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Hello Cajun Wingers,

Well, we had our annual garage sale a few weeks ago and, in spite of the rain and heat, it didn't turn out too bad. We sold for a grand total of \$933 but after expenses that totaled \$81 we were left with a profit of \$852. We also had about \$20 in drinks that we took back to our house to use at future GWRRRA functions. I guess you can say we actually made about \$872. We also have a couple of items that we plan to try and sell in the Quik Quarter and, if they sell, that will be a little extra for the chapter. Thanks to all who donated items and especially to those who stored the stuff, those who came out Friday to help set up, and those who helped on the day of the sale. Without everyone's help, it just couldn't be done. Contrary to previous announcements, this will be our only fundraiser for the year.

Speaking of chapter funds, if you know of anyone who might be willing to put an ad in our newsletter, please ask them to do so. I have attached a copy of the Newsletter Ad Form to the back of this newsletter for your convenience. I can also e-mail you one if you need more. Once completed, please return the form and money to: Pat Meche 426 N. Ave. H Crowley, LA 70526

Well folks, just one more really hot month for riding then fall should be right around the corner. ARE YOU READY???

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.GWRRRA-LA-B.ORG

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Southside Honda
5	6	7 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11 Honda of Lafayette Night Ride to Possum's In St. Martinville Leaves McDonalds At 6 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Southside Honda Brown Bag Lunch and Watermelon Run
19	20	21 Evening Mystery Dinner Ride Meet at McDonalds 6:30 PM	22	23	24	25 Honda of Lafayette
26 Breakfast at the new Hub City Diner on Kaliste Saloom Road Meet there at 8 AM	27	28	29	30	31	Sunday—Sept 2nd Second Annual Canoe Trip - Call Tom Bellington at 662-2191 For More information

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A Note From Your District Directors.....

Wow! 5,027 miles later we are home from our Wing Ding / Vacation trip. We are so grateful for the opportunity to see new areas of this wonderful country from a Goldwing Motorcycle. Our trip to the High Plains and Desert Southwest was one to remember.

We rode through 16 States and saw 7 National Parks/Monuments on our 18 day trip. We even stopped in Ft. Sumner, New Mexico to see the grave site of Billy the Kid.

When we arrived in Mesquite, Nevada at our home for 4 ½ days the temperature was 108

degrees! That was quite a shock but we managed to stay cool & enjoy the sights.

While we are glad to be home, we are already thinking about where we can go next year. Our travel companions, Dale & Carolyn Frieden & Bill & Jenny McBride, from Arkansas helped make this a very special trip.

Once again Wing Ding was “one big Rally!” We saw old friends and made new ones that we look forward to seeing again. Thanks to Brent & Roxie, Mike & Pam along with Merlin & Beverly Mayon and Gene & Nelda Stanley for their help at the Goodie Booth on July 4th. It was a busy but also a fun day. Now that is a great place to meet new friends!

August brings the start of a new School year and getting back to a normal routine for most of us. For the first time in 20 years I do not dread school starting (retirement is wonderful!)

While there is not much activity as far as Rallies, August gives us time to make plans for the upcoming months and get ready to ride, ride, ride! September and October offer the opportunity to travel to Kansas and Oklahoma for their District Rallies. If you have never attended one of these you are missing some great fun. Both are laid back, fun filled times to visit, play and enjoy new parts of the Region. If possible make plans and join us in Abilene, Kansas Sept. 21 – 23 and Stillwater, Oklahoma, Oct. 5 - 7. You won't be sorry!!!!

We hope all of you are having a great summer with some time to relax and recharge for the coming months.

Until next time, Ride Safe and Often and have a great 4th of July

Jere and Maurine

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Hello Goldwingers,

The 4th of July 16, 2007 in Billings Montana was an exciting day for us at Wing Ding. Roxie and I reunited with many of our Goldwing friends from all around the country while working the Goodie Booth for our Region H family. We were swept up in hugs and friendly greetings that reminded us of why we travel the many miles we do for such fellowship. Gold Wing Road Riders Rallies are truly heart felt. The Rally backdrop was the western Big Sky country. Montana, Wyoming, Yellowstone and the Rockies

provided unlimited sight-seeing touring adventures by bike or car. Walking in snow in Beartooth Mountain pass in July was quiet a treat for southerners. So much wildlife was there in open ranges to see we couldn't take enough pictures. Yes, you can tell it was our first time out west, but it won't be our last. The Billings Wing Ding was a success in our book. Next, Greenville South Carolina and we are already booked for 2008, 4th of July.

Roxie and I would like to conduct another Instructor Leadership Training course in the fall. Attending this course would allow you to teach many of the 1-hour seminars GWRRA has developed for our members. The course is open to the first 10 couples to apply, but we will accommodate as many as we can. The GWRRA seminars are taught at many of the District and Region rallies, but can be taught locally to your chapters as well. Leadership Training promotes interest and involvement in your chapters. Former officers and Directors are encouraged to certify as an instructor because of your experiences. Please notify Roxie and me by e-mail or phone of your interest and we will work on a date. It is a two day weekend certification class.

The Best to all of you,

Your Friends,

Brent & Roxie Comeaux,
Louisiana Asst. District Directors & Trainers

Fear Can Kill You Turn it into RESPECT

By: James R. Davis

FEAR CAN KILL YOU - it leads to riders freezing at their controls in an emergency and taking no corrective action whatever. It leads to doubts that are self-fulfilling. "I can't make that turn!" Finally, it leads to dangerous reactions such as 'grabbing a handful of brake lever' instead of doing a CONTROLLED panic stop.

