



# LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

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

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Hello Cajun Wingers,

Well, Fall is definitely here and I'm still stuck in the house with a broken foot. What a bummer! But the foot is a lot better and my doctor tells me that by mid October I might be able put 100% weight on it. I sure hope so 'cause I don't want to miss all of this beautiful riding weather and the great events coming up.

Speaking of upcoming events, Gerald and Noelie are leading a ride to Roberts Cove for a day of **GERMANFEST**. I'm not a big Sauerkraut fan but I know it will still be a great day and something different for us to do.

The following weekend is **Mississippi's District Rally**. Since it's a three day affair and work schedules differ, people tend to leave at varying times. If your plans are set and you're interested in traveling with other bikes, I'll announce your info tonight during the meeting so that everyone can connect.

Next is **RIDE FOR KIDS** here in Carencro on Sunday, October 21st. This is a great cause and one which we have always supported well so please make plans to attend if at all possible.

The last weekend might have 2 rides available. On Saturday, Oct. 27th we are going to Houma for a short ride and to have lunch with Chapter "H". So lets all turn out and go enjoy their hospitality and friendship.

On Sunday, Oct. 28th, if we get enough signed up riders, we will make the trek to the **ANGOLA PRISON RODEO**. This has been favorite of many in the chapter and if you haven't ever gone, it a real fun time and quite unusual. Not a rodeo fan. No problem, this isn't your ordinary rodeo and the arts and crafts are really worth seeing.

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**

# October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	3	4	5	6 GERMANFEST Roberts Cove, LA Leaves McDonalds At 10:00 AM
7 Open For Suggestions	8	9	10	11	12 Mississippi District Rally Biloxi, Mississippi	13 Mississippi District Rally Biloxi, Mississippi
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21 Ride for Kids Slemco Parking Lot Registration 8 to 9:45 Ride Starts at 10 AM	22	23 Evening Dinner Ride Meet at McDonalds 6:30 PM	24	25	26	27 Ride to Houma for Lunch and a Ride With Chapter "H" McDonalds at 8:30
28 Angola Prison Rodeo (\$10 Admission Fee)	29	30	31			

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## A Note From Your District Directors.....

Fall brings the return to school, football games, hunting trips and the opportunity to ride in cooler weather. Aren't we glad for the last one? While some of our members chose to stay home in the comfort of air conditioning this summer, many others chose to ride for sightseeing, for great food and for the wonderful camaraderie that comes with riding a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle. We applaud those of you who chose the later. Each month we enjoy reading the Chapter Newsletters and hearing of the fun rides each group comes up with. For those who have not ridden much lately, please remember all the safety skills you learned in the past. Sometimes we become a little rusty

when we have not used skills for awhile. We want everyone to be safe on the highways and byways.

Many of the Louisiana Chapters have taken the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation "Ride for Kids" as a charity to support and have made major contributions. Last year, four Louisiana Chapters were recognized for their outstanding support. In July, Anita Porche with the help of Chapter "F" held a bowling tournament to raise money and had a lot of support from other Louisiana Chapters. This past month Chapter "A" held a fundraiser which was very well attended by GWRRA members and the public as well. We hope each of you will get on the band wagon and support these needy young people by attending the ride in Lafayette on October 21 and making a contribution.

March 27, 28 and 29 and the Louisiana District Rally may seem a long way off but it is never too early to make plans. Your District Staff is working on some new events that we think will be fun and hopefully will attract even more folks to attend. The Hotel tells us they are taking reservations at a good pace and we encourage you to make yours as soon as possible. We want everyone to come to Lafayette and "pass a good time". An added thought, we hope you will consider supporting other Chapters and Districts by attending their Rallies and events.

At this writing we are headed to Abilene Kansas and the Kansas District Rally. What a good time we know we will have. The Kansas Staff has never let us down in the fun department! On Sept. 29, we will be in Baton Rouge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chapter "A" "Sock Hop". We know the food, music and prizes will be outstanding and we look forward to a good time and visiting with those who attend.

Until next time:

Ride Safe and Often and be very careful when you are out "Trick or Treating"

Happy Halloween

Jere and Maurine

Senior Master Tour Riders - 1763 - 1764

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## **HELLO GOLDWINGERS!**

Roxie and I wish you are all well as we have made it through the long hot summer months. Cooler fall riding weather will be welcomed by all.

First, Roxie and I want to say how proud the Louisiana District staff is of all our Chapters. We have gone to many of your events and we all come back talking among ourselves at our own staff meeting how much fun we all had at you event. Each one of you has developed your own distinct style of fun and entertainment. Each one of your meetings is different and fun. We find you have adapted very well to the wants and needs of your membership. We applaud your Leadership! Keep up the good work! You should all be very proud!

For our future leaders, remember there are guidebooks, seminars and Staff to support you. Give it a try, be an officer, and show your fellow members you have ideas about how to have fun too. You will be rewarded with hugs and smiles from new and old friends alike. These are rewards you share together, work on together, plan together, and do together. Roxie and I have worked very hard to be around all of you to learn what it takes to be just like you. You all make us feel so special, Thank you. Your smiles are the kinds of rewards we cherish. I share this with you because many of your Chapter and District leaders feel the same. And of course, we love to ride and eat and greet. What could be better?

Roxie and I are off to Kansas and Oklahoma District rallies and more of your fun events. We are always working and promoting your Louisiana District Rally to keep it fresh and exciting for all. Your suggestions for more fun are always welcome. Thank you for your suggestion Chapter H of Houma. We applaud you! Have fun riding everyone!

