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Hello Cajun Wingers,

It's Wing Ding Time !! Of course, if your reading this newsletter at the regular monthly meeting, you're obviously not there. And since I'm leading this meeting, I'm obviously not there either. Had

other plans that conflicted. Maybe next year.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET - Chapter B's annual garage sale (normally our only fund raiser for the year) will be held on July 14th and we need your help. Everyone has things in storage or just hanging around that you need to get rid of. Now is the time to dig them out. Please give them to YOUR chapter. Call Don Miguez at 233-1790 or 988-0352 and he will let you know where to bring your stuff. We need everything there by July 8th unless you will be helping to set up on the Thursday and Friday before the sale. We will need volunteers to help price items and set up tables on those two days and help on the day of the Garage Sale. We also need folding tables, so if you have any, please let us know at 658-3934. Remember, all monies earned benefit YOU in the form of fun, such as parties, watermelon runs, and other functions, etc. More FUNds = More FUN

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.GWRR-LA-B.ORG

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Open For Your Suggestions	2	3 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7 Honda of Lafayette No Scheduled Rides Watermelon Run Moved To July 28th Preping for Garage Sale
8 No Scheduled Rides Preping for Garage Sale	9	10	11	12 Garage Sale Set Up 105 Fox Glen Court Behind Posado's on Ambassador Caffery	13 Garage Sale Set Up 105 Fox Glen Court Behind Posado's on Ambassador Caffery	14 Southside Honda Chapter B's Garage Sale 6:00 to 12:00 105 Fox Glen Court Behind Posado's on Ambassador Caffery
15 Open For Your Suggestions	16	17	18	19	20	21 Honda of Lafayette Noeie Lavergne Man's Mystry Tour Leaves McDonalds at 10:30 AM - \$15/Person
22 Open For Your Suggestions	23	24 Evening Mystery Dinner Ride Meet at McDonalds 6:30 PM	25	26	27	28 Southside Honda Hamburgers at Southside Honda / Watermelon Run to Lake Arthu Leaves S.H. at 1:00 PM
29 Open For Your Suggestions	30	31				

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A Note From Your District Directors.....

By the time this newsletter is published we will be “Wingin “our way to Billings, Montana and “Wing Ding 29”. This will be our second Billings Wing Ding but the first on the Trike. We are really looking forward to seeing that part of the country again. The Louisiana District has the responsibility of the Goodie Booth on July 4th and we also look forward to seeing many old friends who will stop by to shop.

From Billings we will travel through Utah, Idaho, and Nevada and on to the Grand Canyon. Touring the USA on a Honda Gold Wing is surely the best way to go! As someone once said, “We don’t try to explain to people why we travel on a motorcycle. For those who have experienced the joy, no explanation is necessary; for those who haven’t, no explanation is possible.”

We hope those of you who are not able to make the trip out West will have a chance to do some riding here at home and if you do, please remember to drink lots of liquids, stop often to rest and always be safe.

The Holiday Inn in Lafayette tells us that many folks have already made reservations for the 2008 Louisiana District Rally. We are excited to get that news and encourage everyone to do the same. It is never too early to reserve rooms. The District Staff is already working on some new ideas for the next Mardi Gras Madness and of course we will keep many of the events that have proved to be a hit in the past.

July and August are usually slow months for GWRRA events but when September rolls around we will be back on the road traveling, visiting and having fun. We hope all of you will make plans to attend as many Chapter and District Rallies as possible. Participation is what this great organization is all about!

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

Jere and Maurine
Senior Master Tour Riders - 1763 & 1764

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Hello Goldwingers,

Nick Hoppner, retiring?

What? What did I read?

How can he?

What will become of our beloved Wing World magazine?

These are all the questions going through my own mine as I read with awe the latest issue. I have come to know Nick thru his monthly editorials just as you have and on occasion have had the pleasure to speak with him at several Wing Ding's. I know he has done a fine job and will miss him, his clever ideas as an editor, and his always upbeat editorials. The Magazine is a shining example of his lifelong success and I wish him well on his journey of retirement.

What does this have to do with Leadership Training? This is a shining example of a successful leader retiring at the highlight of his tenure. Your leadership may start slow, but gather ground quickly as you develop your own style, rather than that of your predecessor. Your ideas may spark enthusiasm in the membership for all to enjoy and follow you as an example for Fun, Safety and Knowledge! If you think about it, your tenure is short. Maybe only 12 to 36 monthly gatherings, with many extra curriculum activities. Planning with Staff is crucial, just like Nick; you are the lead to put all their ideas into motion. But, isn't it gratifying to know you have done a good job by everyone asking those same questions I asked myself of Nick retiring?

Enjoy your ride. Roxie and I hope to see some of you in Billings for Wing Ding. We have never been to Big Sky Country and can't wait to see it.

Be Safe, Your Friends

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

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Hello Everyone!

