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"The Notepad Edition"

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

October 2019 Meeting Minutes

- *Spencer Bennett*

The meeting was called to order by President Art Manchester IV on October 12, 2019 at 1:25 PM at the home of Haavi Morriem in Cordova, TN. There were 12 RAMS and 6 bikes in attendance.

Call to order:

1. We have one new member for this month. Chris Braese who lives in Arlington, TN and rides and F750 GS. Welcome to the RAMS, Chris!
2. We currently have 76 new and returning members for 2019.
3. There were no guests for the meeting.
4. Thanks to Meeting Hosts Haavi Morriem with the Entrees provided by Birender and Mary Madan.

New Business:

1. We still need Volunteers to host Donut Saturdays. October thru December are still available.
2. Officer Nominations for 2020 are now officially open although there are currently no nominees. Please consider serving as a RAMS officer for the 2020 Period. Elections are in January, so you need to get your name in soon.

RAMS Rally Update:

1. The 2019 edition of the RAMS Rally is in the books and we made a profit of \$90.43 this year and had a great time as well.
2. Time to consider stepping up to be the 2020 RAMS Rally chair. If you are interested, please contact any RAMS officer.

3. Ron Homsher Update: Ron is the gentleman who had the issue with diabetes at this year's rally and wound up in the Emergency Room and then the Hospital in Jackson for a couple of days. His Daughter in Law reports that he is recovered and is doing well. The Family would like to extend a Heartfelt "Thank You" to the RAMS for helping him in his time of need.
4. Paul Whitworth, who serves as the RAMS Rally Chef and Food Chair stated the in 2020 he will be serving a hot Breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings but will have only pastries and maybe fruit on Sunday due to the time issues with cooling and packing up the grill on Sunday morning.
5. There was some further discussion of the Coffee Pot situation and the decision(?) was to continue to try and get the pump motor repaired/replaced and see how it works next year, with the conventional 40 cup pots serving as backup.

VP's Corner:

1. The VP asked for Volunteers to lead rides now that the weather has finally broken and we have comfortable riding days. Anyone who wishes to lead a ride should put an email on the RAMS Email list giving the time and starting location.
2. Paul would like to Thank Haavi Morriem for leading the Pre-Meeting Ride for October. She had a great route and set a very good pace over some great roads!

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.

For the Good of the Club:

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules for other Club's Rallies.
2. RAMS Meeting hosts are needed for 2020.
3. Spencer & Rose-Anne Bennett volunteered to host the December Meeting/Christmas Party at their home in Hernando. MS. The date is December 14, 2019 and the time is 6pm. Further details will be coming via email.
4. 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.
5. **November 9, 2019 RAMS Meeting LOCATION is:**
Joe's Steakhouse Restaurant
1410 W Market St
Bolivar, TN 38008
Phone: 731-658-7255
Your Host is: Paul Rhodes_
Lunch will begin at 1200 with the meeting to follow at 1:30.
A Pre-meeting Ride will likely be scheduled. Watch your email for details as it gets closer to the meeting date.
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. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$6577.07
2. Petty Cash = \$50.00
3. Major Expenses for the month: RAMS Rally expenses shown on Rally Report Spreadsheet shared at the Meeting

Movement to adjourn: Paul Rhodes; Second: Birender Madan; Approved unanimously.