

# THE SHAFT



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## Georgia Mountains

A few weeks ago at GS Giants March Moto Madness in Tellico Plains Tn Everett and I camped beside some nice guys from Alabama. After making friends with our camping neighbors Scott Walton invited me to a KLR ride in Suches Ga this past weekend (The Valley In the Sky Rally-KLR Community). One of my personal goals is to ride in all 50 states. I have toured all over the East but somehow have never run a tire across Ga so I decided to attend.

Thursday I loaded the DR and started North. A big storm was approaching and I was hoping to get on the road early to beat the storm. As usual, work wouldn't participate in the early departure.

I ended up just in the front line of the enormous thunderstorms that crossed the South. At times I could not see to drive. I pulled over and used the opportunity to jump out and check the bike tie downs and the heat of the trailer hubs a few times.

I cleared Atlanta about 8:30 which put me pulling the trailer through the twisty mountains in rain, fog and darkness. At one point I missed a road and had to turn the trailer on a mountain side- scary stuff for me, but after a jackknife, I was able to pull it off. I am terrible at backing the trailer on a good day. I arrived at 10 pm at the campground. Scott was waiting at the main building to make sure I made it ( no cell service of course so I could not call). After a couple of beers and some catch-up chatter I decided to sleep in the SUV and dropped the seats ,threw down my sleeping bag and being lazy I didn't blow up my air mattress. I had a very restless night.

Friday dawned clear, and I put the tent up before the first ride. I believe we had around 15 riders in our group as we started. I was a little concerned as I didn't know anyone's riding ability and we were headed for dirt. I thought they would break into groups, but they did not. Having ridden in smaller groups where riders pass unsafely and slow people down I was expecting a few issues. However, Scott knew how to lead a group. He announced at the first stop If someone in front of you is slowing you down move safely forward or you can leave the group. He also said he didn't want to hear any complaining back at the campfire. As we started the dirt trails, he dropped back and moved forward through the group asking people to move up or back as the riders abilities became apparent. By the second stop for a break, we had a pretty good line up which continued through



Friday and Saturday. I felt I should start at the back but was up in the front of the pack pretty quickly. We rode some great roads the first day as we covered gravel, dirt, rocky trails, and a few river crossings. I soon found the group to be fun and interactive. After a little over 100 miles, we returned to the campground.

After a shower and dinner, we moved to the campfires to talk about the day and have a few beers. The banter and conversations kept me laughing all evening. IT WAS COLD that night. I was in my best cold rated sleeping bag with a flannel liner, so I was pretty warm

and slept great. Saturday morning my bike wouldn't start. The guy who was holding his hand over my exhaust, Tom, wasn't helping the issue. I decided if they were pulling pranks on me I must be fitting in the group. The second day we put on another hundred miles followed by another great dinner and evening around the campfire. I received some bantering about telling one of the guys he was holding me up a little bit as I passed him. They also decided I was game for abuse as I ride through every mud hole instead of trying to miss them. In answer "That's why I run 606's."

Sunday morning with a little help I loaded the DR and drove 6 hours back to Pensacola. I was not in the mood to return to the beach but blared some 80's music which put me in a better frame of mind.

I have now ridden the Ga mountains and made a lot of new friends. I hope to return and ride more of the dirt trails. I passed out information to our rally to everyone at the camp ground. Hopefully some of them will attend.



Two Wheels of Suches Campground tucked in the middle of some twisty paved mountain roads with agility testing off-road just around the corner. A clean, beautiful campground with wonderful owners for the avid motorcyclist. <https://twowheelsofsuches.com>



*The Lodge at Two Wheels of Suches offers riders traveling in the North Georgia Mountains a place to stop and grab a bite, enjoy a comfortable bed, meet up with old friends and make new ones. Contact them to start planning your next event! Call Today! (706) 973-1671*



"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"

