

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club  
Minutes of May 2, 2007 Meeting**

President Roy Dausat opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. Joe Trippodo then introduced and welcomed guest Chad Cogan. (Paul Napolitano came in after the meeting began.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Debbie Randolph reported a club balance of \$683.82.

**MINUTES**

A Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Paul Vegas, seconded by Ken Gregoire, and approved as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Joe Trippodo stated there was nothing new to report on the Generic Business Card.

Jannie Markey presented the Men's First Place Mileage Award (45,018 miles) to Lyle Grimes since he was not at the April meeting.

Victor Labat reported no new developments on the Recommendations to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority.

Roy brought up the possible joint meeting with the MS BMW Club in October again and asked for any suggestions for the location. He and the president of the MS Club discussed Percy Quinn State Park as an option. There were no other suggestions. This could be an overnight camp-out for anyone wishing to do so. Roy will follow up on this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jannie Markey showed a commercial approved by the State intended for motorcycle awareness and asked for input regarding the message it conveyed. The consensus of the membership was that they needed to take a more positive and educational approach rather than the negative implications of motorcyclists' drinking and driving. Jannie is going to take our suggestions back to the Committee on which she serves. Other efforts will be forthcoming regarding motorcycle awareness. Educational brochures was mentioned.

Roy brought up the possibility of changing the June meeting date due to the RA Rally. After some discussion, we agreed to hold the June meeting on June 20 and have no meeting in July due to other rallies and events.

Julie Dausat reported that the Phone Committee is currently calling a total of twenty-five individuals, thirteen of which are not current 2007 members. She suggested calling only 2007 members who do not have email addresses and sending emails to all other current members. This will eliminate calls where emails can be sent and will extend the courtesy to only paid members. The phone list will be updated accordingly. As requested by Jannie, emails will also be sent to spouse members.

### DEALER REPORT

Roy mentioned that Hebert Cycles is holding an Open House on May 19 which will include Louisiana rider interviews, crawfish boil, and a swap meet (for lack of a better term) for those interested in trying to sell a bike for the day with no consignment fee. Jim Markey reported that the Aprilla dealer is having an open house soon and the date will be posted on our website calendar. Mike Borchers mentioned that the Yamaha dealer on Loyola close to the tourist center is now a Victory motorcycle dealer.

### MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT (Lyle Grimes/Ken O'Malley)

Lyle Grimes reminded members that voting for MOA officers is still underway so it is not too late to cast your vote.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) May 4 – 6 17<sup>th</sup> GA Mountain Rally (Bald Mt. Campground, Hiwassee)
- 2) May 6 “Run for the Son” CMA Ride to Kentwood for BBQ
- 3) May 12 Blue Knights sponsoring an event at No Problem Raceway
- 4) May 24- 27 Great Chicken Rally (Huntsville, AL)
- 5) June 7 – 10 RA Rally (Biltmore Estates in Ashville, NC)
- 6) June 22 – 24 The MO State BMW Rally will be held in Crane, MO
- 7) July 12 – 15 BMW MOA Annual International Rally in West Bend, WI
- 8) July 19 – 21 35<sup>th</sup> Top o' the Rockies Rally (City Park in Paonia, CO)
- 8) July 26 – 29 Cascade Country Rendezvous in Washington State

### OTHER RIDES OR RALLIES REPORT

- 1) Roy reported on the Dogwood Rally near Vicksburg (April 13–15). We had several members in attendance. The “iffy” weather did not stop anyone from having a good time.
- 2) Peggy Bienvenu reported on the “Ride the Rim” Kickoff on April 21. She stated that attendance was low.
- 3) Peggy mentioned that Ken O'Malley has an article on the website on his ride to Peavine Snack Shack on April 22.
- 4) Jannie reported that the Kickoff for MC Awareness Month at the Capitol on April 29 had more people in attendance than last year.
- 5) Jim Markey mentioned the Super Bike Races in Birmingham at Barber Raceway the weekend of April 22. It was a good time where you could actually talk to the drivers and the museum is a great place to visit.

### RIDE SUGGESTIONS

There were no other ride suggestions this month.

### COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION

Joe Trippodo mentioned he recently went to Russia where he saw plenty of bikes, and he also went to Colorado Springs last weekend and rode near Pikes Peak on a rented Harley for \$79/day and had a great time.

Victor Labat mentioned that he has a bike trailer now and offered its use to anyone in need.

Our NEXT MEETING will be held on JUNE 20. THERE WILL BE NO JULY MEETING.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Jannie Markey won the driver set, Jim Markey won the screwdriver set, Randy Randolph won the vice grip pliers and Bob Froboese won the porcelain frog.

Alden Bienvenu won the 50/50 pot of \$12.

ADJOURNMENT

By motion made by Joe Trippodo and seconded by Ken Gregoire, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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**Members Present at the April 4, 2007 Meeting**

**ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, RICK BORJA, BRUCE CONLAY, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT, BOB FROBOESE, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE, LYLE GRIMES, MAURY GUILLOT, VICTOR LABAT, BERNARD LOUSTEAU, CELESTE LOUSTEAU, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, CHARLIE O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, ELMON RANDOLPH, GLEN ROMERO, JOE TRIPPODO, AND PAUL VEGAS**

**Total number of attendees, members and guests: 25**