue Hart

Pam would like to thank the RAMS for their continued support of the local triathlons.

Dragon Fly Triathlon  
Aug. 26 at 8am  
Sardis MS lower lake

If you would like more information about volunteering you can contact Pam at (901) 550-2114

I need someone to take over the newsletter. I am going to stop sending it out. send me an email if you want to takeover this club news letter, [art04rt@gmail.com](mailto:art04rt@gmail.com)

## **July 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Thank you to Rose-Anne Bennett and to Teresa Craig for filling in for me at the July Meeting so I could go for a ride.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Craig on July 8, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the Olympic Steak and Pizza in Atoka, TN. There were 19 RAMS and 10 motorcycles present.

### **New Business**

**1) We have three new members for July:**

Larry Allen who lives in Cordova, TN and rides a Harley Davidson.

Bruister LeNoir who lives in Millington, TN and rides a 1979 R100.

Thom & Merri Portz who live in Lakeland, TN and ride an F800 GSA,

**2) We currently have 101 new and returning members for 2017.**

**3) There was 1 guest for the meeting.**

Jim Yarbrough who was a guest of Larry Craig.

**4) Larry extended Thanks to the meeting host: Teresa Craig**

### **RAMS Rally Update**

- 1. The Rally dates have been changed to September 29 – October 1, 2017.**

**1. The Rally Committee Chair positions that are filled and available are below:**

**Registration – Larry & Teresa Craig**

**Rally Shirt Sales- Larry & Teresa Craig**

**Name Tags/Schedules – Hank Widdop**

**Coffee & Refreshments – Everett Blanchard& Art Manchester III**

**Food – Paul Whitworth**

**Door Prizes & Vendors – Spencer & Rosey Bennett**

**Awards (Distance, Age, etc.) – Spencer & Rosey Bennett**

**Poker Run – Tony Lugo & Rodger Moring**

**Trash/Sanitation – Open**

**Set Up – Open**

**Trailer – Tom Wolfgang**

**Bike Show – Donna Clark**

**Swap Meet – Marshall Robilio & Fred Bradley**

**Signage (Put Up and Take Down) – Open**

**Please get with the committee chairs to offer them your assistance in any area you feel you would like to work. If you wish to chair one of the remaining committees please let Larry Craig know.**

## **VP's Corner**

1. Donna would like for anyone who would like to make a Bike Show Trophy for this year to contact her asap by e-mail.

## **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 (sizes/quantity: Med/ 2, Small/ 1, 3XL/ 2) are still available for \$5.00. See Larry Craig.
- 4) 2015 RAMS rally shirts are available for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Most sizes are available. See Spencer.

## **For the Good of the Club**

- 1) Check RAMS website for rally schedules. Highlights are:

The tent for the BMWMOA Rally will be set up in the Chartered Club Camping Area on Tuesday of Rally Week (July 11, 2017).

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- 2) 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. Watch your E-mail for dates.
- 3) There is plan afoot to organize a RAMS Eclipse Ride for August 21, 2017, probably to Hopkinsville, KY, to see the total Eclipse. Watch you emails for updates on times and locations.
- 4) Hooper Jones is selling his 2016 R1200 GSW for \$18,000. This includes \$4,000 worth of accessories. It is also a factory lowered bike so it is short inseam compatible.
- 5) LaRue Hart has moved to Hospice Care at Bright Glade Nursing Home.
- 6) 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](mailto:officers@bmwrams.com)

## **Treasurer's Report**

- 1) Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$5430.16
- 2) Petty Cash = \$50.00
- 3) Tennessee Corporate Report has been filed for 2017.
- 4) Notable Expenses for this month:
  - \$553.70 for RAMS Rally Pins.
  - \$521.67 for the RAMS Tent at the MOA Nationals.

**Movement to adjourn by Bert Fechner, seconded by Tab Gillihan at 2:00 pm, approved unanimously.**

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)

## Club Contacts



### RAMS Officers

- **President:** Larry Craig
- **Vice-President:** Donna Clark
- **Secretary-Treasurer:** Spencer Bennett

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### Door Prize / Vendors:



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