

Gulf South BMW Owners Club
Minutes of April 4, 2007 Meeting

President Roy Dausat opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA.

Joe Trippodo then introduced and welcomed guest Rita O'Malley.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Debbie Randolph reported a club balance of \$610.82. (This was after all receipts/expenses from the crawfish boil and plaque expenses.)

MINUTES

A Motion to approve the March minutes was made by Rick Borja, seconded by Paul Vegas, and unanimously approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Jackie Graff reported on the Crawfish Boil. She stated that it was a huge success, with 35 people in attendance and plenty of crawfish. Jackie thanked everyone who helped. A special thanks went to Larry and Paddy Cook for hosting the event and to the Committee (Jackie, Adam, Peggy, and Charlie) for coordinating and planning the function.

Joe Trippodo reported that the Generic Business Card is coming along. He has someone working on the graphic design.

Jannie Markey presented the Annual Mileage Awards as follows: Women's First Place - Peggy Bienvenu (10,103 miles), Second Place - Julie Dausat (4,038 miles), and Third Place - Betty Vegas (2,120 miles). Men's First Place - Lyle Grimes (45,018 miles), Second Place - Ken O'Malley (32,890 miles), and Third Place - Alden Bienvenu (21,726 miles). The Average Rider Of Accumulated Miles Award went to Peggy Bienvenu (10,059 miles). There were 21 participants totaling 211,249 miles for the Club.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

DEALER REPORT

Last month Roy mentioned that Corey Bech was back at Hebert Cycles but wasn't sure what position he held. We have since learned that he is the Service Manager.

Hebert has sold two more police bikes. Hebert is sponsoring a 30-minute program called "Rides in Louisiana" on Channel 4 (basic cable) on Thursday at 8 p.m. Hebert is taking bookings for service work only, no warranty work. They will be offering a special on oil changes now through August 30 for Club members and are asking for suggestions on how much to charge. Lastly, check their website for "open house" in

May which will include a swap meet and crawfish boil.

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

Ken O'Malley reported on the BMW International Rally on July 12-15 in West Bend, Wisconsin. Pre-registration is now open. More information can be obtained on the web. There will be a track day at Road America. The MOA Mileage Contest starts on April 14. Registration forms can be brought to the MS Rally for signing by any MOA officer. Election for MOA President, Secretary, and a couple of Director positions is upcoming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) April 8 – Blessing of the Bikes at 2 p.m. at Lake Town (CMA will supply drinks and help with the blessings)
- 2) April 15 - Biker Sunday at 1 p.m. –blessing of bikes and free food and drinks
- 3) April 13-15 - The Dogwood Trail Rally will be held at Askew's Landing near Vicksburg, MS (Our very own Paul Vegas will be cooking up pancakes for breakfast)
- 4) April 21 – Earth Day 2007 Celebration and “Ride the Rim” Kickoff near Audubon Park
- 5) April 29 – Kickoff of MC Safety Awareness Month –Ride to the Capitol
- 6) May 4 – 6 - 17th GA Mountain Rally (Bald Mt. Campground, Hiawassee)
- 7) May 6 – “Run for the Son” CMA Ride to Kentwood for BBQ
- 8) June 7 – 10 - RA Rally (Biltmore Estates in Ashville, NC)
- 9) June 22 - 24 - The MO State BMW Rally will be held in Crane, MO
- 10) July 12 – 15 BMW MOA Annual International Rally in West Bend, WI
- 11) July 19 – 21 - Cascade Mountain Rendezvous in Washington State

OTHER RIDES OR RALLIES REPORT

- 1) Roy reported on the ride to Old River Steakhouse on March 18. There were 7 people, 4 bikes, and 1 car. The ride was good and so was the food.
- 2) Alden reported on the No Problem Raceway races on March 18. It was \$5/person. A few of our members attended and had a great day.
- 3) Paul Vegas reported on he and Betty's New Zealand trip and showed a slide show. He said 3 weeks to a month is needed to see the island. The food

was good and they had a great time.

RIDE SUGGESTIONS

- 1) Ken O'Malley will be leading a ride to Peavine Snack Shack. He will be leaving about noon from the Loyola Tourist Information Center (I-10 and Loyola). They accept cash only.
- 2) Peggy suggested a possible day ride to Askew's Landing to the Rally
- 3) Rick Borja mentioned a ride to Boudreaux and Thibodeaux's (Houma) in mid-summer
- 4) Victor Labat volunteered to lead a ride to the Silver Slipper Casino in Waveland. He will report back on the details next month.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION

Joe mentioned that Chuck House had a R71 for sale for \$9,000.

Jim Markey announced that the Moto Guzzi dealership in Baton Rouge will be having an open house at the end of May. He stated there will be some good sales.

Victor Labat made a suggestion that the Club take a proactive role in the New Orleans rebuilding effort to recommend to the Redevelopment Authority or City Council that they include bike paths and parking in their planning process.

Suggestions were made to contact other motorcycle clubs in the area as well as the Vespa dealership to make this a joint effort. Victor will draft something for us to present to the Authority or Council.

Jannie Markey reminded club members to participate in the Ride to the Capitol on April 29. Rick Borja extended an invitation to ride with a group to the Capitol. They will be leaving from the Loyola Tourist Center at 9:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be held on May 2nd.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Peggy Bienvenu won the 2-piece plier set, Jackie Graff won the ratchet driver bit set, Kirk Ham won the quick connect adapter and Celeste Lousteau won the black leather gloves (donated by Rita O'Malley). The 50/50 pot of \$12 was won by Rick Borja.

ADJOURNMENT

By motion made by Peggy Bienvenu and seconded by Ken O'Malley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Members Present at the April 4, 2007 Meeting

PAUL ANDRY, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, RICK BORJA, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT, BOB FROBOESE, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE, KIRK HAM, BRIAN JOHNSON, VICTOR LABAT, BERNARD LOUSTEAU, CELESTE LOUSTEAU, WAYNE LYONS, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, KEN O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, ELMON RANDOLPH, JOE TRIPPODO, BOB VAUGHN, PAUL VEGAS, AND BO WALKER

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 27
