

THE SHAFT



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I write this as I am in the final hours of packing my bike with gear for the Trans American Trail /Colorado adventure. Tomorrow I will pack and adjust the weight distribution on my bike a few times and wait for the guy who is coming in from Ohio to ride the trail with me. Thursday morning we will get up at the break of dawn and drive 15 hours



according to the map (which means about 17 with food and gas breaks LOL) from Jackson Tn to Trinidad Colorado. We are dropping the vehicle and trailer there and hitting the trail sometime Friday after lunch or Sat morning depending on our travel time.

We are riding Colorado -Utah- Idaho and Oregon to the coast on back roads while camping off the bikes. We will then turn and come back to Fairplay Colorado possibly through Montana or Nevada. I need to clear the 2800 miles of off road and be back by August 15th. Everett and Jimmy will drive out to meet me in Fairplay where I have a cabin rented until Aug 26. I have invited riders to join us there from our Facebook page Adventure Riders

of Colorado. It sleeps 20 dormitory style. If any club member happens to be out that way or wants to come join us let me know. After riding that area for a week I will return to the boring flat land of Fla until I see you all at the rally in September.

It has been fun getting ready. I am over joyed with my new bags and very proud of myself for taking dried foods and making 24 packets to feed 2 people weighing in at 5 lb 7 oz. Seal a Meal rules. Thank you Everett for putting after market parts on and getting the bike ready for the trip.

I am going to throw out a thought. If everyone would bring one new person to our rally look at the number of new riding friends we could all meet. Let's all start inviting people!!

Happy riding in August !



"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"

Tella Price

Interesting Rides/Road Trips



TOURING BIKES

Shamrock Tour® - Mountain View, Arkansas



Our base of operations at the Ozark Folk Center State Park and their Cabins at Dry Creek features comfortable rooms with semi-private patios, and the on-premise Skillet Restaurant is just a short walk through the woods. After a hearty, country-style breakfast, we're ready to roll. Though still carrying a slight chill, the September morning breeze refreshes as we climb westward on Route 14. The smooth pavement bores into the hardwood canopy like an asphalt Tilt-a-Whirl whipping left then right, sending a message to the brain for all hands on deck. I suppose we could opt for a gentler wake-up call - perhaps a guided journey to the center of the earth? The signs for the United States Forest

SPORTS BIKES

Service's Blanchard Springs Caverns summon us from the road. And why not, since the opportunity to walk off the morning meal 200-foot underground doesn't come about very often.

Back under way, we quickly locate Route 341. To the local folks, it's Push Mountain Road and everyone we've talked to swears it's the best motorcycle road

in Arkansas. Within the first few miles, we're believers. A near flawless ribbon of asphalt bounds across the undulating mountains seeming to exploit every natural crook and jog in the topography. Tight turns mixing with high-speed S's flow amid deep stands of greenery that occasionally relent to mountain prospects, before consuming the tarmac once again. By the time this one ends at Route 201, we're packing two big grins, a hearty appetite, and some delightfully anemic chicken strips.

Excerpts from RoadRUNNER Motorcycle Touring & Travel Magazine

<https://www.roadrunner.travel/magazine/read/may-june-2010/page/14/>

DUAL SPORTS

Beta AMA National Dual Sport Series - Dover, TN. Sept. 8-9



Land Between Lakes 200 K T Riders
ktiders@gmail.com
www.LBL200.com

AMA membership is required for these national-level events. A one-event pass may be purchased for \$20 - only available for purchase at the event, or a full AMA membership for \$49

Arkansas Highway 27 from Russellville to Harriet in Arkansas (This looks like a fun ride)



<http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/1125/Arkansas/Arkansas-Highway-27-from-Russellville-to-Harriet.html#sthash.rX4z4Dlx.f4ha41xb.dpbs>

Ladies Corner



Generic Emergency Poncho - Pink - Travel Size

\$1.13



Copy and paste this link:

<https://www.minimus.biz/generic-emergency-poncho-pink-s01-0459904-9000>

Bolle Rush Plus Item #: 40254

\$12.99



<https://tacticalgear.com/bolle-rush-plus-pink-white-clear?hp=y>

STUFF WANTED

Anyone got a trunk bag for a Givi mono key system that they want to sell? Looking for a tank bag that will fit a 2002 r1150r tank also!

Paul Whitworth - rams@lists.bmwrams.com

STUFF for SALE OR TRADE

Please let us know if your item sells!

Bike Trailer for Sale

I have a single rail motorcycle transport trailer for sale for \$300. This unit is a proven performer for long distance or short distance rescues and has hauled R90, R1100, R1150, R1200 and K1100 s. Has secure tie downs and can be loaded by one person. Speed tested up to maximum legal limit of 85 mph (yes it did a rescue in Texas). Has 17/8 ball hitch and reasonable tires and spare. Available for inspection at most times. Call or text **Spencer Bennett at 901-626-2831**.

