

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

April 7, 2010 Meeting

President Bob Vaughan opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. at The Italian Pie on Veterans Blvd. in Metairie, LA. Vice President Charlie O'Malley introduced guests: Veronica Gregoire, Rita O'Malley and Michael Johnston, the Chartered Clubs Coordinator of BMW RA.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Beginning balance 2/24/10 -	\$1222.55
	Cash received: Membership renewals	150.00
		50/50 20.50
	Expenditures : Gift Cert (Zea's) for Door Prize	\$10.00
	New Balance	\$1383.05

Treasurer Julie Dauzat also reported that as of this meeting, there are 46 paid memberships for 2010. Jackie Graff made a suggestion that the treasurer contact the ten members who have not yet renewed membership for 2010.

MINUTES: A motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was made by Adam Graff and seconded by Julian Kelly. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

GUEST: Michael Johnston, the Chartered Clubs Coordinator of BMW RA, came to collect a check for Gulf South to renew their RA charter. He told members about the RA rally to be held in late July in Vermont. He asked if any members had questions and told us that RA is currently going through some changes.

REPORTS ON RIDES/RALLIES:

- A ride to Hattiesburg Cycles was led by Wayne Barrios. Seventeen people attended (on 16 bikes). All had a good time. Members were able to test-drive the Can Am Spider. Most were unimpressed. Members were also treated to some excellent BBQ provided by the Mississippi club.

- Alden Bienvenu reported that he and Bob Vaughan recently took a ride down to Venice, LA. They had some excellent, very fresh shrimp at The Venice Marina Restaurant.

UPCOMING RIDES/RALLIES:

- The Mississippi Rally is this weekend. The weather should be nice.
- The Club picnic will be on Saturday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m. @ the camp of Adam and Jackie Graff in Waveland, MS. This will be a crawfish boil. A deposit of \$5.00 per person is required as a reservation. The club will also provide hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. An email will be sent as a reminder and with directions. Peggy Bienvenu will lead the organization committee.
- The Ironman 70.3 Triathlon is on April 18th. Ten members have been asked to help transport race officials and media personnel.
- The North Georgia Rally is to be held April 30 - May 2.
- The BMW MOA national rally will be in Oregon on July 15 - 18.

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: Ken O'Malley is planning a club ride to the LSU Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge. The info is on the website. Members should meet on Saturday, May 8th at 10:45 in Ponchatoula for a short ride to The Cabin in Sorrento for lunch. The group will continue to the museum off of Essen Lane in Baton Rouge. The MOA mileage contest is underway. The form is in the April issue of BMW ON magazine. There is also an article about Dave Switzer in that issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Roy Dauzat has a new 2010 650 GS twin. He says that it is a good bike. It has good power. He also mentioned that Hebert's discounted the bike and helped him to add accessories. Cory Bech is a certified BMW master mechanic. Club members do get 10% off on parts and accessories.
- Alden Bienvenu went to Transportation Revolution to hear a presentation on the planned NOLA Motor sports Park. Track designer Alan Wilson talked about the design of the two 2.4 mile connecting tracks. There are to be 14 acres of paddock area. The plan is to have it paved by November.
- The "Tail of the Dragon" is shut down until July 31st.
- Brian Johnson asked if any members might be interested in attending a Zephyr's game as a group. He will look in to that and provide info.
- The May meeting will be held on the north shore at Louisiana Grill.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Julian Kelly won the 50/50 of \$14.50. Door prizes were won by:

Roy Dauzat - a BMW RA hat

Ken Gregoire - Do Rag helmet liner

Adam Graff - camping towel

Bob Vaughan - Can of clear coat for cleaning plastic

Brent Herold - sunglasses

Amy Herold - \$10 Italian Pie gift certificate

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Alden Bienvenu and seconded by Ken O'Malley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Members Present at the April 7th, 2010 Meeting

**LUCAS BARRIOS, WAYNE BARRIOS, ALDEN BIENVENU,
PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, JULIE DAUZAT,
ROY DAUZAT, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE,
AMY HEROLD, BRENT HEROLD, BRIAN JOHNSON, JULIAN KELLY,
CHARLIE O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY, DENNIS THORNBURG,
JOAN VAUGHAN, BOB VAUGHAN, BETTY VEGAS, PAUL VEGAS,**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 24