

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club
Minutes of September 5, 2007 Meeting**

President Roy Dazat opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He then introduced and welcomed guests. Our guests were Rita O'Malley, Juliette Gendricks, and Kate Merrill.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Debbie Randolph reported a club balance of \$678.56.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the August meeting minutes was made by Paul Vegas and seconded by Rick Borja. The minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Peggy Bienvenu advised everyone on the details for the ride to Natchez for the Joint Meeting with the MS BMW Club.

Roy read a letter from the AMA thanking our club for the \$100 donation to the "Fuel the Fund" campaign. Ken O'Malley reported that he drafted a letter to the MOA recommending a direct donation from the foundation or promoting a matching donation of each individual member donation. He has not received a response but will follow up and report to us at the next meeting.

Jannie Markey reported on the 1st Motorcycle Summit held in Baton Rouge on August 6. It was well attended by dealerships and clubs. There were various speakers including representatives from the AMA and emergency room doctors. The overall focus was education, safety, and awareness. Very chilling videos of real accidents were shown. Louisiana has the worst statistics for the number of DWI deaths. The meeting was very informative. The Safety Commission's endeavors not only include education and awareness but also things such as looking at road designs, passing new laws, and other safety issues. An annual summit will be planned each year.

Julie Dazat gave an update on the distribution of the membership roster. It was sent to all members with email addresses and mailed to those out of the immediate area. There are still some to be handed out or mailed to the remainder who have no email addresses. A revised list will be sent out later depending on the number of changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party – Jannie had previously volunteered to chair a committee for this purpose. A motion was made by Jannie, seconded by Mike Borchers and unanimously approved to have the party at Materne's Triumph and Vespa of New Orleans dealership. Anyone wanting to serve on this committee should let Jannie know.

Roy mentioned that election of officers will be coming up in a couple of months and that the President and Secretary positions will be open. Members may want to think about running for office.

DEALER REPORT

Roy mentioned special financing (4.9%) that Hebert Cycles has on seven different models as well as \$30 off advance service booking, and 15% off all BMW parts and/or accessories purchased or "Special ordered" the day of service for bookings from August 15-September 15. Peggy Bienvenu stated that Hebert's website needs updating. Roy said he would mention that to them. Roy also advised that the Materne's Vespa of New Orleans has a good selection of bikes and jackets.

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

Ken reported that there are still some excellent rallies coming up for the remainder of the year such as Shiloh, the International in Mexico, and the Swamp Scooters (which has a location change that can be found in the MOA magazine).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) September 7-9 – Bavarian Mountain Weekend (Sipapu, New Mexico)
- 2) September 8 – Joint Meeting with MS BMW Club (Natchez, MS)
- 3) October 5-7 -- 33rd Return to Shiloh Rally (near Savannah, TN)
- 4) October 18-21 - International BMW Rally (Monterrey, Mexico)
- 5) November 9-11 – Cajun Swamp Scooters Rally (Lafayette, LA)

OTHER RIDES OR RALLIES REPORT

None were suggested.

RIDE SUGGESTIONS

Elmon Randolph suggested that we, as a group, go to Deutsches Haus (504-522-8014), 200 S. Galvez on October 20. He made a motion and it was seconded by Jannie Markey. The details will be posted on the website.

Peggy mentioned that the annual Gumbo Ride will be on for December 16.

COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION

Alden Bienvenu asked for feedback on an idea he has for a web page. He would create a "for sale" page for Gulf South BMW Owners' members only. Members could post any items they would like to sell for possibly a specified period. Everyone thought it was a great idea so he said he would follow up on it and keep us advised.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for October 3.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50

Charlie O'Malley won the Metric wrench set, Jannie Markey and Kate Merrill each won cleaning wipes and a drink holder, and Elmon Randolph won an accent mirror.

Charlie O'Malley won the 50/50 pot of \$7.

ADJOURNMENT

By motion made by Rick Borja and seconded by Peggy Bienvenu, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Members Present at the September 5, 2007 Meeting

FRANK BERGERON, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, RICK BORJA, JULIE DAUZAT, ROY DAUZAT, CELESTE LOUSTEAU, JANNIE MARKEY, JIM MARKEY, KEN O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, ELMON RANDOLPH, ALBERTO STRUCK, AND PAUL VEGAS.

Total number of attendees, members and guests: 18