

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

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

Minutes of August 10, 2024

We met at The Sunset Grill on Hwy 43 on the north side of the Res. We had another large turnout with members from all over the State. The food was great. There was not an organized ride to the meeting but most including me found the long way home.





Laurissa opened the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dan was out of state so Laurissa gave the treasurer's report and noted that we had no changes. She did point out that the club would be sponsoring a shrimp boil on the coast in October at Steve Harrison' home in Gulfport. **MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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.
- ***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.
- Ricky gave a shout-out and then Alan gave a second for the BMW dealer in Pensacola, Adventure Motorsports of NWF, Pensacola.
- David, A new member recently purchased a new R1300 GS at Gate Way BMW in St Louis and uses BMW in Memphis, Performance Plus Cycles for service.
- 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 Address is 15072 Big Creek Road Gulfport M. The reason for the change was because Barber Motorsports Vintage Festival is the weekend of or normal meeting 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.
- 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.

New Business, other and Event Info:

No new business

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.

- There is a National Veteran's group called the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association (CVMA). The MS chapter is 44-4. This group does many interesting and charity events during the year. On Saturday August 24, 24 MS 44-4 is having their annual blue ball role the dice run. This event would be similar to a poker run and will be in Crystal Springs at Chautauqua Lake. First bike out at 10am and for more info go to their Facebook page.
- 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.

- Cruisin' the Coast is October 6-13, 2024
- Christmas Eve Bonfire 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. Hundreds 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://bmwmoa.org)
- There are always MOA events 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.
 - 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 and while on the hunt for good eats Dan found a country buffet named Annie M's in Flora. It was good enough that he recommended it for a meeting location so that is where we will have the September meeting.
- Ian is the long distance rider this month and made it to the MOA rally in Redmond, OR. He had a good time but stated that the Rally was not as good as last years and attendance was down. It was very cold for a MS boy with the lows in the 30's. With ice on his tent he wore all his cloths to bed. Ian stayed a little longer to visit family

and got to enjoy a good 4th of July fireworks show. He also stated that the 6,000 mile ride to and from was long and lonely.

- Alan and all his “boys” trailered their dirt bikes and side by sides to Durham town off road park in GA. They road for 3 fantastic days before returning back home to the daily grind.
- David Pell road to Florida for a good visit with his sister in Tampa.
- Bobby Brooks and his BIL Bryant headed out for a 5 day trip to NE TN but turned back after unexpected issues. Bobby stated that he will return to tame Hwy 421 “the snake”.

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

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Moto Tips

This info has been here for months and is still good info.

- 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.

Future Meeting locations:

- Our September 14 meeting will be In Flora MS at Annie M’s buffet, 740 US 49 Suite A. Same as always, lunch at 11:30 and the meeting to follow.
- 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