But we, ALL OF US, were afraid to begin with. How to get over it should be the question you answer because by observation you know that virtually all of us did just that.

My suggestions are simple:

Convert fear into respect. Understand and acknowledge that the sport is dangerous and that what you must do to survive it is UNDERSTAND everything you can about it. Ignorance is the cause of a great deal of fear.

Make sure that the motorcycle is ALWAYS mechanically sound. Your life depends on just two wheels, it only makes sense to insure that they are well maintained.

Practice and then practice some more. Practice in all kinds of environments, not just a parking lot. Practice in the rain. Practice on gravel. Practice stopping and starting on a hill. Practice stopping quickly (in a parking lot!) Practice going fast (speed limited by law.) Practice going SLOW - this IS important!

Be prepared. You cannot practice enough to have experienced everything - the car that moves into your lane at freeway speeds should be an event that is new to you. The unexpected does happen - often. Sometimes, unfortunately, things break - even if properly maintained. In other words, you should assume that sooner or later you will find yourself getting off your motorcycle unintentionally (it falls over in a parking lot with ten of your friends watching you.) You should be dressed to not only survive that experience, but so that you will be uninjured or minimally affected by that dismount. (Can you say 'helmet', 'gloves', 'leather'?)

Now, to go back ... your objective should be to convert fear into respect. I do not mean respect merely of the dangers or of your motorcycle - those are the least of it. You need to develop a respect of YOURSELF - an absolute regard for your ability to CONTROL the motorcycle at all times. An immense pride in YOUR ability to make it - that is, that 100 horsepower machine - do exactly what YOU want it to do.

When that happens, you have won.

It is not for no reason that we ride our motorcycles with grins on our faces.

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BY THE BOOK

This “By The Book” article was taken from the June/July M.E.D. Newsletter page 4 and was written by Diana McGuire GWRRA Executive Assistant. As you know the By the Book articles are usually taken from the Officers Guide Book. This article is new information from the Home Office. Below is a brief explanation of the insurance coverage and process that your Chapter dues cover. If you have any questions please feel free to call Diana at the home office.

The GWRRA liability insurance policy goes into effect immediately upon the approval of a Member becoming an officer, the approval of a chapter designation and the receipt of the annual chartering fee.

The two million-dollar liability insurance policy protects GWRRA Officers when involved in authorized GWRRA business for social events and a designated third party (mall, meeting place, co-sponsoring authority, etc.). This policy extends coverage for approved District and Region rallies and certain Chapter-sponsored events. The limits of this policy are stated on the Certificate of Liability Insurance that appears on GW Info Exchange. The policy numbers are stated on the Certificate of Insurance located at www.gwrro.org/officers/officersources.

GWRRA has adequate insurance to cover officers and volunteers when representing GWRRA in authorized GWRRA business and GWRRA events internationally. Liability coverage pays, on behalf of GWRRA, sums GWRRA is legally obligated to pay for bodily injury arising out of GWRRA’s business activities. Any present Directors, Officers or Volunteers are covered. GWRRA’s insurance policy covers the various “officers” who are involved in the various activities of the Region, District and Chapters. Other GWRRA members who volunteer their time and services at GWRRA rallies are covered by the insurance policy and are include as additional insured's. The limit of liability is \$2 million. Please refer to Certificate of insurance www.gwrro.org/officers/pdf/insurance/link4pdf. Also, Chapter members of GWRRA who plan, assist and take leadership roles in various chapter events (mall shows, ice cream rides, etc.) are covered by the liability insurance provided by GWRRA. As referenced above, there are no exclusions for volunteers. Family members or friends who volunteer at a rally are also covered under the GWRRA policy. GWRRA Home Office and the Event Management Group support/endorse guided tour rides at rallies. If a group of GWRRA members leads a tour, they are covered by GWRRA insurance. When a Region is hosting a rally and there will be vendors present, GWRRA requires vendors to carry liability coverage with a limit of \$1 million. This information is taken directly from the GWRRA insurance policy and verified by K & K Insurance Group. In the event GWRRA insurance coverage does not satisfy the requirements of the GWRRA group putting on an event, the group may purchase additional coverage at their own expense.

Dale and Susan Wingrove

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Birthdays

C. J. Doiron	August 1st	Lamson Guidry	August 1st
Kim Wiltz	August 5th	Elaine Guillory	August 11th
Cathy Guidry	August 11th	Gerald Lavergne	August 16th
Dwayne Broussard	August 18th	Dolores Foreman	August 21st
Evans Guillory	August 25th	Dave Poirier	August 31st

Anniversaries

Carl & Kimmie Lacombe	August 11th	Bob & Peggy Lee	August 17th
Mack & Earline Couvillion	August 22nd	Bud & Dolores Foreman	August 22nd

Dear IRS

Enclosed is my 2000 Tax Return & payment. Please take note of the attached article from USA Today. In the article, you will see that the Pentagon paid \$171.50 for hammers and NASA has paid \$600.00 for a toilet seat.

So, please find enclosed four toilet seats (value \$2400) and six hammers (value \$1029). This brings my total payment to \$3429.00. Please note the overpayment of \$22.00 and apply it to the "Presidential Election Fund," as noted on my return.

Might I suggest you the send the above mentioned fund a "1.5 inch screw?" (See attached article... HUD paid \$22.00 for a 1.5 inch Phillips Head Screw.)

It has been a pleasure to pay my tax bill this year, and I look forward to paying it again next year.

A Faithful Taxpayer