



LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION
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Hello Cajun Wingers,

First, I want to thank everyone who helped with the District Rally. Your participation helped to make it the grand success that it was. I know that being the Host Chapter may sometimes require a little more participation but then, participation also brings rewards. Not necessarily in the form of perks or pats on

the back (which were given and appreciated) but the satisfaction of just knowing that you were there for the "family" when they needed you. We are a family, after all, and isn't that what it's all about? And isn't it fun to show the out-of-towners our beloved Cajun culture and "Joie De Vivre".

As you may or may not know, Chapter B had several winners at this years rally. First Place honors went to Helen Terro for her Scrapbook entry, Donna Miggez and Committee for Best Chapter Umbrella, and Mary Ann Burke for her "take down the house" version of The Rose in the GWRR IDOL contest. Our Chapter Banner also took first place in the banner competition. Congratulations to all and thanks for all the hard work.

And of course, we can't forget Gerald and Noelie Lavergne, Chapter B's Couple of the Year, who competed for District COY. No, they didn't win but they represented us well and gave the winners a real run for their money. Great work guys.

Next month there are some great events planned. Chapter H is having their annual Progressive Dinner Ride and Chapter M is having their Mudbug Rally. We are also going to Miss Letha's in Hattisburg, MS. All promise to be great rides and more chances to be with the "family". We also have a spontaneous ride scheduled so if you have a special place that you've always wanted to take the group, don't be afraid to speak up. If you don't want to lead, don't worry, just let us know about the ride and we can handle the rest.

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**

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	2	3	4	5 Southside Honda Chapter H Progressive Dinner Ride in Houma Leaves McDonalds at 6:30 AM
6 Open For Your Suggestions	7	8	9	10	11	12 Honda of Lafayette Chapter M Mudbug Rally in DeRidder- Leaves McDonalds at 7 AM
13 Open For Your Suggestions	14	15	16	17	18	19 Southside Honda Miss Letha's in Hattisburg, MS Leaves McDonalds At 7:30 Sharp C.J. & Dianne Doiron
20 Open For Your Suggestions	21	22 Evening Dinner Ride Chinese in Opelousas Meet at McDonalds 6:30 PM	23	24	25	26 Honda of Lafayette Hot Dogs Courtesy of Honda of Lafayette then Spontaneous Ride at About 12:30
27 Open For Your Suggestions	28	29	30	31		

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A Note From Your District Directors.....

Can you believe it is already May? Time is flying by & we are now in the middle of some of the best riding time of the year. Aren't we fortunate to live in the South where we don't have to park our bikes for several months of the year!

Twelve members of the Louisiana District Staff along with members from Chapters "B", "C", "D", "E", "J", "K" and "M" had a great time at the Region "H" Rally in Marshall Texas. We want to say how much we appreciate the help we receive from the Chapters throughout the year. Someone is always ready to lend a hand when we ask. The Louisiana District was responsible for several assignments and with help from members we were able to cover all the tasks. The Staff also had time to take part in some of the fun things going on.

The Alexanders, Berthelots and Hamiters represented Louisiana and brought home the gold in the District Cup Games. Brent & Roxie were judged the Best Dressed Couple in the Rally Theme Competition, Brian Berthelot won 1st place in On Bike Games and your Louisiana District Staff was selected Best Dressed Group in the Rally Theme Competition. Raymond and Sharon Hamiter, 2006 -2007 Louisiana District Couple of the Year, did an excellent job of representing our State in the selection process and although they were not selected Region "H" Couple of the Year they will always be winners in the minds of those who know them. They have traveled many miles, sold many tickets, taken part in many events and have gained the love of all who have met them throughout the Region. They have set a very high standard for those who follow in their footsteps.

Congratulations to Ken & Rhonda Holmes of Arkansas who will represent Region "H" for the coming year. We know they will do an excellent job.

Chapter "E" held their Spring Fun Day and had an excellent turn out in spite of bad weather. The Ball Town Hall is a perfect place for Gold Wingers to visit, play games and eat. Congratulations to Bev and Gil and their Staff on providing everyone with a great outing.

We had the opportunity to attend the Chapter "H" meeting. What a good turn out they had and what fun we had. We always enjoy being with this group. Jim & Brenda Pennington, International Couple of the Year and Tom & Kathy Peck, International Couple of the Year Coordinators were passing through and also attended the meeting. These two couples had also taken part in a Dinner Ride with Chapter "B" earlier in the month.