*Velb Price*

# Interesting Rides/Road Trips



## TOURING BIKES

## SPORTS BIKES

## DUAL SPORTS

**Lake Hill Motors  
Vintage Bike Show**



\*Lake Hill Motors  
Corinth, MS  
\*Sat. May 11th 8-3pm  
\*Bikes 30 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 Sound  
\*Best European      \*Best Racer  
\*Best Japanese      \*Best Critter  
\*Best American      \*Peoples Choice

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

**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 Cen-  
tral are 36.788308, -85.367456 or  
36°47'17.9"N 85°22'02.8"W  
Contact the rally chairs at: [ridersrally@bmwmcon.org](mailto:ridersrally@bmwmcon.org).

**BMW MOA International  
Rally 2019**  
Scoot Boot'n Boogie  
Thursday, June 13, 2019 thru  
Saturday, June 15, 2019

Location:  
James E. Ward Agricultural and  
Community Center  
945 E Baddour Pkwy  
Lebanon TENNESSEE 37087

Make plans to join us and a few  
thousand of your best friends for  
riding, fun and friendship.  
[www.bmwmoa.org/news/news.  
asp?id=396758](http://www.bmwmoa.org/news/news.asp?id=396758)

## June Bug Boogie

### Spring Motorcycle Rally

Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, June 23, 2019

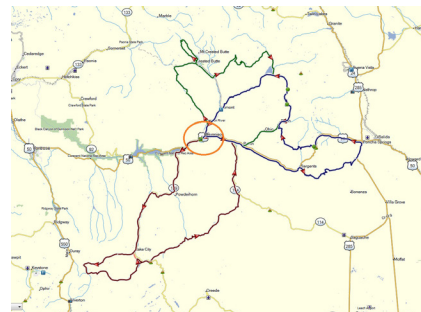
Location: 115 Waterloo Road Cookeville, TN 38506  
(931) 239-8509



<http://www.junebugboogie.com/>

## 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

[http://mctourer.com/rides/2019/RRR-  
FS\\_GunnistonCO/](http://mctourer.com/rides/2019/RRR-FS_GunnistonCO/)

## Ladies Corner

**HeadLamp 330**

No-Bounce Rechargeable Head Light

**\$49.95**

<https://www.bioliteenergy.com/products/head-lamp-330?variant=12623824289891>

**Sleep Pretty in Pink Women's Ear****\$10.97****Plugs 14 Pair** (Pack of 3)

by Sleep Pre

[https://www.amazon.com/Sleep-Pretty-Pink-Womens-Plugs/dp/B011AINRN0/ref=pd\\_lpo\\_vtph\\_1\\_tr\\_img\\_2?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=CNQ895XHT44J675GP](https://www.amazon.com/Sleep-Pretty-Pink-Womens-Plugs/dp/B011AINRN0/ref=pd_lpo_vtph_1_tr_img_2?encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=CNQ895XHT44J675GP)

**INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY**

International Female Ride Day© (IFRD) is a global motorcycle campaign for women motorcyclists who own, ride, or have access to a motorcycle or scooter. The worldwide synchronized day occurs once a year and invites around the world to simultaneously take part and "JUST RIDE!©".

By participating and riding on International Female Ride Day© women motorcycle riders demonstrate their passion, ability, enthusiasm and involvement in motorcycling / motorsport; on all levels. All brands participate across all forms of motorcycling – road, track, dirt even three-wheelers, side-cars and scooters. Every Year the First Saturday in May International Female Ride Day© occurs on the first Saturday (formerly Friday) of May each year. Women motorcycle riders take part by simply being on their motorcycle to "JUST RIDE!©".

On IFRD Women Take to Their Motorbikes to "JUST RIDE!©". . .

- To work
- To meet rider friend(s)
- To an IFRD event or fundraiser
- To a local motorcycle retailer or dealership
- Through your home town / city or countryside.
- To a fitness class
- To a long winding country road
- To take an off-road or track day course
- To a shopping mall
- To a landmark to capture your IFRD Just Ride photo for the contest or a memento.
- Around town showing off the windscreen flyer and making a statement for women riders.
- To however you wish.



