

## Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

July 7, 2010 Meeting

President Bob Vaughan opened the meeting at 7:18 p.m. at Abita Brew Pub on Holly Street in downtown Abita Springs. Vice-president Charlie O'Malley introduced guests: Brian & Joy Turner, David Gutowski, Skip & Karen Harrison, Eric Gaffney, Cheryl Larmeu, Nina DeSmith, Brian & Loretta Richards. Guest Eric Gaffney took a few minutes to introduce himself and his business, Batteries Unlimited. He sells sealed motorcycle batteries (as well as almost any other type of battery). He will deliver and install and his prices are very reasonable. He was at the meeting to deliver a battery to a club member. The Richards are guests of Skip and Karen Harrison. They are traveling from Ohio on their Gold Wing. They already have attended the Wing Ding rally in Des Moines and will go to Augusta before heading back home. The Turners also ride a Gold Wing. They are from Ontario, Canada. They are headed west and then back home to Canada.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Beginning balance 6/2/10 -	\$709.43
	<u>Cash received: 50/50</u>	11.00
	<u>Expenditures :</u>	N/A
	<b>New Balance</b>	<b>\$720.43</b>

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

NEW BUSINESS: President Vaughan asked if anyone had any new business or any new bikes. It was mentioned that there is a nice article about Hebert Cycles in the latest issue of the BMW Owners News.

- President Vaughan led a very good discussion on the importance of staying hydrated while riding during the hot summer months. He asked members to share ideas on how they keep cool. Many members use Camelbak systems. Bob suggested a cooling vest. He uses one from Colorado Cool Wear. Members shared more on what they use. Some even gave reports on how the heat has impacted them on trips. It was a great and timely discussion!

## REPORTS ON RIDES/RALLIES:

- Alden Bienvenu reported on his recent trip to the Iowa Rally. He said that it was a really neat rally. There were only about 250 participants. This was probably due to the fact that there was a lot of rain in Iowa at that time. The rally fee included food and free beer.

## UPCOMING RIDES/RALLIES:

- There will be no club ride this month. Many members are going to the national rally.

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: No report since Ken O'Malley is on his way to the MOA National rally.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wayne Barrios is moving to Cleveland, G A. This is about 10 miles from Helen,GA. He hopes to move within the next 2 - 3 weeks.

- **President Vaughan said that he had spoken to Greg Beck. He is in Wyoming and the temps are in the 40's and 50's.**

- Next month's meeting will be at the Rotolo's Pizzeria on the south shore. A member suggested another restaurant, Casa Tequila, on Williams Blvd in Kenner. But no one has been to check it out yet.

- President Vaughan reminded members that he would not seek re-election as president next year.

- Jackie Graff made a motion that if possible, the next north shore meeting be held at Abita Brew Pub again. There was unanimous agreement.

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

Bob Merrell - a Coleman waterproof bag

Celeste Lousteau - a tube of anti-seize lubricant

**Cheryl Larmeu - a glow-in-the-dark koozie**

Brian Richards - a Coleman mesh laundry bag

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Jannie Markey and seconded by Alden Bienvenu, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51.

**Members Present at the July 7, 2010 Meeting**

**WAYNE BARRIOS, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,  
MICHAEL BORCHERS, ROY DAUZAT, FRED DESMITH,  
ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, BERNARD LOUSTEAU,  
CELESTE LOUSTEAU, ERIC LOWE, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY,  
BOB MERRELL, CHRIS STRUPPECK - MERRELL, CHARLIE O'MALLEY,  
JOAN VAUGHAN, BOB VAUGHAN**

**Total number of attendees, members and guests: 28**