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**Riders of Mississippi (Club #15)**  
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**Minutes of April 11, 2026**

Written by Laurissa

The meeting was also a weekend get-a-way at Roosevelt State Park. Several rented cabins, others brought their camper or stayed at the lodge. Others just rode in for the meeting and lunch of pulled pork, baked beans and coleslaw. **SPECIAL THANKS FOR PATTY'S BLUEBERRY PIE**. The ones that stayed at the park were treated to a FANTASTIC weekend of comradery, fishing and storytelling around the campfire. If you missed this weekend SHAME ON YOU. Alan wants to express a big thank you to all that came and to **those that helped put this on**. After a big pulled pork sandwich Alan called the meeting to order.





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### **Treasurer's Report:**

John Wheeler gave the treasurer's report. Dues for 2026 are still due. There are still a few holdouts so please send your dues in.

### **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.*

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

### **Old Business**

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, who knows. David Pell, Ricky Hill and Bobby Brooks are also looking at making the rally to make sure Alan and I stay out of trouble. So, find a riding buddy and head out on a trip that I bet you would not otherwise make. Canada is also just a few more miles.

### **New Business:**

Friday night's chili dogs and Frito pie were enjoyed while watching Artemis II re-enter earth's atmosphere and touch down in the Pacific. That was followed by a huge campfire.

Saturday was full of more food, lots of folks getting to know more about each other, welcoming new members and another great fire. Sunday morning after breakfast, everyone packed up and headed home.

Considerable time was then spent discussing how ROM can do better at meeting the expectations of our members. 2 new members also shared ideas.

Steve Harrison, our webmaster, brought up the idea of enlarging our club's horizons but utilizing our Facebook Page, and other media outlets. The club does have a web page, but Steve said that those are going out of style and we need to consider better ways to get out our message. Steve also suggested we use the Signal App to share information among club members only. It is sort of like a private message app. Members can download the app from the App Store for free. Steve will invite you to join the group. Laurissa and Steve will work to make better use of the BMW Riders of Mississippi Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please join that page. New pictures and information have been posted on the page in the last week.

Bobby Brooks suggested that we as club members work to enhance our meeting. Not just ride to eat lunch, meet for thirty minutes and then ride home. Bobby suggested that we find a reason to extend the meeting, maybe visit a special sight, like the Lynyrd Skynyrd memorial in Magnolia after lunch at the dinner bell. Or when we went to a BMW motorcycle museum in Sturgis, MS after lunch at Lake Tiak-o'khata. Or a Tugboat Museum Tour after lunch at Rusty's in Vicksburg. We need everyone's

help finding not just good lunch sights but interesting spots. Remember the Ruins of Windsor. At the May meeting in Columbia we will be visiting Red Bluff after lunch for anyone interested.

Alan brought up the October meeting that we have been having at Steve and Patty Harrison's the last few years. There are several big events every year that have interfered with this meeting. Cruising the Coast weeklong car show and Barber Vintage Festival in Birmingham, AL. Our club meeting is normally held on the second Saturday of the month and is smack dab in the middle of these 2 events. Every year members juggle these activities. Because we want everyone to be able to attend Steve and Patty's famous hospitality and shrimp boil, and because of prime shrimp season, Alan and Steve decided that we should move the date. Trying to make this an event that all could attend, Alan made the decision to move the October meeting to Saturday, September 26, 2026. As always, the meeting will be held at Steve and Patty Harrison's home. **October 2026 meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2026. There will be two meetings in September.**

Next Saturday (4-18-26) Alan, Laurissa, Steve and Cindy are meeting up in Covington, LA for a planning meeting with MOA directors and other southern clubs. A report will be given at our next meeting.

### **Ride Reports or Great Adventure Reports:**

Bobby Brooks, Alan Henderson and Dan Stubblefield gave a review of their ride to the Twisted Sisters in Texas. They had a great 6-day ride. David Pell and Richard Palmer also made the Texas ride.

**The May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Magnolia Grille, 115 R.A. Johnson Drive, Columbia, MS 39429. 601-736-2222. Lunch at 11:30 with the meeting to follow. We will ride to Red Bluff after the meeting.**

**Welcome new members: John Conway, Patty Harrison and Art Minton.**

Alan Henderson adjourned the meeting.