The only request is that women riders get out on their motorcycle, scooter or trike and "JUST RIDE!©"

Motorcycles of all brands, types, styles, capacities and forms are invited. It's an all brands (BMW MOTORRAD, KAWASAKI, DUCATI, KYMCO, etc) event. Motorcycles for street, off-road/dirt or scooter, sport, duo-purpose, cruiser, touring, trike join in.

This is one day devoted to women riders! Women of all ages, of all experience levels demonstrating their personal passion, pleasure and camaraderie through motorcycling. "JUST RIDE!©"

**For more information:**

<https://motoress.com/news/2019-international-female-ride-day-logo-for-13th-edition-of-worldwide-womens-motorcycle-ride-day/>

**Members Submitted Stuff**

**LOOK AROUND!**

Rams Rally Swap Meet can turn those 'no longer needed' items to \$\$\$\$.

Riding, Camping, Parts, Accessories, Tools, Electronics, Etc.



**STUFF for SALE OR TRADE**

Contact : Marshall Robilio [marshall.robilio@yahoo.com](mailto:marshall.robilio@yahoo.com)

**BMW '76 R90S**

Low Miles, Corbin seat, Billet Tripple Tree, Dual Plug heads, Electronic ignition, Bags with liners. Tool Kit, Manual, original white face clock (not installed)



**Adventure Motorcycles - the TOP 8 Ultimate Adventure Bikes in 2019**

Not all Adventure Motorcycles are created equal, and some can hit rough terrains better than others. There are others that can take sharper turns and provide speed unlike anything else. What an adventure bike does is it combines both these factors into one single vehicle thereby making it the best-suited motorbike for any rider who wants to take their bike for a long ride through the country. While these bikes can be hefty, we are not talking about the size of a professional sports bike. So, there are side guards, but not large enough that longer riding will tire you down. And at the same time, you get slimmer, stronger wheels, which can grip onto any terrain.

Here's a comprehensive list of the TOP 8 ultimate adventure motorcycles.

- Suzuki V-Strom
- Kawasaki Versys
- Honda Africa Twin
- Yamaha Super Tenere
- BMW R1200GS
- Ducati Multistrada
- KTM Adventure 990
- KTM Adventure 1290

We think these are the ones at the top of the line. Do you agree?

<https://safer-turn.com/article/adventure-motorcycles-top-8-ultimate-2019-adventure-bikes/>



**Widgets, Doohickey's & Gadgets**

**FlexLight Flexible USB Lantern**

Dimmable 100 Lumen USB Light

**\$14.95**



<https://www.bioliteenergy.com/products/flexlight>

**CampStove 2**

Electricity Generating Wood Camp Stove  
(31) See All Write A Review

**\$129.95**

[https://www.bioliteenergy.com/products/campstove-2?avad=55097f15ade645&utm\\_campaign=affiliate&utm\\_source=avantlink&utm\\_medium=40661](https://www.bioliteenergy.com/products/campstove-2?avad=55097f15ade645&utm_campaign=affiliate&utm_source=avantlink&utm_medium=40661)



Minutes by: Spencer Bennett

### ***RAMS Meeting Minutes –April 2018***

The meeting was called to order by President Art Manchester on April 13, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR. There were 23 RAMS and 3 bikes in attendance.

The Meeting was started prior to the published time due to inclement weather and the feeling that no additional RAMS were coming.

### ***Call to Order***

1. We have no new members for this month.
2. We currently have 64 returning members for 2019.
3. There was 1 guest for the meeting: Joe Barber who came with Charlie Bishop (and joined after the meeting).
4. Thanks to Meeting Host: The Dale and Bennett Families.

### ***New Business***

1. We still need a few volunteers for the triathlons. If you are interested, please see Art Manchester IV.
2. We also need Volunteers to host Donut Saturdays. See Art if you are interested.
3. The Chartered Club Campsite and Tent for the 2019 MOA National has been secured and paid for.

