

BMW
Riders of Mississippi (Club #15)
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Minutes of January 10, 2026

Written by Laurissa

The December meeting day was dark, dreary and wet. We met for lunch at The Froghead Grill in Clinton, MS. The turnout was good with several members bringing their wife. Everyone was having a great time visiting and OH, The food and service was good as well.



Alan opened the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- John Wheeler gave the treasurer's report. Dues for 2026 are coming due. There are still a few holdouts so please send your dues in. They are still just \$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 jet skis but they have a great sales and service staff.
 - Dan recommended Pandora in Chattanooga, TN

New Business, other and Event Info:

2026 is HERE and it is time to plan some rides.

The big ride to think about is the June 2026 annual MOA Rally. This year it is in Essex Junction, Vermont. That is a short 1500 miles from Jackson. While that really is a long

way this is a good time to go to places you have never been. Order your new tires NOW. Alan and I plan to go and may use this as a good time to visit Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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.
- John Wheeler spoke about Extended Warranties for the BMW bikes. He recommended dealer out of Anchorage, Alaska. This dealer sales them at cost and this would be a great thing to have. New bikes have so many electronics that this is almost have.

Alan handed out hats and stickers and pins to members attending the meeting.

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

Ride Reports, Fu-bars and Tall Tales :

- Alan and Laurissa Henderson and Dan Stubblefield rode from Madison to Stockton, AL for The Last Ride of the Year. They met up with Ricky Hill and Steve Harrison. It was a beautiful but cold day. Temps started out at 27 degrees but the 440 mile day was a good one. but Had a great ride back from Stockton, AL
- Dan Stubblefield and Kerry Gibson RTE at Hamil's.
- Bobby Brooks and Bryant Herring started a ride but had to give up when Bryant's clutch went out on him. Such are the joys of riding.
- Ricky Hill rode to St. Stephen's, LA to visit a lime mining area.
- Alan and Laurissa did some scouting for future meetings and found a great mom and pop just south of Grenada.

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.

Some recommendations for future meetings: Swamp Monster Café, Franklinton, LA and Moviestar Buffett, Hattiesburg, MS

The BMWROM will have their February 14, 2026 meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Barnyard Grill, 1372US-51 S, Grenada, MS 38901. 662-307-2275

* 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









Laurissa

