



THE SHAFT

The Journal of the Riders Association of the Mid-South

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Welcome!

Hello everyone,

This is your editor and VP. It has been about five weeks of staying home as much as possible for my family. Strange times for sure. Hope you folks are doing well. We all need to be smart about what we do and how we do it. I have done some no-stop motorcycling. Not a bad thing to do. I really enjoyed it.

We still have some nice bikes in this edition for sale.

This month we have a nice article submitted by Mark Campbell.

Please remember that I will need some input from members to keep the Shaft interesting. Examples might be articles about past events that you thought were exceptional. A picture that you think we might all enjoy. Include a little write up about it. Maybe an old photo of you and a bike you really liked and why. A story about past rallies or places you have been to on your bike. Well, I guess you get my point.

I thought the virtual club meeting was a success. Thanks to some hard work by Rose-Anne Bennett. A good time had by all.

Remember to try and support your local dealer when possible and check on any event cancellations before attempting to attend.

Email your articles and submissions to:

newsletter@bmwrams.com

Deadline for submissions to the Shaft is the 25th of each month with publication shortly thereafter.

Best Regards,
Paul Whitworth
RAMS VP

MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 2020

Spencer Bennett

April 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Art Manchester IV on April 18, 2020 at 1:17 pm Via the Zoom Conferencing Web Application. There were 18 RAMS and many motorcycles present (at the various members' homes) and one in the back of Jeremy Blankenship's truck as he had just purchased it and was bringing it home.

Call to order

1. We have one new member for this month.
Jimmy Smith who lives in Cordova, TN and rides a 2014 R1200 GS.
2. We currently have 65 new and returning members for 2020.
3. Donut Volunteers are still needed for 2020. Please note that we will not be having Donut Saturday this month (April) although Performance Plus is open for maintenance and parts sales. This would be a good time to get current with any pending maintenance so you can be ready when the Shelter Order is lifted.
4. There were no guests for the meeting.
5. Art reminded the members that 2020 dues are now past due and need to be brought current as soon as possible.
6. Thanks to Meeting Host: Rosey Bennett who choreographed the web set up.

New Business –

1. Rally Discussion
 - A. After many emails and phone conversations, it is evident that a majority of the membership supports the RAMS Rally and encourages the continuation of the plans for the 2020 RAMS Rally.
 - B. Due to the possibility of the current Covid-19 situation there may have to be some special situations to be worked out. These may range from frequent wipe downs of public areas to Rally Virus Masks. Food service may be impacted.
 - C. The President stated that he has full confidence in this year's Rally Chair and Co-Chair Paul Rhodes and Steve Clark and trusts that they will make the right decisions as the situations come up.

RAMS Rally Update

1. Paul Rhodes could not get online for the meeting but had asked the Secretary/Treasurer to ask about maintenance on the coffee pot and possible backup plans for that area. Paul Whitworth stated that he would ensure that the coffee pot was serviceable for the Rally.

VP's Corner

1. Paul Whitworth asked for the members support in supplying material for the 'Shaft'. He suggested that it would be good to send in some pictures of your first bike, or any older bikes with a short write up on them.
2. He also said that this might be a good time to go through your garage or closet and bring out any items you might wish to part with and put them in the "For Sale" section of the "Shaft".

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. Some previous years RAMS Rally Shirts are still available for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00.

For the Good of the Club:

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules for other Club's Rallies. Please note that many of the scheduled Rallies (including the MOA National) have been cancelled so please double check to be sure an event is still going on before you head out.
2. Haavi Morriem was involved in an accident earlier in April and is recuperating from a couple of fractures and is semi-ambulatory. The same, unfortunately, cannot be said for her scooter. Seems like a tough way to justify a new bike.
3. Tim Reginold's Porsche 914 was recognized by the Mid-South Porsche Club at their recent outing and he had the pictures to show for it. Congratulations to Tim!
4. RAMS Meeting hosts are needed for May, July, and October 2020.

