

# THE SHAFT



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April was a hard month for me to produce the newsletter. I had to move unexpectedly (lost my lease). Moving alone without a truck takes numerous trips lol. This had me moving every evening while working every day. (I am still not completely moved).

I hope you enjoy May and I will try to be back on track this month :)

“I turn my head to the inside of the curve, roll the throttle wide open, and break free from the world that affords me the passion to ride”

*Paul Price*



## Draggin' Ladies Twista Jeans

*By Alison Silcox*

These CE approved skinny-fit riding jeans are made from heavy-duty denim with reinforced, invisible seams. They have a full mesh liner and Kevlar panels at the bottom, hip and thigh.

There are well-positioned pockets for knee armour (armour is not supplied, if you shop around you can get this for free). Tapered legs give them a stylish look and they fit perfectly with short riding boots.

They look good and not too 'bikey' but I find them too bulky to wear all day in the office. As with all riding jeans I've

tested, the sizing is a bit of an issue. I'd recommend you try a variety of pairs to ensure the correct fit and don't be embarrassed by what the label says, you will end up in a larger size than you'd expect.

I've found the pockets to be worse than useless, they're so shallow you can't risk putting anything in them. At £220, they're not cheap but the quality of the material is good and there's no uncomfortable internal seams or scratchy velcro patches.

They wash well in a normal load, too.

To purchase: <https://dragginjeans.net/>



# Interesting Rides/Road Trips



## TOURING BIKES

### 28TH ANNUAL GEORGIA MOUNTAIN RALLY May 4 - May 6, 2018



Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds  
1311 Music Hall Rd  
Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
Presenter: BMW Motorcycle Club of Georgia  
Contact: David Will  
[RALLY@BMWCOGA.ORG](mailto:RALLY@BMWCOGA.ORG)  
(803) 760-9807

Des Moines, Iowa will be the site for our **2018 BMW MOA International Rally**.



### UPDATE ON PRICING!!!

The Iowa State Fairgrounds will host on July 12-15.

The 2018 Rally fee for adults is \$85 until July 1. MOA Members receive a \$20 discount and pay only \$65.

<http://www.bmwmoa.org/page/rallyintro>

## SPORTS BIKES

### East Coast Adventure Rider Rally



An Adventure weekend with KTM Demo rides, Seminars, Movies, and Self-guided GPS routes thru the Allegheny Mountains. This event is pre-entry only. The Start and Finish each day will be the Mountain Lodge at Snowshoe, WV at 8:00 am. **AMA membership is required.** The GPS route will be e-mailed to registered riders and also available at the Rally. For more info: <http://www.advpulse.com/adv-calendar/ktm-east-coast-adventure-rider-rally-may-18-20-2018/>

### The BMW RA National Rally

July 19, 20 & 21st, 2018  
Tioga County Fairgrounds  
in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania



<http://bmwra.org/news/national-rally>

## DUAL SPORTS

### The ROK ON Rally

Memorial Day Weekend- 2018

Our friend and RAMS member Jim Linneman extends an invitation to the

BMWROK Riders Of Knoxville rally. The ROK Rally is returning to T.W.O. Creeks again May 24-27th. This rally sells out every year and only pre-registered attendees will be allowed. No ride ups on day of rally! We pride ourselves on having the friendliest rally around. Cost is \$50 until May 15th and, if space available, \$60 after that date. We limit attendance to 100 riders. More information is available by clicking on the attached link. <http://www.bmwrok.org/2018-rok-rally.html>



*Just for Fun!*



**Ladies Corner**



Ladies RevZilla has some great ladies riding gear on close out and clearance. Check this out!

**Thor Spectrum Women's Gloves**

**\$16.46**

Designed as the ideal balance between articulation, ventilation, and coverage, the Thor Spectrum gloves are the perfect do-it-all glove for wherever your ride takes you. Strategically placed TPR's and molded foam inserts are designed for optimal backhand coverage, while the lightly padded palm provides a comfortable grip on the bar. A mesh and Airpene construction delivers premium air flow for cool, dry hands all Moto long. Track or trail, the Spectrum has you covered.

