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Minutes of July 8- 2023

The Camp Restaurant in Natchez

What a great day for riding!!! And Dan, Dan the motoman is always able to find some good roads. Even though Laurissa and I did not ride with the group, his “peeps” all told of the roads he took them on that they had no idea even existed. I had Dan send me the route so we could ride it in the near future. THANKS again!!



Laurissa opened the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan gave our treasurer's report but we do not post account info on line. We did have to pay for our share of the canopy and chairs at the MOA rally in June.

Web master report

As always we need more ride reports and photos sent to Steve and everyone needs to visit the site. <https://bmwridersofmississippi.org/>

- Steve added a section on the Web page that has a list of things to see and do. Not club events but just ideas of places that you, your family and friends may find fun. All sorts of festivals, Christmas events and others. Make your own ride to eat or weekend event. Several members are sending him info and we need everyone to help out.
 - 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.
 - BMWMOA Rally 2024 in Bend Oregon. Just a short 2,200 miles from MS.
- *We need more photos and ride reports to put on the page.*

Old Business:

- The 1,000 mile MS IronButt is not going to be a club ride.
- We voted to have our October meeting at Roosevelt State Park in Morton. Lunch will be at the normal time of 11:30 pm and will be a low country boil with lots of shrimp, sausage, potatoes and corn. Good eats for sure. We have a pavilion rented and several people have rented cabins and plan to make a weekend of it. LOTS of fun planned. The club is paying for this feast including beverages (no alcohol).
- Bring your boat, fishing poles, kayaks.

New Business

- The August meeting will be at a The Coffee Pot Café, 120 West Bridge, Enterprise, MS.
- Ian was named the documented high mileage rider from Mississippi. Congratulations!
- At the last meeting the question was presented if anyone was interested in having ROM club T shirts made and to be prepared to discuss at the July meeting. Laurissa will get some pricing info. **Everyone enthusiastically said YES.** The design is our club logo on the left chest, moto rider on the left sleeve and the script "make life a ride" on the back. We want a light grey so the logo will stand out.
- An order form will be sent out to all members by Sunday night and you should mail it to back with a check to Laurissa Henderson 1473 Hwy 51 Madison MS 39110. Make the Check to Riders of Mississippi. **DO NOT MAKE THE CHECK TO Laurissa.**
- The shirts will be the performance wear style, not cotton.
- Prices for short sleeve up to XL are \$ 23.81 and long sleeve will be \$27.33.

Larger sizes add \$2.00

Many members stated that they will buy a long and a short and if our order exceeds 48 shirts we get a price break and we will refund it to you.

Event Committee Info:

Just in case you wondered you are still on this committee. Alan heads it up, but you make it work.

Here are some ideas and plans we have in mind.

- The 2024 BMW MOA will be in Bend, Oregon. Yes, that is a long way but who has not dreamed about a motorcycle ride out west. You will talk about it forever!!
- 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. BMW MOA 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)

For info on any these e-mail Alan at hendersonal@att.net

Ride Reports and tall tales:

- Dan started out by telling us about his 3,200 mile trip to the Rally in Doswell VA. Does anyone take the short and fast way to their destination? NO, so Dan started out going a few hundred miles west to AR to meet up with friend, and honorary member Bill. Then they headed out through Memphis only on back roads and on to the rally. When traveling with others you always share the planning even if it takes you to places you have been but others want to see. Same here, so Dan and Bill had a great time taking almost a week to get there. The temps were mild starting in the 70s and peaking in the mid to high 80s with just a few showers. Once at the rally Dan and Bill enjoyed glamping in a big dog tent. There are too many things to include but meeting other riders, a K-1600 house party and Fantastic Music were highlights of the rally.
- Alan and Laurissa made a short 2,600 mile trip to the rally. Just like Dan all back roads TO the rally with the first night in Anniston, AL. The next day we headed out and using only a compass, a first for me, we made it to Cherokee, NC and then

stayed the night at Little Switzerland, NC. Never getting lost but at times we did not know where we were. Some rain and fog made for a long day but once there it was a resort with nice views and food. Day 3 we slept late and toured Little Switzerland before heading back out on the Blue Ridge Parkway in very, very heavy fog. After about an hour the fog broke and we enjoyed some great riding to our destination of Roanoke, VA. Lots and lots of wildlife. Day 4 was a down day for washing clothes and a very good local ride that included The Back of the Dragon. The hotel was great and we even had an underground parking garage that had convenient steps to the hotel and the room just a few feet from there. GREAT hotel. Next up was to finish the 477 mile Blue Ridge Parkway then great roads to Fredericksburg, VA to visit Morton's BMW dealership. Then to the rally site. We too were glamping and enjoyed the 50 degree nights and mild 85 degree days. The rally may have been the best yet and we enjoyed it a lot. After the rally we headed to KY for a night and then ½ way home on back roads and the rest on the slab for a 750 mile day. WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME.

- Billy Tate, Jack Lee and Billy's brother made their annual motorcycle trip. The tradition is to ride to Harrison, AR and then spend 3 or 4 days riding the best of AR. Hwy 123 and many favorites but a new one that they discovered was Push Mountain. A great road that is a favorite of sport bikes so weekdays are the best time to ride this one. The trip came and went much too quick but was another one full of memories.
- Tommy is up next with his tour of Ireland. For those interested the company is Lemon Rock tours. They have guided tours or you can do like Tommy and do a self guided tour. Either way they make the route with destinations and you follow the GPS but can also make detours as desired. Tommy and friend Drew, along with their wives took this over two week trip. The roads were paved but very narrow, 2 track sheep "trails". The sites were fantastic with water falls and castles. 60 degree weather with great food, drink and the people made this one of Tommy's favorites! Tommy sent out daily updates and the word heavenly came up several times.
- It is now Bobby's turn and he loves to show most of us up. This was an out west trip that was 8,000 miles in 18 days. Bobby went with Bryant and as expected hit twisted sisters on through AZ and a working copper mine, Phoenix, Then on to Death Valley, Crater Lake, Glacier National Park, and Bend, Oregon before heading home. Bobby said he was glad to make it back to good old Greenville, MS.
- Ian now wanted a turn to tell of his trip to the rally. For the first time Ian rode the entire Natchez Trace Parkway. Like most he commented that the northern end was the best. On through Nashville with lots of detours. He rode the Cherohala Skyway and the Dragon. This was his first ride on the Dragon and it was busy. He then hit the Blue Ridge Parkway where he came up on a motorcycle accident with injuries. Ian was another camper at the rally and had a very, very good time.
- 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:

- **The August meeting will be at a The coffee Pot Café, 120 west bridge Enterprise MS.**
- November meeting at Walk Ons in Ridgeland, 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
 - Moo's Bar & Grill in Natchez
- Meeting adjourned

Lunch Meeting Photos below







