



LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
SOUTH CENTRAL REGION "H"
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Hello Cajun Wingers,

It just doesn't look like this dreary weather will let up. Brenda says she is starting to mold. I can't wait for spring or at least a little break in the clouds so we can dust off the trike and go have a little fun.

There is one scheduled ride on the calendar and that's coming up this

Saturday, the 10th. We are hoping the weather will cooperate so we can ride to Franklin for the American Legion's Gumbo Cookoff. It should be a fun time so pray for good weather and if anything changes we will notify everyone via Calling Post.

Wingless weekend, although not technically a bike ride, is also close at hand. It will be held on the 23rd and 24th of February at Cotile Park in Boyce, LA. Please see the attached flyer for more info. Lets show up in force, compete in the fun games, and bring home the trophy.

We have also attached a registration form for the Louisiana District Rally which is coming up in April. As always, this promises to be a great event so register early and make your plans now. Chapter B is the host chapter for this event so we will be looking for volunteers to help with setting up, rides, and other such things. More to follow.

Last but not least is Valentine's Night with that special someone. We will be meeting at Chef Roy's in Rayne at 7:00 PM. Due to the large number we expect and the fact that this will already be a busy night for them, the menu will be limited. We will be having Crawfish Etoufee or Fried Catfish for \$15 or a Seafood Platter or Chicken Isabel for \$17. Desert is optional and is limited to Bread Pudding for \$2. Entrée prices include a soft drink, tax, and tip. Hey guys, better mark your calendar for this one or ????????????????

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

LIVE WELL - LAUGH OFTEN - LOVE MUCH

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.GWRR-LA-B.ORG**

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	7	8	9	10 Southside Honda American Legion Gumbo Cookoff Franklin, LA Leaves McDonalds 9:30 AM
11 Brunch with the Gang Location TBA 11 AM - Ride After If Weather Permits	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Outing at Chef Roys In Rayne Meet there at 7:00 PM	15	16	17 Honda of Lafayette Rides Depending Upon Weather Will Inform Via Calling Post
18 Chptr B Staff Meeting Pat & Brenda's Home 426 N Ave H, Crowley 6:00 PM Gumbo	19	20 Evening Dinner Ride Judice Inn on Johnston Street 6:30 PM	21	22	23 Wingless Weekend Cotile Park Boyce, LA.	24 Southside Honda Wingless Weekend Cotile Park Boyce, LA.
25 Rides Depending Upon Weather Will Inform Via Calling Post	26	27	28			

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A Note From Your District

Directors.....

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR LOUISIANA FRIENDS AT THE LOUISIANA DISTRICT STAFF MEETING IN LAFAYETTE THIS PAST WEEKEND. THIS IS A TIME TO DRAW OUR CHAPTER STAFFS TOGETHER TO VISIT AND SHARE INFORMATION WITH ONE ANOTHER. THERE WAS A LARGE TURN OUT AND AS ALWAYS WE APPRECIATE EACH ONE WHO TOOK TIME FROM BUSY SCHEDULES TO ATTEND.

WE THINK IT WAS A PRODUCTIVE MEETING AND HOPE SOME OF THE INFORMATION PASSED ALONG WILL BE HELPFUL TO CHAPTERS IN THE COMING YEAR.

AT THE MEETING WE STRESSED THE IDEA OF CHAPTERS PROMOTING PARTICIPATION AT OUR UPCOMING DISTRICT RALLY. WE HOPE THE MEMBERS WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO TAKING PART IN FRIENDLY COMPETITION. DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS DIANNE DOIRON HAS USED HER ARTICLE IN OUR NEWSLETTER TO SHARE COMPETITION GUIDELINES SO EACH CHAPTER SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO TAKE PART.

WE HAVE ADDED A NEW CATEGORY THIS YEAR.....MARDI GRAS UMBRELLAS. THE GUIDELINES WILL BE GIVEN IN THE NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH. THIS WILL BE ANOTHER WAY TO PROMOTE COMPETITION AS WELL AS SHOWCASE ANOTHER TRADITION ASSOCIATED WITH MARDI GRAS.

