

**BMW
Riders of Mississippi**

Minutes of September 11, 2021
Magnolia Grill in Natchez, MS

Dan called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report:

Laurissa gave the Treasurer's report.

Web master report

- *We need more photos and ride reports to put on the page.*

Ride Reports and tall tales:

- The ride to Natchez was another great ride that Dan took us on. We can always count on Dan to find great roads. Natchez Trace, then got off on Old Port Gibson Road. Several wildlife sightings and lots of bikes on the road. It was a beautiful day and the weather was perfect. The lunch at the Magnolia Grill was good and the view over the river added to the enjoyment. And again, lots of bikes in the parking lot.







- Dan and Tommy made a lunch run to Vicksburg to eat at Rusty's.
- Richard rode to Brookhaven and had lunch at Poppa's Buffet, good food.
- Jimmy and Tommy rode to BMW of Pensacola for Jimmy to get the first service on his new bike.
- Steve talked about his new Trail 125 and all the fun he is having with it. Steve and Tommy talked about new seats, sprockets and chains.
- Alan and Laurissa made it to Mountain View, AR for a long weekend ride. FANTASTIC riding even made it to MO. Their GPS took them down a 10 mile dirt/ gravel road that turned into a rock filled cow pasture and then a road closed sign. After hitting a large rock and taking a quick dirt nap next to cow poo, they got back on the dirt road and back tracked to the paved road. However not far on the return leg they had a flat. Not a problem, a quick fix, but Laurissa was really worried because this was definitely miles away from anybody. All is good. After a catfish dinner they enjoyed music at the town square. Sunday they rode home and got rained on for several hours but the weekend was a very good one.









New Business:

- We welcomed 3 new members: Ronnie Johnson, Michael Bessonette and Jimmy Cox, Jr.
- At today's meeting we once again talked about fun things to do and talked about a long weekend next spring.
- Alan talked about membership in the MOA and that you do not have to own a BMW to be a member. They also have a roadside service plan that is very cheap. This membership also comes with great magazines. The MOA has many events during the year.
- Alan also talked about another motorcycle group called The Motorcycle Tourers Forum. This group is online @ [_ \(mctourer.com\)](http://mctourer.com) and does a lot of fun things. In fact, in October, Laurissa and Alan are going to Georgetown, KY for 4 days of riding and fun with them. They have made many very good friends and have made several memorable trips with them. Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana, Michigan and Canada are a few that stand out. If you like to ride check them out.
- Dan reminded us again about the September 12, 2021 (Tomorrow) RIDE for KIDS (rideforkids.org/Mississippi). This is a charitable event that raises funds for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. This ride is simply designed to put a smile on a brain tumor affected kid's face. You show up and are assigned a "Kid" to give a ride to. The ride has a police escort and starts at Anjou Restaurant, 361 Township Avenue in Ridgeland then will circle the Reservoir. Yes, you will have to register, it is \$40 and it does include lunch.
- Justin threw out the idea of using a new app that he found that will allow you to set up live discussions with a group. More to come on that. Still a WOP.

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Old Business:

- The meeting times have been moved to 11:30 am but still on the second Saturday of the month.
- Do not forget our October 9 meeting at the Barber Motorsports Vintage festival. Some are spending the night and making it a long weekend ride.
- The 2022 MOA rally will be in Springfield, MO. That is about 600 miles for most of us.

Event Committee Info:

- Alan is asking for more ideas of fun rides or weekend trips we can make.
 - Cookeville TN?
 - Mount Nebo AR?

- Boudin Run?
- The 82 N 1 is in place.
- The Mississippi Blues trail is another quest we are doing.
- Mississippi 1000 N 24 (1,000 miles in 24 hours all in MS)
- The Blues Trail and the 82 N 1 will be staple events that will always be available.

Future Meeting locations:

- **The October 9 meeting will be at Barber Motorsports Park at the museum front door at 11:30. Lunch will be on you and many of us are making it a long weekend so we can enjoy the Vintage Festival.**
- Other location ideas but no date assigned.
 - Hell Fighters in Laurel
 - Blue Crab Grill in Laurel
 - Country Diner in Foxworth
 - Big O's in Bay Springs
 - BOZO's in Pascagoula.
 - The Shed BBQ in Ocean Springs and also in Moss Point
 - Fulmer's Grocery Store in Richton (outside of Hattiesburg)
 - Poppa's Buffet and Grill in Brookhaven