

THE SHAFT



The Journal of the Riders Association of the Mid-South



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September, 2017

The next Meeting will be on Oct. 01, 2017 and will be at:
At the Rally

Prayers needed for Eric, Sevilla and their children.

The Shaft news letter will cease to exist in December unless a member takes it over.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Craig on September 9, 2017 at 1:30pm at The Clark's Home in Cordova, TN. There were 25 RAMS and 13 motorcycles present. Call to order. We have no new members for August. We currently have 104 new and returning members .We had 1 guest Allen Vandersluis who was the guest of Art Manchester IV. Larry extended Thanks to the meeting hosts: Thank you Steve and Donna Clark.

New Business

There was no new business.

RAMS Rally Update

The Rally dates are September 29 – October 1, 2017.

Spencer Bennett asked for a head count of those who wished to have chicken rather than brats for the rally dinner so he could let the PCRV Staff know. 8 people indicated that they would prefer chicken. Other items discussed concerning improving the rally: There needs to be a RAMS Rally Chair for 2018 as the present system is just too cumbersome and is not keeping everyone in the loop on information. Do we need to continue to discount pre-registration as we are losing money on each attendee and more money on those that are preregistered.

Raising the Rally fee to \$50 is another way to get on a better Financial footing.

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

Registration – Larry and Teresa Craig

Rally Shirt Sales- Larry and Teresa Craig

Name Tags/Schedules – Hank Widdop

Coffee and Refreshments – Everett Blanchard and Art Manchester III with Steve Hamilton as Coffee Chair Emeritus

Food – Paul Whitworth

Door Prizes and Vendors – Spencer and Rosey Bennett

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

Poker Run – Tony Lugo and Rodger Morning

Trash/Sanitation – Open

Set Up – Open

Trailer – Tom Wolfgang

Bike Show – Donna Clark

Donna asked for Spencer to get the award plaques for the Bike Show and he said he would take care of it.

Swap Meet – Marshall Robilio and Hank Widdop

Signage (Put Up and Take Down) – Open

Performance Plus will be vending at the RAMS Rally this year

VP's Corner

No VP issues this month.

Old Business

A motion is before the RAMS to raise the annual dues from \$15.00 to \$25.00. This will require a Bylaw Revision and this is the first of the two votes required to make the revision. A 2/3 majority vote of Voting Members in attendance is required to pass it on to next month for final vote. The vote was 100% of the Voting Members present approved of the dues increase and the motion is passed to the October Meeting for a final vote. 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 Check RAMS website for rally schedules. The Big Tent at the RAMS Rally. Your hosts will be the RAMS Officers

NOTE: This is the first opportunity to nominate RAMS Officers for the 2018 term. Please consider running for one of the positions that will be coming up for next year.

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@bmwrms.com

Treasurer's Report

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$3946.07

2. Petty Cash = \$50.00

3. Notable Expenses for this month:

By-Laws vote mail out = \$49.00

Jot Form payment for 2017 = \$159.00

Host Gator Web Site Fee for 2017 = \$101.70

Accumulated 2016 Web Site Fees from the Wb Master = \$686.21

2017 RAMS Rally Insurance = \$400.00

Saturday Donuts = \$28.46

Movement to adjourn by Hank Widdop, seconded by Art Manchester IV, 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:*

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

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Door Prize / Vendors:



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