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Woke up this and realized I was in a tent. A little smile escaped then I hear a motorcycle start and a bigger smile broke out. I love tent camping at a rally. With the right gear you can be extremely comfortable. Everett and I are in Tellico Plains TN at the GS Giants March Madness Rally.

I drove to Jackson TN Wednesday. We loaded and left at 4:30 Thursday morning. By noon we were unpacked and had the camp set up. We grabbed a ride layout from the registration tent and took off. I had forgotten how beautiful TN riding could be. Nice gravel roads, some challenging areas, and breathtaking views. Thursday evening we ate snacks and things we had with us. Friday morning we went looking for the breakfast they were serving at 7:30. I didn't have time to wait that long as I was signed up intermediate training with Tom Asher, which started at 8. So a bag of trail mix and I was off! In training we worked on tight turns, clutch control, braking, water crossings, and some basic log crossings. I usually ride fast and have always had issues with slow turns etc so I did get some good tips from the class that I will practice. He also demonstrated a few recovery tips on how to get out of being stuck against a high river bank, high centered on a huge log etc. All in all a very good class. I hope to take the advanced class from him if I can find him at another rally.

I am a little late on this months newsletter due to a tremendously busy month at work and trying to get packed and to this rally. So as you read this issue you will see I have not put as much in as normal.

Happy riding in April! (so glad riding weather is here)



"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"

Neil Price

Interesting Rides/Road Trips



TOURING BIKES

SPORTS BIKES

DUAL SPORTS

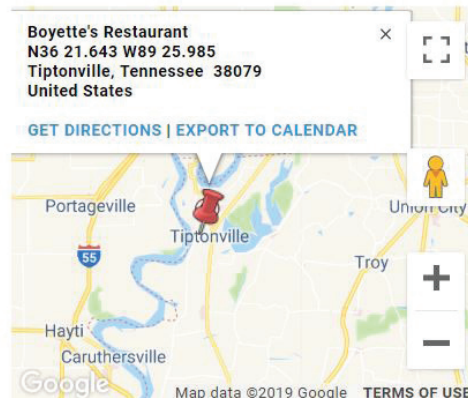
RIDE TO EAT IN NW TENNESSEE AND CHECK OUT THE BALD EAGLES!

4/6/2019

Where: Boyette's Restaurant
N36 21.643 W89 25.985
Tiptonville, Tennessee 38079

Presenter: BMW Riders Association
of the Mid-South
Contact: Robert Rehkopf
CAPTREHKOPF@GMAIL.COM

<https://www.bmwmoa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1173195>



Lake Hill Motors Vintage Bike Show



*Lake Hill Motors
Corinth, MS
*Sat. May 11th 8-3pm
*Bikes 50 years or older
*Free entry-Free to look



-Special Guest
Dave "Bones" Aldana

-Door Prizes -Trophies
-Concession Stand
-Lake Hill Museum
-Primitive Camping Space
Rv or Tent

*Best Dirtbike
*Best European
*Best Japanese
*Best American

*Best Sound
*Best Racer
*Best Critter
*Peoples Choice

PRE-REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Call For More Info.
Dwayne--Lee--Dan **800-569-6205**

2019 European Riders Rally

May 16 - 19, 2019

The rally site is a beautiful city park on the banks of the Cumberland River in downtown Burkesville, KY.

GPS coordinates for Rally Central are

36.788308, -85.367456 or 36°47'17.9"N 85°22'02.8"W

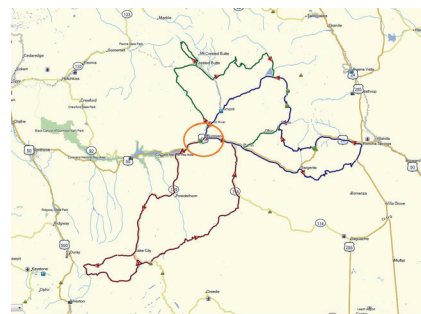


© European Rally Burkesville Ky 2019

Contact the rally chairs at: ridersrally@bmwmcon.org.

