

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club  
Minutes of March 14, 2007 Meeting**

President Roy Dausat opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He then introduced and welcomed guests Cheryl Larmen, Mal Theriot, and Bo Walker.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Debbie Randolph reported a club balance of \$1,072.70.

**MINUTES**

A correction to the minutes was requested by Adam Graff with reference to his reporting that BMW Motor Rad is in the process of upgrading the Hebert dealership. Reference should be that they are in the process of reviewing problems with the dealership. A Motion was then made by Alden Bienvenu and and seconded by Peggy Bienvenu to approve the February minutes as corrected.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Maury Guillot was presented his plaque in appreciation for his service as Vice President in 2006.

After a report by Jackie Graff detailing the Committee recommendation for the upcoming Crawfish Boil, the following was agreed upon by the membership:

Time: 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.  
Place: Larry and Paddy Cook's house in Slidell  
Cost: Member and one guest - \$5 each. Additional guests will be \$10 each.

The \$5 per person charge (\$10 additional guests) will be required in advance to enable the purchase of enough crawfish for everyone and to offset expenses by the Club. To attend, you must pay your money by March 26. Contact Debbie Randolph for payment. . Figuring on 5 lbs/person (\$10/person) for approximately 30 people would total about \$300 (\$2/lb boiled). This does not include the cost of potatoes, corn, etc., which the Committee will ask Paddy to purchase and bring to Southern Boys to throw in the pot. Cold drinks, water, and ice will be provided by the Club. Volunteers are needed to help out, so contact Jackie if interested.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Possible Joint Meeting with MS BMW Club - Roy was contacted by the President of the MS Club regarding a joint meeting. Consensus of the membership was favorable so Roy will follow up on this issue.

Joe Trippodo brought up the possibility of having a generic business card for the Club as a recruiting tool to increase club membership. After some discussion, Alden Bienvenu made a motion that we create a generic card with the Club website and meeting information. The motion was seconded by Jannie Markey and approved. This will allow members to hand them out and print whatever additional information they choose. Joe will purchase blank cardstock and print cards with the generic information. Members wishing to have cards should contact Joe.

**DEALER REPORT**

Hebert Cycles' hours have changed. They are now open 8 am to 6 pm on Tuesday-Friday and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday. Corey Beck is back. They have received their year's allocation of K1200GT's so they are motivated to move them out. They have some new 800 models and 650X Challenges as well as HJC Carbon Fiber helmets. There is a 10% discount on service for Club members (be sure to ask for it).

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

In the absence of Lyle and Ken, Alden Bienvenu reported that the RA Rally will be at the Biltmore Estates in Asheville, North Carolina on June 7-10. There will be camping on grounds, a house and winery tour, and more. Also the MOA Rally will be in West Bend, Wisconsin on July 12-15. There are a few hotels, great camping, bier garden, and a lot of vendors.

Charlie O'Malley reported that according to BMW representatives, they are preparing specific bikes for races.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1) March 16-18 - There will be motorcycle racing at No Problem Raceway in Belle Rose
- 2) March 18 - There will be a ride to Old River Steakhouse. We will be leaving from the Shell Station, north end of the Causeway at 9:30 a.m.
- 3) April 1 weekend - There will be an Advanced Rider Course at No Problem Raceway. The cost is \$375.
- 4) April 13-15 - The Dogwood Trail Rally will be held at Askew's Landing near Vicksburg.
- 5) June 22-24 - The MO State BMW Rally will be held in Crane, MO

**OTHER RIDES OR RALLIES REPORT**

Roy reported on the ride to Ole South Seafood & Country Buffet in Bogalusa on February 18. Eight people attended (only one on his bike). The food was good and everyone enjoyed it.

Charlie O'Malley reported on Daytona Bike Week (March 2 – 11). The weather was great, the auction in Deland was awesome, and the racing was good. Roy added that there was a party sponsored by BMW at the Daytona Residence Inn. There was good food, some give-aways, and a stunt performance by Chris Pheiffer.

Bob Merrell reported that he and Chris Struppeck rode down from New Hampshire at the end of October or early November. They had a lot of fun.

**RIDE SUGGESTIONS**

Celeste Lousteau mentioned there will be a Kick-Off Rally for Terry Forrette's "Riding the Rim" 12,000 mile motorcycle fundraiser trip to save the wetlands on April 21 behind Audubon Park.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION

Jannie mentioned that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. She asked for suggestions/input regarding issues we may have with drivers that she can send to the LA Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Committee to assist in their effort to educate drivers and deter the number of accidents. Drivers talking on cell phones was mentioned. On April 29, there will be a Motorcycle Awareness Month Kickoff Celebration at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge. The State will also be putting on a summit in August at the Holiday Inn (probably during the week). Educators will be present.

Bob Vaughn mentioned he received excellent service from Bogart's in Birmingham.

Our next meeting will be held on April 4.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Ken Gregoire won the 6-way screwdriver, Jannie Markey won the wrench, Eric Lowe won the allen wrench, and Celeste Lousteau won the miniature Moto Guzzi motorcycle donated by Joe Trippodo.

Celeste Lousteau won the 50/50 pot of \$8.00.

ADJOURNMENT

By motion made by Jackie Graff and seconded by Eric Lowe, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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**Members Present at the March 14 , 2007 Meeting**

**PAUL ANDRY, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE, MAURY GUILLOT, KIRK HAM, BERNARD LOUSTEAU, CELESTE LOUSTEAU, ERIC LOWE, WAYNE LYONS, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, BOB MERRELL, CHARLES O'MALLEY, LINDA O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, CHRIS STRUPPECK, JOE TRIPPODO, AND BOB VAUGHN**

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