The 2007 Louisiana District Rally is now history and we want to say thank you to each and everyone who helped make it such a huge success. It would be impossible to hold a Rally without help from the Chapter members who work at all the events and help from our friends from other Districts who conduct most of the Seminars. We hope you were as pleased with the Hotel as we were and we look forward to a great Rally back there next year. We were so excited to have six Couples participate in the Couple of the Year Selection this year. Each Couple is an asset to their home Chapter and we know the Judges had a hard time making a selection. In the end Mike & Pam Jastram from Chapter "A" were selected to serve as Ambassadors for Louisiana and we are looking forward to having them as a part of the District Staff for the coming year. We think the group who works with us as your Louisiana District Staff is awesome and we owe each of them a big thanks for all they did to make the 2007 Rally one of the best ever.

Many thanks for your encouragement & support.

Jere and Maurine
Senior Master Tour Riders - 1763 & 1764

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HELLO GOLDWINGERS!

Podnuh, *that was a great Rally!* Roxie and I are still smiling and talking about all of you. We enjoy so much seeing all our friends and seeing them have a good time. We just cannot wait to party with all of you again here in Lafayette. The District will continue to bring new ideas to keep your Louisiana Rally fresh and fun. Just expect the unexpected and we promise fun for all of you and your friends. Come back again for the New Mardi Gras Madness Rally in 2008, March 27, 28, & 29, the weekend after Easter.

The LTD, "Leadership Training Division" trained 57 GWRRA members during the Louisiana Rally. The Newsletter seminar was taught by John Simoneck, Texas District Director & Trainer and Lydia Bourg, Region H Newsletter Editor. Ed Nahl, Region H Treasurer, taught the Chapter Finances seminar. Thank You, All. The Knowledge you gain thru these seminars will guarantee your success as a leader and an officer in GWRRA.

THE REST OF THE STORY?

THE RESCUE. The names have been illuminated to protect the members. One vendor show trailer's hitch broke in the vendor lot and we called a member welder to fix it. The same member welder was called again to repair a broken m/c trailer axle rescued from the side of the road. A group of Mississippi chapter B went to the rescue of fellow member with a broken alternator over 60 miles away with the truck and trailer of A.D.D. Not 15 minutes after they left the A.D.D. had to find another trailer for the Kansas District to rescue one of their own in Morgan city with a blow-out. Another long distance rider spent two nights after the rally a local member's house while waiting for parts to continue his journey. These are just some of the good deeds going on behind the scenes.

THE MISTAKES AND BOO-BOO'S

Not everything we try works. Not everything we say comes out right. Not everything you hear is what you think. Not everything you see is what we thought it would be. For all of these things I apologize to you, my friends. Wayne & Joyce Brewer, Chapter LA-A Chapter directors, worked their butts off to take pictures of all of you having the time of your life. They worked long into the nights to put a slide show together for you to be presented at the closing ceremonies. The slide show never happened. Wayne & Joyce please accept my humble apology. Your sacrifice is appreciated and the good deed will be rewarded. Thank You, Both

THE RALLY SUCCESSES!

There were many successes. The Hotel and Staff were the biggest success. Opening ceremonies Band "The Fa-Tras" and the Crackling cooking demonstration by the hotel Chefs with free samples. The Friday night Mardi Gras Ball and Band "Jambalaya" was a hit again. Bingo is always fun. Our guest provided some of the best entertainment during the GWRRA Idol competition, complete with the Idol judges, Randy, Paula, and Simon. The Vendors of course were many and happy with your money when they left. Your smiles were the most satisfying thing you gave the staff for all their hard work to entertain you, our friends. Thank You.

NEXT YEAR 2008?

Don't be surprised if we try some things new. Come see for yourself.

Be Safe, Your Friends,

Brent & Roxie Comeaux
Louisiana Asst District Directors & Trainers

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Hi Everyone!

We just wound up the 2007 Louisiana District Rally - **What a Party!!** Thank you chapter members! We cannot express enough thanks to each chapter's members who helped the District Staff during the rally! Without your help and participation, the 2007 rally would not have been the huge success that it was. It was great seeing you all there having fun.

We welcome our new Couple of the Year 2007-2008, Mike and Pam Jastram members of Chapter A. They are a very hard working couple and you will be seeing a lot of them. To all of our couples who participated in this year's selection ... You are super great couples and you make not only your chapter but also

Louisiana District proud of you!

