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Riders of Mississippi (Club #15)
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Minutes of July 11, 2026 Meeting

Written by Laurissa

The meeting was held at Council House Restaurant in French Camp, MS.
It was a hot but beautiful day to ride. We had a large turnout and an old
friend, Ben Kleinman joined us and rejoined the club. Good to have you!!
This was my birthday and thanks to all the sent me good wishes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Alan called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report:

John Wheeler gave the Treasurer's report and we had no expenses.
Alan then talked for a minute to talk about how the club spends our dues.

Webmaster report:

- Steve maintains our web page <https://bmwridersofmississippi.org>.
On the web page we have all sorts of info and stuff. Even though it does
not change much that is because **YOU** do not share much with us.
Please help us out. There are all sorts of festivals, Christmas events and
other fun things you may like. Several members are sending him info
and we need everyone to help.
- It is time to get some new info in this section so please help.

***We need more photos and ride reports to put on
the page.***

BMW ROM FACE BOOK PAGE NEW SECTION

- Some may not realize that we have a face book page, but we do. Look us up for additional info.
- This is a place that is monitored each day by Steve and I. Steve and I are the administrators and update things as needed. Just like your personal Facebook Page you can make comments but if you want to add content and photos or short videos please send the info to Steve or myself.
- Short notice Ride to Eats or even day rides will be posted here if you just let us know. Maybe someone would like to join you.
- For example:
 - In mid to late August Bobby is going to lead a 4 day ride to eat in Boaz AL. Then ride a little in North AL. This promises to be a great ride.
 - Within a month Alan is going to lead an overnight **RTE** to Middendorf's in Manchac LA. This is in the planning stage and may even include a night in New Orleans. Backroads going and coming!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - Maybe someone will want to make a ride to Barbor Vintage Festival.

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

- The greatest resource is our members, reach out to them.
- I am working on a member directory that will help with that. There are still a few that have not responded. If you are one of those please send me your name, phone # and the town you live in.
- A great magazine for motorcyclists is Roadrunner. 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.
- Barber also has events all during the year, check their website.
- Christmas Eve Bonfire on the Levee, LaPlace, LA. Christmas Eve every year.
- 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 info. BMWMOA link

Old Business

Members were reminded:

- There has been a lot of discussion on BMW motorcycle dealers and where to get service and repairs. BMW of Chattanooga, AKA Pandora European motor sports, is by far the best rated dealer. Grass roots in MO is another good one. Only problem is that they so far away. Other dealers that are closer get fair reviews and BMW Pensacola gets the very worst reviews. Most of us DIY but there is an alternative. Richard Ford of Madison is a certified BMW service person, 601-951-7870. Several of our members including Alan, Bobby and other have good things to say about him. 601-951-7870.
- September we will do something different. We will have 2 meetings because October is just so full of great things that will pull our members across 2 states. This may me a little crazy but we will do a NW and a SE location at Steve's.
#1 September 12 with the location to be announced and
#2 September 26 at Steve and Patti Harrison's home, 14072 Big Creek Road, Gulfport, MS 39503
- October things to do include Barber Vintage Festival in Leeds, Alabama. <https://barberracingevents.com> October 9th - 11th, 2026.
- Cruisin' the Coast Car Show that runs a complete week along the entire Mississippi coast. <https://cruisinthecoast.com> October 4th – 11th, 2026.

Considerable time was then spent discussing how ROM can do better at meeting the expectations of our members.

- MOA has started an outreach program to help local clubs with the challenges that all local clubs have. Greg Beck, from the Gulf South club, is the MOA southeastern director and has a monthly zoom call with the local SE presidents to discuss ways to help us. The last call helped a lot by pointing out how to better use our Facebook page. See new face book section above. Another idea from that meeting was to have a Recruiter and Retention Officer and an Event Officer, AKA the idea man. Dan Stubblefield and Kerry Gibson accepted these positions. The R&R position is self-explanatory but the event officer is the idea person that

suggest ideas of where members could ride after our lunch meetings or make a ride to an event. Thank you Dan. Kerry Gibson will work as our Event Coordinator, but would like help from any and all members where possible.

New Business

The Little Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, MS is scheduled for August 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2026. Check out their Facebook page for more information.

Rickey Hill thanked everyone who had come to visit, called, or texted him after his surgery. He is back riding again.

Ride Reports or Great Adventure Reports:

Dan Stubblefield and Kerry Gibson did a couple of RTEs to Crystal Springs, MS and around the Madison area.

Bobby Brooks, Alan and Laurissa Henderson and Rickey Hill rode from Mississippi up to Essex Junction, VT for the BMW MOA Rally. They left on Friday and arrived in Vermont on Tuesday. Bobby is a fantastic ride master and took us on some great roads and the scenery was very good. Alan and Laurissa spent 3 days at the Rally and then headed to Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia and rode the Cabot Trail. They rode through 15 states, and two provinces in Canada. Great trip but they were glad to make it home. The food up north is good, in its own right, but Alan set up a RTE with Dan, Tommy, and Richard. The food at Mama Hamil's is hard to beat. Bobby and Rickey attended one day at the Rally and headed out to explore. They rode up Mount Washington in New Hampshire before pointing their bikes south. Even though not on a bike, Tommy took a fantastic ride out west to Moab with his wife Diane. They rode the desert trails in a hummer and then to top it off rode to the top of Pike's Peak.

Tommy and Diane also rode to Donna Jean's in Forest for lunch and wanted to report it had reopened.

Steve Harrison and Ian Ferguson also rode solo up to Vermont for the rally. John Wheeler, his wife Denise and family (aka dogs) did a car trip to Marfa, TX. He highly recommended visiting there. Said he would like to turn it into a motorcycle trip, John, plan it and let's see what kind of response we can get.

The August meeting will be Saturday, August 8, 2026 at 11:30 AM at Lake Tiak-O'Khata, 1290 Smyth Lake Road, Louisville, MS. Ride to Craig Vechorik's home in Sturgis, MS to view his motorcycle and automobile collection after lunch. This is a must Do!

Alan Henderson adjourned the meeting.