2019 MTF Colorado Rocky Mountain Ride

Rough Road Riding and Flower Sniffin'
Gunnison CO



Rough Road Riding
July 22-24, 2019
MTF RRR Thread

Flower Sniffin'
July 25-27, 2019

Submitted by Robert Rehkopf

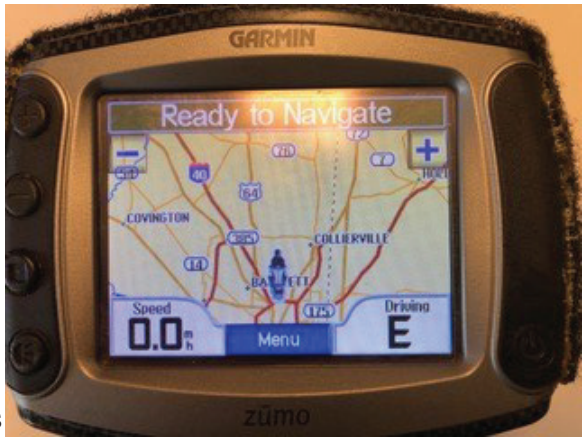
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Members Submitted Stuff

..... Garmin Zumo Fix

“Recently I had the rubber cover for the menu button on my Garmin Zumo 450 break loose and fall off. This is important not only because it effects the functionality of my Zumo, but also it keeps the unit weather tight. In my search for a solution, to include buying a new Zumo, I ran across Chris Short with Short Tronics. He can be found on the internet at www.PalmDr.com. They repair a wide range of electronics to include Garmin GPSs. Chris has a process to replace the rubber cap over the menu button but also make

it weather tight by applying a flexible sealant on the back side of the button. Additionally, Chris suggested I replace an internal battery while I have the unit open, which I did. Also Chris noted that my map was out of date, and since I had a life time subscription, he updated the map for me (using my SD card in the unit). It cost me \$70 for the repairs and updates, which is a fraction of the cost of a new unit. Short Tronics was very good on the communications and the turn around time was quick. If you have a Garmin GPS problem, you might check out Short Tronics and see if there is a repair solution for your unit.”



Keep on Biking, Greg LieVan

There is “CASH” taking up space at your place!

Let Marshall and Fred sell no longer wanted gear for you, “0” commission.

Start preparing unneeded M/C parts, riding gear, accessories, camping equipment, tools, for Rally 2019 PCR ‘SwapMeet’. Bulletin Board available for gear left at home, take a picture

Submitted by: Marshall Robilio marshall.robilio@yahoo.com



Swap meet bulletin board

Submitted by: Marshall Robilio



Minutes by: Spencer Bennett

RAMS Meeting Minutes –April 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Art Manchester on March 9, 2019 at 1:19 pm at Fox Ridge Pizza in Cordova, TN. There were 21 RAMS and 2 bikes in attendance.

Before the Meeting was called to order. The President brought up the subject of “**Why do we do the RAMS Rally?**” and made the point that it is done to allow us to share fellowship and time with BMW (and other brand) riders from around the country so as to strengthen and support the bonds that unite us as motorcyclists. He also encouraged the RAMS to do all they could to assist Teresa Craig in selling Larry’s motorcycle.

Call to Order

1. We have no new members for this month.
2. We currently have 60 returning members for 2019.
3. There were no guests for the meeting.
4. Thanks to Meeting Host: John McWhorter

New Business

1. We still need volunteers for the triathlons. If you are interested, please see Art Manchester IV.
2. We also need Volunteers to host Donut Saturdays. Greg LieVan has March 30 covered but we need folks for all the other months of the year.
3. The question of the Chartered Club Camping at the MOA National and whether to get a tent or not was brought up by Spencer Bennett. The cost for a 20X20 tent, three tables, and ten chairs would be 397.06. Greg LieVan moved that we rent the equipment, Paul Whitworth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Spencer was directed to make the rental.

