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DECEMBER, 2017

The next Meeting will be on JAN. 06, 2018 and will be at

Fox Ridge Pizza

1769 N Germantown Pkwy

Cordova, TN 38016

Lunch at 12:00 and the meeting at 1:30

I would like to thank all the RAMS that have contributed stories, photos, and club information to keep our news letter alive. I could not have kept the letter going without the monthly meeting minutes from Spencer Bennett.

I would like to remind those who have stopped riding due to health concerns or the evil aging process that we still want you at our meetings and campfires. Our club is a community of BMW enthusiast. That includes you !

PR events has sent a \$400 donation to the club in appreciation for our continued community service.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

**RAMS Meeting Minutes –DEC, 2017
submitted by Spencer Bennett**

December 2017 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Craig on December 9, 2017 at 8pm at Haavi Morriem's home. There was 1bikes and 33 RAMS in attendance.

Call to order

- 1) We have no new members for December:**
- 2) We currently have 106 new and returning members for 2017.**
- 3) There were no guests for the meeting.**
- 4) Larry extended Thanks to the meeting hosts: Thank you Haavi Morriem!
(AKA Horn Woman)**

New Business

- 1. The Nominations for the 2018 RAMS Officers will stay open until the January Meeting. Nominations must have a second to be placed in contention.**

Nominations from the October Meeting were:

President – Larry Craig

Vice President - Birenderjit (Bir) Singh Madan

Secretary/Treasurer – Spencer Bennett

Rose-Anne Bennett nominated Robert Rehkopf for Vice-President with a second from Art Manchester IV. Robert gracefully declined the nomination.

**There were no additional nominations for President or Secretary/
Treasurer.**

**Steve Clark moved that Nominations be closed until the January Meeting,
second by Tim Reginold, approved by voice vote. Nominations will re-
open again at the January Meeting so you still have a chance.**

RAMS Rally Update

- 1. Steve Clark has stepped up to be the 2018 RAMS Rally Chair and will be assisted by Paul Whitworth as his able Rally Co-Chair.**
- 2. The 2018 RAMS Rally Dates are September 28 – 30 due to Barber Motor Sports Track taking our regular weekend for their Vintage Festival.**
- 3. Rally Committee positions need to be filled. These are:**

Registration –

Rally Shirt Sales-

Name Tags/Schedules –

Coffee & Refreshments –

Food –

Door Prizes & Vendors –

Awards (Distance, Age, etc.) –

Poker Run –

Trash/Sanitation –

Set Up –

Trailer –

Bike Show –

Swap Meet –

Signage (Put Up and Take Down) –

If you would like to chair one of these committees, please let Steve or Paul know as soon as you can. These are the folks that do the work at the rally but they also seem to be the ones who have the most fun.

VP's Corner

- 1. No VP issues this month.**

Old Business

- 1. If anyone still does not have their picture in the online directory, please see Spencer or Rosey.**
- 2. 2015 RAMS rally shirts are available for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Most sizes are available. See Spencer.**
- 3. Larry Craig has 19 of the 2017 Rally Shirts for sale at \$10.00 ea. He also has 68 red shirts mis-labelled as 2016's that are free to a good home. Please contact him for details.**

For the Good of the Club

Check RAMS website for rally schedules.

John McWhorter gave a brief discussion on the importance of member contribution to the success of an organization and pointed out that all successful organizations need people to step up and take on part of the work and responsibility of running it or the few who do will soon be burned out and the organization will cease to be viable. He encouraged all RAMS Members to come forward and serve in the various positions with in the RAMS and the RAMS Rally.

Paul Whitworth moved that the January RAMS meeting be moved to January 6 from the usual January 13 date as several of the RAMS Officers and Candidates would be out of town at the North East Florida BMW Rally on January 12-14, 2018. John McWhorter seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Bruce Ottway shared a story about the idiosyncrasies of bucks this time of year and cautioned everyone that they do not appear to have a mind. He had one follow him and try to "interact" with his motorcycle on the way home from work recently, so you should be very wary around them and go directly to a public place if accosted by one.

For the Good of the Club continued.....

Performance Plus had donated a \$25.00 gift certificate for a door prize at the meeting and Larry felt it should go to the longest distance BMW Motorcycle ridden to the meeting, which turned out to be Bruce Ottway from Murray, KY. Way to go Bruce! Please remember the support that Performance Plus gives to the RAMS when you need to make motorcycle related purchases.

The next Meeting will be January 6, 2018 and will be at:

Fox Ridge Pizza 1769 N Germantown Pkwy, Cordova, TN. 38016

[Phone: \(901\) 758-6500](tel:9017586500)

Lunch will begin at 1200 and the meeting will be at 1:30. Since this is an election meeting, please make every effort to attend. If there is a ride to the meeting it will be communicated by e-mail closer to the meeting time.

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) 2017 RAMS Dues of \$25.00 are due and payable**
- 2) Balance in Bank plus petty cash =\$ 5100.05**
- 3) Petty cash = \$50.00**
- 4) Notable expenditures for this month:
IRS Form 990-N late filing fee =\$39.98**

Movement to adjourn by Larry Craig, approved unanimously.

Stuff for sale or
Trade! 

Nothing submitted. There are bikes for sale at Performance Plus. Support your local dealers... Performance Plus and GrassRoots have a long history of providing support for the RAMS.


If you have anything you want to sell, trade or give away to a good home, email your pictures and description to:

Editor, The Shaft:

newsletter@bmwrms.com

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- **Secretary-Treasurer:** Spencer Bennett

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