

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club
Minutes of February 6,2008 Meeting**

President Elmon Randolph opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He welcomed members. Vice-president Rick Borja introduced our guest for the evening, Rita O'Malley.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Debra Randolph reported a club balance of \$611.55. Dues are due!

MINUTES

A motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Adam Graff and seconded by Paul Vegas. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mileage Contest – Jannie Markey is collecting mileage. Please give it to her this evening before you leave the meeting.
2. MAC (Motorcycle Awareness Campaign) The Motorcycle Awareness Special Plates for Automobiles are now available. The Plates can be ordered by going to www.expresslane.org then click Special Plates. Jim Markey noted that there is a MAC chapter in Hammond. It is a young club that will address motorcycle issues. Billboards and yard signs will be more visible in attempts to bring awareness to motorcyclists.
3. Louisiana Motorcycle Awareness State Meeting – Jannie Markey, as a member of this committee, reported that some organizations are looking to repeal the state helmet law. It may be brought up in March legislation. She mentioned that statistics show that helmets save lives and that it is also an economic issue. She encouraged members to contact your state senators and representatives. When she gets info on the bill number, she will pass it on to Gulf South members. Discussion followed about whether or not, Gulf South wanted to take a stand behind the helmet law. A motion was made by Charlie O'Malley and seconded by Felix Rivero to have Jannie Markey, as a committee member of the Louisiana Motorcycle Awareness Campaign, say that members of Gulf South BMW Club are in full support of the present helmet law. The motion was voted on and passed. President Elmon Randolph added words to encourage us to be careful of the many motorcycle myths.
4. Super Bowl Sunday Ride to the newly opened Cabela's Store in Gonzales. Nice ride – weather and food were good but only 5 went for the ride.

DEALER'S REPORT

Hebert's – Nothing to report right now

Vespa of NO – Some clothing and helmets are up to 40% off.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Motorcycle races @ No Problem Race Park in Belle Rose – Sunday, February 10th**
2. **Club lunch Ride to Thibodaux on Sunday, February 10th. Leave from the west bank (south) bridge park at I-310 and Hwy. 18 in Luling at 11:30 a.m.**
3. **Many members will be attending Daytona Bike week – Feb29 – Mar. 9th. The monthly meeting for March will be moved to Wednesday, March 12th.**

MOA AMBASSADOR’S REPORT (Lyle Grimes/Ken O’Malley)

Lyle Grimes mentioned that the RA Election is now. See the February issue of On The Level for info. All RA members should vote.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION

Jackie Graff reported that she recently visited with former members Ed and Margie Barringer. They looked good and seemed to be doing well.

Rick Borja announced that as a member of CMA he does hospital and prison visitations. Please let him know if you need him to visit someone.

Paul Vegas is in the process of doing research for another Boudin ride.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Jannie Markey and Adam Graff each won a multi-tool and a set of binoculars. Alden Bienvenu won one small and one larger multi-tool. Peggy Bienvenu won a copy of the movie, Ghost Rider. Jackie Graff won the 50/50 pot of \$7.00.

ADJOURNMENT

By motion made by Bob Vaughn and seconded by Rick Borja, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Members Present at the February 6, 2008 Meeting

PAUL ANDRY, WAYNE BARRIOS, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, RICK BORJA, LARRY COOK, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT, FRED DESMITH, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, LYLE GRIMES, JULIAN KELLY, BERNARD LOUSTEAU, CELESTE LOUSTEAU, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, JOHN O’MALLEY, CHARLES O’MALLEY, LINDA O’MALLEY, KEN O’MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, ELMON RANDOLPH, FELIX RIVERO, BOB VAUGHN, PAUL VEGAS.

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 29