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Hello Fellow Cajun Wingers,

We sincerely hope everyone had a great Christmas and are going to make the best of this coming New Year. As you probably have already figured out we did not have a December newsletter. We are glad to report we think everyone had a great time at our annual Christmas Party, and really missed everyone who was unable to attend.

As your new Chapter Directors, we would like to tell you a little about ourselves. We are Gerald & Noelie Lavergne. We have been members for 5 ½ years and are the owners of a black 2006 goldwing. We have been lucky to have seen many places throughout Louisiana and some parts of this beautiful country. We were able to go to Wing Ding in Billings and enjoyed some spectacular sights along the way.

Preparation & anticipation of the next journey always makes everyone nervous, as does this journey we are about to partake as chapter directors. Hopefully, with guidance from other members who have traveled down this same road, we can ask them for the left lane as we change lanes and head on down the highway into 2008.

We are planning some changes, but intend to introduce them slowly as to not send everyone running scared. We would like to change the calendar a little, hoping to offer a little of everything for everyone. How does a Saturday ride and a Sunday ride sound to you? Our intent is to offer those of us who work on Saturday, a Sunday ride and for those who attend church on Sunday, a Saturday ride. This may work and it may not, but we are going to try it and look at the results. Now for our second change, which we hope will be well received. We would like to be known as the Cajun Wings. We are located in the heart of Cajun Country, why not capitalize on that factor. All of our sister chapters capitalize on the locations of their local assets, why not us. We are currently working on restructuring a few things that will introduce this change.

As you already know we have selected some of our new staff and still have available positions to fill. From time to time we may ask some of you to help or volunteer in our time of need. We sure hope we can count on you when asked upon. Please remember we are new at this and hope you can help us when need be.

In signing off we'd like to say; CHERISH YESTERDAY, DREAM FOR TOMMORROW, RIDE SAFE & LIVE ANOTHER DAY

Chapter Directors
Gerald & Noelie 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

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Kinder Casino Depart McDonald at 9:00 am
6	7	8 Monthly Meeting DeanO's Pizza 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12 Driftwood Parade Kenner Leaves McDonalds 8:00am
13 Cracker Barrel Breakfast & a ride 8:30 A.M.	14	15	16	17	18	19 Honda of Laf.
20 IHOP Evangeline Trwy Breakfast & a ride 8:30 A.M.	21	22 Golden Wok Dinner Ride Leaves McDonalds at 6:30	23	24	25	26 Motorcycle Awareness Alexandria Meet @ McDonald's 7:00 A.M. (Sharp)
27 Golden Corral Amb. Caf. 8:30A.M.	28	29	30	31		

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A Note From Your District Directors.....

Happy New Year to each of you. We hope Santa was good to everyone and that your stockings were filled with the special gifts on your list. Spending time with family and friends is what really makes the Holidays such a special time and we hope each of you were able to do that.

The New Year gives us a time to reflect on how much we appreciate each of you and how much you, our GWRRA family, mean to us. 2007 was a good year for the Louisiana District and we look forward to 2008 with much anticipation as we make plans for the first part of the year.

Wingless Weekend will be special this year as we move to such a nice facility. The District Staff always enjoys this time when we have the opportunity to express our gratitude to you the members for all you do to support the District throughout the year. We hope you will come and join us February 22 & 23 in Alexandria at the National Guard Armory for good food and great fellowship.

In February we also will offer a Horizon Training weekend. We hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time. Just ask anyone who has attended a session if it is worthwhile and you will get the same answer, a great big YES! Brent and Roxie will be giving you more information on the date, time and place.

Next of course is the Louisiana District Rally. A good number of registrations have already come in and if you have not sent yours and made your Hotel reservations, we encourage you do so. The Hotel Staff assures us that rooms are going fast and pre-registration is a big help to the District Staff in making plans for seminars, and the events we offer at the Rally. Along with the usual Rally events and vendors, the Cajun Band will return for opening ceremonies, Randy, Paula & Simon will be back for our GWRRA Idol competition, we will offer Bayou Bungee Jumping and a new Band will entertain us on Friday night at the Mardi Gras Ball. Mark your calendar and join us March 27 – 29 at the Holiday Inn Holidome for a good time!!!!

Until next time,
Ride Safe and Often
Jere and Maurine
Senior Master Tour Riders
1763 -1764

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NEXT YEAR 2008?

Asst. District Directors & Trainer *Brent & Roxie Comeaux*

Hello Goldwingers,

Goodbye 2007, Hello 2008! Roxie and I hope 2007 was one of the best for you. We celebrated with number nine granddaughter in 2007 as did some of you. We sadly said goodbye to some old friends too. Awe, but we are blessed, just like many of you. We

pray like many of you that 2008 will bring more "Fun, Knowledge, & Safety" and goldwinging weather!

