



LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

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Hello Fellow Cajun Wingers,

Our summer routines are coming to an end, August is here and everyone is starting to prepare for the beginning of another school year. Please be aware of the school buses, frantic parents trying to schedule in new school bell times, jobs, & after school activities. These days everybody has an agenda and a designated time frame to get there. So, be on your guard and watch out for the other guy.

During the month of July, Chapter B had the opportunity to interact with three of our sister chapters. We joined Chapter A & E for a night at the races and Chapter H for dinner at Posados. We'd like to thank everyone who came out and supported these endeavors. We had a BLAST!!! Also, thanks to Chapters A, E, & H for the invites!

We had a couple of new members join us during the month of July. So, if you happen to see them please make them feel welcomed.

Remember to always; "CHERISH YESTERDAY, DREAM FOR TOMMORROW, RIDE SAFE & LIVE ANOTHER DAY."

Chapter Directors, Gerald and Noelle Lavergne

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

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Deano's 7:00 monthly meeting	6	7	8	9 8:00A.M. @ McDonald's Abita Brew Pub
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 DUFFY'S @McDonald's 6:00 P.M.
17	18	19	20	21 6:00 @ Mcdonald's Pete's	22	23
24 Tuffy's Departs McD's @ 8:45 sharp	25	26	27	28 Ice Cream & Burger 6:00 McDonald's	29	30 Frog City Rest. McDonald's @ 6:00 P.M.
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District Directors & Trainer

Brent & Roxie Comeaux

Roxie and I returned safe from Wing Ding 30 in Greenville, SC. It was a 2000 mile wild ride on our Wing for some summer time fun.

We ventured out alone on our Wing with the trailer filled to the brim. We traveled east to Biloxi for a one night stay at the beautiful Imperial Palace Casino on Friday before the 4th. Then we headed north and toured Talladega Super Speedway before heading to the mountains to visit Helen, Georgia. Helen is a tourist getaway, styled after a Bavarian village in the Alps. Next we ventured up to Maggie Valley in the Smokies and toured a vintage motorcycle museum. We then begin biking the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway to Ashville, NC. The next day was the highlight of our tours at the Biltmore Estates. We spent all day there in awe.

We arrived at our destination on day six. Roxie and I spent 3 wonderful days at Wing Ding renewing friendships from all over the country. We especially enjoyed seeing and visiting with many of you there in the Vendors area. OH, the vendors..., so many,....OH, my credit card,.....? The District Staff, alone with members of LA-Chapter A presented the infamous "Louisiana Mardi Gras Parade" in costume, through the Vendor isles, throwing Mardi Gras beads to everyone. The beads are marked with our Louisiana District Rally dates for 2009. The parade is a huge success and a fun promotion for us. Roxie and I spent 9 days on the Wing with a prayer and a lot of memories.

We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful free country full of opportunity for adventure on a Goldwing with a prayer. God Bless, all who have served our great country, The USA!

Next year is Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa Oklahoma. This one is close and in our own Region H. Plan early to attend. We already made our reservations! See you there!

Brent & Roxie Comeaux
Louisiana District Directors

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Asst. District Directors

Wayne & Joyce Brewer

Hello Fellow Wingers,

It's hard to believe that we're halfway through 2008 and another Wing Ding is over! Wing Ding XXX in Greenville, SC was fantastic, with over 11,000 in attendance. We saw old friends and met many new ones. There was much to see and do, with something there for everyone, and great riding to boot.

We took a northeasterly trek to Wing Ding, riding the Blue Ridge Parkway from Cherokee, NC all the way to Natural Bridge, VA. The weather on the way couldn't have been better. We were able to skirt the rain for the first couple of days, and then had to dig out the heavy jackets in the "high country". What could be better in July! We then headed west, for a stop off in Erwin, TN in honor of Joyce (Erwin) and Cousin Stan (Erwin).

Then it was time to head back south to Greenville. We arrived in time for the International Couple selection where competition was stiff. Then it was up early on Thursday, July 3rd for opening ceremonies and to work the Goodie Booth. The LA District staff worked the Goodie Booth all that day, along with Region H staff and some tiger clad wingers. Thanks Chapter A, we appreciate your hard work!

We headed back home on Saturday, the 5th making our invariable stop at Lambert's in Foley, AL for some throwed rolls and possum stew. Then, to add insult to injury, we had to ride home in the rain, but we didn't hit the heavy rain til we were about 10 miles from home. This time next year we will be "Cruising to the PowWow in Tulsa, OK for Wing Ding XXXI. We're already planning and can't wait!

Let's ride,
Wayne & Joyce

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**By The Book with Dale and
Susan Wingrove**

HOW GWRRA DIFFERS FROM MOTORCYCLE “CLUBS”

“GWRRA is not a motorcycle club.” We’ve all heard it, haven’t we? But just what does it mean? Simply put, it means that our Association and our chapters don’t function in the same organizational and procedural format that “clubs” do. That is, we don’t elect anyone to any position by running candidates against each other and having the membership vote on them. We don’t choose our officers with popularity contests. We don’t impose our wishes on others. We select, not elect. Clubs usually are local in scope. Chapters are national or international and tied to a single organization. We don’t have long and heated debates, make motions, second motions, call for votes or go into long, detailed reports in our chapter meetings. We don’t need uniforms, people giving us rules to obey, or exorbitant fees or dues. We try not to do any “heavy-breathing.” In other words, a GWRRA chapter meeting is not presided over by a “president” and conducted according to Roberts’ Rules of Order or the parliamentary procedure process. That is the format that many “clubs” use in their meetings. We don’t say that we are better than clubs, we are just different. Some people like the club format of operation. This is all well and good. Those folks should be encouraged to attend and participate where they are the most comfortable. We think when they “try it” (our format!), “they’ll like it.”