WINGLESS WEEKEND IS JUST FIVE (5) SHORT WEEKS AWAY. WE HOPE YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE PLANS TO ATTEND. CHAPTER DIRECTORS HAVE FLYERS AND THE INFORMATION IS ON THE WEBSITE. DOUG & HELEN TERRO WILL PREPARE LAFAYETTE STYLE RED BEANS & RICE FOR OUR FRIDAY NITE SUPPER AND BRENDA & PAT MECHE WILL COOK UP THE TRADITIONAL CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO FOR LUNCH ON SATURDAY. CHAPTER "A" IS WORKING HARD ON AEROBIC TRAINING AND HAS ISSUED A CHALLENGE TO CHAPTER "E" IN HOPES OF RECOVERING THE CHAPTER CUP. CHAPTERS NEED TO CHOOSE A TEAM OF 4 TO COME OUT AND TAKE PART IN SOME WILD AND CRAZY GAMES. IF POSSIBLE, COME OUT FOR SUPPER AND VISITING BY THE FIREPLACE ON FRIDAY NITE AND A FULL DAY OF FUN ON SATURDAY.

UNTIL NEXT TIME,

RIDE SAFE AND OFTEN and
REMEMBER YOUR SWEETHEART ON FEBRUARY 14TH

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Hello Goldwingers ,

Roxie and I sure enjoyed the Holidays with family and many of you. Now we are preparing for Valentines Day and the Mardi Gras Season, more special events to spend with family and friends. **Ride! Ride! Ride!**

We extend a very special invitation to all GWRRA members, to the Louisiana District's Horizons Program, Feb. 3 & 4th in Lafayette at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 2032 N. E. Evangeline Thruway @ I-10 Exit 103; PH: 800-942-4868. Please make arrangements thru your Chapter Director for a fun filled weekend with GWRRA Friends.

We have so much to share with you. "How the other Chapter does it.....?" Come see for yourself. The food in Lafayette is good too! Texas District Director and former District Trainer himself, John Simoneck will instruct you along with the assistance of Region H Trainers and former Arkansas District Directors, Dale and Susan Wingrove. Only the Best instructors for you.

Don't miss the excitement when they tell you," How they do it!" "What happen to them?" "I never thought it could happen to me" and "What did I get myself into?" "Would you ever Believe?" Come join in on the fun, where you get to tell your story. Remember only the first 40 GWRRA members signed up will get to attend this annual event. So Chapter Directors, e-mail me those names pronto for more fun with your GWRRA buddies!

Be Safe,

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

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Hi Everyone!

We are getting closer to our District Rally! This month I am sharing with you the guidelines for the Dress Competition. Hope we see many of you participating in this event.

GWRRA BEST DRESSED COMPETITIONS

Best Dressed (Couple/Chapter), **Parade** Category
Best Dressed (Couple/Chapter). **Riding** Category
Chapter Shirts

General Rules/Definitions for all Dress Competition:

* Each entrant must be an Individual Member, Family Member, Individual Associate Member or Family Associate Member of GWRRA

- Each participant in Couple/Chapter Parade must wear the 10 inch GWRRA back patch and GWRRA membership pin
- Participants will be expected to perform “1/4 turns” to allow judges to see outfits.
- Parade/ Riding categories have two sub-categories
 - a. Couple – defined as one male & one female
 - b. Chapter – consists of at least four participants
- To compete in Best Dressed Chapter/Chapter Shirt, members must wear their chapter’s designation
- Because these competitions are intended to be fun events, Rider Ed. or Mileage awards will not be judged.

Best Dressed Couple/Chapter Parade category does not include music or routines. The contestant’s outfits will be suitable for representing their chapter in a parade or other event.

Best Dressed Couple/Chapter Riding category does not include music or routines. The contestant’s outfits will be suitable for motorcycle riding.

Chapter Shirts category does not include music or routines. The contestants are judged on shirts only. Vests, Jackets, Pants, Caps, Sashes etc. are not a part of this category. Ties may be worn in Dress shirt category.

Rally Theme category does not include music or routines. Contestants are judged on how well their outfit represents the Rally theme.

There are 3 classes in Chapter Shirt Category

* Dress Shirt (suitable for representing Chapter in a parade or other event)

* Knit shirt (with or without a collar) includes tee shirts, polo style & golf type shirts. Suitable for Chapter meetings or other casual events.

* Casual shirts (long or short sleeve) (not made of knit fabric) suitable for Chapter meetings or other casual events.