Louisiana participants did very well in all of the competition categories, the winners are:

Banner	1 st LA-A	2 nd LA-C
Mascot	1 st "Claude The MugBug" 2 nd "Clyde"	Carrie and Gayle Liliedahl -Chapter M Lewis and Sheila Brinkley-Chapter M
Newsletter	1 st LA-J – Sheryl Wilkerson, Editor	
Scrapbook	1 st LA-B – Helen Terro, Editor	
Best Chapter Umbrella	1 st LA-B	2 nd LA-E
Best Individual Umbrella	1 st LA-E	2 nd LA-A
Best Overall Umbrella	LA-M	
Web-site	1 st LA-D	2 nd LA-M
Louisiana GWRRA IDOL	1 st Mary Ann Burke LA-B	2 nd Don Moore LA-C
Chapter Casual Shirt	1 st LA-M	
Chapter Knit Shirt	1 st LA-K	2 nd LA-A
Off Bike Games	1 st Terry Chauvin LA-K	2 nd Rodd Polk LA-J
On Bike Games	1 st Tim Dinnel LA-A	2 nd Dean Cortez LA-A
Light Show -- Fix Lights	1 st Pat Angelette LA-H	

Congratulations, everyone and" thank you" for participating!!

Hope to see you all soon. Ride Safe.

Dianne and C.J. Doiron
District Coordinator and Event Coordinator

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Hello Region H

This is the last article in a series telling you what the basic qualifications to be eligible for the Chapter of the Year program are. The last qualification is *The Chapter meets monthly at an appropriate site for the purpose of establishing Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge*. Now it is up to you to go out there and have a good time and make your chapter the **Chapter of the Year**.

WHAT IS A CHAPTER MEETING?

It is the means whereby GWRRA has FUN, grows, teaches, educates, informs and establishes a basis for GWRRA's very existence. The chapter meeting is the most important aspect of what we strive the hardest to accomplish; educating our Members. Educating them in ways of safety, skill, knowledge and the FUN OF GWRRA. If we, as officers, recognize and acknowledge these responsibilities to our Members, we understand the importance and the difficulty of obtaining our goals as represented in our motto, "FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE." In paraphrasing an adage, "You can take Members to water, getting our Members TO the water, much less getting them to take a drink. We have found the only way to get them involved (so we can provide the "water") is to provide a positive, FUN and worthwhile environment. We call this a chapter meeting.

Properly done, a chapter meeting is the perfect medium to carry out our prime responsibility to our Members. It provides them a place to come to gain fun, friends, knowledge and camaraderie. It provides us the opportunity to "sugar coat" the pills of safety so we can teach our "family" the tools and skills that will enable them to live longer and to better enjoy their chosen hobby —Motorcycling. Consider the word "meeting." It can be a little misleading. "Meeting" sometimes implies business, minutes, politics, reports, no-fun, dryness, rigid structure, speeches, and is capable of being BORING, BORING, BORING!! Obviously, this is not what a GWRRA chapter meeting should be! Our immediate goal is to try and entice our Members to come to a monthly activity with their" family." **We do this by making our chapter meetings FUN!** We make it a relaxed, non-political, nonreligious, friendly place where there are No Strangers... good food, interesting people and educational programs. This is not as difficult as it sounds, but it is very basic to accomplishing another of our missions:

EDUCATE! If we can motivate our Members to attend a chapter meeting, our job is half done. We must then insure that the meeting is so good, so interesting, so entertaining, so rewarding and so much **FUN** that they will return each and every month. They will also "talk it up" with their friends, thereby helping GWRRA receive the positive publicity that goes a long way in attracting new Members into our "family."

Good **FUN** chapter meetings cannot be overemphasized.. they are the backbone of a successful chapter. Good luck, and may all your efforts be amply rewarded.

Dale and Susan Wingrove
Region H Trainers

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Harold Reed	May 17th	Chris Devillier	May 17th
Gayle Myers	May 17th	Rose Landry	May 20th
Mary Ann Burke	May 29th	Nancy McGee	May 31st

Anniversaries

Eugene & Kathy Wyble May 3rd

Quotes from the Work Place

Quote from a Typical Boss: "I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame it on you."

Quote from the Boss after overriding the decision of a task force he created to find a solution: "I'm sorry if I ever gave you the impression your input would have any effect on my decision for the outcome of this project!"

HR Manager to job candidate: "I see you've had no computer training. Although that qualifies you for upper management, it means you're under-qualified for our entry level positions."

Quote from telephone inquiry: "We're only hiring one summer intern this year and we won't start interviewing candidates for that position until the Boss' daughter finishes her summer classes."

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