

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 December 14 , 2024

Written by Alan

We met at The Crescent City Grill in Hattiesburg, and everyone agreed that the food was fantastic. No one led a ride, but we had a good turn out and there were plenty of good stories being told.

Laurissa opened the meeting.

- The January 11- 2025 meeting will be in Laurel at Wilson Commissary, 332 Font Street

Treasurer's Report:

- Dan gave the treasure's report and we did not have any expenses.
- Annual dues are due in January.
- Dan was asked to check with MOA to verify when our club dues are due.

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.
 - BMW in Memphis, TN, Performance Plus Cycles has received many glowing reviews. They will be my new choice!

New Business, other and Event Info:

- Officer terms run for two years and it will be time to elect new officers in March 25.
- Officers may be elected for 2 consecutive terms but can be reelected to another office. However, after a break in their service they can be elected back to the same office.
- We again discussed having 2 cookouts in 2025. Many 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 backyard. 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 puppies and fries or maybe burgers, baked beans and potato salad.
- * Alan suggested a catfish fry at Roosevelt next spring. Several agreed that this was a great location and a good idea. Keep thinking!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

2025 is here! **YOU, why not YOU** plan a club ride.

- There is a group called Long Distance Motorcycle Riders that have an annual ride they call the last ride of the year ride. It is always on December 30, at the Stagecoach Café. This is Located at 52860 AL 59 Stockton AL, just north of Mobile. They start serving at 10:30 am and they are planning on several hundred bikers. You may see me there.
- Alan is thinking about a Twisted Sisters, and or a Mountain View AR ride.
- David wants to make a Heart of the West ride. This is like a BDR and starts in CO. David has a truck and trailer and is more than willing to transport your bike. For more info contact him.
- 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.
- There is a fun 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 and there is a lot to see. Others in our club have made this ride as well.
 - 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://www.bmwmoa.org)
- There are always MOA events scattered around the country. Check their webpage or the MOA magazine.
- **Ricky Hill** The MTF [The Motorcycle Tourer's Forum \(mctourer.com\)](http://mctourer.com) will have their rides and events for 2025 posted soon. Places like Elkins, WV and Williamsport, PA. **They have several duel sports rides to choose from.**
- 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:

- Ricky is a dual sport fanatic and again made a good ride this month. This time it was a BDR in GA in places around Suches and Eljay. The weather was wet and everyone went down at least once and they all had a great time.
- Alan and Laurissa went for a ride last weekend to Eldridge Children's Home. If you remember it was chilly last weekend. We left out Friday morning in 28 degree weather and Friday night it was 24. Electric gear and fantastic roads made it a very good 2-day ride.
- Others made some local RTEs but poor ole Dan has been on the sidelines recovering from foot surgery, Not to worry because in just 1 more week he will be back in the saddle, YE-HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!
- Others like Alan and Laurissa have only made short RTEs.

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 \(ridelikeachampion.com\)](http://Champ U - Yamaha Champions Riding School (ridelikeachampion.com)) for more info.

Future Meeting locations:

- The January 11- 2025 meeting will be in Laurel at Wilson Commissary, 332 Font Street
- Other location ideas but no date assigned:
 - The Shed BBQ in Ocean Springs and also in Moss Point
 - Moo's Barn & Grill in Natchez
 - North 11 Diner in Picayune
 - Magnolia Grill in Columbia
 - Sunset Grill on the Res
 - Camp restaurant in Natchez
 - Downtown Buther in Greenville
 - Ratliff's Ferry off the trace north on Canton
 - Blow Fly in Gulfport
 - The restaurant at French Camp
 - Bozo's II seafood in Biloxi
 - Lazy Acres 5 miles north of Hattiesburg
 - Bulldog Burger in Starkville
- Meeting adjourned

Lunch Meeting Photos below







