

# THE SHAFT



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<http://www.bmwrams.com>



*November- The weather is turning colder than average and, some of our members have seen snow. I often think of skiers when cold weather comes calling. Skiers wait all year for snow as we wait for Spring. They are as excited as we are and probably spend as much money as we do on ski gear, fees to ski, and lodging at Ski Resorts. I am sitting in the Florida panhandle with 30-degree weather, cold winds, but no snow. I think If one is to be cold and can't ride one should at least have snow.*

*Reminiscent of cold rides. One year in early November a group of friends rode from Johnstown Pa to Canaan Valley West Virginia for a weekend of falling leaves and twisty roads. We woke up Sunday morning with frost on the bikes and icy weather to battle home. I was riding a 500 ninja with little wind protection , and at the time I had not built my closet up to the correct riding gear. My friends were cold on their bigger bikes with windshields, fairings, and heated gear. I was frozen stiff sitting up high on my Ninja. I could not feel my fingers and was sure my toes were frostbitten. We often stopped to warm up, yet I had a few moments where I did not think I would make it. When we started the climb up the last mountain to Johnstown, we were riding on the berm to gain traction and avoid the frozen slush on the road. Winter came early that year to stall our fall riding. To this end, I say we are a rare breed as I would hop on the bike again and take the ride. Now I would be one of the warmer riders with all my accumulative gear and, of course, a bigger bike with a windshield.*



*Old photo of me on the Ninja*

*We have a few months of sketchy riding weather ahead of us. Let's make good use of this time to search the internet for bikes to buy, new riding gear, and various sundry things we do not need. We can plan our 2019 road trips and send each other rallies and rides to consider. I am sure we will all be watching the calendar and waiting for the first rush of warm air as the all-clear sign for packing up and rolling out in the spring.*

*I would like to extend prayers to our members who are dealing with personal and family illness and wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving.*

*"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"*

*Velvet Price*



# Interesting Rides/Road Trips



## TOURING BIKES

### *Progressive International Motorcycle Show - New York* Nov. 30 - Dec. 2

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center  
655 W 34th St New York NY



The 2018-19 Progressive International Motorcycle Show coming to New York See All The Latest Bikes From All The Major Motorcycle Manufacturers Ultimate Builder Bike Show, Demos, Entertainment, Celebrity Appearances 100s of Vendors And A Whole Lot More!!!

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WASHINGTON D.C.  
02.08.19 - 02.10.19

**For more info on this and other locations:**

[www.motorcycleshows.com](http://www.motorcycleshows.com)

## SPORTS BIKES



**August 1-4, 2018  
in Snowshoe, WV**

*The Touring Weekend began as a memorial ride for RoadRUNNER-magazine's founder, Christian Neuhauser in 2005. Over the years, the event has continued to grow. We now welcome hundreds of motorcyclists, from across the country and Canada, for this extended weekend of riding, great food, and camaraderie. For any questions send an email to the event organizer or call (336) 765-7780.*

<https://www.touring-weekend.com>

*I have ridden in the Snowshoe area of West Virginia many times. The roads are twisty and curvy, views are beautiful, and you will find some of the best home cooked meals at diners ! If you are looking for places to go next year I would highly recommend this trip. V*

**North West Fla Rally**

**Robert Rehkopf would like to know if anyone is going to this rally. Please reply to him through his e-mail: [captrehkopf@gmail.com](mailto:captrehkopf@gmail.com)**

## DUAL SPORTS

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS for June  
next year! MOA in TN!**  
**BMW MOA International  
Rally 2019**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2019 thru  
Saturday, June 15, 2019**

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945 E Baddour Pkwy  
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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)





# *The Importance of Motorcycle Gear*

Story by Jim Foreman and Irv Seaver BMW

*Looking cool on a motorcycle is one thing. Being cool is quite another.*

One look at this title probably has most “All-The-Gear-All-The-Time” or ATGATT zealots aroused at least as much as when ‘enjoying the stories’ (ahem) in the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition.

This is not about ATGATT or repeating the mantra on social media posts like a brain-dead zombie. Instead, this is a discussion on why good quality motorcycle gear matters and why you should make a point to own some and use it.

