

BMW
Riders of Mississippi (Club #15)
bmwridersofmississippi.org

Officers: President - Alan Henderson, Vice President – Dan Stubblefield, Secretary – Laurissa Henderson, Treasurer- John Wheeler, Web Page Administrator- Steve Harrison

Minutes of August 9, 2025

Written by Laurissa

The next meeting will be on September 13, 2025, at Roux 61 Seafood and Grill, 453 Highway 61 S, Natchez, MS 39120. 601-445-0004.

NOTICE THE OCTOBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED UP 1 WEEK TO OCTOBER 4th. It is still in Gulfport at Steve and Patty's beautiful estate and will be a low country boil. If there are dietary concerns please let Alan know!!

The last meeting held was in May at Council House Restaurant in French Camp, MS. There are no minutes for this meeting. The President and Secretary were absent from this meeting and no notes were taken.

Alan opened the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- John Wheeler was absent thus there was no full treasurer's report. Alan did let everyone know that a \$337 payment for our web page maintenance was made to Steve Harrison, our Webmaster.

Webmaster 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 on October 4th at the home of Steven and Patti Harrison in Gulfport, MS. More details to follow at September meeting.

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. Our President, Alan Henderson, came in first place for the state of Mississippi riding 19,800 miles with his riding partner, Laurissa. Club member Ian Ferguson came in second with 8,000 miles. Congratulations !!!
- Cindy Pouncey rode to the meeting on her new BMW F800. This is one happy woman.

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. Check their website for more information.
- BMW Motorcycle Owners of America is another group that sponsors rides.
- Ricky is another BDR enthusiast and pointed out a new BDR route that starts in Florida and is about 1300 miles long.
- 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.
- 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 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.

- Alan then went around the group asking members why they like riding. As expected, there were many different answers. Some like meeting up with friends for a relaxing ride to a good place to eat. Others like “playing off road in the dirt”. And yet others like to take a spirited ride where they can feel at one with their bike. Alan then pointed out that the club is a great place to make friends and develop relationships with people that have the same riding style. Alan stated that he loves to explore and go to places he has never been. AND do not start talking about where you have you been unless you have a little time to spare. There are other people in the club like Alan that can entertain you as well.

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 info on any of these, e-mail Alan at hendersonal@att.net

Ride Reports, Fu-bars and Tall Tales :

Alan and Laurissa rode to the 2025 BMWMOA Rally in Lebanon, TN with Bobby Brooks, Bryant Herring, David Pell and Dan Stubblefield. Thank you DAN for leading us on a great all day ride. Alan and Laurissa met up with their son Keith at the rally and spent time with him. Keith led a ride from the rally to Falls Creek State Park on Thursday during the rally. After the rally, they took the long way home through Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Tennessee. Weather was a little warm, 103 degrees one day. And on the last day it rained like a big dog till they hit Mississippi. Alan had the desire to go to Corinth MS, the home of the WW2 creation named the Slug Burger, and give it a try. The verdict is, don't waste your time!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dan Stubblefield and David Pell also took the long way home from the rally. Rode up through the Smokies for a few days. Dan said he saw someone ride a BMW K1600 GT through a creek bed. Wonder if they saw Big Foot too!!!!

David Pell, Dan Stubblefield, Bobby Brooks and Bryant Herring met up once again and rode through Alabama, stopped at the Rattlesnake Saloon, rode through Little River Canyon, Talladega National Forest. They also made a stop at the National Coon Dog Cemetery, yes, it is only for Coon Dogs. It was featured in the movie, Sweet Home Alabama. After that they headed up into north Georgia and made their way home. Great five days of riding with good friends.

Billy Tate and his riding buddies took a ride over to Dunn's Falls, right outside of Meridian. It is worth the ride over if you have never been there. Nice little park, has a huge water wheel that was used for grinding corn and other crops. Had a nice 200 + mile ride.

Kerry Gibson met up with his riding buddy Charles in Arkansas. They found a new road and he said that was definitely worth riding. Their knowledge of the roads In AR is amazing and if you ever get the chance to ride with Kerry take it.

Ricky Hill made a trip up to Performance BMW in Memphis, TN. He highly recommends them. Good folks. I can back Ricky up on that, we have been there and Keith, their salesman, has been with them for 35 years. He knows a tremendous amount of good information regarding BMW motorcycles.

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:

Even though the majority of our members are from central MS, we also have some from LA, north and south MS. When deciding on meeting locations we need to consider these areas as well.

The next meeting will be Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. at Roux 61 Seafood & Grill, 453 Highway 61 S, Natchez, MS 39120 (601)-445-0004.

* Good recommended places we have been to and have been given a rating are listed below.

- Downtown Butcher in Greenville - 3.5
- Ratliff's Ferry off the Trace north of Canton - 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 Natchez - 4.5
- Sunset Grill on the Res - 3.5
- The Shed BBQ in Ocean Springs and also in Gulfport - 4
- Momma Hamil's in Madison – 5
- BIG O In Bay Springs - 4
- Coffee Cup in Enterprise – 3.5
- Shaggy's seafood & grill, on the Rez, Pass Christian and Gulfport-4

- Meeting adjourned

Lunch Meeting Photos below















