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Riders of Mississippi (Club #15)
bmwridersofmississippi.org

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Minutes of October 5, 2024

Written by Alan

We met at Steve and Patty's home in Gulfport for a low country boil and boy did they show us a good time. Alan and Laurissa started the weekend early by staying Friday night in Biloxi and going to Ground Zero Blues Club. Good music and food.

However, the cookout Saturday at Steve's place could not be beat and there was a really good group for the lunch and meeting. Steve had invited all that wanted to camp and offered a star and planet watching event at 4:AM Sunday. Steve and Patty even cooked the "campers" breakfast. Now full disclosure, the camping was not conventional. Alan, Laurissa and Tommy slept in their comfortable vehicles and good old Dan found a nice recliner in the man cave. It was a perfect cool night with no tents needed, we built a camp fire and Steve did wake us up about 3:30 am.

Steve has built himself a nice observatory and he proudly showed it off along with his celestial knowledge. A really, really great weekend and thank you Steve and Patty.



Laurissa opened the meeting.

- Nov 9th meeting will be in Yazoo City at The Old Gringo Saloon, 305 S Main Street downtown. 11:30 as usual.
- At the November meeting we will need to decide on who to make out annual charitable contribution too.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dan gave the treasurer's report and we had no expenses. Obviously, the cost of this cookout will be paid for and reported at the next meeting.
- January is the beginning of the year so it is time to start paying your dues.

Web master report:

- Steve <https://bmwridersofmississippi.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 and info:

- As we all know there is no dealer in MS but here are some suggestions for a 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 BMWs.
 - The BMW dealer in Pensacola, Adventure Motorsports of NWF, Pensacola is another dealer worth going to.
 - David, A new member recently purchased a new R1300 GS at GateWay BMW in St Louis, MO and uses BMW in Memphis, TN, Performance Plus Cycles for service.
 - Barber Motorsports Vintage Festival is a must attend event and the dates are October 11,12,13, 2024. BMW Motorrad is once again having their Motorrad Days Americas there. There will be about 5 or 6 dealers of different brands present giving test rides and there are vintage races all weekend.
 - **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.**
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New Business, other and Event Info:

- Dan and others discussed having 2 cookouts in 2025. Others also stated that we should change it up and not always have a shrimp boil. Chicken, burgers dogs or whatever. We could have this at a state park or in someone's back yard. **So you all have some homework. Start thinking about where to have them in 2025 and what we should have on the menu. Example catfish, hush puppy's and fries or maybe burgers, baked beans and tater salad.**

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

-OK 2025 is here! **YOU, why not YOU** plan a club ride. Twisted Sisters, another AR ride, or whatever. We could do an overnight ride and watch a drive-in movie in luka.

- Laurissa and I are Riding out on Friday December 6 to the annual Eldridge Children's Home fund raiser. This an overnighter and after the event Saturday we will ride home. This is a 204 mile ride to NW Alabama and I will take you on some great roads. Ask me for more info.

Below are some more ideas and plans that you can do.

- Nov 1, 2024 the 20th annual Live Steam Festival in Meridian. If you like old stuff and the history of steam power this is for you.
- 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 also has events all during the year, check their website.
- 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:

- Dan has found a group called Motorcycle Sport Tourers Association that he spent a week riding with in West Virginia. As the name suggests it is for riders that like a little sport in their riding. They have a good web page that you can check out. Dan and Bill made the ride but even though they had to fight rain they had a very good time.
- Ricky made a trip to NC but because of bad weather had to cut it short.
- Ricky is going to Branson in the near future and if you want info just contact him. He also told of a web page for Adventure Roads FL
- Steve got bored and fueled up the ole GS and made a trip to Ozark, AL. Just happens that his son's GF's father runs a bar there. They had a live band and Steve rode up and was given the nick name of " Mississippi Bad Ass".
- Bobby Brooks is once again wearing out tires. He make a trip to Bristol, TN and rode all the good roads like 421 "the snake" and others. Then he turned around and went west to Moab, UT and Denver,CO. How do you do it!!
- Alan and Laurissa also made a good trip. We rode to Orlando and snagged the Auto Train to DC. Then rode to Annapolis, MD, Cape May, NJ, Mt. Washington, NH the northeast to Quebec City, QC, Canada. Then across Canada to Banff National Park, Calgary, AB, Montana, Glacier National Park, on to Lolo Pass and then south through Idaho and Utah where we road ATVs in Moab. We actually met up with Bobby. Then on back Home. 30 days and 8,450 miles.

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

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

Moto Tips

- 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:

- Nov 9th meeting will be in Yazoo City at The Old Gringo Saloon, 305 S Main Street downtown. 11:30 as usual.
 - 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









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