

**BMW  
Riders of Mississippi  
bmwridersofmississippi.org**

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

**Minutes of February 2024**

We met at Rusty's Riverfront grill in Vicksburg.

This was a sucky weather day but we had a strong turnout that was more than RSVPed. It was not supposed to rain till the afternoon but it drizzled all morning but broke at noon and started back about 2. Wow! And most rode their bikes. Lots of dirty bikes and riding gear by the end of the day. John Wheeler had a good group ride planned from Madison.





Laurissa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone then gave a big shout out to an old friend and member, Martin Lewis. Welcome back!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

- Dan gave the treasurer's report and the updated membership list of current paid members has been sent out. A few mistakes were noted and corrected.
- Still waiting for Steve to let us know if the club owes him any money for our web domain or other expenses.
- As we look at 2024 expenses it was asked if the club is going to rent a canopy at the rally in Redmond. This will be discussed and decided at the next meeting.

#### **Web master report:**

- Steve was not present info from last month still stands.(  
<https://bmwridersofmississippi.org>) 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.
- Steve stated that we needed a new club photo with the bikes in it and also needs an updated Club logo. We had planned a photo shoot for today but that idea got rained out.

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

#### **Old 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.

#### **New Business and Event Info:**

- **Moto Tip of the month** This tip comes from the BMW Owners News. You are never too old to get additional rider training and the Jan-Feb magazine had a lot of ideas of places to receive this training. Some will be hands on day classes and there is one on-line class. Also MOA will give some reimbursement on some. This is another benefit for being a MOA member. Go the current magazine or [Champ U - Yamaha Champions Riding School \(ridelikeachampion.com\)](http://Champ U - Yamaha Champions Riding School (ridelikeachampion.com)) for more info.
- Our March 9 meeting will be another try for a PHOTO SHOOT.
- The March photo shoot will be at the Ruins of Windsor, just west of Port Gibson on Rodney Road. There is not an address but the coordinates are 31.940609 / 91.131662. Photos at 10:30 and then a 20-minute ride to The Old Country Store located at 18801 US 61, Lorman MS 39096. Lunch at 11:30 and meeting to follow.

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

#### **Some definite rides that we have planned:**

- April 20 Alan will lead a ride to the Angola Prison Rodeo. KSU at 7:am with a ETA of 10 PM so we can shop the crafts and exhibits, eat a Cajun lunch and goof off until the rodeo starts at 1:pm. This event is normally a sell out and the seats are assigned. You obviously do not have to ride with the group but if you want to go and sit together you must let Alan know so he can buy the tickets and you must pay him back. You will not be disappointed!!
- April 26 and 27 ride to eat at Casey, IL to get a moonburger. Ride up on the 26th and eat dinner at Richard's farm, 6:00 pm. On Sat the 27th ride about 10 miles to Moonshine to get a moonburger and then head home. The ride is about 550 miles.
- May is for our Arkansas ride, date and Hotel to be determined, but will be made at our Feb meeting. Day 1 ride to Russelville AR to the hotel we decide on. Day 2 and 3 ride the great roads of your choice in the great state of Arkansas. Day 4 ride home. Check out the Arkansas Motorcycle tourers guide for ride ideas. Cindy has found a waterfall tour that you can use to plan a plan a day of riding the curvy roads and visiting 12 or so waterfalls. Again let the WEB be your friend.

**NOTICE everyone has a different riding style and for this reason the only planned “group rides” will be the ones you plan.** You will need to contact a riding buddy. We will meet up for supper and then back at the hotel for some ride reports.

Here are some ideas and plans you can do.

- Grand Bay National Estuarine Research reserve in Grand Bay, SW Mississippi. It is 18,000 acres of pine savannas salt marshes, bays and bayous. It has walking trails and is a very interesting place to visit.
- 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 9:00 am. I am planning to go but be forewarned **GET YOUR HOTEL NOW, they are going fast.**
- 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 \(bmwmoa.org\)](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 \(mctourer.com\)](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 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 of 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.

### **Ride Reports and tall tales:**

- It seems that everyone took the month of January off because there were no ride reports. Dan did take several of us on what he called a Mystery ride to Eat we rode over 100 miles and wound up at the AG Museum restaurant in Jackson.

**NOTICE go to the ROM website for more ride reports!!!!**

### **Future Meeting locations:**

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- 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













