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## A WORD FROM THE: *BIG MAN*

### July, 2003 President's Message

Well we just had the second wettest June ever so I hope Mother Nature normalizes somewhat to make the remainder of this summer better suited for riding. There is always great riding in the West if you can tolerate the high temperatures and dry heat but in the end you just have to get on the bike and ride, dealing with the weather conditions as you go.

Thanks to John Petty for the ride to the Dock of the Bay. A good time was had and it was a dry ride to and from, the rain occurring while we ate dinner inside. If anyone has a favorite place to ride please share it with the club. We are always looking for a place to ride or a place to ride and eat!

If you are looking to replace your old motorcycle Hebert's is offering some really good incentives for getting a new BMW, please give them a call. See the minutes of the July meeting for details.

My thanks to all that attended the July meeting, we nearly filled the meeting area. It was nice to see that the rain did not keep members away. If you have not made a meeting recently please plan to attend the August meeting...please don't let the weather stop you from coming. We will hear some interesting comments about the BMW MOA International Rally next meeting so I hope to see you all then.

Please ride often and ride safe!

Charlie

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**FOR SALE**

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL RUN ADS FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS ONLY—ADS MAY BE RE-SUBMITTED AFTER THE THREE (3) MONTH LIMIT—FORWARD ALL ADS TO ADAM GRAFF-504-833-0690—AGRAFF3@COX.NET**

**SOLD — HJC Silver SYMAX Helmet-size XL** Single-button release allows chin bar/face shield to be opened with one hand. DuPont Cool Max removable/washable liner. Excellent condition New on internet \$209.00, **sale price \$150.00** Contact **Alden @ aldenb@rtconline.com** or **504-487-7865**.(5/03)

**For Sale—CORBIN SEAT R1150RT AND R1150RT**, Front and Rear Seat with Removable Backrest, Brand new in original packing , **New cost = \$718.00 plus tax and shipping yours for \$400.00** . Contact Richard 504-616-5119 , **rmason@hanger.com** (7/03)

**For Sale—2001 GS1150**, mandarin orange, ABS, heated handgrips, plus other accessories. The bike has 1,000 miles and has been recently serviced at Hebert' s. The bike is in showroom condition**Asking 12,750 or best offer**. Please call Ted Gillman at 504-456-9336 or leave word at his office 504-834-0072. (7/03)

**For Sale—1999 F650—red**, 2700 miles, stock windshield, excellent shape- **Asking \$5100—** contact Skip—780-9568—cell-669-4919 (7/03)

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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

**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 Rally**— This rally will be held at the Barber Raceway in Birmingham. More info as the date gets nearer. The CLASS course will be offered.

**October 6<sup>th</sup> Track Day School**— Organized by the Texas BMW Sports Riders in the Dallas area. Anyone interested, contact Barry Gibbs at [barry@I-bmw.com](mailto:barry@I-bmw.com)

It will be held at the Motorsport Ranch but conducted by the Lone Star Track Days.  
[www.lonestartrackdays.com](http://www.lonestartrackdays.com)

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### Members present at the meeting held on July 2, 2003

Karen Accord, Roy Accord, Stephen Amesoeder, Paul Bankston, Michael Beebe,  
Peggy Bienvenu, Alden Bienvenu, Mike Borchers, , Rick Borja, Earl Claunch,  
Bob Froboese, Jackie Graff, Adam Graff, Lyle Grimes, Brian Johnson,  
Linden Leask, Eric Lowe, Wayne Lyons, Jannie Markey, Jim Markey, Ken O'Malley,  
Linda O'Malley, Charlie O'Malley, Dawn Petty, John Petty, Debra Randolph,  
Randy Randolph, Gabriel Reynier, Luis Sosa, Gregg Waddell, Joe Wilbert.

### Guests present:

Beverly Taurman, Rhonda Strother, Philip Strother, Rhonda Jackson

The Young Petty Ladies

## Minutes for Gulf South BMW Club Meeting

June 4, 2003

Charlie O'Malley opened the meeting at 7:25 pm. Jackie Graff introduced our guests.