*The GWRRA chapter format of operation is more flexible than a club format. A “club,” either in its organizational structure or its operational format. It is **PART** of something bigger than itself.*

Sometimes, less-informed chapter participants will try to lead the chapter into the “club” format of operation. It’s the responsibility of GWRRA officers to work together to retain the non-political, non-club environment in the chapter.

If this becomes a problem, other members of the Operations Team will be able to assist you.

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Everybody Sing!
"99 bottles of beer on the wall"



Terrell is that a large
Ice Cream Cone? or What?



Broken Egg Rest. In River Ranch



Ice Cream Run at Gabe's & DQ's
in Rayne



Watermelon Run @ Lake Fausse Point



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Birthdays

C.J. Dioron	August 1st	Lamson Guidry	August 1st
Kim Wiltz	August 5th	Elaine Guillory	August 11th
Cathy Guidry	August 11th	Gerald Lavergne	August 16th
Evans Guillory	August 25th		

Anniversaries

Carl & Kimmie Lacombe	August 11th	Kim & Jackie Duplechaine	August 17th
Bob & Peggy Lee	August 17th	Mack & Earline Couvillion	August 22nd

For Sale

1998 Black GL 1500 Goldwing
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2004 Off Road / Dirt Bike 90cc Yamaha
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Personal Page

Last month we shared some experiences that occurred less than a six mile radius from our home. Statistics indicate that most accidents occur within a 25 mile radius of home. That being said, I guess they were right and we are looking forward to putting these incidents behind us.

Now, let's cover our rides for last month.

On July 12th we had our annual watermelon run. We rode out to Lake Fousse Point, and had a few new members join us. It was a very hot day and the cold watermelon was quite tasty. While enjoying our watermelon Mike and Brenda Comeaux and their family were boating and stopped to visit.

Even though it was hot on July 19th we rode out to Landry's in Pierre Part. The roads were nice and the food was good and very reasonably priced. We had a good time in spite of the down pour that afternoon. Be it rain or no electricity; that will NOT keep us from having ice cream. We stopped at Dairy Queen in New Iberia to get out of the rain and have some ice cream, but the clerk met us outside and said everything was closed due to the power failure. So, we trekked up the road and settled for McDonald's in Broussard.

The evening of July 19th we met Chapters A & E at Evangeline Downs for a night at the races. Being raised in the racing industry this was my old stomping grounds and it brought back many a memory. But, I've been away from it for so long I couldn't give anyone any tips, sorry guys! Although we did have a good time, my brother Allen who works at the track couldn't understand why everyone on the rail kept yelling "HI! Noelie's Brother" He called me on my cell phone to say they have these people here and they keep yelling "Hi Noelie's Brother, Do you know them and who are they?" I laughed and said if you look just pass them Gerald and I have just arrived, he couldn't believe his eyes. We had a blast, Thanks Guys!

July 24th we met at McDonald's and rode out to Rayne. We parked at Dairy Queen and dined at Gabe's Cajun Restaurant. The food was very good! Their special of the day was 24 shrimp and an order of fries for \$10. We packed the small restaurant, then walked over to DQ's for ice cream. We had planned to go for ice cream, but since almost everyone hadn't eaten Helen suggested eating at Gabe's next to DQ's. Way to go Helen!

July 26th Gerald and I were not able to attend Chapter H's dinner ride at Posada's. However, we did hear everyone who attended had a great time with Chapter H. So, if the opportunity presents itself again, and Chapter H finds themselves in town, try and take the time to join them.

On the morning of July 27th we met at The Broken Egg Restaurant for breakfast. This was the first time the chapter ate here. It seem to be a hit and looks like we'll be back.

Till next month guys,
Gerald and Noelie Lavergne

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This month we will cover a technical item in place of our safety article.

We will be discussing replacing a headlight bulb in the GL 1800. The GL1800 has awesome headlights and provide much improved lighting for those dark roads on those evening rides you might get caught out on. Seems like the original bulbs last quite a while before one goes bad. Once you replace one bulb the next bulb is shortly behind.

The bulb is easy to replace and they are readily available from most automotive retailer stores. All 4 light bulbs are H-7 and vary in cost from \$8.95 to \$39.95, use your judgment, some last forever and others burn out quickly, the more expensive don't always last longer. The bulbs are high intensity halogen and very fragile, do not touch with your fingers.

- 1.) Put the bike on the center stand.
- 2.) Turn the steering to the left when replacing the right bulb and to the right when replacing the left.
- 3.) Pull the wire receptacle (plug -in) from the rear of the bulb.
- 4.) Remove the rubber boot, there is a little grab tab at the outer diameter.
- 5.) There is a wire clip that you push in to release the clip that holds the bulb adapter in the socket.
- 6.) Remove the bulb adapter, watch the alignment and remember when the new assembly is installed.
- 7.) Unplug the old bulb from the adapter, a screwdriver or knife blade might help to pry it apart.
- 8.) Plug new bulb into the adapter and install it back into the socket in the same direction as before.
- 9.) Swing wire clip back over the bulb and push back into the retaining clip, a flash light might help you see how the retaining clip is arranged. Normally the notch is positioned UP.
- 10.) Push rubber boot back over the housing and push around the edges to assure it is in place.
- 11.) Plug wire socket to the back of the bulb.
- 12.) Check to make sure the new bulb operates properly.
- 13.) Always carry a spare bulb or two in your trunk.

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