

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 April 12, 2025

Written by Alan

The next meeting will be on May 10, 2025 at the Council House Restaurant in French Camp, MS. The address is 55 LeFleur Circle, French Camp MS. There are many good routes that you can take to make this a fun day.

The April meeting was at Roosevelt State Park and if you missed this one you missed one great time! We had a large turnout but most rode in single. Dan led a short ride from Madison and only had to call the Prez for directions once. Tommy rode in on his new Honda NT1100. That thing is metallic blue and is one good looking bike. John Wheeler brought his wife , Denise, and it was a pleasure to meet her. Alan recruited some of the best help available to help prepare lunch. Most opted for fried catfish but a few took a chance on a smashburger. We also had onion rings, french fries, hush puppies and cole slaw. We started out teasing everyone with Country Pleasing sausage bites while they waited for the main meal. BUT, PATTY's fantastic blueberry pie was to die for.



Laurissa opened the meeting.

- Laurissa announced the 2025 – 2026 officer election results.
Alan Henderson – Prez
Dan Stubblefield – VP
John Wheeler – Treasurer
Laurissa Henderson - Secretary

Treasurer's Report:

- Dan gave the treasurer's report and Laurissa gave out expense info for today's meal. We do not post finances on the web but If anyone has any questions call the Treasurer or Prez.

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.
- It is time to get some new info in this section so help us out.

We need more photos and ride reports to put on the page.

Old Business and info:

- 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Rerun also had some work done and gave a thumbs up.
 - 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:

- We have several members going to the MOA rally and Laurissa brought back up the discussion on renting a Canopy for our members to gather at during the rally. The issue is **COST!** The cost for this is \$700 and is much more than we want to pay. Laurissa is working with the Gulf South and RAM clubs to share the cost. A motion was passed and voted on to authorize an expenditure of no more than \$200 and then together, with the other 2 clubs, we will have a canopy to gather at. You will still need your own chair.
- 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 mileage forms must be completed and postmarked by May 1, 2025. Here is a link to the forms. [25 26 contest start form.pdf](#)
- 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. Alan has had a hard time contacting Paul today found out he has gone home and now has his cell phone #.

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.
- 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!!!!**

-MOA Rally in Lebanon, TN June 18,19,20, 2025.

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- Pipestem, WV August 15 and 16, 2025 and is an MOA event
- Russellville, AR Sept,22,23,24,25 an MTF event
- In June 2026 MOA is going to have the National Rally in Vermont. There are several members of our club already thinking about a ride up north and maybe beyond. It is never too early to start planning, and dreaming about this ride.
- 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.
- 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 dual sport rides to choose from.**
 - Alan has some leftover 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 courthouse (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. There are 92 courthouses, 10 counties actually have 2 county seats.

- 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

Ride Reports, Fu-bars and Tall Tales :

- Dan and Kerry rode to Mena, AR where they met up with some old friends. They had a great time and rode some of the many GREAT roads that AR has. They made it to the “world Famous” Oark Café. Spent time in Russellville but as things happen, weather cut the ride short.
- Bobby and Bryant made the ride to Ocean Springs. Along the way they spent time riding central AR then through Grenada and then Ocean Springs. Bobby said one mission for this ride was to ride new roads, and they did. He said 80% of the riding was new places. I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE!! I thought the had been almost everywhere, guess not.
- Alan and Laurissa made a few day trips. One trip was all new roads to Montgomery AL. Another RTE was a day ride to Vicksburg to eat at the Klondike Trading Post on Washington Street. This lunch spot came recommended from an article in Road Runner Magazine. Don’t waste your time eating there. Better places right down the street. After lunch we rode to Eagle Lake and then the MS river levee to Mayersville. On the levee we saw a black bear, an eagle, turkeys and deer. Then on to Rolling Fork and back home. An all day ride that was a lot of fun.

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:
 - Moo’s Barn & Grill in Natchez
 - North 11 Diner in Picayune

* 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













