



# LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION  
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Hello Cajun Wingers,

I hope all of you are doing well. I know I am. Yes! I do have a broken foot but, so what? Things could be much worse. I've definitely de-stressed a lot these past few weeks, gotten a lot of rest, and got my priorities straight. At least I hope so. But enough of me. There's chapter business to attend to.

Unfortunately, there's not much on the ride calendar for September. Chapter "A" is having their Second Annual Sock Hop on Saturday, September the 29th. If you're in the mood for an overnigher, they also have something planned for Sunday, the 30th. I've attached their flyer to the end of this newsletter so all of the info you need should be there.

If you're interested in a longer trip, the Kansas District rally is being held in Abilene, KS on September the 21st & 22nd.

I wish I could be riding with all of you, especially now, since the weather should start getting better. I go back to the doctor on September 10th and am hoping for good news but it will probably be mid October before I can ride, if then. We do plan to go on the Tuesday Night dinner ride but we'll have to go in our car. Oh well, that's better than nothing.

Hope to be riding with all of you soon. 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](http://WWW.GWRR-LA-B.ORG)

# September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	5	6	7	8 Open For Suggestions
9 Open For Suggestions	10	11	12	13	14	15 Open For Suggestions
16 Open For Suggestions	17	18 Evening Dinner Ride Meet at McDonalds 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22 Open For Suggestions
23 Open For Suggestions	24	25	26	27	28	29 Chapter "A" Sock Hop - See Attached Flyer for More Info
30 Chapter "A" Group Ride - See Attached Flyer for More Info						

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

Well, the “dog days of summer” have surely arrived! Remember when it was cold and we all wished for summer? Guess we are never satisfied are we? Extreme heat can cause problems for young and old both on and off a motorcycle. Try and follow all the suggestions that are made for keeping as cool as possible during such hot weather. Drink plenty of fluids & stay inside as much as possible, and remember help is on the way, Autumn begins on September 23!

We have managed to do a little traveling the last few weeks. We were in Marshall Texas for the Texas “I” Rally last weekend. What a turnout they had. Nearly 200 folks (not counting their

Chapter members) braved the heat and most were on their bikes. We played games, won a few prizes, Jere helped judge the bike show and we got in some good visiting. It is always fun to be with the groups from East Texas.

Then we were able to make the Chapter “A” meeting for an all round good time. They really know how to hold an interesting and **FUN** gathering. Next time you see one of their members ask how they awarded the “Nipple” to one of their members who dropped his bike on the Wing Ding trip. It was hilarious!

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Kansas “Wild West” District Rally on Sept. 21 - 23. While there you may choose to tour the Eisenhower Home and Museum or take in many other interesting historical places along with taking part in some of the most fun games and events anyone can dream up! Get out your boots, chaps and ten gallon hat and ride on up to Abilene, Kansas. You won’t be sorry.

Next you will want to get out your bobby socks, poodle skirts, Levis & loafers and head on down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chapter “A” Sock Hop on September 29. They are serving a spaghetti supper followed by dancing with a deejay. Doesn’t that sound like **FUN**!

Let’s not forget the Louisiana “Ride for Kids” in support of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation coming up October 21 in Lafayette... This is such a worthy cause and we hope anyone who can will take part. For more information contact Bullet and Nancy McGee or Charlie & Anita Porche.

We are sorry to report that Pat Meche, Chapter Director of LA “B”, fell from a roof and broke his ankle. We understand he is doing as well as can be expected but will be out of commission for awhile. We all send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

September brings the Labor Day holiday when many are either getting in that last vacation or possibly Dove hunting. Whatever you do, please be safe and have fun!

Until next time, Ride Safe and Often

Jere and Maurine  
Senior Master Tour Riders - 1763 & 1764

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## **Animal Hazards Swerve or Panic Stop?**

**By: James R. Davis**

It doesn't happen very often but even while traveling on a freeway you can suddenly be confronted with an animal in your path. Certainly it happens with some frequency in the country, and on city streets you must be ever concerned about usually domesticated types.

Those of us who ride in the country tend to confront five types of animals with some regularity: deer, dogs, cattle, birds and horses in roughly that order of frequency. On surface streets there are usually just two varieties: dogs and children (both an animal and wildlife in my book.) Dogs on a freeway are usually road kill before you get to them.

If you see an animal in your path, given plenty of warning, the obvious best move is to slow down and give it as wide a clearance as possible. However, in the case of an animal that 'was in front of me out of nowhere' situations, you have an immediate decision to make ... to swerve and try to avoid it, or to panic stop.

