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“The Notepad Edition”

While our fearless Editor is away on a well-deserved break ...

August 2019 Meeting Minutes

- *Spencer Bennett*

The meeting was called to order by President Art Manchester IV on August 10, 2019 at 1:30 PM at My Favorite Place Mexican Restaurant in Cordova, TN. There were 25 RAMS and 10 bikes in attendance.

Call to order:

1. We have no new members for this month.
2. We currently have 74 new and returning members for 2019.
3. There were no guests for the meeting.
4. Thanks to Meeting Hosts, The Manchester Families and the Morro Family. It should be noted that this is the 13th year we have done the August RAMS Meeting at this location. We appreciate the Morro Family putting up with us for so long.

New Business:

1. We still need Volunteers to host Donut Saturdays. October thru December are still available.
2. Robert Rehkopf did a presentation on a Motorcycle Tourer Forum ride that he is coordinating that will be held on Saturday, September 21, with a pre-ride dinner at 6pm on Friday September 20, 2019. The pre-ride dinner will be at Gus's Fried Chicken located at 2965 N Germantown Pkwy, Bartlett, TN 38133. The ride will leave at 5am from the Waffle House location at 8135 Varnavas Rd, Cordova, TN 38016. This will be an opportunity to eat at eight Waffle House type restaurants within 24 hours and thereby insure your cardiologist's future income. It will also be an IBA Gold Certificate Ride if you get a receipt at all eight locations and make it back to Cordova in 24 hours. Pre-Registration is required to be part of this event so go to <https://rides.jasonjonas.com> and sign up.

RAMS Rally Update:

1. The rally chairs for 2019 are Bryan Leonard and Steve Clark. Both were present for the meeting.
2. Paul Whitworth has looked into the coffee pot situation and located a source for any needed parts (at a significant cost). The current plan is to use the large coffee pot, and if it quits, we will switch to smaller (30 or 40 cup) pots and make needed repairs as we can.
3. The Rally Shirt quantity question was settled by the Rally Chair and Co-Chair and 40 shirts will be ordered for sale at the rally.
4. The Rally Awards and Bike Show Awards will be the same as last year except for the addition of a non-BMW Award to the Bike Show. The secretary/Treasurer was directed to order the award plaques.
5. Spencer and Rosey Bennett are still looking for Registration Volunteers. This is a two hour shift that allows you to sit down and meet all the folks as they arrive at the Rally. Two people are needed for each of the shifts.

VP's Corner:

1. Vice – President Paul Whitworth continued his commitment to organizing one ride per month and encouraged others to consider organizing a ride on one of the non-meeting weekends.
2. President Art thanked Paul for filling in for him at the past two meetings as his day job and other issues got in the way of his attendance.

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. Previous year RAMS rally shirts are available for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Not all sizes are available, but Spencer can check for you if you want one, or more.
4. RAMS Meeting hosts are set for 2019.

For the Good of the Club:

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules for other Club's Rallies.
2. Please consider serving as a RAMS officer for the 2020 Period. Elections are not until January, but it is never too early to put your hat in the ring.
3. **September 14, 2019 RAMS Meeting LOCATION is:**
The home of Steve and Donna Clark, 1800 Black Bear Circle E., Cordova, TN 38016
901-606-9218 (Steve Cell) or 901-487-4994 (Donna Cell)
Please call and see what you need to bring as it will be a potluck with Steve doing the entree. (Ribs and Shoulder, he says.)
Lunch will begin at 1200 with the meeting to follow at 1:30.
Ride will be announced by e-mail from the VP.
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 Report:

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = 6910.23
2. Petty Cash = \$50.00
3. No Major Expenses for the month.

Movement to adjourn: John McWhorter; Second: Bryan Leonard; Approved unanimously.