5. The May Meeting will be held on May 9, 2020 at 1 pm:

The May Meeting will likely be an online Zoom Meeting as was done in April. Watch your e-mail for updates. The meeting will begin at 1 pm or as close to that as we can get everyone ready.

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 = \$7,239.29.
2. Petty Cash = \$125.00
3. No unusual expenses for this month.

Movement to adjourn: Tim Reginold

Second: Paul Whitworth

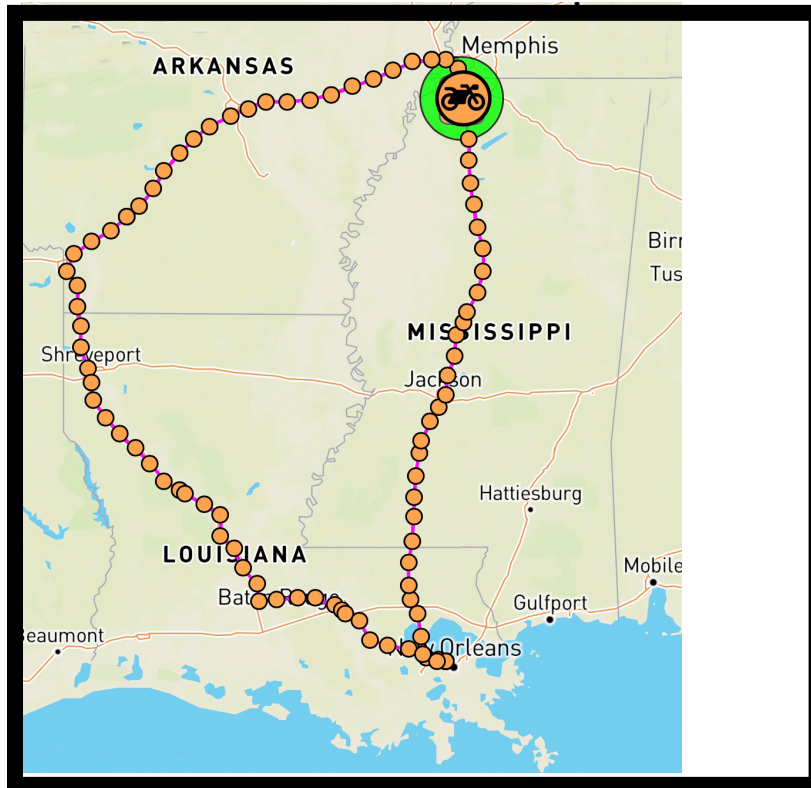
Vote: Unanimous to adjourn

Upcoming Events:

DATE:	EVENT:
Apr 25 9AM – 11AM	Donuts at Performance Plus / 5312 Pleasant View Rd, Memphis, TN CANCELLED until further notice – Watch for Updates
May 8 - 10	Wilderness UNRally , Harriet, AR CANCELLED
May 9	Monthly RAMS Virtual Club Meeting Watch your email for instructions on how to join the fun
May 16	Memphis in May Triathlon For those of you who volunteer for this event, it has been CANCELLED
May 30	Donuts at Performance Plus / 5312 Pleasant View Rd, Memphis, TN CANCELLED until further notice – Watch for Updates
June 25 - 28	2020 BMW MOA NATIONAL RALLY CANCELLED UNTIL 2021
Sundays Weekly (except holidays) 8AM – 10AM	Drifters Restaurant (formerly known as Mama Judy's Country Kitchen), 80 Levina Gate Rd, Lavinia, TN 38348 Opens: 6:00 AM Ride: After breakfast Check Rams Calendar for details CONTACT RESTAURANT PRIOR TO HEADING THAT WAY TO SEE IF THEY ARE OPEN

Ride Reports:

Leap Year 1000 – Mark Campbell

**When 365 days of riding are not enough!**

This specialty ride the Iron Butt Association (IBA) was offering was an opportunity to kickstart this year's riding season, the Leap Year 1000. The criteria: At least 1,000 miles in 24 hours of which at least 50% of it had to be completed on Leap Day.

