

THE SHAFT



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NOVEMBER, 2017

The December Meeting
will be on December 9, 2017 at 6 PM.

Our Christmas Party/Meeting

will be hosted by,

Haavi Morriem

8343 Stavenger Cove

Memphis, TN 38018

Tel: 901-755-7479

Email: hmorreim@uthsc.edu

Dinner will begin at 6 with the meeting around 7:30 - 8:00 followed by the Gift Exchange.

Please contact Haavi to coordinate an appropriate side dish or dessert. Bring a chair.

Note from Haavi: 8343 Stavenger Cove, about a mile east of Shelby Farms. If you're heading east on Walnut Grove, after you go up over Germantown Pkwy/Rt. 177 (viaduct), the next stoplight is Walnut Bend. Turn right/south onto Walnut Bend. Stavenger is the second left. The house is the second on the right - - dapple brown brick with a large iron gate across the driveway.

November 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Donna Clark on November 11, 2017 at 1:30 am at Joe's Restaurant in Boliver, TN. There were 14 bikes and 20 RAMS in attendance.

Call to order

- 1) We have no new members for November:
- 2) We currently have 106 new and returning members for 2017.
- 3) There were no guests for the meeting. Jim Linneman and Mike Pandolf tried to pass themselves off as guests but were recognized.
- 4) Larry extended Thanks to the meeting hosts: Thank you Paul Rhodes!

New Business

1. The Nominations for the 2018 RAMS Officers will stay open until the January Meeting. Nominations must have a second to be placed in contention.

Nominations from the October Meeting were:

President - Larry Craig

Vice President - Birenderjit (Bir) Singh Madan

Secretary/Treasurer - Spencer Bennett

There were no additional nominations.

RAMS Rally Update

1. The 2017 RAMS Rally bills are in and have been paid. The final tally indicates that the Rally made a profit of **\$158.85** this year. Credit for this goes to the Rally Chairs who were very careful with their spending this year.
2. Position of RAMS Rally Chair for 2018 is open.

VP's Corner

1. No VP issues this month.

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. 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.
2. Bruce Ottway delivered some new RAMS Decals and the Secretary/Treasurer has them.
3. Paul Whitworth recognized Steve Clark and Rodger Moring for leading the rides to the meeting and doing an excellent job.
4. Jim Linneman gave a invitation (and a brief commercial) to the RAMS to attend the Knoxville Rally over Memorial Day Weekend in Del Rio, TN.

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PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR EQUIVELENT AS HAAVI HAS A CHAIR SHORTAGE AT HER HOME.

The usual RAMS "Dirty Santa/Pink Elephant" Gift Exchange (Limited to Gifts valued at \$25.00 or less) will be part of the festivities so begin your Christmas Shopping early.

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

Treasurer's Report

- 1) 2017 RAMS Dues of \$25.00 are due and payable
- 2) Balance in Bank plus petty cash =\$ 4928.13
- 3) Petty cash = \$ 65.00
- 4) Notable expenditures for this month:
 - Flowers for Jerry Siano Funeral - 117.88

 - MOA Renewal - 15.00

 - Rally Expenses -2034.86

Movement to adjourn by Haavi Morriem, seconded by Herbert Reed, approved unanimously.

I would like to Thank Verla for taking over the shaft. Our club news letter has gone dormant in the past due to a lack of voluteers. Bobby resurrected the shaft and brought our news letter into the electronic age. Since then, We have managed keep the Shaft alive while butchering the English language and testing the ability of club members to count the number of font changes. I would like to thank all the folks that sent in stories, ride reports, and pictures.

I would like to remind the club that, Our News Letter is dependent on the stories you submit to the editor.

The Swamp Scooter Rally.


After 12 years of trying to get to Carencro, LA. , I finally made it ! This year had new obstacles that included, Two riding buddies from work that cancelled 2 weeks prior. Then, Crystal got sick and backed out. And Finally, My Bike was possessed By an evil demonic Force Majeure. Special thanks goes out to Performance plus. Where Tim, Marvin, and their Team, risked their Immortal souls to perform an Exorcism that freed my RT of its mischievous gremlin.

This Rally is an old school rally that for many years marked the end of the rally season. Friday night dinner was a basic Jambalaya. The Breakfast consisted of Kolaches, donuts and fruit. The Cajun Dinner Saturday night was provided by 5 teams competing in a Best gumbo contest. The food was excellent.

The camp ground was nice with a little store that offered drinks and snacks. The area of Carencro and Lafayette had lots of little mom and pop restaurants serving up boudin (yummy critter parts mixed with rice and spices then shoved into sausage casings with loving care).The swamps and Bayous are awesome and reminded me of what florida use to be like before all the skyscrapers, asphalt, and south americans appeared. After dinner, The Band excelled in performing the music from our collective childhoods. Their accordion player gave them an arcadian sound that made the music fit in with the Spanish moss hanging from the Oak trees. The after party was around a campfire with very large oak logs that burned for days. This Rally reminded me of the rallies in the 1980's when no one expected prizes, trophies or food. The food, music, campfire, and refreshments surrounded by swamps, and sugarcane fields made this an awesome rally.

"laissez les bon temps rouler" - Art

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