



LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

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Hello Fellow Cajun Wingers,

It's hard to believe we are already into the second half of the year. On July 1st it is exactly 183 days into the year and it leaves us with 183 days left to end the year. Just in case inquiring minds wanted to know!

We are fixing to head out to Wing Ding in Greenville, SC. It will be a welcomed vacation, we are currently in the middle of fig season. With the heat and the rain, we're not getting a lot of riding time in. So bring it on, we are planning on getting our fill of riding time.

We'd like to remind everyone with the ever increasing gas prices, it looks like everyone and his brother is getting a motorcycle. Please look out for the other guy! It's a good probability that you will encounter an inexperienced rider sooner or later. Let's all try to be patient, and be cautious of your surroundings. We are already competing with the four wheel drivers on their cell phones, among other distractions. Please be careful while your out and about. It's better to err on the side of safety.

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

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

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 WING	3 DING	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8 Monthly Meeting @ Deano's 7:00 P.M.	9	10	11	12 Watermelon Run To Chicot State Park We depart McDonald's @ 10a.m.
13	14	15	16 Evening Ride Justice Inn departs McDonalds @ 6:00 P.M.	17	18	19 Landry's in Piere Part departs @ Mc Donald's @ 10:00 A.M.
20	21	22	23	24 Ice Cream Run 6:00 P.M @ McDonal'd's	25	26
27 The Broken Egg River Ranch 9:00 A.M.	28	29	30	31		

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District Directors & Trainer

Brent & Roxie Comeaux

Roxie and I praise those of you that are able to meet the challenge of riding in the heat of the South's summer months. So many of you have excellent tips for riding in the heat, please share your good ideas with others so we can all ride safe this summer.

We share in the loss of Chapter E's member Sheila Bordelon. We witnessed the love by Gold-wingers, family, community and church at her Memorial Service, filled to capacity, in Cottonport. Our condolences to her husband Eddie and family.

The Rider Education Roundup, June 14, in Opelousas was well attended. The Louisiana District Staff salutes District Ride Educators Mike and Pam Jastram and their assistants Brian & Kim Berthelot. They have begun the building blocks to bring more safe riding practices to you our members. We all hope to promote the Levels Program I, II, III & IV. Our goal is to invite all of you for a weekend, Friday & Saturday, to Alexandria for Ride Education seminars, CPR/First Aid, and Riding credits to promote you to your next level in the Program. Your District Staff is focused and expect to bring this program home to you this winter.

Check-out our Louisiana District Web Site! Wayne Brewer has made tireless efforts to meet the request for information by our members and staff. It looks great, Wayne!

Roxie & I are off to Wing Ding. First, we will support Region H COY Ken & Rhonda Holmes for "International Couple of the Year" on Wednesday. Thursday, we will be working the Goodie Booth, come by and see us, and the Staff, as you stroll through the aisles of the vendors. Bring your beads and mask from home and help us put on a Louisiana Mardi Gras Parade through the Vendor aisles, starting at 1pm Thursday from the Goodie Booth.

Be Safe, Your Friends,

Brent & Roxie Comeaux

Louisiana District Directors

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Asst. District Directors

Wayne & Joyce Brewer

Hello Fellow Wingers,

Almost half-way through the year and the good times just keep on rollin. As we made our annual trek to Arkansas we enjoyed the beautiful scenery and mountain roads. We'd like to commend the Arkansas staff on a great choice of venue, especially since a Dairy Queen was located right around the corner.

On Friday night, District staff guys sang their favorite karaoke tune "Big Butt Women" accompanied by their District staff gals and their "big butts". We were quite a hit, but the ladies refused to do an encore. But the "butts" are bound to make another appearance at a later date. The LA District also walked away with the Theme Dress Competition with our expectant hillbilly ladies and their hillbilly beaus who made their own "mountain memories". What a sight! Not to be all play, we attended some interesting seminars and had a great time.

Chapter M in Deridder once again put on an excellent rally. The games taught us to catch crawfish in every imaginable way, and every time you looked up, Lewis was giving away another \$100 bill. I think he was printing them up in the back room. We were entertained by a local bluegrass band while we enjoy a delectable lunch of perfectly prepared boiled crawfish or barbeque brisket, both with all the fixins. They had an impressive turnout, and if you didn't make it, plan to attend next year. It is surely a can't miss event.