Be Safe,

Your Friends,

Brent & Roxie Comeaux  
Louisiana Asst. District Directors & Trainers



## By The Book

### WHAT IS A CD TO DO WITH “FREELoadERS”?

During a recent training event the discussion turned to Members who do not routinely participate, yet show up for Chapter events that are “free”, i.e., a meal or party that is paid for with Chapter funds. The discussion was NOT talking about Phantom Members; rather dues paying Members in good standing that only showed up for the freebies. This was a point of contention for other Members who did routinely participate in Chapter events. They felt the Members who only showed up for freebies had not contributed to 50/50 and other Chapter fundraisers all year long yet reaped the benefits. After some discussion we determined that the Chapter officers had contacted the “freeloaders” and eliminated personal and/or work related reasons why those Members did not attend functions all year long. The Chapter officers were satisfied that there was no apparent reason why the “freeloaders” did not routinely participate.

The discussion continued and centered on how the Chapter Officers should deal with these “freeloaders”. Some at the training event took a hard line approach and wanted to somehow stop these “freeloaders” from participating in the freebies. However the group consensus was that they take no action that would further drive these Members away from the Chapter. Rather their attendance at freebie events should be viewed as an opportunity to bring these Members into active participation with the Chapter. Numerous ideas surfaced to that end and were discussed in detail. The “freeloaders” should not be viewed as such, rather as Members who for their own reasons chose not to routinely participate. It is the officer’s responsibility to meet the Members needs and encourage participation in Chapter events. Remember we are all Members of GWRRA and choose to participate in a Chapter. As GWRRA Members, we may legitimately participate in more than one Chapter.

This question arose from the discussion; “If the Chapter has a limited budget and numerous “freeloaders”, should we charge only the “freeloaders” to attend while not charging other Chapter Members who routinely participate”. The general consensus was that if the Chapter had funding problems it should not be putting on a free event in the first place. While you might limit participation at freebies to Chapter Members, the “freeloaders” had indicated their desire to be participants in that Chapter and should be considered as part of the Chapter.

Bottom line, do not think of Members who do not actively participate as “freeloaders”, rather as Members who have indicated they consider your Chapter as their home Chapter. Their lack of participation is your challenge. If after your best efforts, they choose to continue only limited participation in the Chapter that is their “right” as Members of GWRRA. After all Members do not have to participate in a Chapter.

Being positive and pro-active achieves more than a negative, confrontational approach.

Dale and Susan Wingrove  
Region H Trainers

*(This article was submitted by Harry Dollarhide in February of 2004.)*

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**OCTOBER 21, 2007**

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## Birthdays

Kim & Cheryl Wiltz	October 7th	Harriet Campbell	October 12th
Donna Miguez	October 14th	Mike Comeaux	October 15th
Rose Patin	October 18th	Wayne Chauvin	October 22nd
Rudell Broussard	October 25th	Mack Couvillion	October 26th
Doug Terro	October 27th	Noelie Lavergne	October 29th
Kirt Dore'	October 29th	B.J. Landry	October 30th

## Anniversaries

Steve & Linda Thibodeaux	October 8th	Kirt & Paulette Dore'	October 16th
Evans & Elaine Guillory	October 25th	Brent & Roxie Comeaux	October 26th

### **To all GWRRA Members,**

Page 7 of the Wing World Magazine has an article from the Executive Director. Everyone needs to update there information with GWRRA to be placed in the GOLD BOOK for 2008. You need a valid phone # and any codes you wish to use to help other members.

- A. You have a truck or trailer to help a Member who is broken down.
- B. You will except phone calls from Members who need help or just have questions.
- C. You have tent space for a Member to stay.
- D. You have a spare room for Members.
- E. You are willing to be a tour guide for Members passing through.

You can verify which services you currently have and update your options by calling customer service at 1-800-843-9460, or online at [www.gwrra.org/members](http://www.gwrra.org/members). Make sure you double check your phone number.

**ALL UPDATES HAVE TO BE DONE BY NOVEMBER 2, 2007.**

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## ICE - In Case of Emergency

### Programming of Emergency Contact Numbers in Cell Phones

**ICE – In Case of Emergency** - programming of cell phones is a concept that was developed by a paramedic in England. He realized that most of his victims did not carry emergency contact information but did carry cell phones. So the campaign he started was to get people who carry cell phone to put in a listing of **ICE** in their cell phone directory with a number that should be called In Case of an Emergency.

With over 190 million cell phone users in the United States, this could be very valuable to a lot of people in times of an emergency.

It is simple to do. First type the acronym **ICE** in your contact directory of your cell phone then the phone number of the person to be contacted in an emergency.

It has also be suggested that you add a period at the beginning of the acronym. This puts the listing first on the directory list. Thus **.ice** This also makes it quick for you to call this number since on most cell phone - after you push the Phonebook button the first entry is highlighted and ready for you to push the send button to make the call.

Some individuals like to add the name of the person after the ICE acronym. Thus, if someone wanted Bob to be called in an emergency, the contact listing might look like: **ice-bob**

A number of public safety agencies here in the United States are training their first responders to look for the **ICE** acronym in the cell phones of those that are not able to tell the first responder who to call In Case of an Emergency.

It has been proven that the ability to get vital health and medical information about a victim can be very important in how paramedics may treat someone who is unconscious.