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<http://www.bmwrams.com>



Over the past few years, I have been a reminiscence of BMW National Rallies. When I lived in PA in the '90s and early 2000's, I attended a few nationals. Reinbeck, NY was my first, and it was an impressive rally. Midland Michigan was a fun rally. I often think of these years and rallies with great fondness. I have been unable to attend a national for a long time so when the 2019 Rally location was announced I knew I would be going one way or the other.

I left FL on Thursday around 10 and arrived in Huntsville around 3. Scott and I went on to the rally and met up with Everette. I posted on Facebook that I was going and had a hit almost immediately from one of my old riding friends that Stacey and Tim were on their way. This made

the weekend before it started. We met up the first evening and had a great time catching up.

Scott, Everett and I rode to Lynchburg on Friday. Had a great lunch then stopped at the Lynchburg cake and candy factory. I love stopping in to see Bill. I first

met him when I rode the Tennessee section of the TAT in 2014. I did not get to ride

Saturday – this was a letdown for me as I was hoping to get more riding in. We basically went around all the vendors on Saturday – attended the closing ceremonies and listened to some music. Sunday packed up and went home. It was a nice rally. Seeing everyone from the RAMS and my friends from PA made it worth the trip.

THE RAMS received a few compliments from rally-goers:



Hi Art and RAMS,

The races went great and thank you so very much for all your help. Excited to meet some of you new members.

See below compliments from a racer: it takes a village for certain.

Thanks,

Pam

Good Morning Art:

MAD DOG here, home safely on Wed. I would like to personally and individually like to give a big THANK YOU to the BMW RAMS club for their participation and hard work. Having as many members above my minimum number meant more efficiency, as pourers gave beers more quickly to servers. Y'all {learning to speak Southern} have a great club. I remember RAMS also helped in the past, although I cannot remember which rally it was. Always will be my pleasure to see your name on my lists.

Thank you again, and maybe I'll show up at "Return to Shiloh" Heck, its not that far from Connecticut!

Ride safely,

MAD DOG 2019 MOA Lebanon TN. NAT. BG Chair



Bill Lynchburg Cale and candy factory



Yes I rode the Duc at the rally



Tella Price

"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"



Stunt riding at the rally

Interesting Rides/Road Trips



TOURING BIKES

SPORTS BIKES

DUAL SPORTS

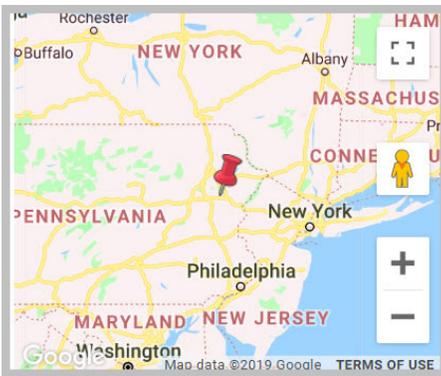
MOA GETAWAY POCONO MANOR

7/12/2019 to 7/14/2019

Pocono Manor Resort, (570) 839-7111

1 Manor Drive

Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania 18349



2019 MTF Colorado Rocky Mountain Ride

Rough Road Riding and Flower Sniffin'
Gunnison CO



Rough Road Riding
July 22-24, 2019
MTF RRR Thread

Flower Sniffin'
July 25-27, 2019

Submitted by Robert Rehkopf

http://mctourer.com/rides/2019/RRR-FS_GunnisonCO/

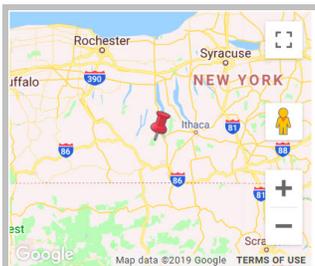
45TH FINGER LAKES RALLY

8/30/2019 to 9/2/2019

Hidden Valley 4H Camp

Hidden Valley Camp Road

Watkins Glen, New York 14891



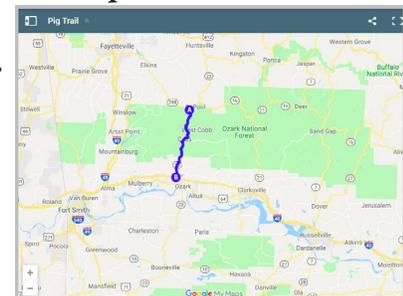
Finger Lakes BMW Club

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The Pig Trail - 24 mile

This 24-mile ride is one of Arkansas premier rides and USA Today list this ride as the # 2 best ride in America.

The rugged and forested Boston Mountains region of the Ozark Mountains provides the setting for this route, which often runs through a tunnel of foliage during spring, summer and fall. Spring wildflowers and brilliant autumn foliage make the route especially popular during those seasons.



