

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

November 5, 2008 Meeting

President Elmon Randolph opened the meeting at 7:11 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He welcomed members and guests for the evening: Jerry Bilbe, Amy Herold, Mrs. Conlay, Todd Lapeyrouse and Michelle Lapeyrouse.

TREASURER'S REPORT :Treasurer Debra Randolph reported a balance of \$677.69.

MINUTES A motion to approve the October meeting minutes was made by Adam Graff and seconded by Lyle Grimes. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS - None

DEALER'S REPORT

Hebert's - No Report.

Triumph/Vespa of NO - Now a Ducati dealer also. The Triumph Open House on weekend of October 25th was good. The Triumph truck was in town and attendance, especially on demo rides, was very good. They are offering 0% for 72 months financing and 10 - 20% off of some merchandise.

NEW BUSINESS - Elections are to be held at the December meeting. President Randolph announced that he would not accept a nomination to run again because he is planning to move to Tennessee in May/June. He said that some other members need to step up to take leadership roles in the club or the club will close. He expressed his desire for this not to happen since he is a founding member. Lyle Grimes asked if Randolph would accept the presidency until he moves. President Randolph said he would not. He mentioned that we need to get the word out about how the club elections are important and that members need to become active in this process.

Alden Bienvenu made a motion to open nominations. Jackie Graff seconded the motion. There were no nominations for President or Secretary. Joe Trippodo nominated Bruce Conlay for Vice President. Bruce said that he would think about it. Adam Graff was nominated for Treasurer. He accepted the nomination.

A short discussion followed about how to attract more members to meetings, etc. Jackie Graff mentioned that we might need some sort of "scam" or gimmick. Bob Froboese said that he feels that a fall in attendance is due to that fact that the phone committee is no longer in existence. It was pointed out that approximately +50% of the current membership attends monthly meetings now. The phone committee would be an extra burden on club officers.

REPORTS ON RIDES OR RALLIES

1. Alden Bienvenu reported on the Shiloh Rally. The weather was good! A bit cold but a very nice weekend. The food (BBQ) served at the rally on Friday night was very good!

UPCOMING EVENTS -

Cajun Swamp Scooters Rally - November 7-9, 2008 - Carencro (Lafayette), LA

Christmas Party - December 6, 2008 - President Randolph asked if anyone on the northshore wanted to host this year's party

Bonfire Ride - December 21,2008

MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT (Lyle Grimes/Ken O'Malley) No Report

COMMENTS/DISCUSSION :

1. Elmon Randolph reported that he stopped by the "29 Dreams Campground" in the Birmingham,AL area. Info was sent out that they would close soon but the owners have since decided to try to keep it open. They want to try to change the atmosphere, get it more bike friendly and have a membership type organization with meetings,etc.

2. Joe Trippodo reported on the recent Vintage Bike Festival at the Barber's Motorsport Complex. He gave a nice report of how he was able to finagle a ticket to the banquet where he was able to meet, sit with and enjoy the camaraderie of some of the sports famous vintage drivers.

3. Joe Trippodo announced that the Blue Knights would sponsor a Poker run this Sunday, the 9th.

4. Lyle Grimes shared a copy of a recent BMW Motorrad **magazine**. **There is an article in it about Lyle as the "Million Mile Man"**.

5. Jim Markey announced that next year, at Daytona, the race will be on Friday (March 6,2009) night.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50 : Door prizes were won by Bob Froboese, Brent Herold, Jerry Bilbe, and Lyle Grimes. Alden Bienvenu won the 50/50 of \$8.00.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Jim Markey and seconded by Bob Vaughn, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Members Present at the November 5, 2008 Meeting

**LUCAS BARRIOS, JIM BATES, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,
MICHAEL BORCHERS, BRUCE CONLAY , BOB FROBOESE,
ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, LYLE GRIMES,
MAURY GUILLOT, BRENT HEROLD, BRIAN JOHNSON,
ERIC LOWE, JIM MARKEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH,
ELMON RANDOLPH, JOE TRIPPODO,
BOB VAUGHN, JOE WILBERT**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 25