

# **BMW Riders of Mississippi**

Minutes of October 14, 2017 Meeting

Met at the home of Steve and Patty Harrison in Gulfport, MS

Alan Henderson, President, called the meeting to order.

A BIG thank you to Steve Harrison for hosting the meeting at his home in Gulfport. Steve has a great place and did an impressive job of cooking shrimp and all the fixings. We met his wife and she is just as nice as Steve.

**THANK YOU STEVE and PATTY!**

## **Ride Reports:**

Alan talked about a week in the life of a nut and about the past week's travels. Their trip to Johnson City last month had to be canceled so they made it up this week come hell or high water. They started the week last Friday by riding to Columbus, GA for the weekend for a wedding. Not using the GPS Alan used the compass and just traveled east towards the state line. Lunch that day was at a convenience store in Sweet Water, Alabama, sitting on the curb outside a convenience store eating pizza and hot wings. Several old timers joined them and all shared stories of past rides. Then on to the rehearsal supper and then the wedding. The ride home on Sunday really was the hell and high water while riding home in the remnants of hurricane Nate. Sheets of rain and 50 MPH gust sent them all over the road and many cars were in the ditch. Stopped at home to check on things and then off to Arkansas where cool temperatures and fog met them at Mount Nebo. The next 4 days provided fantastic riding as always when you are in Arkansas. Now the week is ending on the Gulf Coast with 80 degree weather and riding with some good friends. Rode the Mobile Bay ferry twice and then back home on Sunday.

Dan Stubblefield and Richard Palmer rode to Louisville, MS for lunch at Lake Tia 'kota.

Mark Sanford finally got his fiancée to ride on this bike and they rode to the Ruins of Windsor in Port Gibson, MS. From there they rode to William's Brothers store in Philadelphia, MS for bacon.

Paul Vegas rode to the RAM's Rally at Shiloh in Tennessee.

David Pell and Perry Launius rode to Arkansas. They rode many forest service roads and had a good run.

Perry Launius and his wife, Melissa, rode back to Arkansas in the car this time, and spent several days at a cabin at Knoxville, AR. On the way back home they rode up to Mt. Nebo to deliver some community coffee that David Pell had promised the folks there.

**Treasure's report:**

Dan Stubblefield gave the Treasurer's report and as always we do not publish numbers on the web so if you want more detailed info come to a meeting or just call Dan.

**Old Business:**

The club voted to change the Constitution where Associate Members can vote but not hold office and to allow non-BMW motorcycle owners to be members of the club.

**New Business:**

There will be a vote for new officers in October, please bring your ballot to the November meeting or e-mail it in. New officers to take office in January 2018. (just a side note, ballots were mailed out several weeks ago as well as passed out at this meeting).

We will need nominations at the November meeting for a charity to make a Christmas donation in December. We will also vote on the amount of the donation.

Alan also talked about weekend getaways. These rides not sponsored by the club but set up by a member. The first one will be May 18 - 21<sup>st</sup> 2018, at Mt. Magazine State Park in Arkansas. Make your reservations ASAP, the rooms are going fast. Another one will be New Years but the destination is not yet determined. We need another in the fall of 2018.

Members also talked about ways to get more members and keep members interested. Talked of a Tech Day and working on relationships with each other within the club.

**Future Meetings:**

November 11, 2017 – Lafayette, LA – Swamp Scooter Rally

December 9, 2017 – Mama Hamil's, Madison, MS

**The meeting was then adjourned by Alan Henderson.**