<https://www.ozarkrides.com/pig%20trail.htm>

BMW Motorrad Concept R18

BY: Alan Cathcart

Thank you Butch Turner for the article!

The long-awaited BMW cruiser is nearly here. Alan Cathcart talks about the latest project in the Concept R18 and speaks with designer Edgar Heinrich. Make no mistake: this is a big deal for BMW.

At the prestigious Concorso d'Eleganza held in Italy on May 25 at the elegant Villa d'Este on the shores of Lake Como, BMW Motorrad unveiled its own Concept R18 interpretation of the Custom Cruiser theme, signaling a first step in taking on Harley-Davidson on home turf soon. Stripped down and raked out, the long-wheelbase retro-styled Concept R18 is a statement of what BMW's designers are capable of.

Motorcycles like the Concept R18 are a response to a growing need among the motorcycling community, explains Edgar Heinrich, head of BMW Motorrad Design. Instead of technology, the focus here is on simplification, authenticity, and transparency. I observe an almost romantic yearning for real mechanical engineering. Our aim with this Concept bike is to address this need and turn it into an analog statement in a digital age. We have a rich history of iconic motorcycles, and they all bear the same design characteristics. We believe that this can still work well today together with current technology.

The BMW Motorrad Concept R18 shows how a modern projection of a 1960s Boxer engine might look today as a purist Custom bike in combination with all the classic design cues of BMW Motorrad design.

With its clear aesthetics openly on display, the Concept R18 embodies for me what motorcycling, at its core, is really about, says Heinrich. It's all about feeling instead of thinking, and not using technology for self-staging, instead giving space for imagination. This concept bike appeals to something deep down—you just want to just get on it and ride off. But when you get off it again, you don't just put it in the garage and walk away—you turn around again and give it a final parting glance.

BMW says that this retro-themed Cruiser is a tribute to the original 1936 R5, its first customer superbike. The 21-inch front and 18-inch rear wheels give it a classic stance and visually balance the dominant flat-twin power unit. The bike's balanced proportions convey a timeless beauty which comes from reducing the motorcycle to its bare essentials. The frame and tank create a common line all the way from the steering head to the rear wheel hub and lend a flowing elegance to the side view.

The heart of the Concept R18 is BMW's all-new 1800cc Big Twin OHV Boxer motor—the largest capacity twin-cylinder motorcycle engine the German manufacturer has yet conceived. The engine cases and transmission are made of glass bead-blasted aluminum castings, providing a stage on which to present the hand-polished aluminum components, as well as the valve covers and open-to-view final drive shaft.

The engine badge bears the name of the Concept bike and the Solex dual carburetors (not EFI—at least on this concept bike) fitted, similar to those used in the late-'60s BMW 2002 sports sedan, reflect BMW's sporting history, and add further to the bike's authenticity.

The R18 is replete with stylish touches like the teardrop tank, polished rocker covers, cantilever suspension, open carbs and a tiny LED light nestled between the fork legs. Similarly, the electronics of the concept bike are reduced to no more than a starter and lights, underlining its purist design.

We'll have to wait until next year to find out how close BMW's first-gen Custom Cruisers will be to the Concept R18—but for sure its management won't have wasted an opportunity like this to clinic one possible design solution to Villa d'Este onlookers and the rest of us around the world.

To read more: <https://www.cyclenews.com/2019/06/article/bmw-motorrad-concept-r18-2/>



Members Submitted Stuff

Just for Fun!

Fred and I are anxious to sell your old Junk(opp)s, I mean treasures, at the Parkers Cross Road Rally. Marshall



STUFF for SALE OR TRADE

BMW '76 R90S

Low Miles, Corbin seat, Billet Tripple Tree, Dual Plug heads, Electronic ignition, Bags with liners. Tool Kit, Manual, original white face clock (not installed)

Contact : Marshall Robilio
marshall.robilio@yahoo.com



Ladies Corner



BMW MOTORSPORT GYM BAG

\$5.04



<https://www.jmkbmwaccessories.com/PRODUCT/6658/BMW-MOTORSPORT-GYM-BAG>

MUG BMW GARAGE KAFFEETASSE

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<https://www.helmexpress.com/en/mug-bmw-garage-kaffeetasse>

Global Vision Eyewear MAR 2 PL SM Marilyn 2 Plus Foam Padded Sunglasses, Smoke Lens, Frame, Black

\$19.99



<https://www.bikergirlbling.com/product/gear/eyewear/global-vision-eyewear-mar-2-pl-sm-marilyn-2-plus-foam-padded-sunglasses-smoke-lens-frame-black/>

WANTED

★ Your Motorcycle Memories ★



No Everette, submitting the first Cow- A-Sockie you rode does not count!



