



LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION "H"
CHAPTER "B" - LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

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Hello Cajun Wingers,

I know I don't have to remind you about the upcoming District Rally because every other article in the newsletter does just that but I will anyway. **PLEASE BE THERE!!!** And we need volunteers to work for an hour or so please see Brenda or I if

you can help. If we each give just a little no one will have to give a lot. OK. Now that's over with.

In general, though, it is rally season and there are two of them listed on April's calendar and others to follow in the upcoming months. I sure hope you consider making a few of them. We all have friends in other chapters and they need our support. If you're new to GWRRA and don't have friends in other chapters, go make some. Get involved. Participate. That's the only way that you can truly get out of GWRRA all that is has to offer and you help others at the same time. It's a WIN—WIN situation.

Speaking of participating, please try to join us on a ride or two. And if you have an idea for a ride please let us know. I promise I won't make you lead the ride if you don't want to or pester you in the future just because you dared to speak up once. Of course, if you want to become more involved, everyone's help is always invited and appreciated

Hope to see all of you at an upcoming event or two. Until then,

LIVE WELL - LAUGH OFTEN - LOVE MUCH & RIDE SAFE

Pat & Brenda Meche

CHAPTER B MONTHLY MEETING

Chapter B meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at DeanO's Pizza, 305 Bertrand Dr., Lafayette, LA. Come early to enjoy dinner and socialize with old and new friends. Guests and visitors are welcome.

Visit our new and updated website at **WWW.GWRRA-LA-B.ORG**

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7 Southside Honda Easter Weekend No Planned Rides
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	11	12 LA District Rally at the Holidome on Evangeline Thruway See Ya There	13 LA District Rally at the Holidome on Evangeline Thruway See Ya There	14 Honda of Lafayette LA District Rally at the Holidome on Evangeline Thruway See Ya There
15	16	17 Evening Dinner Ride McDonalds @ 6:30 PM	18	19	20	21 Southside Honda Hamburgers Then Ride For Ice Cream Leaves Southside Honda at 11:30
22 LA-Chapter F Rally In Covington Breakfast at Dwyer's 8:30 - Ride After	23	24	25	26	27	28 Honda of Lafayette LA-Chapter J Rally In Lake Charles Leaves McDonalds At 8:30 AM
29	30					

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A Note From Your District Directors.....

Well, Mother Nature teased us again this year with the threat of storms for Wingless Weekend. The weather forecast looked gloomy but when all those folks started arriving with smiles on their faces we knew we could survive again. And survive we did! A record setting turnout of 122 + on Friday night and 160 + for Saturday was wonderful and we truly appreciate all the support and participation from each who attended. Every Chapter was represented and all seemed to enjoy the good food cooked and served by Helen & Doug Terro and Brenda & Pat Meche and their friends from Chapter "B". No one left with an empty stomach!

Chapter "E" had plans to hold on to the District Cup and Chapter "A" had spent lots of time preparing , but Dianne came up with some surprises even they could not handle and Chapter "H" came away with a big win this year. Way to go "Bayou Bandits"!!! We are already thinking about plans for next year.

Last weekend we had the opportunity to participate with members from Chapter "D" in an effort to promote Motorcycle Safety. Some 30 bikes parked on the curb in front of a Wal-Mart Store will certainly get your attention. That is exactly what happened in North Louisiana. The group handed out somewhere in the neighborhood of 2, 000 brochures encouraging motorists to watch for bikes on the streets and highways. This coming weekend they will do the same thing at other area Wal-Mart Stores. This is a great way to promote safety and have a good time with your friends at the same time.

At this writing there are only a few weeks left until we kick off Mardi Gras Madness 2007. We hope you will join us for all the good things that will happen April 12, 13 & 14 in Lafayette. Don't forget your entries in the usual Chapter competitions along with our new category of Umbrellas. We have heard rumors that some folks are practicing hard on their singing abilities for our first ever GWRRA IDOL competition. We are really looking forward to this new event. Even if you don't sing, please plan to stop by and watch on Saturday afternoon. Let's make this the biggest and best Louisiana District Rally.

