

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

Minutes of January 2024

We met at Bogue Chitto Boys located in Bogue Chitto.

This was a beautiful sunny day and it was literally freezing cold! When we left Fleetway it was 29 degrees but slowly warmed and was 50 by lunch. We had a much better turnout than expected and had a good lunch and meeting.

Dan led several of us on a great 3 hour ride down all sorts of back roads and all was good till the bridge was out. We recovered and took a detour and made it on time. On the way home with just Dan and Alan once again a bridge out situation appeared but this time we just keep going and road down the embankment and back up getting just a little mud on the bikes.





Laurissa opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dan gave the treasurer's report and will update the membership list of current paid members.
- Dan sent this list to Laurissa so she can review and then mail out the contact info. If your info is wrong let Laurissa, Dan or Alan know.
- Dan asked Steve if the club owes him any money for our web domain or other expenses. Steve will give us a heads up.

Web master report:

- Steve gave the web site report (<https://bmwridermississippi.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.
- Steve stated that we needed a new club photo with the bikes in it and also needs an updated Club logo.
- Steve also said that BMW, MOA can host club web pages and has a template that we could use. He said that we could visit Gulf South BMW club site to see what it looks like.
- *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.** January can be a slow riding month so why not take this time to give your bike an extensive inspection. One thing people often forget is to verify that your tire repair kit has fresh supplies and your air pump and battery jump starter are charged and working.
- Don't forget the first aid kit inspection either.
- Our February 10 ,2024 meeting will be at Rusty's Riverfront Grill in Vicksburg at 901 Washington St 39183.

- The February meeting will include a photo shoot at the welcome center overlooking the MS river and then a quick ride to the Military Park for a backup photo plan.

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 1st 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 \(bmwmoa.org\)](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 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

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

Ride Reports and tall tales:

- Steve drove to Ashville, NC for a small break from reality. They visited Biltmore and the many other things there are to do. The Blue Ridge parkway was closed in areas and their visit to Little Switzerland was some what lonely. Good times none the less.

- Steve also wanted to share info on the 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.
- Bobby the mile eater road up to MO to his dealer for service then road NE Arkansas then Louisiana, Texas and back home.
- Alan and Laurissa made a few lunch runs.
- Dan also made some RTE rides.
- Ian wanted to give a shout out to Klim for making warranty repairs on his high mileage jacket. Good info to know.

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

Future Meeting locations:

- The February 10 meeting will be at Rusty's Riverfront Grill in Vicksburg at 901 Washington St 39183. Lunch at 11:30 with the meeting to follow
 - 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





