



LA GAZETTE DES CAJUN

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Hello Fellow Cajun Wingers,

We hope everyone is getting in some summer riding. We went from unseasonably cool, to the dog days of summer.

May, seemed to be rally month. Both, Texas and Arkansas held

their district rallies in May. Both rallies were held in new locations and a good time was had by all who attended.

In our own state Chapter E cooked a Couchon De Lait, and Chapter M held their Mudbug Rally. Both chapters put on a great rally, with lots of fun, games, and door prizes. Great Job guys!

In the month of June we are going to have some evening rides for members who don't tolerate the heat very well. Please come out and join us. If it proves to be a success we will offer more evening rides the next couple of months, due to the heat.

It's looks like our Natchez trip will be postponed. The month of June and the beginning of July offers a lot of events and may possibly limit some of our members from taking advantage of the overnighter. We'll cover this at our monthly meeting. The staff of Chapter B would like to make sure your adventure will be fun and memorable.

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

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Monthly Meeting Deano's 7pm	4	5	6	7 Evening Dinner Ride McDonalds 5:00pm Yellow Bowl Rest
8	9	10	11 Evening Ride El Portrillo	12	13	14 Hot Dogs @ Honda of Laf
15 Happy Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 5:00pm departs McDonald's Mystery Ride
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Prejean's Rest. Bfst 9:00 am	30			WING DING	WING DING	

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District Directors & Trainer

Brent & Roxie Comeaux

HELLO GOLDWINGERS

Do you remember the first time you attended your GWRRA Chapter meeting?..... What were your expectations?..... Did you go back to see if the feeling was real?..... Remember When...

You gave Roxie and me that same feeling. Your friendships have indeed inspired us. Why would anyone want to spend so much volunteer time as a staffer, officer, director? I can only speak for myself and Roxie. **WE CARE**, simply put, just as many of you do.

Our tenure will be dedicated to you, the membership, and our friends. ***FUN!*** You Bet! Constantly changing, innovating ideas for more fun on and off our goldwings is always fun. Look around you for ideas, TV, movies, other chapters, internet, to peak the interest of your friends in GWRRA.

SAFETY! GWRRA Rider's Education Program and your Leadership in GWRRA are all about safety. Your Chapter Rider Educators and your Louisiana District Rider Educators, Mike & Pam Jastram are currently coming together to develop more programs for you. One of the District's goals in motorbike safety is to promote a Rider's Education Weekend. This has been successful in other Districts and we want to do this for you too. This program, besides promoting your safety, will allow you to earn your way through the Levels program, Level I – Level IV. When you feel safe Riding, we all feel safe riding.

KNOWLEDGE! Your Louisiana District has been successful in promoting leadership training through GWRRA programs and seminars for you the member, the staffer, the officer, the Chapter Director. We will continue to support you in these roles as mentors.

Roxie and I, have come to Care and Love each of you. Help us extend that feeling to new found friends. Put on a big smile, extend your arms, introduce yourself again and again and give what you receive,

FRIENDSHIP!

YOUR FRIENDS IN GWRRA, BE SAFE!

Brent & Roxie Comeaux, Louisiana District Directors



Asst. District Directors

Wayne & Joyce Brewer

Hello Fellow Wingers,

This past month we have moseyed on over to Marshall, boarded the USS Lexington, ate barbeque in Lake Charles and experienced our first Couchon de Lait.

It seems like so much longer than a month! Let's see, what do we remember?

Well, we changed clothes so many times in Marshall that Wayne couldn't remember which pants his motel room key was in; the Wings on the Lexington in Corpus Christi was a sight that will never be forgotten; don't follow Randy when he is looking for the entrance to the Coliseum in Lake Charles unless you are ready for a walk!; and we "watched the pig cook" in Alexandria.

We have dressed up as Cajun Mardi Gras Indians and as shrimpers sailing in our homemade shrimp boat. The things we will do to promote Louisiana (and our reputation as somewhat "crazy"), but as usual, we had a great time, and can't wait to do the next wild thing.

We're heading to Harrison for the Arkansas District Rally and will be in DeRidder on May 31st eating some mudbugs with Chapter M.

Hope to see you on the next ride.

Let's ride,

Wayne & Joyce Brewer
Asst. District Directors



By The Book with Dale and Susan Wingrove

This article is a reprint of the May 05 article written by Harry Dollarhide.

Be a part of the team.

One of the essential keys to the success of GWRRA is – TEAMWORK.

Since GWRRA is so large, complex and diverse, no single person can accomplish it all. We must all focus our special skills and talents on a portion of the task at hand. This piece-by-piece, component-by-component approach requires a significant amount of dependency. Being a team player allows us to take these pieces and mold them into an effective organization. At the national level of GWRRA the team is Rider Education, Leadership Training, Member Enhancement, Motorist Awareness and Media Communications division's. The National Directors under the Chief Executive Officer guide the team. They strive to increase the membership base by creating an atmosphere that provides fun, promotes safety, heightens knowledge, and by offering a full range of desirable services and benefits for the members.