<https://www.revzilla.com/dirt-bike/thor-spectrum-womens-gloves-2016>



**BACKCOUNTRY 35L PANNIER KIT**

**\$ 699.99**

*In August I will once again attempt to finish the Trans American Trail. I will be starting in Colorado and riding Utah, Idaho, and Oregon. I have been researching soft luggage to add to my DR 650 and I am about to pull the trigger on a set of Mosko Moto. These bags are awesome!*



<https://moskomoto.com/collections/motorcycle-luggage>

**STUFF for SALE OR TRADE**

\*Note- Items stay listed for sale each issue unless you contact me and say they are sold.

**Bike Trailer for Sale**

I have a single rail motorcycle transport trailer for sale for \$300. This unit is a proven performer for long distance or short distance rescues and has hauled R90, R1100, R1150, R1200 and K1100 s. Has secure tie downs and can be loaded by one person. Speed tested up to maximum legal limit of 85 mph (yes it did a rescue in Texas). Has 17/8 ball hitch and reasonable tires and spare. Available for inspection at most times. Call or text **Spencer Bennett at 901-626-2831** if interested.

This a replacement pair of gloves from Gerbings for a pair I sent back for repair. My old ones were medium, so they replaced them with medium, but these are so small I can not wear them. \$200 dollar pair of gloves new in the pack I will take \$100 dollars for them.

[paulrhod@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulrhod@bellsouth.net)



Selling my '09 LT. 35402 miles with new tires. This Luxury Touring bike is in excellent condition. Ready to load up and cruise on down the road. Contact me with any questions. Thanks, Bruce

[bruceottway@gmail.com](mailto:bruceottway@gmail.com)

Selling! Bikes, shop equipment, parts and accessories. BMW's R90s, R69us, R100s (clone), R27 (250cc single) R90/6 (rolling chassis), '84R100RT (final edition), '70 SWB R75/5. ; 750cc Ducati, Oxy/Acc rig, A/C welder, comercial M/C lift. Detail pictures on request.

**Marshall Robilio**

901-685-7367 H

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Minutes by: Spencer Bennett

### RAMS Meeting Minutes – April 2018

The meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Spencer Bennett on April 14, 2018 at 2:30pm at Cabin 6 of Village Creek State Park. There were 15 RAMS and 2 bikes in attendance.

#### Call to Order

1. We have 2 new members for March.  
Anthony Lewis who lives in Memphis and rides an S1000 RR.  
Kevin Johnston who lives in Memphis and rides an R1200 GS.
2. We currently have 77 new and returning members for 2018.
3. There were 2 guests for the meeting, Mike and Barbara Dale.
4. Spencer extended Thanks to the meeting hosts: Thank you Bennett and Dale Families.

#### New Business

1. Spencer Bennett asked if anyone was interested in a group ride to the Riders of Knoxville Rally in Del Rio, TN over the Memorial Day Weekend? He, Larry Craig, and Greg LieVan are going by way of the Barber Museum in Birmingham with a Monday departure scheduled. Please contact one of them if interested in joining them. Please note that this rally does require pre-registration and they limit the number of attendees to 100.
2. Spencer also again asked about getting a tent for the RAMS at the MOA National in Des Moines, IA. This was tabled until there is an announcement of Chartered Club Camping by the MOA.

#### RAMS Rally Update

1. Steve Clark is the 2018 RAMS Rally Chair and Paul Whitworth is Rally Co-Chair.
2. Paul Whitworth pointed out that some Rally Committee Chair positions are still open and asked that everyone consider volunteering for either a Chair position or to help on one of these committees:

**Registration – Larry and Teresa Craig**

**Rally Shirt Sales- Larry Craig**

**Name Tags/Schedules – Hank Widdop**

**Coffee & Refreshments – Art Manchester III/ Steve Hamilton**

**Food – Paul Whitworth**

**Door Prizes & Vendors – Greg LieVan**

**Awards (Distance, Age, etc.) – Rose-Anne Bennett**

**Publicity & Advertising – Spencer Bennett**

**Poker Run – Tony Lugo /Rodger Moring/Bryan Leonard**

**Local Rides – Rodger Moring/ Bryan Leonard/ Tony Lugo**

**Trash/Sanitation – Trailer – Bike Show –**

**Swap Meet – Marshall Robilio**

**Signage (Put Up and Take Down) –**

See the Rally Chair or Committee Chair to volunteer.

