

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

May 6, 2009 Meeting

Vice-president Joe Trippodo opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. Joe reminded members that he AND President Rob Ritchie would not return. He said that if no one wants to be president or vice-president, the club would fold. He welcomed members and introduced guests, Rita O'Malley, Ann Johnson and Alexis and Malinda Hatzgionidis.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Adam Graff reported a balance of \$1045.42. Elmon Randolph motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Bob Vaughn made a motion to second. The treasurer's report was approved.

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

MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: Ken O'Malley reported that Lyle Grimes was in Virginia breaking in his new bike - a new BMW 650GS. He plans to get his 600-mile service tomorrow and then head home. Ken also mentioned that you would be able to pre-register online for the BMW MOA National rally in July. There are lots of good rallies coming up like the Chicken Rally in Alabama at the end of May. He said that the BMW MOA magazine has a new look.

RIDES/RALLIES/COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Joe Trippodo said that he recently crashed his Harley Davidson XR1200. It was going to cost \$3000+ to fix so the insurance company has totaled it. He said "Thank God for GEAR!" He only has a hairline fracture of his humerus. He will get a new bike when he gets to Germany. He is moving there for a new job doing intelligence work. He plans to stay there for at least 2 years.

Brent Herold reported that he, too, recently had an accident. He crashed his Triumph Bonneville. His bike has also been totaled. He has 3 broken ribs. His insurance company, GEICO, will pay for him to replace his helmet but not his jacket.

The AMA races at Barber's Motorsports Park were wet and windy! The races were fine...but because of inclement weather lots of adjustments were made. There was an oil spill on the track so the entire track was washed down with Dawn dishwashing detergent. Then the track had to be dried!

Bob Merrell did not go to Big Bend, TX as planned. He and Chris Struppeck were married and she has had hip replacement surgery. Congratulations!

Debbie Randolph will retire from NOPD on June 21. Congratulations to her also!
NOLA Bikeweek is May 6 - 10.

ICBR has been meeting regularly. At the last meeting, they had slow races in the parking lot. All Gulf South members are welcome at their meetings.

Jeff Mace is going to Savannah.

Lucas Barrios reported that all Gulf south members who drove in the recent New Orleans half-marathon did o.k.

Chuck House is planning a BBQ in about 3 weeks.

A discussion was held as to what to do about an election to fill the terms of the president and vice-president positions. A few members received nominations but all were declined. No one is willing to step up to take over in these positions. They are not difficult. The most important is to be able to attend the meetings and to lead them. The secretary and treasurer have more of the detail work to do. A motion was made by Elmon Randolph to table this topic until next month. Adam Graff seconded it. The election issue was tabled until the June meeting.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: The door prize of a camouflage Camelbak(donated by Nick Hatzgionidis) was won by guest Jeff Mace. Wayne Barrios won the 50/50 of \$18.00.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Charlie O'Malley and seconded by Ken O'Malley, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Members Present at the MAY 6, 2009 Meeting

**LUCAS BARRIOS, WAYNE BARRIOS, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,
MICHAEL BORCHERS, ROY DAUZAT, ADAM GRAFF,
JACKIE GRAFF, NICK HATZGIONIDIS, BRENT HEROLD,
AMY HEROLD, BRIAN JOHNSON,
JEFF MACE, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, BOB MERRELL,
CHARLES O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY,
ELMON RANDOLPH, DEBRA RANDOLPH,
JOE TRIPPODO, BOB VAUGHN**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 26