

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

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**Minutes of September 13, 2025**

Written by Laurissa

The meeting was held at Roux 61 in Natchez, MS. Alan led a group ride from Madison that was just what we needed. It started out at 72 degrees and the roads had just enough twisties to put a smile on everyone's face. Several more members met us there and we had a great turnout. The food was very good and we all enjoyed the camaraderie and conversations. It was very nice to see that several members brought their significant others with them!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Alan opened the meeting.

**NOTICE THE OCTOBER MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED UP 1 WEEK TO OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>. It is still in Gulfport at Steve and Patty's beautiful estate and will be a low country boil (shrimp, potatoes, corn on cob and sausage). The address is 14072 Big Creek Road, Gulfport MS 39503. Grounds open up at 10:00am. LUNCH AT 11:30am AND MEETING TO FOLLOW.**

**PLEASE LET ALAN KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND BY SATURDAY, SEPT 27, 2025 BECAUSE WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO SHOP. AND IF there are dietary concerns please let Alan know!! THIS IS A MEETING YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- John Wheeler gave the treasurer's report. Dues for 2026 are coming due. They are still \$40.00.

**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:**

- 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 is now under new management and the manager plans to be at our October meeting. He wants to make a

presentation on what he is doing to make it better and MAYBE even offer our club members a discount. This dealer is also 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 jeskis but they have a great sales and service staff.

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

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.

Below are some resources and ideas on finding places to ride.

- A great magazine for motorcyclist is Road Runner. They are chock full of great ride reports and ideas. They are online or in their magazine.
- 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 a 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 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](mailto:hendersonal@att.net)

### Ride Reports, Fu-bars and Tall Tales :

- Dan Stubblefield and Richard Palmer rode almost the entire state of Arkansas and even some in MO the week of September 8-12, 2025. Richard and Dan met Bobby Brooks in Greenwood at Scoops Ice Cream and Grill for lunch. They spent the first night in Malvern, rode on over to Mt. Nebo, from there they rode to Eureka Springs and spent the last evening in Russellville. Dan said they rode across the Golden Gate Suspension Bridge in Beaver, ate at Jone's BBQ in Marianna, really enjoyed Mt. Nebo, Mt. Magazine, Razorback Tower, Thorne Crown Chapel (the glass church in Eureka Springs), the Pig Trail and other great roads in Arkansas. You can check out his route on the Rever app.

Dan then explained why he likes REVER so much. Even though it is a subscription app it is a tremendous tool to help you plan rides. You can share the info with others, use your phone as a GPS while riding or make a GPX file and load it to another GPS.

- Ricky Hill made a trip up to Robbinsville, NC. Spent some time in North Georgia too. He and some friends rode some 2,038 miles.
- James Pentecost and friends rode lots of dirt roads and trails around Hinds and Madison County. They enjoyed lunch at Auntie M's in Flora. I can highly recommend this place because their food is delicious and the desserts are to die for.
- Alan, Dan and Tommy made it to Forest to one of their favorite places, The Garden Patch. The current owner is retiring and they will be closed for about month while the new owner gets things ready. They wanted one last plate to remember them by.
- Alan and Laurissa made the **long** ride to Mendenhall to eat at Williams. As always the food and the ride was very good.

Several others also made RTEs (ride to eats)

## **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 25 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, October 4, 2025 at Steve and Patti Harrison's, 14072 Big Creek Road, Gulfport, MS 39503. 228-493-5702

Please note we will be cooking seafood, if you have an allergy to seafood, please let us know, we can cook hamburgers, chicken or something that you can enjoy. But let us know ASAP.

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

- Downtown Butcher in Greenville - 3.5
- Scoops ice cream and grill – 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 Rez - 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**