Now, back to 2008 training. Just as we announced last month, get ready all you new Directors and Staffers. The Louisiana District is providing you "leadership skills" thru "Horizons Program". This event will be held Sat & Sun, Feb 9th & 10th in Lafayette at the Rally site, Holiday Inn. Come join us for "FUN & Education" presented by your very own Louisiana Certified Trainers! Make you reservation with the Hotel. Rooms are blocked for you. Chapter Directors, then e-mail or call me with your list of attendees for the weekend. You should collect \$20/ member donation to offset expenses for training and present at door. Any member is welcome, staff or not, **JUST CONTACT YOUR Chapter Director!** This is a FUN WEEKEND people, and a great time to make more FRIENDS from around the District.

Leadership trading is about **YOU, THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHAPTER!**

Be Safe in 2008!

Brent & Roxie Comeaux

Asst. District Directors & Trainers

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District Membership Coordinators

Ray & Sharon Hamiter

Hello Wing Family,

By the time this news letter gets on the LA Web Site it will probably be after Christmas. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and received pretty much what you wanted.

One of the most precious gifts that one could receive is life itself with good health and friends. Don't know about you but for Sharon & I 2007 was a great year with lots of laughter and enjoyment with old and new friends. We are looking forward to meeting even more people in 2008 and making life long friendships.

We ask that each of you join us in this New Year to see just how many contacts that we can make. Keeping in mind our safety while riding and enjoying our Wings.

Sharon & I wish each of you a Happy and prosperous New Year. See you on the rode!

Ray & Sharon Hamiter
Louisiana District Membership Coordinators

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The "By The Book" articles are intended to help familiarize Volunteer Leaders and GWRRA Members with the guidelines, policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer's Guidebook. Any quotes or references to topics contained in our OGB should not be taken "out of context". Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District and Chapter newsletters.

This month's article comes at the time of year when new staffs are being formed all over the nation. Last month's article was about choosing your staff wisely. Now we will talk about the Chapter Director's right arm and successor the Assistant Chapter Director. With the elimination of the word tenure, the word term should be inserted. With the elimination of the three year tenure, some CD's are looking at it as an easy and quick way out. The purpose of the elimination of the tenure program was to be able to keep good productive CD's longer than the 3 years that the tenure program limited them to. In the OGB segment I have highlighted a sentence that should be taken to heart. A good CD should not appoint someone to just fill the position of ACD. A good CD will not rush the choice of ACD and consult with his District Director and take time to make sure they are appointing someone to take over as CD. The following segment can be found on Page D-7 of the Officers Guide Book.

THE ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTOR (ACD)

The status and role of the Assistant Chapter Director is very important to the chapter. They must receive final approval from the District Director. This gives the Assistant Chapter Director official officer status. You and your District Director should do a lot of discussing about prospective Assistant Chapter Directors. The choice should be made with the thought in mind that the Assistant Chapter Director may be the next Chapter Director. Anyone accepting the role of Assistant Chapter Director should be willing to step into the Chapter Director position upon completion of the Chapter Director's tenure. Your Assistant Chapter Director should be heavily depended upon, and considered almost as you would a "partner" in the operation of the chapter. Your Assistant can do many things that you would normally do, including conducting Meetings and if need be, staff meetings in your absence. The Chapter Director has final approval on all decisions relating to the operation of the chapter, and if your chapter staff is functioning as it should, then you will become more like an administrator to the chapter, giving directions to coordinate a smoothly operating chapter where everyone feels a part. In fact, your job, as Chapter Director should consist mostly of educating, informing, training coordinating and directing the chapter through the Assistant Chapter Director's (yes, you can have more than one Assistant Chapter Director in a large chapter) and chapter staff. The more you make the Members feel an important part of the decision-making, the better operating, more enthusiastic, fun-to-be-in chapter you will have. So, use your Assistant Chapter Director as an extension of yourself. They should function in that capacity under your direction just as you function under the District Director's direction. If they are to be the next Chapter Director then you owe it to the Assistant Chapter Director and your chapter participants, to provide all the training and experience possible.

The more you allow your Assistant to do for you, the more they are helping the chapter. Give them all the responsibility they will take. You are going to put in many hours of hard work over the months and years ahead building a good chapter. Some day you will place everything you built into the hands of another Chapter Director. Shouldn't they be the best prepared hands you could train?

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

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Birthdays

Earline Couvillion	Jan 6th	Leona Johnson	Jan 14th
Joan Judice	Jan 15th	Buzz Webb	Jan 18th
Kay Colby	Jan 28th		

Anniversaries

Randy & Etta Tarver	Jan 6th
Mike & Helen Richard	Jan 16th

BIKES FOR SALE:

1-- 2002 Goldwing Illusion Red. with 25,000 miles;
contact Mike 337 668 4610

2-- 2002 Goldwing silver-gray, fully loaded with
154,000 miles. Contact Bullet 337 501 2658

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CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 8, 2007



Some people can dance while sleeping



Why are the out going CD's smiling so much, are they hiding something from the new CD's?



Is vertigo catchy? Which way is up?



She said "WHAT"?

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Good Friends
Great Party!!

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