That is a false choice to make! If you think that you can figure out where a deer is going to be in the next 5 seconds, you are dead wrong! But more than that, if you think that you can, in a panic, swerve your motorcycle and retain control of it - not run into oncoming traffic, or the side of the mountain, or off the road, or oversteer it into a crash after avoiding the animal, or swerve right into the animal which has jumped into your new path, then you are probably also of the opinion that it can't happen to you in any event.

If you hit a cement truck at 5 mph you will probably walk away from it. If you hit ANYTHING while traveling at 50 mph or faster, you probably will not. The difference is your speed. Swerving does not reduce your speed. What it will do is give away some control.

Your best move is almost always to try a CONTROLLED panic stop. Do not lose control of your bike. Minimize the speed of impact. If you are good, and practiced, you might not hit anything at all. Even if luck is against you you will probably still walk away from it.

I can hear it now: "Even if it's a child?" Absolutely! If that child decides to make a dash for his/her life and chooses (like you) the wrong direction to run in, then you will hit that child with a greater (faster) impact swerving to avoid him/her than if you try to stop the bike.

Of course you aren't doing 50 mph or greater on city streets, right? You are covering your front brake while riding on city streets, right?

Play the odds in your head before you get into the situation. Condition yourself - bias yourself - panic stops are not always a bad thing.

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## BY THE BOOK

We all hold the officers of GWRRA to a higher standard than that of a Member. The page from the OGB that follows is the standard of conduct that your officers have agreed to. This set of Standards can be found on page B-2 of the OGB.

### **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

This code for STANDARDS OF CONDUCT for GWRRA officers has been adopted to promote and maintain the highest of standards

for association service and personal conduct among its officers. Adherence to these standards is necessary and will further serve to assure Member confidence in the integrity and fairness of all GWRRA officers.

### ***AS AN OFFICER OF THE GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, I PLEDGE MYSELF TO:***

**MAINTAIN** loyalty to my Association and aggressively help it to achieve its objectives and goals.

**HOLD** inviolate the confidential relationship between the individual Members of our Association and myself, and all confidential information entrusted to me through my Association office.

**SERVE** all Members of our Association impartially, and to provide no special privilege to any individual Member, nor to accept any special personal compensation for the performance of my duties.

**NEITHER** engage in, nor countenance, any exploitation of our Association, and to safeguard and protect all its Marks.

**RECOGNIZE** and properly and fairly perform my responsibilities to our Association, to uphold all rules and policies relating to its activities, with skill, courtesy, honor, good will and especially to uphold exemplary service to the Membership.

**EXERCISE** and utilize sound "people principles" in the conduct of the affairs of my office.

**USE** only fair, moral and ethical means when seeking to influence opinion.

**ALLOW** no false or misleading statements to be made to the public or Membership.

**NOT** disseminate any malicious information concerning this or any organization.

**ACCEPT** responsibility for cooperating in every reasonable way with all Association officers and Members.

**UTILIZE** every opportunity to improve public understanding of the positive principles of motorcycling, especially GWRRA.

**MAINTAIN** high standards of personal conduct, and make efforts to improve my management skills, my character, and my communication techniques.

*Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Choose your words, for they become actions. Understand your actions, for they become habits. Study your habits, for they will become your character. Develop your character, for it becomes your destiny.*

**Dale and Susan Wingrove**

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**LOUISIANA RIDE FOR KIDS**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2007**

For more information or to find out how you can help, please call Bullet or Nancy McGee at 783-2658 or e-mail [bulletmcgee@cs.com](mailto:bulletmcgee@cs.com)

Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup> Pat Meche	September 1st	Bob Lee	September 3rd
Don Miguez	September 5th	Margan White	September 6th
Terry Bellington	September 13th	Hershal Beard	September 17th
Allen Broussard	September 19th	Paulette Dore'	September 23rd
Ward Tilly	September 24th	Phillip Decoux	September 25th
Geri Trahan	September 27th		

Anniversaries

Harold & Millie Madeley	September 6th	Irving & Patty Sonnier	September 11th
Dwayne & Cathy Guidry	September 22nd	C.J. & Dianne Doiron	September 28th

Boudreaux's Breathalyzer Test

A police officer pulls over Boudreaux who had been weaving in and out of the traffic lanes. He goes up to Boudreaux's window and says "Sir, I need you to blow into this breathalyzer tube."

Boudreaux says, "Sorry officer I can't do dat no! I am an asthmatic; if I do dat I'll have a really bad asthma attack."

"Okay, fine, then I need you to come down to the station to give a blood sample."

I can't do dat either. I'm a hemophiliac; if I do dat, I'll bleed to death."

"Well, then we need a urine sample."

"I'm sorry officer I can't do dat either. I am also a diabetic; if I do dat I'll get really low blood sugar."

"Alright then I need you to come out here and walk this white line."

"I can't do dat either, officer."

"Why not?"

"Because I'm drunk," replied Boudreaux!!