

**BMW  
Riders of Mississippi  
bmwridersofmississippi.org**

Minutes of December 2023

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

**Shady Acres Village, Seminary MS**



Today was a sunny day but rain was expected early afternoon. Dan led a group ride from Madison and as always it was a great ride. These roads were narrow, were real back roads that offered almost no traffic and lots of scenery. Very nice job Dan, Thanks! The threat of rain hindered the attendance but as it turned out the rain held off till late. Shady Acres is on Highway 49 north of Hattiesburg and ALL of us have passed it many times and never stopped. It looks like a roadside gift shop, and it is, but most have never thought of it as a good place to stop and eat. Bad mistake, it has a great restaurant!!! Stop next time.







## **NO DAN, NOT A DIRT ROAD!!!!!!!!!!!!**



Laurissa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

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

Dan gave the treasurer's report and then Alan talked about our annual donation that this year went to Eldridge Children's Home. Laurissa and Alan made a drive to the event to present our donation and reported of the children's smiling faces and the many thank – you's that we received. Thousands of motorcycles normally make this a charity ride but heavy rain this year had many bikers ride in their vehicles. Attendance was down a little but the donations were still at record numbers. THANK YOU members of Riders of Mississippi, AKA ( BMWROM).

### **Web master report:**

- Steve gave the web site report ( <https://bmwridersofmississippi.org>) noting that he has added a section on the Web page that has a list of things to see and do. Not just 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.

### **Old Business:**

- Ride to Eldridge – see under treasurer's report.
- As noted above we voted to increase the annual dues to \$40 starting Jan 1, 2024

### **New and other Business**

- Looking for a new dealer or service person?
  - New Orleans dealer: Moto Julia - 504-595-6776 recommended by John Wheeler
  - Jefferson LA ( New Orleans) an independent Service location. Chuck House Motor Sports-504 846-4880 recommended by Jeff hood and yes he works on BMW.

### **Event Committee Info:**

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

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.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday every year Ride to Eldridge, AL to the charity event at Eldridge Children's home. Thousands of bikers make it each year.

### **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.

- 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. BMWMOA link [BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](http://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 \(mctourer.com\)](http://mctourer.com) also have their rides and events for 2024 posted. Places like Elkins, WV and Williamsport, PA.
- We are planning another cookout this year probably in October that will be club sponsored.
- **Alan is going to lead a ride to the April (no exact date is set yet) to the Angola prison Rodeo. This is a day ride and is a must do!!!!**
- **Alan is also to organize an Arkansas ride in MAY (date to be determined). We will meet in Russellville and ride for 2 days and then head home. More info to come.** We will need to decide on a hotel and date at future meetings.
- The Last Chance Ride Solar Eclipse 4-8-24
- Possible Boudin run .This is now canceled due to a lack of interest.
- **Alan has some left over courthouse decal/stickers) and wants to get rid of them. This is how to get them. To get one just ride all 82 Mississippi counties in 1 year. To prove it just submit a photo of your bike with the county court house (must be able to read the county) in it. Obviously this is to give you ideas when you are trying to decide where to go on day ride.**
- The Mississippi Blues trail is another quest we are doing and we have stickers for these as well.

**For info on any these e-mail Alan at [hendersonal@att.net](mailto:hendersonal@att.net)**

- Alan is asking for more ideas of fun rides or weekend trips we can make.

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- Alan and Laurissa did not make a moto trip this month but they did make several RTE with a few members. The rides to these are normally very good. They also took one Sunday afternoon to make a great ride making a 140 mile loop. Now a service is due.
- Bobby, the dirty dog, took another ride to North Arkansas, Missouri and Kentucky.
- 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 January 13 meeting will be at Bogue Chitto Boys located at 229 US 51 Bogue Chitto 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**





















