

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

March 11, 2009 Meeting

Vice-president Joe Trippodo opened the meeting at 7:19 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He welcomed members and introduced guests, Cheryl Larmue and Sean Hughes. Joe mentioned that President Rob Ritchie may or may not return. Rob is currently looking for a job in New Orleans but if he does not get one here he will probably move to Birmingham. Vice-president Trippodo mentioned that the club is celebrating its 25th year anniversary this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Adam Graff reported a balance of \$1237.49.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mileage Contest awards will be given out at the club picnic.

Spring Picnic - The picnic will be held on Sunday, March 22 at Adam and Jackie's camp, 5057 Elbrus St. , Bay St. Louis, MS 504-239-8782. Plan to start at about 11:00 a.m. Sign up/what you will bring sheet was passed around.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEALER'S REPORT:

Tom Vining reported that his bike was in and out pretty quickly at Hebert's.

Transportation Revolution will sponsor an AGV Helmet trunk show and party on Friday, March 13th. The Triumph Bonneville will make its debut at a party on March 28th from 6 - 10:00 p.m. They will have Ducati demo rides on April 4th.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AMA Superbike @ Road Atlanta - April 3 - 5

AMA Superbike @ Barber Motorsports Park - May 1 - 3

Bike Week in New Orleans - May 6 - 10 @ Convention Center. There will be vendors and you'll need to purchase a rally pass to attend events.

Supercross in the Superdome - Saturday, March 14th

Irish Chanel Buffet Racers (ICBR) - ride to Columbia,MS on Sunday, March 15th. Will just ride HWY 43 up to Columbia, have a burger or sandwich and then head back. Watching the weather though.

Chuck House will show a movie at the shop at dusk on Friday, March 27th. Will be either "Then Came Bronson" or "Little Fauss and Big Halsy".

ICBR - Some members are planning to go to the Rockers vs. Mods City of Hate Rally in Dallas,TX - March 21 - 23.

MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT : (Lyle Grimes/Ken O'Malley) No report because they were out doing their jobs...riding!

REPORTS ON RIDES/RALLIES: Alden Bienvenu reported on Daytona bike Week. He said that the weather was perfect! He also stated that there seemed to be about half the number of people at the campground and at the flat track. It was cold the night of the 200 race. Perhaps that is why there were not as many in attendance. Someone else reported that there were 21 people killed this year.

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Joe Trippodo shared some info on ICBR. There are no dues and no real structure. He told of a few of their upcoming events.

Paul Vegas reported that he went to Arkansas to see the Art of the Chopper exhibit. There were some very interesting machines.

Charlie O'Malley went to the antique bike auction in Daytona. The bikes were gorgeous.

Lucas Barrios mentioned an interesting segment on WWL-TV about how some members of the military are having to take motorcycle safety classes in order to keep insurance payments if they are in an accident.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50 : Paul Vegas won the 50/50 of \$10.00.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Elmon Randolph and seconded by Charlie O'Malley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Members Present at the MARCH 11, 2009 Meeting

**LUCAS BARRIOS, JIM BATES, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,
MICHAEL BORCHERS, BOB FROBOESE,
ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE,
BRENT HEROLD, AMY HEROLD, BERNARD LOUSTEAU, CELESTE LOUSTEAU,
ERIC LOWE, CHARLES O'MALLEY, ELMON RANDOLPH, DEBRA RANDOLPH,
JOE TRIPPODO, PAUL VEGAS, TOM VINING**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 22