Also, we will again have the Mardi Gras Party where we will be judging costumes and we will have a queen and king along with awards for other categories.

Wishing you all a Happy Valentines!

Ride Safe,

Dianne Doiron
District Coordinator

C.J. Doiron
District Events Coordinator

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Hello Region H

The “By The Book” articles are intended to help familiarize Volunteer Leaders and GWRRA Members with the guidelines, policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Guidebook. Any quotes or references to topics contained in our OGB should not be taken “out of context”. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District and Chapter newsletters.

In the February 2007 issue of Wing World Magazine Jim Hutchins introduced a new program, the “Chapter of the Year Program”. There are basic qualifications for chapters to qualify to be a Chapter of the year candidate. Most of these qualifications are in the OGB. The next few months we will let you know what those are. This month will be Newsletters from page D-7 of the OGB

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters let Members and officers know what’s going on. Newsletters range from a few paragraphs on a single sheet of paper, to hefty little booklets, complete with advertisements, put out by newsletter staff. But, no matter how plain or fancy, the central purpose of its existence is to be a communications medium for and to, the Members. Chapter participants cannot be charged an additional fee to receive a newsletter; nor should Members be solicited for a contribution to receive a newsletter. Newsletter costs should be charged off as an operating expense to the chapter, and paid for from the chapter operating funds. It should be available to all interested Members. Chapter participants who cannot attend chapter meetings but are able to attend other chapter activities should still be considered “active” members. Work schedules and other factors can determine whether or not a chapter participant is able to attend a chapter meeting and therefore, a chapter participant should not be dropped from the mailing list just because they do not attend a chapter meeting. If a chapter participant does not attend a meeting or “activity” for a period of ninety (90) days, the participant should be contacted to see if there is a problem or if they have become dissatisfied. If after a period of 120 days a participant is still inactive, it is permissible to drop that participant from the newsletter mailing list.

The format you choose will probably undergo some experimenting if you follow the typical pattern, but the “heading” of the newsletter, whether it’s at the top of a page or on the front cover, must have the chapter name, or initials and the GWRRA logo of our Association on it to indicate that it is a GWRRA newsletter. Your region, district and chapter letter designation should also be visible, along with the month and year. Other graphics and information can be used to “pretty it up” and individualize it. Ads may be sold with proceeds deposited into the chapter-operating fund and earmarked for the newsletter’s publication. A charge of \$5.00 per issue for a reproduction of a business card is not unreasonable, but this can be worked out according to your local “market.” The Newsletter will provide you an opportunity to “talk” with the Members on a one-to-one basis. Information from national, region and district should be included for the edification of the Members, and to assist them in understanding the concept, goals and workings of GWRRA. Other contributions will come from folks like your Rider Educator, with items on safety. Members and/or staff may submit interesting items about trips, experiences, anniversaries, etc. Newsletters will not be used as platforms for personal tirades or “politicizing” for, or against a particular cause. All chapters within a district are encouraged to exchange complimentary newsletters with copies sent to your District, Regional and the Home Office in Phoenix. Newsletters should be distributed at least monthly to all chapter participants. Sometimes, chapters “piggy-back” their information with a “sister-chapter” or participate in a district publication for more efficient use of resources. This is acceptable, as long as it is done monthly. As use of the Internet continues to grow, so will the prospect of sending newsletters over the Internet. While we encourage the use of this medium, we must also remember there are those Members who do not have access to the Internet. Therefore, hard copies of newsletters should be mailed to those Members.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

T-E-A-M: Together Everyone Accomplishes More

Dale and Susan Wingrove
Region H Trainers

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Birthdays

Russ Meyer February 3rd
Daron Judice February 9th
Angela Comeaux February 15th

Ronald J. Barrilleaux February 3rd
Helen Terro February 10th
Cathy Comeaux February 23rd

Anniversaries

Daron & Joan Judice February 6th

Verne & Margan Brown February 14th

Signs Your Company is Planning a Layoff

- Windows 95 shutdown screen reads, "It is Now Safe to Start Looking for Work."
- Sudden proliferation of teen-age geek interns.
- Your boss keeps asking you when he can "show your cubicle."
- Company president now driving a Hyundai.
- Guard at front desk nervously fingers his revolver whenever you pass by.
- Giant yard sale in front of corporate headquarters.
- Company dental plan now consists of pliers and string

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