This a replacement pair of gloves from Gerbings for a pair I sent back for repair. My old ones were medium, so they replaced them with medium, but these are so small I can not wear them. \$200 dollar pair of gloves new in the pack I will take \$100 dollars for them.

paulrhod@bellsouth.net



Selling! Bikes, shop equipment, parts and accessories. BMW's R90s, R69us, R100s (clone), R27 (250cc single) R90/6 (rolling chassis), '84R100RT (final edition), '70 SWB R75/5. 750cc Ducai, Oxy/Acc rig, A/C welder, comercial M/C lift. Detail pictures on request.

Marshall Robilio

901-685-7367 H

901- 604-6884 C



Selling my '09 LT. 35402 miles with new tires. This Luxury Touring bike is in excellent condition. Ready to load up and cruise on down the road. Contact me with any questions. Thanks, Bruce

bruceottway@gmail.com

Minutes by: Spencer Bennett

RAMS Meeting Minutes –April 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Craig at 1:30 pm at Off the Hoof Burgers in Arlington, TN. There were 16 RAMS and 3 bikes in attendance.

Call to Order

1. We have two new members for this month. Al and Kim Torres who live in Collierville, TN and ride an R1200 RT.
2. We currently have 81 new and returning members for 2018.
3. There were no guests for the meeting.
4. Larry extended Thanks to the meeting hosts: Thank you John McWhorter.

New Business

1. Larry Craig announced that the 2019 MOA National Rally will be in Lebanon, TN and it will be in June to hopefully beat the heat.
2. Copies of the 2018 RAMS Member Directory were passed out to the membership at the meeting. If you would like one please see the Secretary/Treasurer as he will have them at the meetings.

RAMS Rally Update

1. Steve Clark is the 2018 RAMS Rally Chair and Paul Whitworth is Rally Co-Chair.
2. RAMS Rally pre-registration is now open on the RAMS web site.
3. Paul Whitworth reported that we will be having cups this year in place of pins.
4. Paul announced that the door prize letters have been mailed.
5. Rally shirts will be ordered this next week per Paul. The color will be yellow with Bruce Ottway's new design on the back.

VP's Corner

1. No VP input this month. He was at the MOA National.

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.

Treasurer's Reports

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash =\$5862.88
2. Petty cash = \$ 50.00
3. Notable expenditures for this month. Tent t at the MOA National Rally and Directory printing =\$571.26.

Next Meeting: Aug 11 Lunch 12:00 then Meeting 1:30

**My Favorite Place Mexican Restaurant
880 N Germantown Pkwy
Cordova, TN 38018
Phone: (901) 757-8900**

Your hosts will be the Manchester Families.

For the Good of the Club

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules.
2. The monthly Donut Saturday at Performance Plus has turned out to be a good thing for them and for the RAMS and the Officers plan to continue it. We would like to point out that we are there as guests, and customers, and as such we should avoid negative comments about the dealership or its operation. The has apparently been some negative discussion with potential BMW buyers by some of our members and this resulted in some lost revenue for Performance Plus. Please remember, if you can't say something positive, just don't say anything.
3. Larry Craig reported that Bruce Ottway had an accident in Atlanta on his way to Florida. He broke his ankle and injured both shoulders enough to require surgery so he will be out of action for a while with on going surgeries. He has very poor cell service at his home but he can be reached via landline at 270-436-2902.
4. Spencer Bennett reminded everyone that the current President and Vice-President have indicated that they will not be able to serve in those positions next year. We typically do not think of this until the October Meeting and then rush to get a slate of nominees who are willing to serve. He asked that each RAMS Member consider running for one of these positions or for Rally Chair next year so we do not come up to the nominations with no forethought about potential candidates. The current officers would be pleased to discuss their duties with you and the duties of each officer are spelled out on the RAMS web site and in the front of the RAMS Directory (on-line and in the paper copy).
5. **The August RAMS Meeting will be 11 August 11, 2018 at: My Favorite Place Mexican Restaurant
880 N Germantown Pkwy Cordova, TN 38018
Phone: (901) 757-8900
Your hosts will be the Manchester Families.
Lunch will begin at 1200 and the meeting will be at 1:30.
There will likely be a RAMS Ride to the meeting so watch for email updates.**
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@bmwrms.com

Movement to adjourn by Spencer Bennett, Second by Paul Rhodes, approved unanimously.

Widgets, Doohickey's & Gadgets

DrySpec Motorcycle Tool Tube Kit



\$16.99

<https://www.twistedthrottle.com/dryspec-motorcycle-tool-tube-kit?gloc=1?gloc=1>

Dandy Hauler – A Motorcycle Carrier



\$109.00



<https://www.amazon.com/Dandy-Hauler-A-Motorcycle-Carrier/dp/B0052U9TFK>

Thanks to Butch Turner for this submission. Click on the link to watch the video.

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