

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club
Minutes of November 7, 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. Our guests were Shannon Borja, Rita O'Malley, Richard Hassell and Wayne Doherty.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Debra Randolph reported a club balance of \$670.56.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the October meeting minutes was made by Elmon Randolph and seconded by Rick Borja. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken O'Malley gave a status report on his recommendation of direct or matching donations for the "Fuel the Fund" campaign. His letter has been forwarded to the current person in charge and no response has been received yet. He was told that the MOA does not get into donations but the Foundation may.

Annual Christmas Party – Jannie Markey updated everyone on the details for the party this year. It is scheduled for December 1 from 7- 10 p.m. at the Vespa of New Orleans dealership at 901 Julia at Baronne. A sign-up sheet was passed around for members who wish to bring a dish. A motion was made by Alden Bienvenu, seconded by Ken O'Malley, and approved to dedicate \$300 of Club funds to purchase the meat, soft drinks, etc. Jannie reminded everyone that the Club does not provide alcohol. Randy volunteered to cook the turducken and the ham.

Annual Gumbo Ride – Alden Bienvenu reported that the annual Gumbo Ride (sponsored by he and Peggy) is scheduled for December 16 this year. We will meet in LaPlace at 10 a.m. at the Donut Hole, ride up the River Road to see the bonfire preparations, then back to the Bienvenu's for food and fun. Details can be found on our website.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for Officers – The floor was opened for nominations for President and Secretary. A motion was made by Jim Markey and seconded by Joe Trippodo nominating Elmon "Randy" Randolph for President. No nominations for Secretary were made; therefore, nominations remain open for that position. Joe Trippodo and Debra Randolph stated they would continue to run in their respective positions as Vice President and Secretary. No other nominations were made.

Scooter Accident – Adam Graff gave us a summary of an accident on his scooter in which a car pulled out in front of them forcing them off the road. Adam has several injuries and underwent surgery. Jackie wound up with road rash and a hurt ankle. Both were recovering from this unfortunate incident.

DEALER REPORT

Hebert Cycles – Roy read some specials from a flyer printed from their website.
Vespa of New Orleans – They are offering \$1,200 in accessories free with any purchase of a 2007 Triumph America or Speed Master and \$300 gift certificate with the purchase of any motorcycle.
Vespa of Baton Rouge – They have several 2007 model discounted bikes.

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

Ken reported that the MOA mileage contest has ended. MOA is offering a special insurance to members whereby they will ship you and your bike home at a discounted rate. He mentioned the Swamp Scooters Rally coming up. He mentioned that in the latest edition of "Cycle News" BMW announced the HP2 Sport for the street will be available next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) November 9-11 – Cajun Swamp Scooters Rally (Carencro, LA)
- 2) December 1 – Club Christmas Party
- 3) December 16 -- Annual Gumbo Ride

OTHER RIDES OR RALLIES REPORT

Roy reported that the Shiloh Rally (10/5-7) was a good rally. We had several members attend. Randy mentioned that the roads are great to ride in that area and that he took a few of us on a ride for a couple of hours and later hosted a meal of hotdogs and chili.

Annual Barber Vintage Festival (10/19-21) was reported to be a good time. The Centennial Race was the best (there were no bikes under 100 years old).

Ride to Ole River Steakhouse (10/21) – Larry Cook led the ride. There were 8 riders/7 bikes. It was a good ride and the food was great.

International BMW Rally (10/18-21) – Ken O'Malley reported on the rally. It was great fun, good riding. Copper Canyon was an awesome ride. Ken will be doing an article on the rally for MOA. He has pictures and DVD's.

RIDE SUGGESTIONS

Joe Trippodo mentioned the Blue Knights Poker Run this coming Saturday.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION

Roy mentioned that Will David, Secretary of the MS Club passed away.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for December 5.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Jannie Markey won the clothesline, Dick Hassell won the coffee mug, Elmon Randolph won the stud sensor, Mike Borchers won the "Wild Hogs" DVD, Debra

Randolph won the gel seat pad (donated by Rita and Ken O'Malley), and Wayne Doherty won the camping shears.

Bob Froboese won the 50/50 pot of \$14.

ADJOURNMENT

By motion made by Ken Gregoire and seconded by Ken O'Malley, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Members Present at the November 7, 2007 Meeting

ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, RICK BORJA, BRUCE CONLEY, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT, BOB FROBOESE, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, LYLE GRIMES, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, BOB MERRELL, CHARLES O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, ELMON RANDOLPH, FELIX RIVERO, CHRIS STRUPPECK, AND JOE TRIPPODO

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 26