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**Riders of Mississippi**  
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Minutes of February 11, 2023  
SHAGGY's on the REZ



Today was a dreary and cold day but we had room busting attendance!  
It was great to see this group of riders from North to South MS.  
We also had several guests, Betty Thomas who works with David Pell. David has been transferred back to Forest after about 3 years in Kentucky. David, the man of the hour also brought his new son-in-law. Welcome to all!!!!



Laurissa opened the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dan gave our treasures report but we do not post account info on line. We did not have any expenses to report but Dan reminded us that it is annual dues time, so please see Dan if you need to pay for 2023.



### **Web master report**

While not at the meeting Steve wants everyone to visit the site.

<https://bmwridersofmississippi.org/>

- Alan is working with Steve to add a section on the Web page that has a list of many things to see and do in the state. Not club events but just ideas of places that you your family and friends may find fun. All sorts of festivals, Christmas events and other. Make your own ride to eat or weekend event.
- Catfish festival in Belzoni – 4-1-23
- Delta Hot Tamale Festival in Greenville in October 2023.
- Barber Vintage Festival in Birmingham AL. A MUST DO on October 7-2023 (this is not a meeting day)
- Cruising the Coast The week of Oct 1 through 8, 2023
- Christmas Eve Bon Fire on the Levee, LaPlace, LA. Christmas Eve every year. Fantastic time.

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

### **Old Business:**

- It has been suggested that we make some sort of club info card that members can pass out to riders they meet on the road. This is to be worked on.

### **New Business:**

- New business blended into our event committee info.

### **Event Committee Info:**

Just in case you wondered who is on the committee, here is the answer. Alan heads it up, but the club members are the ones that need to make it work. We all like to ride and have different ideas of fun. Some will find a friend and do several lunch rides each month. Others like to venture out a little further and others just never stop riding. Here are some ideas and plans we have in mind.

- In the very near future, as soon as the sun comes out, I have a two day ride to eat in the MS and AR Delta planned. If you like Tamales for lunch and fantastic steak for dinner and then listening to the blues before bedding down for the night, stay tuned. With as much notice as possible (about a week) I will send out the details. THIS will be a great two days of riding.
- Another great three day, two night ride coming at the end of March or first of April is planned. This ride is called the Mississippi 1,000 N 3. Basically, this ride starts in Meridian, then to Pascagoula, Pearlinton and then we bed down in a haunted mansion in St Francisville, LA. Then on day 2 we head on north through Natchez, Vicksburg and finally make it to Tunica to wind down at the casino and hotel. Day 3

heads north to Walls and Horn Lake, where Elvis, our King, had his honeymoon cabin. Then east on to Iuka where we head south back to Meridian. The object of this ride is to hit all four corners while riding 1,000 miles N three days! We have our 3 days starting points, so you could actually just “catch the ride” where it is closest to you but you would still have to hit all corners before finishing up at your starting point. Details with dates will be sent out in about a week.

- Next up is the BMW MOA rally in Doswell, VA, just north of Richmond, on June 8, 9, 10. Great time to be had. Use this as the catalyst to make that northeastern trip everyone wants to make!!!!!!!!!! Steve and Laurissa have already reserved a Camping spot for our club shared with the Gulf South club. We will have a canopy with table and chairs as well.
- Then on Saturday, April 15, Ponchatoula, LA has their annual Strawberry Festival and Parade. This is just a fun thing to do and is very busy. The Mardi Gras style parade starts at 9:30am so don't sleep late. This is not a planned ride. It is DIY or find your own riding buddy. If I do decide to go, I will send out an invite to ride down.
- There is a Web page named “Only in your State” that can be used as a guide for finding things to do.
- Everyone is challenged to join the MOA so they will get the monthly magazine (it will come by e-mail unless you request a paper copy. This publication has lots of great info including places to ride and things to do. BMWMOA link [BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](http://bmwmoa.org)
- Alan is asking for more ideas of fun rides or weekend trips we can make.
  - The 82 N 1 is in place.
  - The Mississippi Blues trail is another quest we are doing.
  - Motorcycle Tourers Forum is another great riders organization that has tons of riding opportunities (MTF) link - [The Motorcycle Tourer's Forum \(mctourer.com\)](http://mctourer.com)
  - Alan is also working

For info on any these e-mail Alan at [hendersonal@att.net](mailto:hendersonal@att.net)

### **Ride Reports and tall tales:**

- Shawn wants to Brag about her new Tucson SUV!!!!!!!!!!
- Bobby loves to make us all dream and will have a full report on his cross country train ride.
- Steve is also planning a trip to Key West.
- David had a deer strike and is now in the market for a new bike.
- Tommy Got a new Bike!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Alan and Laurissa made a day trip to Yazoo City, the Ebenezer area and other places not on the map.

- Alan, Laurissa and Dan made a day ride to Ellisville to scout out the French Quarter Grill for a possible meeting location. Fantastic food and riding but, they are not open on Saturdays. Bummer. Great riding non the less.
- For the complete stories and more, with photos read it on the web page.
- And we need pictures of all the things **you** do. WITH THE BIKE IN THE PHOTO PLEASE.

**NOTICE go to the ROM website for more ride reports!!!!**

**Future Meeting locations:**

- **March Meeting will be the Dinner Bell in McComb, 229 5<sup>th</sup> ave. Lunch at 11:30 then on to the Lynyrd Skynyrd crash site after the meeting. It is just a 18 mile ride.**
- Other location ideas but no date assigned to all of them:
  - Big O's in Bay Springs
  - BOZO's in Ocean Springs
  - The Shed BBQ in Ocean Springs and also in Moss Point
- Meeting adjourned

**Lunch Meeting Photos below**









