

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club
Minutes of February 7, 2007 Meeting**

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

Vice President Joe Trippodo introduced and welcomed guests Cheryl Larmen and Rita O'Malley.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Randolph reported a club balance of \$1,042.70.

MINUTES: Peggy Bienvenu asked for corrections to the January Minutes where references were made to Paul Bankston who was not in attendance. The correct name should have been Paul Andry who was in attendance. A Motion was then made by Jannie Markey and seconded by Jackie Graff to approve the January minutes as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS: Roy reminded everyone again that 2007 dues are now due and that Membership Applications still need to be updated. He also reminded us that the deadline for turning in mileage for the Annual Rider Mileage Contest is this meeting tonight.

NEW BUSINESS: : Roy and Joe presented awards to the 2006 Officers in appreciation for services. Plaques were given to Jannie Markey, Ken Gregoire, Debbie Randolph, and Alden Bienvenu. (Maury Guillot was not in attendance so he will receive his at a later date.) We then discussed this year's annual picnic. Roy asked whether we wanted to have a picnic or a crawfish boil. He advised that Larry and Paddy Cook volunteered to have a crawfish boil at their home if the club would pay for the crawfish. The consensus seemed to be for a crawfish boil. A Committee was appointed to oversee the details of the event. Members of the committee are Jackie and Adam Graff, Charlie O'Malley, and Peggy Bienvenu. Jim Markey suggested that we charge \$5 per person to help offset the expense to the club and to guarantee reservations.

DEALER REPORT: Per Clark King, Sales Manager at Hebert Cycles, they are having a Pre-booking special in March--\$35 off any service pre-booked. Clark said they are fully staffed with mechanics now. The new mechanics are Ben, who is certified by BMW and H/D, and Ryan, who is certified by BMW and several Japanese manufacturers. He also asked that anyone wanting to purchase tires should give them two days to a week's notice to be sure material is received and ready for installation. Clark also said that BMW has a special deal on select '06 models in stock. The deal is 120 days before the first payment is due and BMW will make the first three payments. This special ends February 28.

MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT (Lyle Grimes/Ken O'Malley):
Lyle reviewed several features in the latest issue of the MOA magazine.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mardi Gras -- For parade goers, Joe Trippodo offered parking in his back yard (on Camp Street) and restroom accommodations. Rick Borja advised that the CMA will have their trailer set up on Severn across from Breaux Mart. They will be giving free water and coffee Friday through Monday evening before Mardi Gras and on Mardi Gras Day there will be free hot dogs, snacks, coffee, and water.

Daytona Bike Week -- March 4-11 Glen Romero mentioned that he and friends have room in trailers for any motorcycles that need to be trailered back.

CMA Run for the Son Fundraiser -- First weekend in May

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OTHER RIDES OR RALLIES REPORT:

Val's Marina Ride (Jan. 14) – Roy reported there were 14 bikes, 2 cars, 21 people. The food was good.

Super Bowl Ride (Feb. 4) – Ken reported there were 23 people, 4 or 5 cars, good food, good weather and pictures on the website. The topic of a “catfish challenge” was proposed by Ken.

RIDE SUGGESTIONS:

Roy suggested the Brandon House Restaurant in Columbia possibly for February 11. He advised all that it would be posted on the web page if it could be arranged. Joe suggested a possible ride to Red Bluffs in Mississippi.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION:

There was discussion regarding other alternatives to Progressive Insurance such as AIG, GMAC, and Foremost (through AARP).

Adam Graff reported there was a BMW dealer-only meeting in New Orleans recently. He was made aware that BMW Motor Rad is in the process of upgrading the Hebert dealership.

Joe Trippodo reported some very attractive pricing on Joe Rocket products from Extreme Sportswear

Roy reported the next meeting date is March 14 (second Wednesday) due to Daytona Week.

DOOR PRIZES: Charlie O'Malley won the adjustable wrench, Celeste Lousteau won the magnetic tip holder and tips, and Ken Gregoire won the swizzle sticks. Congrats folks!

50/50: Jannie Markey won \$17 cash. Way to go!

ADJOURNMENT: By motion made by Jackie Graff and seconded by Peggy Bienvenu, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Members Present at the February 7, 2007 Meeting

PAUL BANKSTON, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, RICHARD BORJA, BRUCE CONLAY, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT, FRED DESMITH, BOB FROBOESE, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE, LYLE GRIMES, BRIAN JOHNSON, VICTOR LABAT, BERNARD LOUSTEAU, CELESTE LOUSTEAU, ERIC LOWE, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, CHARLES O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY, LINDA O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, ELMON RANDOLPH, GLEN ROMERO, JOE TRIPPODO, AND BOB VAUGHN

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 32