

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

April 1, 2009 Meeting

Vice-president Joe Trippodo opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He welcomed members and introduced guests, Rita O'Malley, Greg Beck and Dennis Thornburg. Joe reminded members that President Rob Ritchie would not return as club president. Rob will probably move to Birmingham. Vice-president Trippodo also mentioned that there is an 80% chance that he will be moving to Germany in mid-May so it is very likely that we will be looking for a new president at the May meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Adam Graff reported a balance of \$1094.11. He said that \$91.56 was spent on mileage awards and \$101.82 on the club picnic. Elmon Randolph motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Charlie O'Malley made a motion to second. The treasurer's report was approved.

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

MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: Lyle Grimes said that he will be attending the Mississippi rally this weekend and he guarantees a cup of coffee for you if you stop by to see him. Ken O'Malley reported on his recent trip to Belize. It was his first visit there. It was a short but nice trip in that country. The people are bilingual (English and Spanish) and there is lots of good fishing and snorkeling. Ken also went to the rally in the Florida Keys after Daytona bike week. It was also a good trip.

RIDES/RALLIES/COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Alden Bienvenu mentioned a few upcoming events - Road Atlanta Superbike Races and Dogwood Trails Mississippi Club Rally are this weekend. The Transportation Revolution (Triumph, Ducati, Vespa dealer) will have Ducati test rides on Saturday, April 4th from 10-4.

Mike Borchers announced that Vespa of Baton Rouge will have an open house on April 25th. (Check website for details).

Joe Trippodo reported on his recent trip to Dallas for the Rockers vs Mods rally.

He had a great time! It took them almost 12 hours to get there. They stopped often. He said there was lots of vintage stuff, modern classic bikes. And for some reason, lots of R bikes. Joe also told of a problem he's having with the Remus header pipe on his bike. It cracked. USA Remus did not honor the warranty since he bought it in England. But he has had to send it back to England where they are going to honor their warranty.

Elmon Randolph said that he went to Transportation Revolution last weekend for the Triumph Thunderbird introduction. He mentioned that their retail sales have dropped off because of the economy. Hopefully they will pick back up in the summer months.

Jackie Graff reported on the recent club picnic at her camp in Bay St. Louis, MS. It was well attended (about 30 people). The weather was near perfect...not as windy as last year! There was lots of good food - hamburgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken. Members brought lots of good chips, dip, salsa and brownies!

Alden Bienvenu announced that this Sunday is the first New Orleans Ironman Triathlon. They are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help with monitoring the course, etc.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: The door prize of an R1200C model was won by guest Greg Beck. Debra Randolph and John O'Malley won flashlights. Veronica Gregoire won the 50/50 of \$10.00.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Elmon Randolph and seconded by Adam Graff, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Members Present at the APRIL 1, 2009 Meeting

**ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS,
ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE,
LYLE GRIMES, NICK HATZGIONIDIS, BRENT HEROLD, AMY HEROLD,
SEAN HUGHES, BRIAN JOHNSON, THOMAS MCKELVEY, BOB MERRELL,
CHARLES O'MALLEY, JOHN O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY,
ELMON RANDOLPH, DEBRA RANDOLPH,
CHRIS STRUPPECK, JOE TRIPPODO**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 25