### ***RAMS Rally Update***

1. The rally chairs for 2019 are Bryan Leonard and Steve Clark.
2. We have Chair volunteers for most of the Committees. The committees still needing Chairs are:  
**Trash and Sanitation - Trailer - "T" Shirt Sales - Signage**
3. The question of the Rally Coffee pot was raised by Spencer Bennett. He commented that the current pot seems to be somewhat fragile and may be more pot than the RAMS Rally needs for our new base of 100 attendees. This led to a discussion by Steve Hamilton, who has a good deal of Coffee Chair experience, going over the issues and he agreed that the nuclear pot is more than we need and does have some maintenance issues. He also pointed out that the smaller pots would require a screening wall to allow them to retain heat and would require more monitoring for levels, but that they would work as well as what we currently have. Another benefit is that we would no longer have to have 220 volt power, so the pots could be located in a more convenient area of the tent. A motion was made by Spencer and seconded by Steve Clark, that we purchase two 40 cup pots for this year's rally and see how they work, with the possibility of selling the big pot if they work out. This motion was approved unanimously.
4. The question of whether or not to buy "Rally Cups" for this year was brought up by Steve Clark and the decision was made by the Rally Chair and Co-Chair that we should

## **Next Meeting: May 11, 2019**

### **Lake Hill Motors**

**2003 US-72 Corinth, MS 38834**

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

*Your host: Michael Hart*

*Please note that this is Lake Hill Motors Open House and Vintage Bike show weekend and we will be holding our meeting outside at their event.*

sell the remaining cups at this year's RAMS Rally for \$3.00 each and not purchase additional ones. The Secretary/Treasurer was directed to count the remaining cups and get a number to the Rally Chairs.

5. T shirt sales for 2019 were discussed and it was unanimously decided, on a motion by Spencer Bennett and a second by Art Manchester IV, that we should sell shirts this year and they should have the new logo on the back with the customary Tennessee logo and 2019 on the front. Color will be decided on at a coming meeting.
6. Spencer and Rosey tried to pass around the Registration Sign Up Sheet with little success.
7. Whether or not to have a band will be decided by the Rally Chairs and reported at a coming meeting.
8. Spencer Bennett was asked to take an "Admit 1 to the 2019 RAMS Rally" certificate to the Georgia Mountain Rally. The Rally Chairs also asked that anyone going to a Rally please get with the Secretary/Treasurer to get one to give as a Door Prize to advertise the RAMS Rally.

### ***VP's Corner***

1. Vice-President, Paul Whitworth, reported that he will not be able to lead the ride to the May Meeting and asked that someone volunteer if they could.
2. 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 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.
4. 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, 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 (\$25.00) are PAST DUE.
3. May 11, 2019 RAMS Meeting LOCATION is:  
Lake Hill Motors  
2003 US-72 Corinth, MS 38834

*Please note that this is Lake Hill Motors Open House and Vintage Bike show weekend and we will be holding our meeting outside at their event. If weather does not permit an outside meeting, then we will be inside.*

There will be food vendors on site so it will be “grab and growl” for lunch but the meeting will be at 1:30.

Your host is: Michael Hart

Come early as they have a great museum and will be having a lot of other special activities. Note that this is the “home shop” of TAT originator and mapper Sam Carillo so you GS Folks ought to really turn out for this!

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](mailto:officers@bmwrams.com)

**Treasurer’s Reports**

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$6100.57
2. Petty cash = \$ 50.00
3. Major Expenses for the month:  
Tent for MOA National = \$397.04

**Movement to adjourn: Art Manchester IV**  
**Second: Charlie Bishop Approved unanimously**

**New Members**

*Please join me in Welcoming new RAMS Members James “Joe” and Joannie Barber who live in Quitman, AR and ride an R60/5 and K100 LT. Please go to the RAMS Directory for full information on them.*

**Just for Fun!**



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