The 2013 GEAR study made some startling conclusions including this one. “A substantial proportion of motorcycle designed gloves (25.7%), jackets (29.7%) and pants (28.1%) were assessed to have failed due to material damage in the crash.”

This means that cheap, decorative, and poor quality moto gear is a waste of money. As the old proverb goes, “Buy quality, and you buy it once. Buy cheap and buy it several times.” In other words, you get what you pay for. Spend some money on quality gear. It’s better to have one set of high-quality riding gear than a closet full of poor fitting, cheaply made kit that wouldn’t protect you in the most minor of incidents.

For more of the story: <https://irvseaver.blogspot.com/2018/08/the-importance-of-motorcycle-gear.html?m=1>

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## *2019 BMW S1000RR First Look*

By Adam Waheed

*BMW lays it all on the line in the Superbike class with its 2019 S1000RR*



BMW’s hell-bent on returning to the top step of the liter-class Superbike podium next season with its all-new 2019 S1000RR. Next year’s machine is the third major iteration of the German brand’s superbike and also marks its 10th year of production. Since its 2009 model-year debut, the S1000RR has delivered class-leading engine performance. For 2019, Motorrad engineers take the development of its 999cc inline-four to the next level.

To read more: <https://www.motorcyclistonline.com/2019-bmw-s1000rr-first-look#page-4a>

## Ladies Corner



### Review: MotoChic Gear Lauren Sport Bag—Designed by a Woman Rider for Women Riders!



**\$295 Retail**

For two weeks I used the Lauren Sport bag on every ride (almost daily) and have been pleased with the overall quality and durability of the backpack. You can tell it was designed by a woman rider who knows the struggles of finding gear/accessories for women riders!

*By Lindsay Casperson*

To find out about it's best features and more:

[http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/motochic\\_gear\\_lauren\\_sport\\_bag\\_designed\\_by\\_woman\\_rider\\_for\\_women\\_riders.aspx](http://www.womenridersnow.com/pages/motochic_gear_lauren_sport_bag_designed_by_woman_rider_for_women_riders.aspx)

### BMW Motorcycles GS Dry Gloves



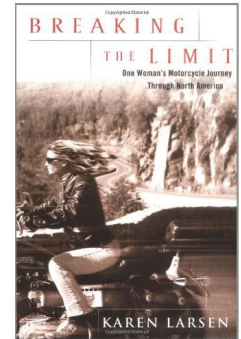
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### Breaking the Limit: One Woman's Motorcycle Journey Through North America

**\$22.42 on Amazon**

<https://www.bikergirlbling.com/product/collections/books-magazines/breaking-the-limit-one-womans-motorcycle-journey-through-north-america/>



## 7 Tips for Winter Motorcycle Riding

*By Ron Lieback*

In March of 2010, I attended the Cornerspeed road racing school at Virginia International Raceway. The weather was unseasonably warm, so instead of trucking the track bike there, I decided to pilot my long-distance sport-tourer there, a '98 Honda VFR800. The trip south from Northeast Pennsylvania was without issue; I rode almost 600 miles on a desolate path, stripped the bike down of touring necessities, and had some fun at VIR. But the ride home was much, much different—this is when winter's soul silently crept up on me.

About 100 miles from home, a cold front moved through, and the temps plummeted into the 20s. Heavy winds began, and then came the snow. I was in a full Weise cold-weather riding gear, but failed miserably in all other preparations, such as base layers and a fog-free shield. My sweat quickly proved cold, and my fingertips were almost sacrificed due to minor Hypothermia. Details aside, I ended up in the bathroom of a Turkey Hill for almost two hours, wasting loads of electricity trying to heat my phalanges and dry my boots. Only about an hour from home at this moment, I stupidly continued with snow falling with absolutely no feeling in my fingers, and enough distractions to create dire devastation.

Luckily, though, I made it. A hot bath and two bottles of Syrah later, everything registered. I realized I made a stupid decision, and wondered how those 60+ mph winds didn't launch me off the side of the highway. But instead of deciding against riding during the winter months, I began searching for the things that would allow me to safely and warming ride when winter raises his anti-motorcycling head.