We will be heading to South Carolina and Wing Ding by way of Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. We are anticipating some great riding and hope to meet more friends across the country. We will be at Wing Ding on Wednesday, July 3rd to support our Region H Couple, Ken & Rhonda Holmes, in the International Couple of the Year Selection. Good Luck, Ken & Rhonda! Hope to see you all in Greenville, and ride safe.

Let's ride,

Wayne & Joyce

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By The Book with Dale and Susan Wingrove

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 is a reprint of the 11-06 article written by former Region H Trainer Dave Barham.

Does your chapter have goals? Does your chapter have a plan to accomplish these goals? This month, let us address the need for a Chapter Plan and discuss the financial aspects of the plan.

Before you “tune-out” on this subject, goals and plans do not necessarily need to be big formal, cumbersome things. A simple comprehensive set of goals and a plan that is flexible will serve the chapter just fine. Success in our personal life, business, and chapter life relies on having established goals and a plan for reaching those goals. If we do not have goals and a plan, we are trusting to fortune or good luck to improve or accomplish things in life.

The Chapter Officers and Staff should ask:

- Where, as a chapter, do we want to be next year?
- What, as a chapter, do we want to accomplish?
- What are our financial, Recruitment, Retention, Rider Education, Couple of the Year program, and communication goals?
- Do we have any special events planned that require funding?
- Does the Chapter Director have a clearly understood prudent, reasonable, and fair fiscal policy?
- Do we have an established plan to accomplish those goals?
- And, most important, has the Chapter Staff communicated these goals clearly to the chapter participants?
- Have the chapter participants “bought into” these goals?
- The chapter should establish goals that have broad support from the participants.

The bedrock of the chapter plan must be financial. Without a sound fiscal plan, the chapter will not have the resources to accomplish its goals. So first, the chapter must set goals and determine how to reach those goals, only then can a financial plan be developed. First, determine how much funding it will take to operate for the next year. Include estimated expenses for all planned activities and expenditures. Then determine your estimated income for the next year. This is where your past financial records are invaluable. What was your historical income from all sources? Is it still a good estimate? Determine if the estimated income and current treasury balance are adequate. Do you have an estimated shortfall? Do you have estimated excess? A shortfall will require a new plan including to how to raise the required funds. Excess will bring a new set of decisions. What constitutes excess funds? The “Book” answer is “moneys in excess of approximately one (1) years operating expense”. This is a guide, not a rule. What do you do with excess funds? A good approach is to return excess funds to the participants by providing “no cost” social activities.

Bottom line: the chapter staff should work together to develop goals and a plan for the next year. An opportune time is at the end of the year when the chapter is required to submit the annual financial report along with the annual chartering fee. This is an excellent opportunity for the chapter staff to plan for the next year.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More
TEAM

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Hey Ray Charles!, Minnie Pearl wants her price tag back!



Eugene didn't your momma tell you to share, 2 cups of ice cream & sitting at a separate table!



There's always room for Dairy Queen!



Can you guess where our mystery ride ended?
Soop's Restaurant in Maurice



Doug, I swear I didn't do it! Someone must of moved the table & that's how the salsa landed in your lap! That's my story & I'm sticking to it!



Rose, what did Glynn say about keeping your hands to yourself!

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Birthdays

Kimie Lacombe July 2nd
Linda Thibodeaux July 7th
Arlene Guilbeaux July 11th
Glynn Patin July 18th
Judy Decoux July 20th
Dewey Burke July 28th

Mazie Guidry July 6th
Dianne Doiron July 10th
Peggy Lee July 13th
Roxie Comeaux July 18th
Dori Janise July 26th

Anniversaries

Mike & Lynette Douvio July 1st
Scott & Jo Ellen Istre July 10th

Frank & Kay Colby July 1st
Kenneth & Kellie Howard July 9th

For Sale

1998 Black GL 1500 Goldwing
40,447 Miles Asking \$9500.00
Frank Colby 337-367-7807

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Personal Page

Hey everyone, we are going to for go covering last months riding schedule in order to share a riding experience we encountered just a half mile from our home Saturday June 21st about 1:00 P.M.

