

**BMW**  
**Riders of Mississippi ( club #15)**  
**[bmwridersofmississippi.org](http://bmwridersofmississippi.org)**

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**Minutes of March 2024**

We met at The Old Country Store in Lorman, MS.

This was an overcast day with temps steady at 60 degrees. Alan led a ride from Madison and picked up several more along the way. The ride was very good and as always Old Port Gibson Road does not disappoint. The first stop was at The Ruins of Windsor and then The Old Country Store.





Laurissa opened the meeting.

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

- Laurissa gave the treasurer's report and a new March 2024 updated membership list of current paid members will be sent out. A few mistakes had been noticed 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. (see new business)

#### **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 ARE WORKING on it and did take one today.
- *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.
  - We need a new club photo. Knowing that it is close to impossible to get every one in one photo we plan for the next few monthly meetings to be at places that will have the opportunity for a good group photo. Like the Ruins of Winsor, Biloxi Light House, River Boat In Greenville.
  - **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://ridelikeachampion.com) for more info.

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

- Our April 13 meeting will be another try for a PHOTO SHOOT at the Biloxi Light house and the meeting will be at The Blind Tiger in Biloxi.
- Looks like only 2 members are going to the MOA rally in Redmond, OR. We voted to contact the Gulf South Club and chip in on the cost of a canopy and tables for our attending members.
- Our Club makes a charitable contribution each year. In the past we have done this in December but a motion was made to give it this year in March to the Methodist Hospital Rehab center in Jackson. The amount to donate was voted on to be \$200.
- Ian wanted to remind everyone that the MOA has annual milage awards. There are awards for the most miles in a year for men and women by state and the overall high milage person. This link will take you to the forms and rules. The entry form needs verification from 2 of our club members so use the enclosed member list to find someone close by. [24 25 contest start form.pdf \(ymaws.com\)](http://ymaws.com) The entry form must be post marked by May 1 2024.

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 8 is the Last Chance Eclipse Ride. The name came from the **FACT** that this could be the last change for some of us “old farts”. On April 8-2024 there will be a total solar eclipse visible in some parts of the US. For our part of the country the best viewing is in Little Rock. At about 12:30:PM partial with the total eclipse at 1:52 PM and all gone by 3:15 PM. The next Total Solar Eclipse in our area will be about 20 years out. Our club member Steve Harrison is an astronomy buff and is going to be set up at Greers Ferry, Devel’s Fork Recreation Area in his camper and with a very nice electronic telescope so we can see all the details up close. Steve has invited all of us to join him. We are taking our grandson and are expecting to have a good time. DON’T forget your solar viewing glasses. **Last Chance calling.** Hotels are scarce and if you find one it may be expensive. We are staying in West Memphis.
- April 20 Alan will lead a ride to the Angola Prison Rodeo. KSU at 7:am with a ETA of 10 AM so we can shop the crafts and exhibits, eat a Cajun lunch and goof off until the rodeo starts at 1pm. 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!! As of this mailing Alan has ordered 3 tickets. You can still order your own till they sell out.
- April 26 and 27 ride to eat at Casey, IL to get a moon burger. Ride up on Friday the 26th and eat dinner at Richard’s farm, 6:00 pm. Bed down in the only Hotel in town, Days Inn. On Sat the 27th ride about 10 miles to Moonshine to visit and make new friends, help dedicate the Motorcycle Tourer Forum’s Memorial bench, get a moon burger and then head home. The ride is about 550 miles. So far looks like 4 club members are planning the trip. I will send out more ride info so anyone that wants to ride together can.

May is for our Arkansas ride. The dates are to ride to Russellville AR on Monday May 20 where we will use the Hampton Inn for our base camp. We will ride the great roads of AR on Tuesday and Wednesday and then head home on Thursday. We will meet up for supper every day at a local restaurant for a group meal and then back to the hotel for some tall tails and visit with friends. Do not wait too late on making your reservations. Check out the Arkansas Motorcycle tour 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 also 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. For example the fastest route from Madison is about 326 miles and 5.5 hours. The route I am planning will be about 386 miles and 8 hours, with some “spirited” sections.

Below are some more ideas and plans that 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.
- There is a long distance ride made just for Bobby Brooks called the Great River Road ride. This road starts in Lake Itasca, Minnesota and follows the MS river all the way to New Orleans.
  - 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)
- 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 February was another slow riding month.

- Bobby Brooks and Bryant Herring took a little ride to Alabama.
- David Pell took a trip to Tampa FL to visit his sister and then took "alligator alley" to Miami. Back to Tampa and then home. VERY NICE RIDE David!!

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

**Future Meeting locations:**

- The April photo shoot will be at the Biloxi Lighthouse with the lunch meeting at the Blind Tiger that is just across the street at 265 Beach Blvd Biloxi, MS 39530.
- 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**