Join The Fun And Send Us Your Old Photos.
Send your name, date photo was taken and where.
Year make and model of bike

Submissions due by Aug 15 of the first
motorcycle you remember owning (or the
oldest photo you have of a bike you owned.

Minutes by: Spencer Bennett

RAMS Meeting Minutes –April 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice - President Paul Whitworth on June 15, 2019 at 1:30 PM at The RAMS Tent at the MOA National Rally in Lebanon, TN. There were 16RAMS and 15 bikes in attendance.

Call to Order

1. We have 1 new member for this month. Jeremy & Amanda Blankenship who live in Beech Bluff, TN and ride an R1200 GSA.
2. We currently have 74 new and returning members for 2019.
3. There was 1 guest for the meeting: Mary K, who is Birender's daughter.
4. Thanks to Meeting Host: TheRAMS Officers.

New Business

1. We need Volunteers to host Donut Saturdays. See Art IV if you are interested.

RAMS Rally Update

1. The rally chairs for 2019 are Bryan Leonard and Steve Clark. Neither was present for the meeting.
2. Greg LieVan brought up the coffee pot issue that was decided at the April Meeting. As a former RAMS Rally Coffee Chair he feels that the smaller pots suggested and approved will not be able to keep up with the usage rate, especially in the morning. He made a motion, seconded by Bill Thompson, that we get the big coffee pot evaluated and repairs be made as needed to insure its continued good health and usage. RAMS present voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Mike Pandolf agreed to provide remote technical support as needed and Paul Whitworth agreed to get the pot to someone who can evaluate its health and let us know its continued use prognosis.
3. Rodger Moring asked if the Poker Run Registration/ Start times could be moved up some and those present felt that this was reasonable and was within the authority of the Poker Run Chair (Rodger) so it will be done. Poker Run Registration will open at 0900 and the first bike out will be 1000, with the last bike out at 1030 or so to allow the sweeper to make the run and get back to judge the hands.
4. Paul Whitworth asked if the food could be served under the main tent as a bid to keep the Rally more centralized and he will take it up with the Rally Chair and Co-Chair who can consult with the PCRV folks to see if it can be done.
5. Every Committee Chair needs volunteers to help them. Please take some time and figure out what you would like

Next Meeting: July 13, 2019

Richard Regel's "Fish Camp"

2967 West Antioch Road Springville, TN 38256
Tel:731-336-2349

Lunch will begin at 12:00 and the Meeting at 1:30

Your host: Richard Regel

Please RSVP with Richard so he knows how much food to prepare and to reserve a maintenance slot if needed.

to do to help make our rally a success and volunteer to the Chair of that Committee.

6. We have Chair volunteers for most of the Committees. The committees still needing Chairs are:

1. Trash and Sanitation
2. Trailer
3. "T" Shirt Sales
4. Signage

VP's Corner

1. Vice – President, Paul Whitworth, asked that everyone please support your Newsletter. It is very hard to produce a quality newsletter with the editor having to make it all up.

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.***
4. ***RAMS Meeting hosts are set for the year with Richard Regel taking the July Meeting and Haavi Moriem doing the October meeting.***

For the Good of the Club

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules.
2. July 20, 2019 RAMS Meeting LOCATION is:

Richard Regel's "Fish Camp"

2967 West Antioch Road Springville, TN 38256
Tel: 731-336-2349

Richard will have the garage open for a Tech Session on the morning of the meeting and camping is available on his property. Anyone wishing to come up on Friday and bring maintenance opportunities is welcome to do so.

Richard will be preparing burgers and dogs for Lunch and there is a all you can eat Breakfast Buffet at the American Legion on the Sunday following the meeting for those camping over on Saturday night.

Please rsvp with Richard so he knows how much food to prepare and to reserve a maintenance slot if needed.

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

Treasurer's Reports

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash = \$5903.01
2. Petty cash = \$ 50.00
3. No Major Expenses for the month:

*Movement to adjourn: Tom Wolfgang
Second: Haavi Moriem
Approved unanimously.*

New Members

*Please join me in Welcoming new RAMS Members:
Jeremy & Amanda Blankenship who live in Beech Bluff,
TN and ride an R1200 GSA.*

Widgets, Doohickey's & Gadgets

Wireless Helmet Brake Light with 18 LEDs Receiver **\$68.00**



https://www.amazon.com/Wireless-Helmet-Brake-Light-Receiver/dp/B0042ASTT8/ref=sr_1_15?ie=UTF8

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