

## Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

May 4, 2011 Meeting

Vice-President Charlie O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m. at the Abita Brew Pub in Abita Springs. He introduced guests: Phil Cangelosi, Britta Levine, Rita O'Malley, Ke Bates, Laureen Williams and Sophie and Max.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Beginning balance 4/6//11 -	\$1133.75
	<b>Cash received:</b>	
	50/50 (4/6) :	17.00
	2011 Dues Collected	15.00
	<b>Expenditures :</b>	
	Bob Vaughan - Bellingrath trip reimbursement	(21.17)
	<b>New Balance</b>	<b><u>\$1148.58</u></b>

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** It was reported that the Swap/Garage Sale at BMW Motorcycles of Baton Rouge was a success.

### REPORTS ON RIDES/RALLIES:

- Ken O'Malley gave a report on the Georgia Mountain Rally. He said the new venue was good as was attendance, about 625. He was able to see the new BMW 1600. He said it is a beautiful bike and that the six cylinders sound good. The price tag is about \$26,000 + dealer prep + taxes.

### UPCOMING RIDES/RALLIES:

- Skip Harrison is going to Southern California to attend the BMW off-road class. He will give a report when he returns.

- Ken O'Malley is still working on a ride to Stennis Space Center with a trip to Huck Finn's Catfish House for lunch. Details will be announced when finalized.
- The Chicken Rally in Huntsville,AL is the last weekend in May.
- Greg Beck is working on a club ride for June.
- The RA National Rally is scheduled for the June 30 - July 3 in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin area.
- The MOA National Rally will be in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania on the weekend of July 21 - 24.
- Paul Vegas announced that the much-anticipated Boudin Ride will be in September.

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: Ken O'Malley reported that there are a lot of nice rallies coming up, like the Down East Rally in Maine weekend of May 20 - 22; The Road Runner Rally near Heber,AZ on the weekend of May 16 - 18; The Hiawatha Rally on June 3 - 5 in Minnesota and The Iowa Rally on the weekend of June 10 - 12 in Middle Amana, Iowa. The MOA can use members to run for their Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION: Greg Beck asked for members to help him come up with a list of topics for discussion. His list is getting short. Someone suggested - braking. He asked if anyone wanted to add to last month's discussion of "Lessons Learned But Seldom Followed". The topic for this day was - When traveling, which is more important - distance or sightseeing? Many members contributed to the discussion but consensus is that weather conditions and time constraints often dictate how many miles are ridden in one day.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Julie Dausat said that someone might check into 'The Chimes' in Covington as a possible meeting place.
- Jim Markey said that he went on a Wednesday night and the restaurant was packed.
- Ken O'Malley saw the movie, "Atlas Shrugged". He said it was a good movie...a real eye-opener.
- The June meeting will be held at Rotolo's Pizzeria in Metairie on the south shore.

**DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Gary Waguespack won \$14.50 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the club.**

Peggy Bienvenu - GOOP hand cleaner

Roy Dauzat - a tire gauge

Ken Gregoire - a tire gauge

**ADJOURNMENT** By motion made by Ken O'Malley and seconded by Paul Vegas, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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### **Members Present at the May 4, 2011 Meeting**

**JIM BATES, GREG BECK, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,  
MICHAEL BORCHERS, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT,  
FRED DESMITH, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF,  
RICHARD GRANT, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE,  
SKIP HARRISON, DON HERMANN, MARC LEVINE, ERIC LOWE,  
JIM MARKEY, BOB MERRELL, CHRIS MERRELL,  
CHARLES O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY, BETTY VEGAS,  
PAUL VEGAS, GARY WAGUESPACK**

**Total number of attendees, members and guests: 32**