
❖ Gulf South BMW Owners Club, Inc. ❖

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A WORD FROM THE: *BIG MAN*

For those of us that went to Daytona our web feet are just beginning to dry. This was the wettest Daytona I have attended it rained (8) of the (10) days of Bike Week. We did manage to see some racing and enjoyed them. The 200 mile race that was to be run Sunday was postponed until Monday due to rain but I opted to visit the grandchildren in Mobile. Honda took the first three places despite the large number of Suzuki's entered.

For those of you that are looking for something different please try and see the Don Garlits museum in Ocala, Florida. My brother Kenny and I spent one of the rainy days there and it was well worth the trip. Don Garlits has a few unrestored vehicles and numerous dragsters and hot rods.

Please don't forget the club picnic coming up April 13th. The phone committee will be calling to get a head count. Voo-Doo BBQ will be catering the event so an **accurate head count will be necessary**. When called about your attendance please include spouse or guest and children. The picnic will be at Bayou Segnette State Park, shelter #2 and will start about noon. Plates and other eating utensils will be furnished by the club as well as soft drinks. Club members are asked and encouraged to bring some kind of desert.

I would like to see some rides on the horizon. So far we have nothing scheduled and that is not good. The weather is getting warmer and dryer so let's go riding!

Ride often and ride safe,

Charlie

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I have represented individuals in the general practice of law for over 30 years, and would appreciate the opportunity to help you with your legal affairs. A substantial discount will be given to members of the Gulf South BMW Club.

Up-Coming Events

March 14—”Fun on the Bayou”—Internet riders get together, hosted by club member John Petty. Riders will stay at the Holiday Inn Airport.

April 4th.—7th.—South Miss. Bike Rally, Forrest County Multi-purpose Center, Hattiesburg, Ms. donations of \$35 will be used for injured bikers and Law Enforcement.

April 4th.—7th.— The Dogwood Rally—located at Askew’s Landing near Vicksburgh, Mississippi.

April 25th—27th.—23rd. Trail of Tears Rally—Caston River Park campground, 15 miles west of Marble Hill, Missouri.

May 2nd.—4th.—Georgia Mountain Rally—at Bald Mountain Campground, just outside Hiawassee, Georgia.

July 10-13, 2003—BMWMOA International Rally in Charleston, West Virginia.

July 18-20, 2003—AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course near Lexington, Ohio.

Oct. 2nd.—5th, BMWRA 2003 Rally—This rally will be held at the Barber Raceway in Birmingham. More info as the date gets nearer.

Bon Jour~ Quotes

“France has neither winter nor summer nor morals. Apart from these drawbacks it is a fine country. France has usually been governed by prostitutes.”

---**Mark Twain**

“I would rather have a German division in front of me than a French one behind me.”

--- **General George S. Patton**

“Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your accordion.”

--**Norman Schwartzkopf**

As far as I' m concerned, war always means failure"

---**Jacques Chirac, President of France**

"As far as France is concerned, you' re right."

---**Rush Limbaugh**

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Minutes for Gulf South BMW Club Meeting

March 12, 2003

Meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm. Charlie introduced our guests.

Old Business:

- Lyle has been admitted to the hospital and today underwent surgery to stabilize his vertebrae. The surgery lasted from 7:00am to 3:45pm. Please give him a call and send him a card.
- Charlie talked to Helen 'Two Wheels'. She was hit by a woman who was driving an SUV. She suffered a punctured lung and has some nerve damage to her foot. She was in the ICU for about 6 weeks.
- **DUES!!!!** Club dues are DUE. See Debbie if you haven't paid. Those who are delinquent after this meeting will be dropped from the roster and will NOT receive further newsletters. **FINAL NOTICE**

New Business:

