

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 March 8, 2025

Written by Alan

Our next meeting is on April 12, 2025 at Roosevelt State Park in Morton, MS. 2149 Hwy 13 Morton MS. We have rented Pavilion #1. This Pavilion is the same one that we had last year and it is next to the swimming pool and restrooms. It has good parking and a great view of the lake. Notice: because we have a pavilion rented there is no charge to enter the park. Your spouse is more than welcome and in fact we want them to show up!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This is a very important meeting because we will be electing officers for the next 2 year term. The Saturday before the meeting I will send out a reminder so we can get a head count and notice of any diet restrictions. More info below in new business.

All righty:

At the March meeting we met at a place called LPF Southern Market in Morton. We had a fantastic turn out and the food and comradery was good. Alan led 9 bikes from Madison, picked up several more on the way plus several in cars. Even though the ride was only 70 or so miles it took us 1&3/4 hours. Great roads!! We also got a new member, Ben Kleinman, from Vicksburg. WELCOME BEN! NICE triple black GS





Laurissa opened the meeting.
Club dues are now due.

Treasurer's Report:

- Dan gave the treasurer's report and we did not have any expenses.
- Annual dues are due NOW.

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:

- In December we discussed having 2 cookouts in 2025. Many stated that we should change it up and not always have a shrimp boil. We could grill chicken, burgers dogs or whatever. We could have this at a state park or in someone's back yard.
- We are once again planning a shrimp boil in the fall.
- As we all know there is no dealer in MS but here are some suggestions for a dealer or service person?
 - We just discovered that there is a BMW mechanic in Madison. Just 2 miles from my house and 3 blocks from Dan. Now, he is not a certified mechanic but after I had him fix a bobo I made I will recommend him. Richard Ford 601-7870, 286 Timberline Drive Madison MS. CALL HIM ! DO NOT JUST SHOW UP IN HIS DRIVE WAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - 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.
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- 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

New Business, other and Event Info:

- MOA among other things has mileage recognition contests. One is by state and recognizes the BMW rider that accumulated the most miles over the past year on a BMW motorcycle. The 2024-25 annual contest ends March 31 2025 and milage

forms must be completed and postmarked by May 1 2025. Here is a link to the forms. [25 26 contest start form.pdf](#)

- More election talk: 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
- As of today the candidates for the next 2 years are as follows.
 - President: Alan Henderson
 - Vice President: Dan Stubblefield
 - Treasurer – John Wheeler
 - Secretary – Laurissa Henderson
- Paul Vegas, an ex-member of ROM and the Gulf South clubs, is in a rehab home in New Orleans. Paul is a great guy and we have some great memories with him. He is known as the pancake King because he always cooked pecan and blue berry pancakes at club camp outs. At this time Alan made the motion to come up with some sort of “happy” to send Paul. The motion was seconded and voted on. Laurissa will come up with an idea for this.

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.

Share your future ride plans and ideas here and maybe someone would like to join you.

- A great magazine for motorcyclist is Road Runner. They are chock full of great ride reports and ideas. They are online or paper.
- 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. This is just 2 weeks away and we are looking forward to it.
- Dan and Kerry are riding to Mena, AR on March 28 for a men’s weekend retreat.

- Alan is craving some real Cajun food. So don't be surprised If I send out an invite for an all day ride to and from some place in LA that has good eats. **CINDY give me some ideas!!!!**
- Here is a list of rides that Alan and Laurissa are making this year and you are invited to ride along!!
 - We decided to skip Moonshine, IL April 25,26 and instead replaced it with a MOA ride to Breaks, VA. It is the same weekend so go to the MOA webpage for more info. DO IT SOON.
 - MOA Rally in Lebanon, TN June 18,19,20,21 [BMW Motorcycle Owners of America \(bmwmoa.org\)](http://BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (bmwmoa.org))
 - Pipestem, WV August 15,16,17 and is an MOA event
 - Russellville, AR Sept,22,23,24,25 an MTF event

Other Ideas and places to ride to.

- 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://BMW Motorcycle Owners of America (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://The Motorcycle Tourer's Forum (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, Fu-bars and Tall Tales :

- Dan makes a RTE almost every week and this month was no different. However he did not have much to share.
- Alan and Laurissa also make RTEs several times and this month we made it to Annie M's as well as the good Ole place called Ratliff's Ferry. Just good riding and food and some times you find old friends, especially Ratliff's Ferry.
- Tommy does the same.
- Ricky Hill made it to Alabama for some eats and on the way back road the Fort Morgan- Dalphin Island Ferry. He had a fun day.
- James Penecost loves riding off road and had several good rides.
- Now comes the Man, Bobby Brooks and Bryant. They started out on a trip to Grassroots BWM in Cape Girardeau, MO. Bobby cannot make a short ride so he included parts of TN, AR, MO and AL. He and Bryant love making miles and seeing wha'ts out there.
- David Pell showed up in his new Land Rover to shame us all. Very nice vehicle.

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:

Next Meeting is on March 8,2025 at a Small local place called LPF Southern Market. The address is 6883 MS 481 Morton MS 39117 601-684-5111

[LPF Southern Market, 6883 Highway 481 N, Morton, MS 39117, US - MapQuest.](#)

They do not have a buffet or even a blue plate special. What they do have are daily lunch specials such as beef tips and rice with 2 vegetables, bread and tea. A different special every day. They also have a menu of burgers and sandwiches. good country cooking that the locals love.

- Other location ideas but no date assigned:

- Moo's Barn & Grill in Natchez
- North 11 Diner in Picayune
- Camp restaurant in Natchez

* Good recommended places we have been to and a rating

- Downtown Butcher in Greenville -3.5
- Ratliff's Ferry off the Trace north of Canton -3.5
- Blow Fly in Gulfport - 4
- The Council House Restaurant at French Camp – 3.5
- Bozo's II seafood in Biloxi -4
- Shady Acres 5 miles north of Hattiesburg -4
- Bulldog Burger in Starkville -3.5
- Crescent City Grill in Hattiesburg -5
- Magnolia Grill in Columbia -4.5
- Sunset Grill on the Res -3.5
- The Shed BBQ in Ocean Springs and also in Moss Point -4
- Momma Hamil's in Madison -5

- Meeting adjourned

Lunch Meeting Photos below







