

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

August 4, 2010 Meeting

President Bob Vaughan opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. at Rotolo's Pizzeria on Veterans Blvd. in Metairie. Vice-president Charlie O'Malley introduced guests: Skip Harrison, Rita O'Malley, Debra Randolph, Jimmy Whitehead, Andy Rispone and Richie Gauthier.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Beginning balance 7/7/10 -	\$720.43
	<u>Cash received: 50/50 (7/7) :</u>	14.00
	<u>Expenditures :</u>	N/A
	New Balance	\$734.43

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Vaughan said that a small group did check out the Mexican restaurant on Williams Blvd. in Kenner as a possible meeting place. Traffic in the area at 6 - 7 p.m. is very heavy and the restaurant is not very easy to get to.

REPORTS ON RIDES/RALLIES:

- Charlie O'Malley reported on his trip to the national rally in Redmond, OR. On the second day out, he was driving in some light rain and hit some glazed highway where the asphalt melts and the tar comes to the top. He went down and sustained \$3000 damage to his bike. Good gear helped as he sustained at worst a cracked rib. He did not make it to the rally.

- Ken O'Malley reported that on his way home from the national rally, his old bike (GS) broke. It was the rear drive. He was 50 miles from Laramie, WY where he contacted someone from the MOA Anonymous book to help. He and Rita spent the night at a lovely vintage hotel, The Elk Mountain Hotel. He traded the old GS in for an F800GS and came home.

- **Brian Johnson went to the Lunatic Fringe rally in Alberta, Canada. He said it was fun.** It took him four days to get there. He went to Banff and Lake Louise on the way. Next, he went to the national rally in Redmond, OR and then to the rally in Paonia, CO. There were about 750 people at that rally.

- Roy and Julie Dausat also went to the national rally. They loaded the bikes into a trailer and stayed in the town of Sisters, OR about 20 miles from the rally site. After the rally they took the bikes on HWY 20 over the Cascades. They rode along the OR/WA coast. There was some fog and mist. They stayed in Port Angeles, WA and took the ferry in to Canada. They traveled inland to return home. It was a great trip!

- Alden Bienvenu also went to the national rally. He reported on his stay in Pinedale, WY - Home to the Mountain Man Museum. He had a tire changed at the BMW dealer in Boise, ID - Big Twin Cycle Center. He said that the rally was very well attended and that there were lots of vendors. It was cold at night - in the 30's. But warm during the day with only 8 % humidity. Brian Johnson added that he suffered from dehydration and sought medical attention.

UPCOMING RIDES/RALLIES:

- There will be no club ride this month.

BATON ROUGE BMW - HEBERT CYCLES: Jim Whitehead is back as general manager. He said that he is glad to be back there. He sees a bright future but it will take time to see growth in the shop. He said, "The motorcycle business should be fun!" He wants to do lunch on Saturdays. He is going to try to be more competitive with Internet prices on tires. He would like input from Gulf South members and passed out a questionnaire. Owner Andy Rispono said that he is glad to have Jim back and he is happy with the recent hiring of Richie Gauthier as parts manager. Andy also spoke of his recent trip off road on the Great Continental Divide Ride from Roosville, MT to Mexico on a DR 650. It sounded very exciting and even dangerous at times!

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: Ken O'Malley asked that we please remember Lyle Grimes on the first anniversary of his death on August 10th. He also told us that member, Bob Froboese had neck surgery yesterday. He should be home in a day or two. A card will be sent to him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Debbie and Randy Randolph are in town for a week or so. He mentioned that the WWII museum would be breaking ground on a new building.
- **President Vaughan would like to see the club do an overnight ride to Pensacola and the NAS there some time in September or October. Any volunteers to set this up?**
- He'd also like a volunteer to set up a trip to the WWII museum in New Orleans. Randy Randolph volunteered to do this on October 16th.
- Lucas Barrios warned that there are traffic cameras on I-610 from the Canal Blvd exit to the St. Bernard exit.
- The September meeting will be on the north shore at The Abita Brew Pub.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Jimmy Whitehead won the 50/50 of \$14.00. Door prizes were won by:

Roy Dausat - a water bottle

Jimmy Whitehead - a water bottle

Joan Vaughan - a wheel lock

Peggy Bienvenu - a \$25.00 gift card donated by member, Bruce Conlay.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Roy Dausat and seconded by Ken O'Malley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Members Present at the August 4, 2010 Meeting

**LUCAS BARRIOS, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,
MICHAEL BORCHERS, ROY DAUZAT, JU:IE DAUZAT,
ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, BRENT HEROLD,
AMY HEROLD, ERIC LOWE, BRIAN JOHNSON,
KEN O'MALLEY, CHARLIE O'MALLEY, ELMON RANDOLPH,
JOAN VAUGHAN, BOB VAUGHAN**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 23