

**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 January 11, 2025**

Written by Alan

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We met at Wilson Commissary in Laurel. We had a good turnout but for some reason only 1 person showed up at Fleetway Madison to join me on what was a really, really good backroad and twisty ride. Maybe it was the 30 degree temp, not sure but they missed out on some good riding!!! They offered blue plate lunches as well as salads and sandwiches. A good place to eat next time you are in the area.

**Laurissa opened the meeting.**

## **Club dues and now due.**

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

- Dan gave the treasure's report and we did not have any expenses.
- Annual dues are due in January.
- At the last meeting Dan was asked to check with MOA to verify when our club dues are due. It turns out that they do not charge us dues any more.

### **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 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! Keith is a great salesman.
  - Another good dealer is Big #1 Power Sports in Birmingham. Yes they sell SXS's and jet skis but they have a great sales and service staff.

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

- Officer terms run for two years, and it will be time to elect new officers in April 2025.
- 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 will hold elections for officers at the April meeting. Do not be afraid to be an officer. There are many ex-officers that can help and new blood and ideas are needed

- In December we 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 back yard.
- At today's meeting we voted to have a catfish fry at Roosevelt State Park on April 12, 2025 at our regular monthly meeting. We will also ask for those that would rather have a burger or dog let us know so we can accommodate. We also would like you to bring your significant other for a good time. Alan will head the event up and will be asking for help.
- We are also planning a shrimp boil in the fall.

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 the MOTORCYCLE TOURERS FORUM that makes rides throughout the year and all are invited. Laurissa and I normally make a ride or 2 with them every year.
- BMW Motorcycle Owners of America is another group that sponsors rides.
- Both of these groups work the same: they pick an area and hotel, then they block rooms and have dinner meals planned. You can ride to the location by yourself or if a friend is also going ya'll can ride together. See my list below.
- David Pell wants to make a Heart of the West ride in 2025. This is like a BDR and starts in Colorado. David has a truck and trailer and is more than willing to transport your bike. For more info contact him.
- Ricky is another BDR enthusiast and pointed out a new BDR route that starts in Florida and is about 1300 miles long.
- Dan Stubblefield, Richard Palmer and Alan are going to a supercross race in Birmingham for the March 22 race.
- Here is a list of rides that Alan and Laurissa are making this year and you are invited to ride along!!
  - Moonshine, IL April 25,26 MTF event [The Motorcycle Tourer's Forum \(mctourer.com\)](http://TheMotorcycleTourer'sForum.com)
  - MOA Rally in Lebanon, TN June 18,19,20,21 [BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](http://BMWMotorcycleOwnersofAmerica.com)
    - Pipestem, WV August 15,16,17 and is an MOA event
    - Russellville, AR Sept,22,23,24,25 an MTF event
    - Helen, GA October 3,4,5 an MOA event
- 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. YOU NEED TO GO!!!
- 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://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](mailto:hendersonal@att.net)**

- Alan is asking for more ideas of fun rides or weekend trips we can make.

### **Ride Reports and tall tales:**

- Glad to report that Dan is back in the saddle and today's ride was a great way to get him back in shape!!
- Alan and Laurissa made a 485 mile day riding to Stockton, AL and back. We met up with 700+ other bikers on Dec 30 for what is called the Last Ride of the Year. Very Cold morning but we had some FANTASTIC riding on roads we had never been on before.

**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:**

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- 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 Hattisburg
  - Bulldog Burger in Starkville
- Meeting adjourned

**Lunch Meeting Photos below**