Nearly four years later of riding 12 months a year, here are some of the things I've learned about winter motorcycling riding:

*To read more about these tips:*

<https://ultimatemotorcycling.com/2013/11/14/seven-tips-winter-motorcycle-riding/>

1. **Wear Correct Motorcycle Gear in a Layering Fashion**
2. **Proper Motorcycle Prep for Winter Riding**
3. **Cold Weather Equals Colder Tires**
4. **Watch for Salt, Fresh Cracks due to Plows and Black Ice**
5. **Increase Visibility and Following Distance**
6. **Have a Motorcycle-Specific Towing Service**
7. **Don't be a Dummy; If Snow Starts Falling, Get Home**

Minutes by: Spencer Bennett

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

The meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Spencer Bennett on November 10, 2018 at 1:30 pm at Joe's Restaurant in Boliver, TN. There were 20 RAMS and 5 bikes in attendance.

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

- 1. We have 3 new members for this month. Michael Pandolf who lives in Virginia Beach, VA and rides an R1200 GS. Marty Irby who lives in Lexington, TN and rides an R90/6. Dave Watkins who lives in Collierville, TN and rides an R1200 RT. Note that Michael and Dave are retreads.*
- 2. We currently have 90 new and returning members for 2018.*
- 3. There were 2 guests for the meeting. Eric and Cletha Vaillancourt were guests of Spencer Bennett. They are from Tupelo and just moved to the Mid-South from Utah.*
- 4. Spencer extended Thanks to the meeting hosts: Paul Rhodes*

#### ***New Business***

1. Nominations were opened for the 2019 RAMS Officers. The nominations were reopened by Spencer Bennett for the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The following nominations stand from the October Meeting with no additions:

President: Art Manchester IV – Nominated by Paul Whitworth, Seconded by Spencer Bennett.

Vice-President: No Nominations at this meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer: Spencer Bennett – Nominated by Steve Clark, Seconded by Larry Craig.

Steve Clark then moved to close nominations until the December Meeting, This was seconded by Paul Whitworth and approved by unanimous vote.

2. Spencer Bennett re-opened the issue of splitting the Secretary/Treasurer Position into two separate positions that was discussed at the October Meeting.

The discussion on this issue was of some length with people agreeing and disagreeing on the idea. The points discussed in October were revisited again and the general feeling was that we should not be working on revising a position that seems to be operating OK at this time.

Butch Turner asked the incumbent Secretary/Treasurer for his personal opinion on the proposed revision and he stated that he had no issues with the workload and that, although sometimes things did get a little behind due to other commitments, he felt that the present arrangement provides the best oversight of the Treasurer's position as the Secretary has to attend all meetings to take minutes and the Treasurer has no such requirement. He further stated that it provides one contact point for renewal of Charters, Tax reporting, and license renewals which makes it easier to accomplish these each year.

Eric Vaillancourt pointed out that having one person handle both the paperwork and the finances for new memberships and renewals makes it easier to accomplish these tasks.

Spencer then entertained a motion to table the item and leave

### **Next Meeting:**

**December 8, 2018 at 0900 at:**

**The home of: Haavi Morreim**

**8343 Stavenger Cove**

**Memphis, TN 38018**

**Tel: 901-755-7479**

**Email: hmoreim@uthsc.edu**

the Secretary/Treasurer Position as it currently exists. Paul Whitworth made the motion, Greg LieVan seconded it, and it was approved unanimously.

3. The issue of using "Virtual Meeting Software" to permit a greater number of RAMS to have a voice in the monthly meetings was brought up by Donna Clark as she thought that Verla Price and Rose-Anne Bennett (the RAMS Web Master) would have a report on it at this meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer informed the Meeting that Rose-Anne's Mother died right after the October Meeting and that she has been busy with Funeral and Estate issues since then. The Secretary/Treasurer will ask if this project can be gotten back on course in the near future.

4. The Secretary/Treasurer then did a short spiel on the value of Estate Planning so your loved ones do not have to handle all the issues that you meant to take care of but never did.

5. Hank Widdop announced that he may make a motion to revise the RAMS By-Laws to permit notification of members of proposed By-Law Revisions by electronic means rather than the presently required USPS notification. He is working on this issue and just wanted to let the Membership know about it.

