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Minutes of August 8, 2026 Meeting

Written by Laurissa

The meeting was held at Lake Tiak-O'Khata Resort in Louisville, MS. It was a hot but beautiful day to ride. We had a large turnout and longtime members Craig Vechorik and Richard Coyle joined us for the meal, meeting and afternoon. Good to have you!! This was a fantastic meeting because after lunch we went to Vetch's home and he gave us a tour of his garage. Vetch is a true world renowned expert and restorer of vintage BMW's. He has now retired and Max BMW has bought his parts and several of his bikes. However, the garage still has many bikes, photos and other memorabilia. Oh, and he also has several restored Model T's and a custom '39 Ford pickup truck. WHAT A DAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Alan called the meeting to order

Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's report, John Wheeler was not in attendance.
However, there were no expenses.

Webmaster report:

- Steve Harrison 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.
Maybe someone will want to make a ride to Barber 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 others have good things to say about him. 601-951-7870.
- The Sturgis Mississippi Bike Rally in Sturgis, MS will be held August 20-23, 2026. Check their Facebook page for more information. Next month, September, we will have our normal meeting plus we will move our annual October shrimp boil to Sept 26 at Steve and Patti Harrison's home, 14072 Big Creek Road, Gulfport, MS 39503.
- We will not have an October meeting because there are so many other events going on that pull our members. 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.

New Business

Craig Vechorik, the first President of BMW Riders of Mississippi and Technical Advisor to Vintage Motorcycle Clubs of America, spoke to the club. He gave a little history of the club and brought some memorabilia of the early days. Then he led everyone to his home for a tour of his museum.

Alan invited anyone interested in a two night/ three day ride Monday, September 7 – Wednesday, September 9, 2026. The first day will be a ride to Lafayette, LA. We will do a boudin run and spend the night in Lafayette. Second day Bobby will lead a back roads ride and wind up at our New Orleans French Quarter Hotel. Entertainment for the night will be on you!

The third day will be a backroads ride back home crossing Lake Pontchartrain bridge, one of the longest bridges in the US, and a lunch stop at the famous Middendorf's in Manchac, LA. We have 4 riders signed up so far, if you are interested contact Alan or Bobby Brooks. Do not wait!!! Our great Hotel Monteleone on Royal St, room prices are going up. If our number increases will break up into 2 groups for the ride to insure SAFETY.
PLEASE JOIN US for a great time.

Ride Reports or Great Adventure Reports:

Bobby Brooks led a ride to Bama Bucks in Sardis City, AL from July 29th to July 31st. Alan and Laurissa Henderson, Bryant Herring, Rickey Hill and David Pell joined him on the ride. The first night was spent in Rome, GA and Guntersville, AL on the second night. Great riding, great roads, great food and great fellowship. Alan has planned a new ride for September as mentioned in the minutes above. Come join us.

The September meeting will be Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 11:30 AM at Nola's Main Street Café, 120 E Main Street, Florence, MS.

Alan adjourned the meeting.