Since Karen had read about this ride 6 weeks prior, she wanted us to participate. (That coming from a lady that swore her first Iron Butt ride would be her last! And, that was 16 certified Iron Butt rides ago!)

Unfortunately, the week before the ride, Karen came down with a bad case of the flu. She really didn't need to be out in the wind all day in her condition. So, the

plan was for me to go solo while she recuperated at home.

Leap Day, I woke up before the alarm and was out the door by 5:00 am. I rode down the street to the new BP station to get my start receipt. Keep in mind, that DBRs (Dated Business Receipts) are documentation that are required for Iron Butt rides. These receipts need to have the correct date, time and address to be valid. After I filled up with gas at the BP station, I looked at the receipt. Darn it! This receipt had the correct date and time, but no address. It did have a BP station number that would ultimately identify this station, but I didn't want that hassle. I wanted to provide the

best form of documentation that I could, so when the IBA verified my ride, there would be no questions. Since this receipt was no good, I rode down to the square in Hernando to another gas station. This time, I went inside and bought a pack of gum and asked for a receipt. When the clerk handed me the receipt, I read down through it. Darn it! This receipt did not have the correct time! Next stop, the local bank for an ATM receipt. Bingo! Everything was accurate! Now, I'm on the clock! This initial receipt confirms all my start information: 2/29/20 at 5:35 am in Hernando, MS. I now have 24 hours to ride 1,000 miles!

The temperature is a little brisk this morning. The GSA's TFT displayed 35 degrees. No problem! My Warm n Safe electric jacket liner kept me toasty warm! Since I was riding north to go south (counterclockwise in the illustration), I needed to stop and document that corner of my route with guess what? Another receipt! I stopped just outside West Memphis and added a gallon of gas to the GSA's huge gas tank. Viola! A good receipt!

Now, I jumped back on the road to ride! I-40 truck traffic was relatively light this morning, thank goodness! At times, it can be a real pain! I follow I-40 west to Little Rock where I take the I-440 bypass over to I-30. The sun is up and life is good!

Just prior to Texarkana, AR, the low fuel light illuminates. Time to refuel! Ah! Another good receipt! These receipts will be entered on a ride log to be submitted to the IBA. To verify my route, the IBA will enter all of my receipts into a program such as google maps to confirm I rode at least 1,000 miles in the allotted 24 hours.

In Texarkana, I take I-49 south through Shreveport and Alexandria to Lafayette, LA stopping only for fuel when necessary. In Lafayette, I jump on I-10 east over to Baton Rouge where the traffic clogs up to stop and go. But, the sky is blue and the temperature has warmed up to 75 degrees! It's a great day to be on the bike! The traffic is not that big of a nuisance. I probably lose 15 or 20 minutes of time. I just go with the flow and enjoy the day.



Metairie, LA

From there, I ride down to Metairie, LA, a northeastern suburb of New Orleans. There, I stop at the Acme Oyster House for dinner. By now, it's 4:00 pm and I haven't had anything to eat since that bowl of cereal before I left the house. The parking lot at Acme was full! I found the last spot! Now, I'm thinking "Oh no!, I don't have time to wait in line!" No problem! I walked inside and was seated at the bar immediately! There was no waiting! Evidently, there are more seats than parking spots! I was served relatively fast too! The char-grilled oysters were to die for! This was worth the ride! Plus, I ordered their Rockefeller oyster soup. It was amazing!



Char-Grilled Oysters

After dinner, I'm back out on the road. I jump on I-55 and head north. I set the cruise and sit back and enjoy the ride! As I arrive in Jackson, MS, the sun is fading away as darkness begins.

From Jackson north, I saw quite a few deer at the side of I-55 grazing. I would guess that I saw around 15 to 20 between

there and Hernando. They were busy eating and didn't seem to mind the traffic.

I arrive back in Hernando and stop to get my end receipt. I fuel up at a different gas station than where I started that morning. The receipt is good! The official end time is 10:14 pm.