#### VP's Corner

1. No VP discussion this month.

#### Old Business

1. If anyone still does not have their picture in the online directory, please see Spencer or Rosey.

### Next Meeting: May 12 Lunch 12:00 then Meeting 1:30

Hartwoods Motorcycle Campground  
2830 County Road 90 Waterloo, AL 35677  
Tel: 901-831-0855

Thank You Michael Hart

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.
4. Larry Craig has some of the 2017 Rally Shirts for sale at \$10.00 ea.

#### For the Good of the Club

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules.
2. **The Wilderness Rally will be May 11-13** this year. Call Paul Whitworth for specific directions to the site on the Buffalo River. Great primitive camping in a beautiful location and great riding in the area.
3. Spencer asked if anyone had room and was willing to allow two cars and 5 X 8 Trailers to park at their house the middle two weeks in July. He has been approached by two MOA Members who are riding the Great River Road in stretches and need to leave their tow vehicles in the Memphis area. Please call Spencer if you have space and are willing to take this on. Charlie Bishop did offer his home near Little Rock as a location but that seems a bit far at this point, although it may become viable at some point.
4. **The Weekend of May 18 -20 is the Naturally Beemers Rally at the Cherokee Campground near Morrilton, Arkansas.** Please contact Charlie Bishop if you need any information.
5. Memphis in May Triathlon is here again on May 19 & 20, 2018. They need 6 bikes each day although not all will carry judges. Anyone wishing to volunteer please see Art Manchester IV as he is generously heading this up again.
6. The May RAMS Meeting will be May 12, 2018 at: Hartwood Campground, Hartwoods Motorcycle Campground.  
**Butch Turner will be leading a ride to the meeting. Watch your e-mail for full details.**  
**Your host will be Michael Hart. Lunch will be at 1200 and the meeting will be at 1:30. Mike will be preparing burgers and dogs and the cost will be in the \$8.00 range. Camping is available on Saturday night.**
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](mailto:officers@bmwrams.com)

#### Treasurer's Reports

1. 2018 RAMS Dues of \$25.00 are due and payable.
2. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$6309.32
3. Petty cash = \$ 50.00
4. No Notable expenditures for this month.

Movement to adjourn by Hank Widdop, approved unanimously.

### Widgets, Doohickey's & Gadgets

Kuryakyn 1477 Universal Drink Holder  
with Mug for 1-1/4" Handlebar

**\$62.93**

<https://www.amazon.com/Kuryakyn-1477-Universal-Holder-Handlebar/dp/B009WDEYEE>



Lavany Key Chain Cool Motorcycle  
Bicycle Helmet Shape Metal Key Fob  
Car Keyring Gift (Silver) **\$2.29**

<https://www.amazon.com/Lavany-Motorcycle-Bicycle-Helmet-Keyring/dp/B076HN48QD>

Cyntur Jumper Pack Mini - TOOL TIME  
Don't be left for dead.

**\$120.00**

Weighing less than 1 pound, the unit measures a compact 6.0 x 3.3 x 1.3 inches, so it won't take much space in your luggage or backpack. The included case stores included jumper cables and AC outlet charger.

<https://www.cycleworld.com/2016/03/23/cyntur-jumper-pack-mini-review-cycle-world-tool-time>



### Interesting Facts

- In 10,000 miles the average four-cylinder motorcycle engine will have completed 100,000,000 revolutions and it's estimated that a con-rod of a modern sports bike engine at full revs withstands 10 tons of compression and tensile forces 500 times a second.
- BMW is the only current major manufacturer to reject the use of telescopic forks on its big bikes. Yet BMW was the first to use and patent them, on the R12 in 1935.
- Yamaha started making bikes in 1954 but didn't produce a four-stroke motorcycle until 1970, when the firm built the XS2 650 twin.

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