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

1. Bryan Leonard is the 2018 RAMS Co-Rally Chair and is looking for someone to share the duties.
2. There was a discussion, led by Paul Whitworth, about what exactly was meant by the title of Rally Co-Chair. Paul was of the understanding that the Co-Chair position was to assist and understudy the Rally Chair and make decisions in the Chair's absence. Others felt that there were two Co-Chairs and they were equal in their responsibilities and authority. After some discussion from assorted members it was concluded, I think, that the positions of Rally Chair or Rally Co-Chair mean whatever the person(s) incumbent in them think they mean as far as responsibility and authority. This is likely a subject that needs to be revisited and cleared up at some point, possibly by the 2019 RAMS Rally Chair/Co-chair. The position of Rally Co-Chair is not mentioned in the RAMS Rally Bible and it likely needs to be added there.
3. Greg LieVan Volunteered to again be the RAMS Rally Door Prize Chair for 2019. Thank you Greg!
4. Donna Clark Volunteered to once again be the RAMS Rally Bike Show Chair for 2019. Thank you Donna!
5. Hank Widdop asked that we consider the Saturday afternoon entertainment issue for 2019 as he feels that there is not



sufficient interest in the Live Music to warrant the cost. He feels that we might be better off conducting Motorcycle Field Events or some other activity to fill in this time in the Rally Schedule. This will likely be an item for discussion in the coming months once the Rally Management team is in place.

6. RAMS Rally Cups are available for \$5.00 ea. Please let a Larry Craig know if you want to purchase one or more to complete your set. Larry also has some sizes of the 2018 RAMS Rally Shirts (the yellow ones) for sale for \$10.00 each.

### 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.

### For the Good of the Club

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules.
2. **The December RAMS Meeting will be December 8, 2018 at:**  
**The home of: Haavi Morreim 8343 Stavenger Cove**  
**Memphis, TN 38018 Tel: 901-755-7479**  
**Email: hmorreim@uthsc.edu**  
*This will be the RAMS Christmas Party and will be a "Pot Luck" with the RAMS Providing the entrée and the members bringing side dishes or desserts. Please contact Haavi to see what you need to bring.*  
*Sodas and water will be provided by the RAMS and coolers are recommended for your personal beverages as there is limited cold storage.*  
*There will be a "Sneaky Santa" gift Exchange as part of the festivities and the gifts should be sort of motorcycle themed and limited to a cost of \$25. Couples should bring two gifts if both wish to participate.*
3. 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)

### VP's Corner

No VP input this month.

### Treasurer's Reports

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$5695.13
2. Petty cash = \$ 50.00
3. Rough Rally Financials. The final numbers for the 2018 RAMS Rally show that we had a net loss of 91.12.

**Movement to adjourn: Hank Widdop**  
**Second: Paul Whitworth**  
**Approved unanimously.**

### Widgets, Doohickey's & Gadgets

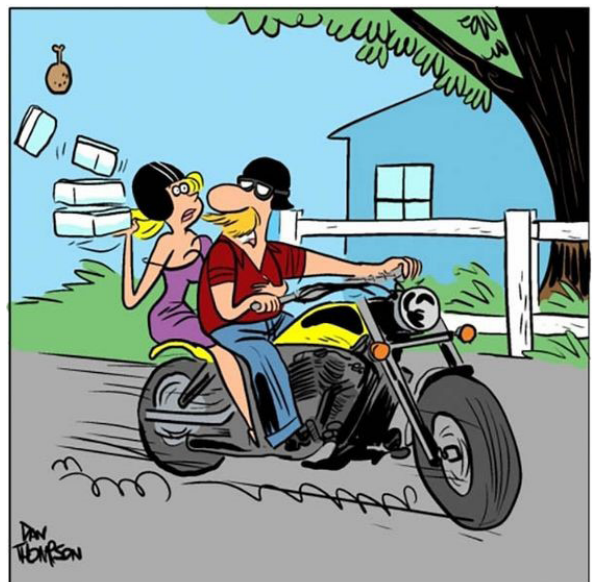
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*Dave Kintzele, [drk798745@gmail.com](mailto:drk798745@gmail.com) or 901 275 9296*

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