

**BMW
Riders of Mississippi
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Minutes of November 2023
Walk Ons in Ridgeland



Today was an overcast day with some wet roads from overnight rain. There was no group ride today but most road their bikes from far and wide.

Laurissa opened the meeting and welcomed 2 visitors, Danny McElroy and James Pentecost. WELCOME!!!!

Treasurer's Report:

Dan gave the treasures report and told of the 2024 dues increase. He also explained our expenses and the hope to have another weekend event in 2024. At this time we

discussed and voted on our annual donation and voted to donate to Eldridge Children's Home. Laurissa and Alan will make a ride to the charity event to present our donation.

Web master report:

- Laurissa gave the web site report (<https://bmwridermississippi.org>) noting that Steve has 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.

Ride ideas include

- Barber Vintage Festival in Birmingham AL. A MUST DO in October every year.
- Barber also has events all during the year, check their website.
- Cruising the Coast is also in October.
- Christmas Eve Bon Fire on the Levee, LaPlace, LA. Christmas Eve every year. Fantastic time.
- BMWMOA Rally 2024 in Redmond, Oregon. Just a short 2,200 miles from MS.
- December 1st Saturday every year Ride to Eldridge, AL to the charity event at Eldridge Children's home. Thousands of bikers make it each year.

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

Old Business:

- As noted above we voted to increase the annual dues to \$40 starting Jan 1, 2024

New and other Business

- We took a club photo last month and it should be on the web page,

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.

NOTICE THE LAST CHANCE RIDE 4-8-2024 read up and make plans!

- Steve Harrison is an astronomy buff and gave us a heads up about a once every 11 year total solar eclipse on 4-8-24. Tommy chimed in and said that for some it could be their last chance. Then a voice from the back shouted make it the Last

Chance Ride. It was born. Now in case you don't know, a total solar eclipse means it goes dark!! Different regions of the world have certain areas that are best for viewing. Parts of Arkansas are best for us. Steve has this really nice electronic telescope and he is going to Greers Lake, AR and set up at Devil's Fork recreation area. He has invited all of us to come view it with him. The best viewing time is about 9:00am. I am planning to go but be forewarned GET YOUR HOTEL NOW, they are going fast.

- David Pell said he would love to do a boudin run. I agree. Will discuss at the next meeting. Because Cindy Pouncey lives in Baton Rouge she might be the perfect person to lead this event.
- The 2024 BMW MOA will be in Redmond, 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 \(bmwmoa.org\)](https://www.bmwmoa.org)
- Notice Alan said there are several MOA events in 2024 like a ride to Kerrville, TX in April 2024 (Twisted Sisters), with another MOA weekend getaway in April 2024 to Fontana Dam (tail of the dragon area)
- There is a MOA April 6 Saturday RTE that also has an Eagle watching boat tour. (Laurissa and I did this in 2023 and it was good.)
- The MTF [The Motorcycle Tourer's Forum \(mctourer.com\)](https://mctourer.com) also have their rides and events for 2024 posted. Places like Elkins, WV and Williamsport, PA.
- Alan is asking for more ideas of fun rides or weekend trips we can make.
 - The Last Chance Ride Solar Eclipse 4-8-24(see above)
 - Possible Boudin run.
 - The 82 N 1 is in place.
 - The Mississippi Blues trail is another quest we are doing.

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

Ride Reports and tall tales:

- David Seal had a business trip in Dallas so he decided to add some pleasure to it so he rode his bike. David had a great time riding for several days in Arkansas before making it to Dallas.
- Dan likes to rub things in so he gave us more tales of his trip to East TN and then expected us to feel sorry for him because he wore out a set of tires!

- Once again Bobby likes to impress us all with his trip reports. Bobby and his brother in law, Bryant, hit the road headed to North Carolina, South Carolina, VA, TN, then North GA. This included the Blue Ridge Parkway. Bobby stated that he had forgotten how great North GA was. He said that he did make a mistake though. On this trip he did not have dedicated destinations and that in the future he will go back to planning out his trip instead of just winging it. Then to make it worse he said he has another good trip to North AR for November.
- Ian also had an epic 2 month trip up the east coast into Canada and the Cabot Trail. This was part of a 4 corner tour that gives you 2 years to complete the entire ride. He did have a mechanical issue when the drive shaft on his almost 135,000 mile bike needed a little care.
- Not to be out done John took his wife and Mother in Law to Morocco. OK he did not ride his bike but he substituted a camel!! He told us of the exotic places they went and things they did.
- Alan and Laurissa did not make a moto trip this month but they did make a trip with their son and grandson to West Va. Here they rode the famous Hatfield and McCoy ATV off road trail system. They spent 5 days riding their dirt bikes and RZR's on the hundreds of miles of trails through the very challenging coal country mountains. A fantastic 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:

- December meeting on December 9- 2023 at Shady Acre's. They are located at 624 US 49, Seminary 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
 - North 11 Diner in Picayune
 - Dempsey's Seafood in Kiln
 - Magnolia Grill in Columbia

- Meeting adjourned

Lunch Meeting Photos below





