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Minutes of March 11, 2023  
The Dinner Bell in McComb

Today was as perfect of a day for riding as there could be. Our ride started out sunny and at a brisk 55 degrees and by lunch time it was 75. Fantastic! The Dinner Bell was great and the after lunch meeting at Lynyrd Skynyrd memorial was a bonus. The turnout was great but if you missed this meeting you missed a good time.



Laurissa opened the meeting.

A shout out to guest Bill Worden, You are welcome any time!



### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dan gave our treasurer's 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**

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:**

- Laurissa is working on a club info card that members can pass out to riders they meet on the road. These should be ready by the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

- No real new business so it blended into our event committee info.
- Laurissa did ask that everyone introduce themselves.
- After lunch Alan led a short ride to the Lynyrd Skynyrd memorial at the plane crash site where their plane crashed on their way to Baton Rouge. Report below.

### **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 luka 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 closet 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. Currently we have 8 members going to the Rally.
  - 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://BMWMotorcycleOwnersofAmerica.com)
- 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://TheMotorcycleTourer'sForum.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:

- Now this month David wants to brag on his new bass boat!!!
- Bobby who is always doing something gave a report on his train ride. Bobby rode his bike to Longview TX to meet a friend and catch the Amtrack. From there they went to LA and then to Seattle. All was good until the weather changed their plans for them. From Seattle they were supposed to go to Chicago and then back to Longview BUT heavy snow stopped the trip. They were turned around and sent back the way they came. 9 days on a train in the snow turned into an unexpected adventure. Go to the web page for all the details and photos!!
- Steve made his trip to Key West. Details on the web page.
- Alan, Laurissa, Dan, Tommy and Jim made a RTE to the famous Nanna’s diner in Brandon. Don’t say it’s only 10 miles to Brandon because when riding with Dan there is no such thing as a short boring ride! Go to the Web Page.
- Alan led today’s lunch group about 18 miles south of McComb to the crash site of the Lynyrd Skynyrd airplane. Alan’s GPS loves to take real back roads complete with gravel covered bridges and pothole filled and cracked roads. We did make it. At the site there is a staffed area with volunteers and fans. They had a lot of stories to share about the band and of the crash. 20 of the band did survive and it was a somber but very nice memorial.
- 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:

- **April Meeting will be Ratliff's Ferry, off the Trace on the Rez.  
Lunch at 11:30**
- **MAY meeting will in Greenville at a place called Sherman's On  
The Main. Dan and Bobby scouted it out and the food is good!!  
1694 S main street Greenville MS.**
- 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**





