- Our summer picnic will be at Bayou Segnette on April 13, 2003 at Shelter # 2. We will have it catered by VooDoo BBQ. A head count of those attending is ESSENTIAL in order to make sure that we obtain enough food. We will still need to bring drinks and eating utensils, provided by the club and desserts are ALWAYS welcome....actually NEEDED!!!...provided by YOU!!! The cost of the picnic will be anywhere from \$300.00 to \$600.00.... depending on the number of attendees. SO-O-O-O.....Please respond when the phone committee calls requesting numbers.
- Chuck Hause is opening a motorcycle shop at 3315 1/2 Magazine St. He is having a Grand Opening on April 5th from 12:00 noon 'til. He will have lots of unusual bikes.
- Ed Patterson is offering an MSF course on Sunday March 23, 2003. He is trying to get a new program going and we'd be the guinea pigs. (Sounds interesting!!)

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reports that we have \$1027.95 in the treasury.

R.A. Report: Brian Johnson participated in the new campsite in Daytona. Rally will be great!

Report on rides or rallies: Ken O'Malley reported on the Daytona Race on Monday following Bike Week as the traditional Sunday race was rained out. He said that it was one of the best races that he'd ever seen. There was much discussion about the whole weather thing and Daytona. Why is it that Daytona always brings out the extremes in weather?????!

New Rides and Rallies: See the Up-Coming Events section, page 3.

Newsletter Editor Report: There is no newsletter report this month as the newsletter editor forgot to come to the meeting.....as did his wife the secretary!!! You know what they say about old people and change!!! SO, GREAT THANKS TO PEGGY BIENVENU FOR TAKING THESE MINUTES FOR ME!!

Web Site Report: No web site report this month. (Did John forget about the meeting, too??)

Dealer's Report: Hebert's Cycles is continuing to have great deals. Low interest rates continue. They are having a sale of up to 75% off on selected tires and 25% off on selected riding gloves. See their web site www.hebertcycles.com for additional information.

50/50: The 50/50 was for \$13.00 and was won by Rita O'Malley.

Members present at the meeting held on March 12, 2003

Roy Accord, Leland Beach, Peggy Bienvenu, Alden Bienvenu, Mike Borchers, Rick Borja, Timmy Chauvin, Bob Froboese, Brian Johnson, Linden Leask, Eric Lowe, Jim Markey, Linda O'Malley, Charlie O'Malley, Rita O'Malley, Ken O'Malley, John O'Malley, Ed Patterson, "Dutch" Prattini, Debra Randolph, Randy Randolph, Carmelo Rodriguez, Paul Vegas

Guests present:

Chuck Hause

An interesting tidbit from the Internet BMW Riders list supplied by John Petty

From: Steve Anderson stevebmw@earthlink.net

Subject: BMW: Re: Pentagon / BMW

BMW of North America, LLC has donated six R 1100 RT-P police motorcycles to the United States Department of Defense to assist the Pentagon Police in establishing its first motorcycle unit. The donation is part of the company' s program to provide motorcycles to law enforcement agencies in communities significantly impacted by the September 11 tragedy.

As the supplier of BMW police bikes to a number of Virginia departments, we were very proud and pleased to have been chosen to prep and deliver the bikes to the Pentagon. Morton' s owner Jeff Massey was on hand for the presentation. BMW RA' s Robert Hellman was there as well; look for a write up in a future issue of On The Level.

Bon Jour ~ Quotes (continued from page 3)

"The only time France wants us to go to war is when the German Army is sitting in Paris sipping coffee."

--- Regis Philbin

"You know, the French remind me a little bit of an aging actress of the 1940s who was still trying to dine out on her looks but doesn' t have the face for it."

---John McCain, U.S. Senator from Arizona

"I don' t know why people are surprised that France won' t help us get Saddam out of Iraq. After all, France wouldn' t help us get the Germans out of France!"

---Jay Leno

"The last time the French asked for ' more proof' it came marching into Paris under a German flag."

--David Letterman

Next time there' s a war in Europe, the loser has to keep France .

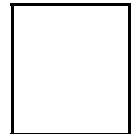
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Our next meeting will be held on
April 2, 2003 at the
Piccadilly Cafeteria in Kenner .

