

**BMW
Riders of Mississippi (club #15)
bmwridersofmississippi.org**

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Minutes of June 8, 2024

We met at McElroy's Harbor House in Biloxi. This is a great restaurant on the beach and you can even drive your boat right up to their dock if you like. Because this is almost 200 miles from central MS there are a lot of ways to get there. Laurissa was concerned that because it was so far that turnout could be small. That was not the case, we had a very good turnout and even had two guests. Steve got to ride his 1967 R 27 to lunch and Tommy made the ride on his electric Zero bike. Alan led a group from Madison down some old favorites but then turned off on some "back roads" that would put a smile on anybody's face. Fantastic would be a good word to describe this ride. David Pell led the ride back and he took us down Hwy 90 and then we toured Waveland. VERY slow going. I have not been there since Katrina and boy have they done a good job of rebuilding. David then took us up Hwy 43 and somewhere we broke up and went our own way back home. The temp when we left home at 7 am was 64 and it topped out at 98 in Waveland on Beach Blvd on the way home. The speed limit was 25 and it took us an hour to make it back to 90. A very long and hot ride but a good day.



Laurissa opened the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dan gave the treasurer's report and noted that we had no changes.

Web master report:

- Steve <https://bmwridermississippi.org> 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.
- Bobby Brooks stated that it had been a while since he had visited the web page and how nice it was.
- *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.

Moto Tips

- Riding season is here so it is time to get ready for some local riding and maybe even great memorable longer trips
So this month's tip is ABOUT SERVICE: 1 Make sure you keep service records and conduct regular moto inspections. Always know when it is time service your bike and when to change brake pads and tires. Make plans accordingly because for example some of us may be planning long trips that may require a service on the road. If you know how, you could service the bike yourself and call ahead to a dealer so they can be expecting you. The BMW MOA has a list of all BMW dealers.

- This tip is good forever and 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 MOA web page or [Champ U - Yamaha Champions Riding School \(ridelikeachampion.com\)](#) for more info.

New Business and Event Info:

- In the past we have discussed having a fall club event at Steve and Pattie's homestead in Biloxi. We set the date for October 5, 2024 and voted to change the October meeting to this date. This will be a shrimp boil hosted by Steve and Pattie and the club will cover all expenses. The reason for the change was because Barber Motorsports Vintage Festival is this weekend and BMW Motorrad is once again having their Motorrad Days Americas there. This is a must attend event and the dates are October 11,12,13, 2024.
- Our July 13, 2024 Meeting will be in Starkville at Bulldog Burger, 702 University Drive. As always at 11:30.
- The Gulf South BMW club is having a campout on November 1,2, and 3, 2024 and we are invited. This event will be at Bayou Wilderness Campground, 600 N Wilderness Trail. Carencro LA. For more info go to their web page or ask Steve, he is a member of that club as well. They have always hosted good events and I would be going but have that weekend set aside to spend time with my family in Pensacola.

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

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 is A MUST DO in October every year and once again BMW is going to be a sponsor. The dates for 2024 are Oct 11,12,13 and a must do event.
- 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.
- BMW MOA 2025 Rally will be in Lebanon TN.
- The first Saturday of December is the 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 people like 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. By the way we have made this ride but not in one trip it was a combo of different trips that we made but we have been from start to the end.
 - 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://BMWMotorcycleOwnersofAmerica.com)
- There are always MOA events in scattered around the country. Check their webpage or the MOA magazine.
- 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 in August 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 a 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:

- Most of us make day and lunch rides.
- Martin Lewis, David Pell and Alan rode to the Angola Rodeo and had a very good time. The seating Capacity is 10,000 and it was full and with lots of people standing. The ride going to the rodeo was chilly with just a little rain and was very nice. The rodeo is a must do and we had a very good time.
- Bobby Brooks and Bryant make a ride to Austin and rode the Twisted Sisters.
- Alan and Laurissa made several rides over the past 2 months. First off we made a 550 mile ride to Moonshine, IL to eat a burger with friends. IT was very good.
- Well, if we are in that part of the world we decided to head on up to Chicago and ride Route 66 from the beginning to Amarillo, TX and then home.
- Dan, Kerry, Bill, Charles, Bobby, Alan and Laurissa Rode to Russellville, AR for some fantastic riding.
- Billy Tate, Jack, and several other relatives made their annual trip to Harrison, AR for a week of comradery and riding.

NOTICE GO TO OUR WEB PAGE FOR THE FULL RIDE REPORTS.

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Future Meeting locations:

- Our July 13 meeting will be in Starkville at Bulldog Burger, 702 University Drive.
- The October meeting has been moved up a week to October 5, 2024 and will be a club sponsored shrimp boil at Steve and Pattie' s home in Gulfport.
 - Other location ideas but no date assigned to all of them:
 - The Shed BBQ in Ocean Springs and also in Moss Point
 - Moo's Bar & Grill in Natchez
 - North 11 Diner in Picayune
 - Magnolia Grill in Columbia
- Meeting adjourned

Lunch Meeting Photos below



Kerry Gibson is our newest member from April with a few other hard core members.





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