At the chapter level the team consists of the officers and members that work together for the success of the chapter. At this level the team includes the officers: Chapter Director, Assistant Chapter Director(s), and Rider Education and other positions that are not officers but are also essential elements of the team. The Chapter Director guides this team.

The Chapter Director's effectiveness is multiplied many times by the team approach. The ability to manage large tasks is increased, and the chapter operation is streamlined and simplified. (Read Delegation). Further, the team takes advantage of knowledge and expertise that may be available within the chapter. Everyone shares the vision; is on the same page; and communicates. The additional benefit of this approach is the chapter participants feel an integral part of the chapter. As team members they are vested in the chapter, not just bystanders. GWRRA in Region H has a rich history of team effort. That team effort is continuing in today with new initiatives and enhancements being added (it seems like) every month.

We are all part of the GWRRA team whether officer or participant. While GWRRA core values serve us well, it is applying these core values through a team effort that brings the biggest success. Working together, we will continue to ensure we remain the world's greatest Gold Wing Association.

Together Everyone Accomplishes More

TEAM



Roland & Bernie Andres on the blindfolded
Lawnmower obstacle course at Chapter E



Gerald & Andy helping a veteran onto a trike



Chapter B & Chapter J visit the Veterans Home in Jennings



Gerald & Noelle in front of an Amish Buggy
in Branson, Missouri



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Andy & Louise Guthrie	June 10th	Gerald & Sheryl Faulk	June 13th
Ron & Dot Barrileaux	June 13th	Glynn & Rose Patin	June 14th
Bullet & Nancy McGee	June 17th	Terry & Norma Theriot	June 21st

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Personal Page

We would like to acknowledge some new members. Please take the time to say hello and welcome Scott and Marilyn McDonald, Jackie and Kim Duplechine, Jim Bearb and Kathy Arceneaux. We look forward to riding with you.

Last month began with a blood drive on May 3, 2008 for Dianne Dioron. This gave us the opportunity to visit with several other Louisiana chapters and other motorcycle organizations. We'd like to take this time to thank them for their support. It proves all motorcycle riders have big hearts and support their fellow riders. Now, if you were not able to donate blood at the time and would like to, please check with Dianne.

Don and Donna, thanks for all your hard work! You made it look so easy, but we know better
Thanks again!

The Texas District Rally was on May 8, 9, & 10. Those who attended were able to board an aircraft carrier and pictures were taken of themselves with their bikes. How awesome was that! On May 10th, we joined Chapter J and visited the veterans home in Jennings. It's a very nice facility which offers the veterans different levels of assisted living. Each veteran who participated seemed genuinely appreciative of the time we spent with them. Afterwards we dined out on overstuffed sandwiches. They weren't kidding when they said OVERSTUFFED!

We hope all the ladies had a nice Mother's Day May 11th.

The following Saturday, May 17th, we went out to Chapter E's Rally. They had games, door prizes, food and a Chinese auction. Our hats go off the Donnie Morvant for coming up with the blindfolded lawn mower rider and co-rider obstacle course. Linda W. from Chapter M swears she didn't mean to run over Gary McQueen, but in Linda's defense she was blindfolded. That was FUN! Great job!

On May 20th we went to Myron's in Arnaudville for our Tuesday evening dinner ride. Most of us dined on baby lobsters, only kidding. The boiled crawfish were huge! With room or not most of us finished off the night with ice cream.

The Arkansas Rally was held in Harrison, ARK on May 23, 24, & 25. We played the Tush Toss, where the goal was to toss the tush into the out house hole. Then members had to compete in the HOG Olympics. Very interesting! The roads were beautiful with lots of curves, slopes, hills, etc. The only downside was it took 45 minutes or more to travel 25-30 miles, but the scenery and roads were worth every bit of it.

We hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day, May 26th.

We ended the month on the 31st with Chapter M's mudbug rally. Again, fun and games and let's not forget your choice of boiled crawfish or brisket. Everyone had a great time, and they had a record attendance. Way to go Goldwinger's!

Please take note our monthly dinner ride has been changed to the second Wednesday of this month, due to the Father's Day weekend and not having a planned ride that weekend.

Till next month guys,
Gerald and Noelle Lavergne

Nationwide Insurance has released five vital safety tips that every road-tripping motorcyclists should check out:

- 1. Be aware of the size and location of your blind spots. Drivers of larger vehicles, such as RVs, should remember smaller vehicles, like motorcycles, can easily hide in a blind spot. Always signal and check your line of sight when merging lanes.*
- 2. Pay attention to wind direction and velocity. Small vehicles such as motorcycles are especially susceptible to strong wind currents. Anticipate unexpected vehicle movement and leave extra room to react.*
- 3. Be aware of items stored outside a vehicle, as they may loosen and fly into the road. In particular, drivers towing a boat should secure all items and check for necessary adjustments at every stop.*
- 4. Take care to stay in your lane while turning. Remember that RVs and towing vehicles have a larger turning radius than passenger vehicles. Avoid sudden moves while executing a turn.*
- 5. Leave sufficient space between vehicles. RVs and towing vehicles need more room to stop than a smaller car. Be aware of unique vehicle stopping distances when following or merging in front of another driver.*

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