

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

October 7, 2009 Meeting

President Bob Vaughan opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He introduced guests: Fred DeSmith, Ed Dieck, Alexis Hatzgionidis, Ed and Janet Patterson.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Adam Graff reported a balance of \$1103.47.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the September meeting minutes was made by Paul Vegas and seconded by Adam Graff. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

President Bob Vaughan made some comments about last month's meeting at The Beach House in Mandeville. It was very well attended. He mentioned that the service that night was not very good and that the restaurant manager did call him to apologize.

President Vaughan mentioned that he has asked MSF Instructor Ed Patterson to speak at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Christmas Party - Usually held the first weekend in December. Ed Patterson's wife volunteered to have it at their house in Baton Rouge.
- Elections are held at the December meeting. Be thinking about that.

RIDE REPORTS:

- Alden Bienvenu reported on recent trip to Colorado. He went with Wayne Barrios, Roy Dausat, Jim Markey and Bob Vaughan. They encountered all kinds of weather...dust storms, rain, sleet, snow and then more snow at Monarch Pass, CO. Once they got on the western side of the Rockies, in Hotchkiss, CO., the weather was beautiful! On the way there, they found some very nice accommodations in Salida, CO. The motel was very nice and had a very large 3-bed room to accommodate them. For \$90/night it

included breakfast. After returning home, Roy found that he had a tire problem and was lucky that it did not fail on the trip. Bob was not so lucky! The drive shaft on his GS broke just before he got to Fort Worth, TX. BMW of Fort Worth did a very good job getting the parts and fixing it in a timely manner.

- Member Dennis Thornburg is in Texas with his wife. While having a meal in a MacDonald's in Childress, TX. , someone came in to report that they had run into his LT.

UPCOMING RIDES:

- October 13 - Ken O'Malley has planned a ride to the Champagne Ford Museum, near Covington, with a dinner ride to Coffee's Boilin' Pot Restaurant immediately following.

-October 30,31 - Overnight trip to Natchez, MS. Stay at the Eola Hotel. Dinner at King's Tavern. Ride maps distributed.

- November 4 - Monthly meeting to be held at Biagio's on the Northshore. Maps and flyers distributed.

- November 5,6,7 - Police Rodeo at Cabela's in Gonzalez. Will plan group rides from the North and South shores. More info at the November meeting or on the web page.

- November 13,14,15 - Annual Swamp Scooter Rally in Carencro,LA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Jim Markey announced that Frank Creek, founder of TWO Campground in Georgia, has died.

- Paul Vegas passed out fliers for a Boudin Cook-Off in Lafayette, LA on October 17,2009.

- Wayne Barrios announced that the Mississippi BMW club would meet on Saturday, the 10th of October in Wiggins,MS.

- Nick Hatzgionidis mentioned that he was headed to D.C. then to Amsterdam, Uganda (for training) and then to Iraq.

- Ed Patterson reminded members about the Vintage Bike Races at Barber Motorsports Park this coming weekend.

GUEST:

- President Vaughan introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Ed Patterson. Ed has been an MSF instructor for 18+ years and has worked with more than 8000 students in that time. Ed mentioned that the state of Louisiana is one of the only states in the country with a state financed MSF program and awareness campaign. The state is still in the process of rebuilding the program due to the losses incurred by Katrina and Rita in 2005. The awareness program is financed by the special license plates and is about to be copied by the state of Mississippi. Mr. Patterson talked about how the MSF program has just recently been moved from the State Dept. of Education to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections under the State Police. At this time, not much is available yet on funding of the program and schedules. Ed reminded us of how we need to be ambassadors of what good motorcyclists should be. He encouraged us to get involved with MAC chapters and to continue to practice to stay out of trouble. If we want to have a special experienced/advanced rider class, we'd need to guarantee a maximum of twelve attendees.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Janet Patterson won the 50/50 of \$11.00.

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Jackie Graff and seconded by Roy Dauzat, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Members Present at the October 7, 2009 Meeting

**WAYNE BARRIOS, LUCAS BARRIOS,
GREG BECK, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,
MICHAEL BORCHERS, ROY DAUZAT, JULIE DAUZAT,
ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, NICK HATZGIONIDIS,
JIM MARKEY, BOB VAUGHN, PAUL VEGAS**

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 19