### Old Business:

- We discussed the club patches and the need to order more. There was some question regarding the design. It was decided to proceed with ordering more patches thru a connection of Rick Borja's. He will make the contact.

### New Business:

- The Fall picnic date will be Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> on the assumption that is a good date for Victor Labat as he has once again offered his farm in Covington as the site. Charlie will confirm with him and get back to us.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance is \$1033.91

**R.A. Report:** No news. Rally still on for October 2-5<sup>th</sup>.

**MOA Ambassador's Report:** John Petty will once again be in charge of the Awards and Tallys committee. He encouraged all attending to volunteer either for his committee, or other committees.

**Newsletter Editor Report:** No news.

**Web Site Report:** John will revise some areas of the site and include more pictures.

**Dealer's Report:** Lots of new merchandise including Jarrow Helmets. Sold 8 bikes last Sat and have plenty left. Octoberfest on the 18<sup>th</sup> complete with bratwurst and sauerkraut and lots of BMW bikes. All '03's and '04's...BMW will pay the first 5 pmts and buyer's first pmt is deferred another 3 months....your first pmt not due until 8 months after purchase!! 0.9% interest on Rockster, F650 and R1150RS along with the pmt considerations mentioned above!!

### Reports on Rides or Rallies:

- Dock of the Bay ride was good. No rain until the ride home and the full moon DID peak out for a while.

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**50/50:** Pot was \$17.00 and won by Kenny O'Malley....and without Rita!!!!.

## **Andy Rooney' s Tips for Telemarketers**

The three little magic words are: "Hold On, Please..."

Saying this, while putting down your phone and walking off instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt.

Then when you eventually hear the phone company' s "beep-beep-beep" tone, you know it' s time to go back and hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task.

Do you ever get those annoying phone calls with no one on the other end?

This is a telemarketing technique where a machine makes phone calls and records the time of day when a person answers the phone.

This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a "real" sales person to call back and get someone at home.

What you can do after answering, if you notice there is no one there, is to immediately start hitting your # button on the phone, 6 or 7 times, as quickly as possible. This confuses the machine that dialed the call and it kicks your number out of their system.

Another Good Idea:

When you get "ads" enclosed with your phone or utility bill, return these "ads" with your payment. Let the sending companies throw their own junk mail away.

When you get those "pre-approved" letters in the mail for everything from credit cards to 2nd mortgages and similar type junk, do not throw away the return envelope.

Most of these come with postage-paid return envelopes, right? It costs them more than the regular 37cents postage "IF" and when they receive them back.

It costs them nothing if you throw them away! The postage was around 50 cents before! the last increase and it is according to the weight. In that case, why not get rid of some of your other junk mail and put it in these cool little, postage-paid return envelopes. One of Andy Rooney' s (60 minutes) ideas.

Send an ad for your local chimney cleaner to American Express. Send a pizza coupon to Citibank. If you didn' t get anything else that day, then just send them their blank application back!

If you want to remain anonymous, just make sure your name isn' t on anything you send them.

You can even send the envelope back empty if you want to just to keep them guessing!

Eventually, the banks and credit card companies will begin getting their own junk back in the mail.

Let' s let them know what it' s like to get lots of junk mail, and best of all they' re paying for it...Twice!

Let' s help keep our postal service busy since they are saying that e-mail is cutting into their business profits, and that' s why they need to increase postage costs again. You get the idea !

If enough people follow these tips, it will work---- I have been doing this for years, and I get very little junk mail anymore.

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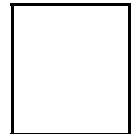
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**The Want-Ads Section is free for any club member to advertise items for sale or items wanted.**

**Please forward all ads. to Adam Graff—504-833-0690—agraff3@cox.net—846 Helios Ave., Metairie, LA, 70005. These ads. are not meant to include items bought for resale. Paid**

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**Our next meeting will be held on**  
**August 6, 2003** at the  
**Piccadilly Cafeteria in Kenner .**

