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Minutes of October 2023
Cookout at Roosevelt State Park



What a great weekend for camping and spending time with friends. No group ride today but everyone that was not camping somehow made it on their own!! Steve brought his telescope and we watched the eclipse.

Laurissa opened the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan was not at the event so Laurissa gave the report. Laurissa talked about the clubs expenses and plans but we do not post account info on line. At the last meeting Dan also gave a very detailed breakdown of expenses of the year and suggested that at the

October meeting we discuss increasing the annual dues. At this point a discussion broke out and then David Pell made the motion that starting in January 2024 we increase the dues to \$40. It was seconded by Alan and then passed on a unanimous vote.

Web master report:

- The honorable Steve Harrison gave the following report. Steve stated that he thought most would find good info, ride reports and photos on the web page. <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.

Ride ideas include

- Barber Vintage Festival in Birmingham AL. A MUST DO in October every year.
- 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 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 T shirt Idea was a bust because the vender increased the price. Funds were returned.
- As noted above we voted to increase the annual dues to \$40 starting Jan 1, 2024
- Several members talked about ways to add some funds to the account. Tommy told us how at a Harley meeting they would have a 50-50 drawing each meeting. \$1 tickets and the winner splits the pot with the club. No action taken.

New and other Business

- It is time to make our annual charitable donation. We will make that decision in November. One very good choice is the same one we chose last year and that is the Eldridge Children's Home. This home is in Eldridge in NW AL. Several members from our club ride over every year and there are thousands of bikes that ride in from as far away as the east coast.
- David Seals was a visitor last month and has become a member WELCOME DAVID.

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 and we will make it happen by the end of the year. 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 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 \(bmwmoa.org\)](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 in that also has a 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)
 - 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:

- Steve started by talking about the weekend he spent at Barber Motor sports. Then Tommy, David Pell, Alan and Laurissa all jumped in talking about how good it was. Demo rides from about 7 manufacturers, stunt rides, flea market, flat track racing, vintage and side car racing, the museum and more.
- Tommy told of the many RTEs he has made on his new ZERO.
- Bobby Brooks, Mr. Mile Maker, made a 4 day ride to nowhere. He headed NE with no real destination but made NE Tenn, and NC. Rode all the good places we love going to.
- Alan and Laurissa took a 12 day, 2,900 mile ride to PA and took some really, really good roads. Then on to Johnstown, PA where Flight 93 crashed on 9-11-2001, then to Amish country, Gettysburg National Park, and then on to visit a friend in Spring Mill, PA before heading home. Lots of things to see and do.
- Cindy has a new bike and christened it by riding from Baton Rouge, LA to Fairfax VA to visit her sister. Day 1 and 2 she rode with Alan and Laurissa and then split with them and headed to VA. She did it right by camping on the way home. Good job Cindy!
- 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:

- 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

Officers: Prez- Laurissa Henderson, Vice Prez- Bobby Brooks, Secretary – Alan Henderson, Treasurer- Dan Stubblefield, Web page administrator- Steve Harrison

Lunch Meeting Photos below









