

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

April 2,2008 Meeting

President Elmon Randolph opened the meeting at 7:17 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He welcomed members and guests for the evening: Rita O'Malley and Alexis Hatzgionidis.

TREASURER'S REPORT Debra Randolph reported a club balance of \$673.15.

MINUTES A motion to approve the March meeting minutes was made by Jackie Graff and seconded by Rick Borja. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CLUB PICNIC - Adam Graff reported that the club picnic will be held on Sunday, April 13 at Adam & Jackie Graff's camp, 5056 Elbrus, Bay St. Louis, MS. He had copies of directions and a map and said that they have also been posted on the website. The club will handle getting hamburgers and drinks. Members are asked to sign the list to bring a dessert or a side item. The starting time will be 11:00 a.m.

2. Louisiana Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Committee - Jannie Markey, as a member of this committee, reported that bills #83 and #9 have been introduced in the current legislative session. These bills are to repeal the current helmet law. She encouraged members to write or email local senators and representatives to voice opinions about these bills. She also mentioned the motorcycle rally on the steps of the state capitol in Baton Rouge. This event is scheduled for April 27th this year. It is a major event to kick off "Motorcycle Awareness Month" in May.

3. MILEAGE CONTEST - Randy presented the first place trophy for 2007 high mileage to Lyle Grimes since he was not at last month's meeting. He had 46,621 miles.

DEALER'S REPORT

Hebert's - No report.

Triumph/Vespa of NO - President Randolph reminded members of the Triumph

Fashion Show on Thursday, April 17th at the Republic on S. Peters St. He also said that the local RAT club will have a breakfast ride ending at the dealership on April 26th. This will be on the day of their open house. They have a good stock of helmets and jackets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Dogwood Trails Rally - April 4-6 - Askews Landing,MS
2. Gulf South Spring Picnic - April 13th
3. **AMA Superbike Races - April 18-20 - Barber's Motorsports Park**

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4. "Harley For Horses" Benefit Motorcycle Run - April 20 - Registration 9:00-11:00 St. John Parish Community Center, Hwy 51, Laplace,LA.

5. Motorcycle Swap Meet - April 26 - 10:00 to 6:00, at Affordable Leather Co., 1000 West Dr., Westwego,LA.

6. Kick off Rally for Motorcycle Awareness Month - April 27 - Noon, Steps of the State Capitol.

MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT (Lyle Grimes/Ken O'Malley) Lyle said that BMWMOA elections are coming up. He urged members to find the ballot in the latest edition of the MOA magazine and vote. He also mentioned that the mileage contest form is in this month's issue. It begins on April 12th. Ken O'Malley mentioned that pre-registration for the MOA national rally in Gillette,WY is now open. He also said that the results of the 2007 mileage contest were listed. Many members may remember Carol Taub. She finished first in the female division.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION : Elmon Randolph entered his Triumph in the British Car Club car show on March 29. He took second place. Paul Vegas is still working on a boudin run ride. Ken O'Malley talked about his **plans for traveling this spring to Scotland and this summer to quite a few rallies in the U.S.**

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50 : Peggy Bienvenu won a motorcycle alarm clock. Maury Guillot won a model of a BMW LT. Brent Herold won some colored cable ties. Bob Froboese won a BMW Boxer race poster. Jannie Markey won the 50/50 pot of \$17.00.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Adam Graff and seconded by Ken O'Malley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Members Present at the April 2, 2008 Meeting

**JIM BATES, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS,
RICK BORJA, LARRY COOK, BOB FROBOESE, ADAM GRAFF,
JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE, LYLE GRIMES,
MAURY GUILLOT, NICK HATZGIONIDIS, BRENT HEROLD,
BRIAN JOHNSON, JULIAN KELLY, BERNARD LOUSTEAU,
CELESTE LOUSTEAU, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY,
CHARLES O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH,
ELMON RANDOLPH, FELIX RIVERO, PAUL VEGAS**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 29
