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Minutes of November 8, 2025

Written by Laurissa

The November meeting was a low country boil held at the home of Steve and Patty Harrison in Biloxi, MS. Once again, Steve and Patty welcomed everyone to their coastal hide-a-way. Lunch was fantastic and plentiful, and the weather was absolutely perfect. Some members even took a ride along the beach after the meeting, went back for a campfire and leftovers. One even passed out on the bed in the Observatory. We all had a great time. Thank you so much Steve and Patti.



Alan opened the meeting.

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://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.
- 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 hopes to attend one of our meetings. 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 jetskis but they have a great sales and service staff.

New Business, other and Event Info:

The members voted to make their annual club donation of \$200.00 to Eldridge Children's Home in Eldridge, AL. The home hosts the annual Eldridge Children's Home Toy Run, 86 Academy Drive, Eldridge, AL 3554 the first Saturday of each December, this year it is December 6. There is always a car show and you can tour the grounds, meet the children and house parents as well as the home administrators. It is held rain or shine and helps the home raise much of their yearly operating capital. Hundreds and hundreds ride in from all over the country to bring donations. Lunch is sponsored by local businesses and from many motorcycle venues in surrounding states. **YES this is a Motorcycle event!!!!!!!**, cars are also welcome Alan and Laurissa and Fletcher Cox are planning on attending. Hope to see you there. A first Saturday in December ride for the children's home is a great way to jump start your CHRISTMAS spirit. If you want to ride with Alan and Laurissa just call or e-mail.

Another ride mentioned this year, that Alan, Laurissa and Fletcher have their sights on, is the 29th annual Last Ride of the Year. It is an annual gathering of motorcyclists at the Stagecoach Café in Stockton, AL. Stagecoach Café 52860 AL 59, Stockton AL 36579. It will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2025. The Café serves a good buffet and opens at 10:30 a.m. and closes after the last biker has eaten. You will see tons of motorcycles and meet lots of good folks. I saw Sasquatch last year. Take the time to ride down, you won't regret it. This is a good ride to finish out the year. And again if you want to ride with Alan and Laurissa just shoot us a text or e-mail.

Just in case you wondered you are still on the event committee. Alan heads it up, but you make it work.

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 motorcyclists 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

Ride Reports, Fu-bars and Tall Tales :

- Alan and Laurissa spent November 2 – 6 riding Arkansas. Russellville was their home base. They rode out each day to different destinations in the Natural State such as Oark, Harrison, Yellville, Hot Springs, Eureka Springs. The trees were beginning to change colors and the weather was beautiful. No rain, just lots of sunshine.
- Dan Stubblefield, Tommy Smith, James Pentecost, Alan and Laurissa Henderson met for a RTE at Toasted Yolk in Pearl, MS on November 1. Afterwards Dan, Tommy and James headed over to Vicksburg for the Vintage Motorcycle Show. The Henderson’s headed home to pack for their trip to Arkansas the next day.
- Ricky Hill did a dual sport ride down some local dirt roads. He had a heck of a time.

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 \(ridelikeachampion.com\)](http://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, December 13, 2025, at Shady Acres Village, 624 US-49 N, Seminary, MS at 11:30 a.m.

* 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







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WHERE AM I