Until we meet in Lafayette,

Ride Safe and Often and we hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of eggs and candy!

Jere and Maurine
Senior Master Tour Riders
1763 & 1764

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Hello Goldwingers ,

IT'S RALLY TIME!!!!!!

Roxie and I welcome you to the 2007 GWRRA Louisiana District Rally in Lafayette. The Holidome is the host hotel and the answer to many of your request for a larger and safer Rally site. We anticipate many of your friends will be there to enjoy the fun of so many activities and friendly vendors.

In the tradition of *Mardi Gras*, you can expect a lot of music and dancing. **BEADS!, BEADS!, & BEADS!** The lobby will be decorated with the magic of beautiful Mardi Gras umbrellas. You might even hear the sounds of GWRRA Idol singer "Want-a-be's" in the lobby.

VENDOR NEWS: Cordless headsets for helmets are the rage. A new line of travel clothes will be available.

Am I excited? YOU BET! Roxie and I have a new Goldwing and I can't wait to accessorize. If you don't have a new bike, bring a friend who does and get caught up in the fever of spending his ???????

Listen to what you miss if you don't attend, "Friends, Fun, Music, Dancing, Guided Tours, A Trike Course, Seminars, many, many Vendors, Bingo, Grand Prize Money, 50/25/25 money and Lafayette has some of the best food to offer you. Did I mention "Friends and Fun!"

COME SEE US FOR A GOOD TIME IN LAFAYETTE!

Be Safe,

From your Friends,

Brent & Roxie Comeaux
Louisiana Asst. District Directors & Trainers

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Dianne Doiron
District Coordinator

C.J. Doiron
District Events Manager

Hi Everyone,

It's that time! We are anxiously awaiting everyone's arrival!

I know that you need to get out and ride, what a perfect place to do just that.

Head on over to Lafayette April 12-14. We are looking forward to lots of Fun, Knowledge and Shopping.

See Ya at the District Rally!

The Faster You Go, The Less You Weigh!

Honest! If you were to measure how much your motorcycle (and you) weigh at a dead stop and then while you are moving at, say, 80+ MPH, there would be a meaningful difference. This happens because the faster you travel through the air, the stronger the turbulence and, thus, the lift that the relatively low pressure of turbulence creates. Turbulence below the bike is trivial by comparison to that above it. And, if instead of sitting straight up you are leaned forward, your back creates an airfoil that creates even greater lift.

If the combined weight of you and the bike, when at a dead stop, is about 800 pounds, then when you are moving at speeds of 80+ MPH that combined weight will be closer to 760 pounds, or less. And the faster you go, the lower that total will be. For comparison purposes, a 1970 Chevelle weighed in at 3820 pounds standing still and was found to weigh 321 pounds less (8%) at 100 MPH. Your bike will probably not lose more than 6% of its weight at that speed (or at, for example, 80 MPH with a 20 MPH headwind) because it does not have quite the horizontal profile of an automobile.

You might think the lift would be evenly distributed fore and aft. Wrong. Far more of the lift is on the front wheel than the rear. And why that's important is that with a lowering of weight on the front end there is a corresponding reduction in traction and, thus, stabilizing force available from trail. Indeed, at very high speeds your motorcycle will feel unresponsive and 'light' in the front end - so much so that you will not trust it (nor should you) to hold onto the ground in your turns.

While there is always a net lift caused by airflow with speed, the effect on the rear end of your bike could well be to increase its weight. This, because just like the amount of weight transfer acceleration generates is determined by how high the center of gravity is as compared to the wheelbase, wind resistance creates a downforce in the rear proportional to how high the center of wind resistance is to that wheelbase. [All wind resistance is above the ground while all forward motion forces are at ground level. That automatically creates a torque which tries to lift the front and lower the rear.]

Downforce on the rear wheel can be less than, equal to, or greater than the lift generated by turbulence as described above and that is largely determined by how high the center of wind resistance point is relative to the wheelbase. The taller you sit, the more 'baggy' your clothing, the 'wider' you are, the bigger your windscreen, and the faster you move ... the lighter your front end will get, but the more likely the bike's rear end will get heavier rather than lighter.