I had called Karen a few minutes before to see if she wanted to meet me at the Waffle House in Hernando for a celebratory meal. She had been waiting on my call. We ate and talked about the ride. It had been a great day! I was glad Karen was there to meet me to celebrate another successful ride! Now, I was tired and ready to go home and dream about

the next adventure.

Ride Stats

Distance: 1,059 miles

Time: 16 hrs, 39 min.

Average Speed: 63 mph

Fuel Used: 32.714 gal

Fuel Mileage: 32 mpg

Low Temperature: 35°

RAMS Photo Gallery:

Our April 2020 monthly meeting was held in our homes (and in one case truck) via Zoom (missing Herb Anderson who joined via FaceTime). Thanks to Sam Whitworth for this photo.



Steve Clark at the 2019 MOA National with his award winning bike.



RAMS Marketplace:

Need to sell my 1972 R50/5. Make offer. Steve Price 901-277-7835



Contact Steve for more information or additional photos.



1976 R90S BMW for Sale. Original, low mileage, Goff dual plug heads, Electronic ignition, Telifix fork brace, Billet top triple tree, Corbin seat, Bags & liners, tools and manual. \$12K



Contact Marshall Robilio Contact Marshall Robilio 901-685-7367 for more information or additional photos.

**For Sale 1968 R69US BMW
All Original, \$12K**

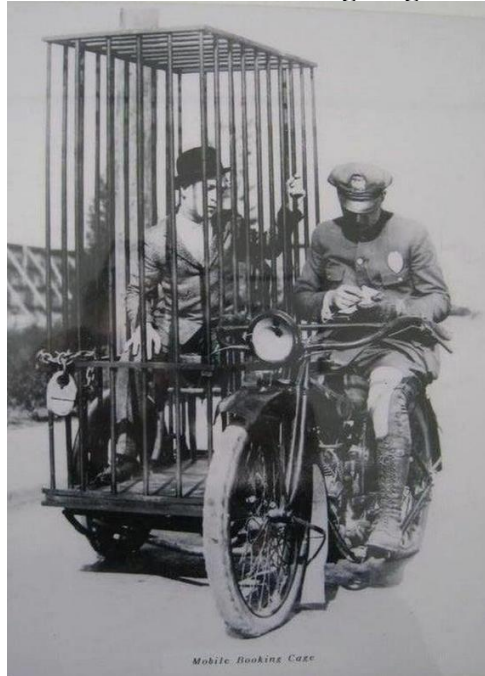


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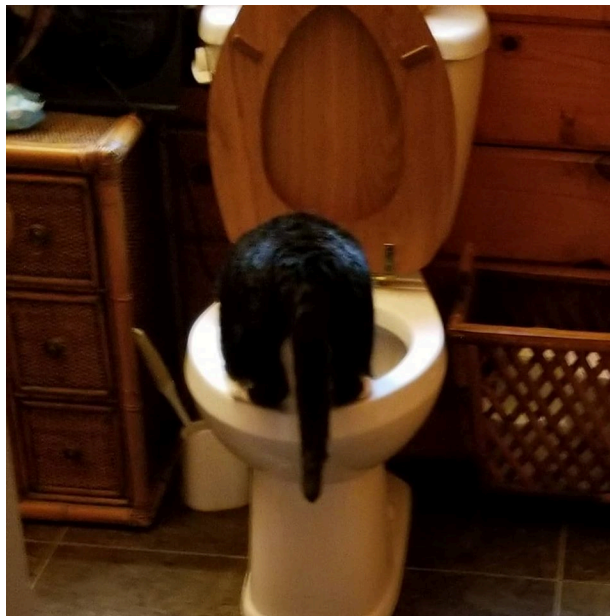
This and That

1920 Mobile Booking Cage



(Thank you Sam Whitworth)

And finally a nod to prior Shaft Editor Bob Bowden
Bob's Cat 😊



(From Bob Bowden Facebook Page)

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2020 RAMS Rally
September 25-27

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