

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes
July 1, 2009 Meeting**

Secretary Peggy Bienvenu opened the meeting at 7:25 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Adam Graff reported a balance of \$1172.11.

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

ELECTION: Bob Vaughn volunteered to be President. An election was held for the office of Vice-president. Both Brent Herold and Brian Johnson volunteered to hold that position. By show of hands, Brian Johnson was elected.

President Bob Vaughn took over the meeting. He said that he appreciates this opportunity to help the club. He asked for members to share info on recent trips.

- Ken O'Malley - He and Rita just returned from a 5-week trip to England, France and Germany. They were able to go to Normandy and Verdun. He said this was an incredible experience. He and Rita stayed mostly in hostels and B & B's. The Pyrenees was a good ride. They toured the Black Forest region of Germany. Gasoline was priced as high as \$8.00/gal.
- Alden Bienvenu spoke about his recent trip to California with Bob Vaughn. They went to Ojai, Ca to have bike seats adjusted at Bill Mayer's. They camped a couple of nights in the Grand Canyon. They were also able to visit with former members Mike and Vicki Bacon, who live in Pasadena, CA.
- Bob Vaughn reported on his recent trip to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. He put about 13,600 miles on his bike in 6 weeks. He spoke about the weather (some snow, 30 - 50 degree temps) and the road conditions (especially in Alaska - working on the highway, packed but in some areas very slippery.).

BMW MOA National Rally - Johnson City, TN in July. Quite a few members plan to attend.

Lyle Grimes announced that the LA Swamp Scooter Rally will be held the weekend of November 13-15, 2009. It will be held at the same campground as last year.

President Vaughn mentioned that he will look into possibly holding a monthly meeting on the north shore every now and again. He will check into it and provide details and info. Next month's meeting will be held at the Italian Pie. Bob also asked how members felt about having an overnight ride/trip. Members were enthusiastic. Some ideas were to go to Natchez MS, Tupelo MS, Orange TX and Natchitoches LA. Rick Borja shared some information about some things we might do if we go to Natchitoches. Ken Gregoire shared some info on staying in Tupelo.

Alden Bienvenu reported on a recent incident with a valve stem. He used to never change valve stems when he changed tires. But he has heard numerous accounts of them failing...as have other members. So he advised members to change them more frequently.

Roy Dauzat gave a report on Hebert Cycles. They have new t-shirts. If members book service in advance, they will receive a 10% discount. A membership list will be sent to them. They have some new bikes in stock and offer consignment for help selling your old bike.

Nick Hatzgionidis said that this would be his last meeting for a while as he is going to Afghanistan.

Former Vice-president Joe Trippodo will be leaving for Germany in the next day or so.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Guest Gary Waguespack won the 50/50 of \$15.00.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Ken O'Malley and seconded by Paul Vegas, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Members Present at the July 1, 2009 Meeting

**ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS,
RICK BORJA, ROY DAUZAT, JULIE DAUZAT, ADAM GRAFF,
JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, LYLE GRIMES,
NICK HATZGIONIDIS, JIM MARKEY, KEN O'MALLEY,
ELMON RANDOLPH, DEBRA RANDOLPH,
BOB VAUGHN, BETTY VEGAS, PAUL VEGAS**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 25