Lest you think this is academic... the reason there are short (seemingly useless) windscreens on sport-bikes is to diminish the turbulence BEHIND the rider so that there is not so much lift of the bike at speed that control is badly compromised. They are small so that they do not, at the same time, increase downforce from wind resistance that would lighten the front end even more. Tourers take note: your windscreen lightens your front end dramatically!

Given enough horsepower and proper gearing your maximum possible speed becomes limited to that which results in insufficient front wheel traction to steer the motorcycle.

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Hello Region H

I have listed below the basic Chapter Positions needed for qualification to the Chapter of the Year Program. There are many more very important positions listed on D-4 and D-5 of the OGB. Regardless of which positions you wish to adopt, the final goal is to have a well-organized and coordinated chapter where everyone shares the fun. When all Members have the opportunity to get involved, they become happy participants! It will take great skill to get all participants involved in the chapter. Maximize involvement, and you maximize participation!

SOME CHAPTER POSITIONS

CHAPTER DIRECTOR (CD)

- A. Serves as Staff Member to the DD
- B. Assumes organizational and advisory control of the chapter.
- C. Arranges for a place to hold chapter meetings and Staff Meetings.
- D. Appoints Members to serve as Staff.
- E. Correlates activities and programs through the Staff.
- F. Acts as an information link between Members and the district.
- G. Sees that a newsletter is sent to all interested participants, other CDs in the district, the DD, RD and the GWRRA International Headquarters in Phoenix at least every 30 days.
- H. Makes an annual report to the DD on activities, and an annual report on finances.

ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR (ACD)

- A. Assists the CD in his effort to bring about a well-coordinated, fun, active, Chapter.
- B. Works with Staff Members.
- C. Assumes CD's duties in his absence.
- D. Becomes prepared to assume the Chapter Director position.

CHAPTER EDUCATOR

- A. Promotes GWRRA's Rider Education Program to all chapter participants.
- B. Relays information to all chapter participants from District Educator.
- C. Submits monthly reports as required.

SECRETARY—TREASURER (Cannot be related to CD or Assistant CD)

- A. Makes notes on items requiring follow up for the CD in meetings and Staff Meetings.
- B. Keeps a record of finances and make available to all interested parties at all chapter meetings.
- C. Writes checks for expenses at the direction of the CD
- D. Assists CD in establishing prudent, reasonable, and fair fiscal policies.
- E. Submits Annual Financial Report to District Director by December 31st upon review of chapter Director.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR/RECRUITING AND RETENTION

- A. Reviews & utilizes computer printouts to remind Members of their expiration dates and identify new members who have not attended a meeting.
- B. Makes visitors, guests and new Members feel welcome and "AT HOME."
- C. Encourages members to recruit others to join the association.
- D. Submits news items to local newspapers to publicize chapter events.
- E. Works with selection of Couple of the Year.

Dale and Susan Wingrove
Region H Trainers

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Birthdays

Diana Fruge'	April 5th	Randy Tarver	April 6th
Bullet McGee	April 6th	Irving Sonnier	April 8th
Tom Bellington	April 13th	Mike Cormier	April 18th
James Campbell	April 18th	Mary Ellen Devillier	April 20th
Jo Ellen Istre	April 24th	Vicki Chauvin	April 26th
Millie Madeley	April 28th	Sheryl Faulk	April 28th
Philip Myers	April 29th		

Anniversaries

Dewey & Mary Ann Burke	April 5th	Don & Donna Miguez	April 5th
Gerald & Noelle Lavergne	April 24th		

BEATLE'S TRIVIA

- Who was the youngest Beatle? Who was the oldest Beatle?
- In "Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da", what kind of ring did Desmond gave to Molly?
- Who came up with the name, "A Hard Day's Night?"
- Paul wrote the song, "Hey Jude" for whom?
- What color was Lucy's sky and the trees?
- In what year and where was the Beatle's first live concert in the United States?