RAMS Rally Update

1. The rally chairs for 2019 are Bryan Leonard and Steve Clark. Ryan and Rodger Moring rode over to Parker’s Crossroads and met with the owners at the end of Feb. Bryamn sent the following note to the Secretary/Treasurer and asked him to read it at the Meeting.

Based on the current weather forecast, I will likely not be attending tomorrow’s club meeting. The folks at Parker’s had a couple of reminders/suggestion for this year’s rally. Otherwise, we are good to go.

** Rally fee includes camping for Thursday-Saturday. Anyone arriving on Wednesday needs to pay for camping that night (reduced rate).*

** Have several (4) RVs available to rent during the rally. Please let them know asap so they can have them ready*

Next Meeting: April 13, 2019

The Doo-Dah Sidecar Rally and Tax Revolt

Village Creek State Park

201 Co Rd 754 Wynne, AR

Campsites 10 & 11 (No cabin this year due to Park construction.)

Lunch will begin at 12:00 and the Meeting at 1:30

Your hosts are: The Dale and Bennett Families

if you plan to rent one. They plan to hold one for Steve Hamilton but would like a confirmation call from Steve.

** Good idea to place a sign showing location of Rally Registration Desk. Still get some folks stopping at the office to register.*

I just got my new copy of the OTL RA magazine. For some reason, our rally did not get listed in this issue. I posted it to the website on 12/3/2018 and thought it would be listed in this issue. But, there must be an additional step that I did not complete. I called the RA Headquarters and they said they would have someone give me call. Hopefully we can make the May-June issue. I confirmed we are still listed on the website but it looks like the contact information is missing.

2. We have volunteers for most of the Committees and they are listed below along with the volunteer filling the Chair Position for each Committee:

Registration – Spencer & Rosey Bennett

Door Prizes and Vendors – Greg LieVan

Coffee and Refreshments – Dave Kintzele / Steve Hamilton

Food – Paul Whitworth

Wood – Handled by PCRV

Trash and Sanitation -

Trailer -

Rides – Rodger Moring

“T” Shirt Sales -

Bike Show – Donna Clark

Publicity and advertising – Verla Price

Flea Market – Marshall Robilio / Fred Bradley

Signage -

Awards – Spencer Bennett

VP’s Corner

1. Vice – President, Paul Whitworth, reminded everyone that Robert Rehkopf’s Ride to Eat and see the baby Eagles is April 6 at Boyette’s Restaurant near Reelfoot Lake. There will be a RAMS group ride up so watch your email for information.
2. The Wilderness Rally will be Mother’s Day Weekend on the Buffalo River in Arkansas. Directions may be obtained from Paul or Hank Widdop.

3. Please support your Newsletter. It is very hard to produce a quality newsletter with the editor having to make it all up.

Old Business

1. If anyone still does not have their picture in the online directory, please see Spencer or Rose
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. RAMS Rally Cups are available for \$5.00 ea. Please let an officer know if you want to purchase one or more to complete your set. We also have some sizes of the 2018 RAMS Rally Shirts (the yellow ones) for sale for \$10.00 each.
5. RAMS Meeting hosts are needed for June, July, September, and October. Please let an officer know if you wish to host a meeting.

For the Good of the Club

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules.
2. 2019 RAMS Dues are PAST DUE. The Directory will be revised in March and those not current will be removed.
3. **The Dale and Bennett Families will be hosting the April 13, 2019 RAMS Meeting:**

LOCATION is:

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4. 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 Reports

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$6337.50
2. Petty cash = \$ 50.00
3. Major Expenses for the month:
 Flowers for Larry Craig: \$160.43

Movement to adjourn: John McWhorter

Second: Al Torres Approved unanimously.

Widgets, Doohickey's & Gadgets

AMK Ultralight And Watertight .7 Emergency Medical Kit \$29.00

<https://www.revzilla.com/motorcycle/amk-ultralight-and-watertight-7-emergency-medical-kit>



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Door Prize / Vendors

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