Gerald had interchanged the tires on my scooter trike kit with our utility trailer tires in hopes of clearing up the vibration problems I was experiencing with the trike kit tires. So, we decided to take both the trailer and scooter with the trike kit out for a test run. Gerald was in the lead with the 1800 pulling the utility trailer and I was following with the scooter. Gerald had just asked "If I could detect any vibration on the trailer wheels, and suggested up the road you can take the lead and he would check for any unbalancing / vibration on my trike kit." We were traveling about 40 - 45 mph heading south, that's just about when we crossed paths with a truck traveling north. When out of no where a queen size double sided pillow top mattress comes flying out of the bed of that truck!! It lands maybe 8 - 10 ft. in front of him and begins sliding towards Gerald. His first instinct is to dodge it. Then I guess common sense and 30 years of experience kicked in. He knew he couldn't swerve into oncoming traffic and taking the ditch was not an option either. I'm watching all of this going on, and I see where he starts to dodge the mattress, then realizes he better bite the bullet. All the while his bike is fishtailing! Luckily the mattress continues to slide and he can actually control the bike to only catch the corner. That's, when that 800 lb plus motorcycle ran onto the mattress. The bike just sunk right into the pillow top. The mattress became caught onto the center stand / frame area and began to rip and tear. Then just about that time the trailer hits the mattress and becomes a projectile! He was very lucky!, maybe a higher power was with us that day, but he was able to maintain control the whole time. All I could think was; had I been in the lead, circumstances would have been different. I have right at 3 yrs and not enough experience under my belt to have handled that kind of situation. We discussed it later and Gerald asked "How would you have handled the situation?" I don't know, but my first instinct would have been to try and dodge it, just out of gut reaction. Which brings to mind know matter how much you think you know; the riding instruction courses we take, be it to lower your insurance or to refresh our skills are always a benefit to you. No matter how many years you been riding, you do walk away with some tidbit of information you didn't know going in. We stopped in the first driveway we came upon to regroup and regain our composure. That's when you start to realize the impact of the situation. The guy driving the truck came back to retrieve his mattress and came to make sure Gerald was alright. He asked are you okay! Is there any damage? Gerald responded "THE ONLY DAMAGE IS TO MY DRAWERS!!"

In retrospect you think what would have been the outcome if he would of drove into the mattress dead on center. Would the bike have drug the mattress along? Because, I saw how deep the bike sunk into the mattress and luckily he was able to just clip the corner. So, just as fast as the bike hit the mattress the bike also cleared it. Then there was the matter of the trailer sailing through the air!

Later that evening I called my sister and said I had a mystery question for her; "Can a Goldwing motorcycle clear a queen size double sided pillow top mattress?" Only if you can clip the corner, because the motorcycle sinks into the pillow top! She began to laugh and said "No Way!" I said "Ohh, Have I got a story to tell you!"

Still shaking and trembling,

Noelie Lavergne

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Be a Lifesaver

It's safe. It's easy. It's legal.

It requires no mouth-mouth contact.

If you witness a sudden unexpected collapse in an adult, follow these simple steps:

Direct someone to call 911 or make the call yourself.

Position the patient on the floor. Place the heel of one hand on the center of the chest with the other hand on the top of the first. Lock your elbows and perform fast, forceful chest compressions. Lift your hands slightly after each push to allow recoil. Take turns with a bystander until paramedics arrive.

If an automated external defibrillator (AED) is available, attach it to the patient and follow the machine's voice instructions. Otherwise, keep pumping.

Remember: If you just call 911 and do not perform chest compressions, the patient most likely **WILL NOT SURVIVE!**

Note: Gasping is not an indication of normal breathing or recovery. Initiate and continue compressions even if patient gasps.

For cases of suspected drowning, drug overdose or collapse in children, follow standard CPR (2 mouth-to 30 chest compressions).

Information made available through The University of Arizona; Sarver Heart Center.

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