I hope all of the rains we are having are not spoiling your riding plans!

For those of you going to Wing Ding or other wonderful vacation areas this summer, we wish you tons of Fun and Lots of Good Roads to Ride! Check your packing list and be sure to include your sun block, sunglasses, protective clothing, emergency

contacts and a list of all your medications. Stay hydrated...watch those caffeine beverages, they work against you when you are trying to stay hydrated. Don't forget your camera and memory cards or film, we want to see pictures!

Remember to "Never Ride Faster Than Your Guardian Angel Can Fly"

See Ya Later!

Dianne and C.J. Doiron James R. Davis

RIDE YOUR OWN RIDE

By: James R. Davis

I honestly don't want to sound preachy here but I do want to send a strong message out about something that can eliminate a lot of accidents - RIDE YOUR OWN RIDE ! I know, we have all more or less said that before. But I want to EXPLAIN it this time.

When I took the instructor prep class to become an MSF instructor I fancied myself a pretty competent motorcyclist. It turns out that ALL of the soon to become instructors were pretty competent. Indeed, I soon discovered that no matter which skill or exercise was being taught, at least one of the students was BETTER at it than I was. Not just a little better - I mean WORLD CLASS better. My ego was severely damaged.

On the other hand, many of those same riders had survived one or more accidents while with my more than 500,000 miles on two wheels I have never been in an accident. Maybe I was 'better' at some things even than those guys. (Perhaps I was more lucky, too.)

But that was the genesis of a new understanding for me. When I'm in a group ride I just know that everyone in that group is better at something than I am, and often that something is a motorcycle skill. So it makes absolutely no sense for me to try to 'keep up', to try to do what others are doing as well as they are doing it, unless I am fully competent to do so (and it is safe to do so.) If a group carves a canyon rode at 80 MPH and I believe it is safe FOR ME to do it at 75 MPH, you can be CERTAIN that I will do it at 75 MPH and I couldn't care less what others in the group think about that.

'Ride your own ride' is not just a catchy phrase. It means just what it says - ride to YOUR skill level, not anybody else's. Accept that others may be 'better' at some motorcycle skills than you are because it's true. And know what your skills are, stay within your own competence envelope, and know that your odds of enjoying tomorrow's ride are at least as good as anybody else's because your odds of surviving today's ride are not lowered just to 'keep up.'

Play the odds - RIDE YOUR OWN RIDE

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Hello Region H

MEMBERSHIP/AREA REPORTS

When a GWRRA chapter is chartered or, as sometimes happens, its area is realigned, the Chapter Director and the District Director will determine and list all the zip codes that are included in the geographic area to be served by the

chapter. The District Director must send this listing to the Home Office. This report is NOT a list of Members who BELONG to the designated chapter. It is only a tool for the Chapter Director to use for friend-finding, for determining success in enticing Members to attend functions, for Membership renewal reminders or for an initial mailing list. It has previously been mentioned and deserves to be again...the Members of GWRRA BELONG TO ALL CHAPTERS!! “Your” chapter was chartered as a convenience and benefit to the general Membership who reside within a convenient distance of your meeting place. Once the chapter has been established, the Report becomes more important as a management tool and less as a “mailing list.” In most instances, sign-in sheets become your primary indicator of Chapter Participants” and, in turn, lead to more effective chapter mailing lists. Please remember that the Area Reports are proprietary and confidential to GWRRA and MUST only be used for the expressed business purpose of GWRRA. All officers sign a Memorandum of Understanding when appointed to their position in which they agree to protect the confidentiality of GWRRA membership listings and membership information. Only with a written request from the District Director, will we change or modify an existing zip code zone. It must be noted however, that everyone living in a particular zip code area would also be changed. The Area Report is sent monthly to the Regional Director who then divides up the report to the District Directors. As a Chapter Director, you would receive the Area Report for your area from your District Director. The report includes all current and expired members in your area, the status of these members, joining and expiration dates, and other information that is useful for the use of recruiting, and retaining members.

Information specific to reading the Area Report and the Privacy Policy can be obtained at www.gwrra.org through the GW info Exchange.

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Birthdays

Kimmmie Lacombe	July 2nd	Rollen Trahan	July 3rd
Brenda Meche	July 6th	Mazie Guidry	July 6th
Linda Thibodeaux	July 7th	Dianne Doiron	July 10th
Arlene Guilbeaux	July 11th	Peggy Lee	July 13th
Roxie Comeaux	July 18th	Glynn Patin	July 19th
Judy Decoux	July 20th	Dori Janise	July 26th
Dewey Burke	July 28th		

Anniversaries

Frank & Kay Colby	July 1st	James & Harriet Campbell	July 6th
Scott & Jo Ellen Istre	July 10th	Kenneth & Kellie Howard	July 19th

ANYWAY

By: Mother Teresa

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.
Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them.
Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.
Give the world the best you've got anyway.