

**BMW
Riders of Mississippi
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Minutes of September 2023

The Sunset Grill Hwy 43 Brandon on the REZ)



What a great day for riding!!!

We did not have a group ride but that did not keep anybody from attending.



Laurissa opened the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Dan gave our treasurer's report but we do not post account info on line. Dan did give a very detailed breakdown of expenses of the year and suggested that at the October meeting we discuss increasing the annual dues. (inflation hits everybody)

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 6 - 8, 2023 (this is not a meeting day). Also BMW Motorrad America will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary there will be Demo rides, adventure demos, stunt riding, vendors, food trucks, music, etc.
- 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:

- 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 Pavilion 1 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.
- Still waiting on a few T shirt orders but they will be ordered very soon!!!!!!!!!!!!

New and other Business

- 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.
- We will discuss this more at the October meeting.
- David Seals was a visitor today and showed interest in becoming a member. David Pell and Alan took turns wearing on his ear with tall tales. Alan will send him info. WELCOME DAVID.
- NOTICE JEFF AND SUSAN are getting married next Saturday, 9-16-2023. Congratulations!!!!

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.

- David Pell said he would love to do a boudain run. I agree and we will make it happen by the end of the year. Will discuss at the next meeting.
- 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://TheMotorcycleTourer'sForum(mctourer.com))

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

Ride Reports and tall tales:

It has been very hot and not many have ventured out, not even Bobby. However, a few did and here is their story.

- John Wheeler is becoming a traveler and is planning a trip to Morocco.
- Alan, Tommy, Laurissa Jack and Dan have made several uneventful RTEs the past month. Don't ask about The Big Store in Ebenezer. A new one that is worth the trip is Williams Good Ole Days Buffet in Mendenhall.
- Alan and Laurissa rode to Belzoni to the Sky Lake board walk to visit a cypress swamp. According to Walt Grayson, a reporter on the channel 12 news, the state's largest Cypress tree lives. Let's just say it was not worth the trip.
- 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 October 14 meeting will be** 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 Pavilion 1 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).
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 - 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









