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Hello Fellow Cajun Wingers,

Good riding weather is just around the bend. We have a few good rides coming up soon and hope you all will be able to shake off the dreary winter blues and join us.

If you were not able to attend Wingless Weekend you missed a really good time.

We were represented well by our elite team of Linda Romero, Mary Ann Burke, Glynn Patin, and Gerald Lavergne. Bare feet and all they tried their best, but the trophy still eludes us. Till next year! Good job team!

Now, just a reminder. The Louisiana District Rally is going to be held on March 27, 28, & 29. Remember the Chapter with the most pre-registered members wins a \$300.00 prize. If you haven't registered, please do so before March 15th. We could make this prize money into a Chapter appreciation event.

We'd like to announce that Don & Donna Miguez have accepted the position of Assistant Chapter Directors. Thanks guys we appreciate your help.

Chapter A has asked that we give them a tour of Boudin Country. So, on March 9th we are going to meet with Chapter A for "A Taste of Acadiana". We'd like to take credit for the name, but Chapter A coined the phrase. How clever! Way to go Chapter A!

For the rest of the story, please join us on the personal page in the back of our newsletter.

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

Chapter Directors
Gerald & Noëlie 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

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 -RIDE OUT TO CAJUN ACCESSORIES BATON ROUGE LEAVES MC DONALD'S @ 10:00A.M.
2workshop @ Don's Shop 1:30 P. M.	3	4	5	6	7	8 HAMBURGERS @ SOUTHSIDE HONDA
9Boudin Run 10 A. M. w/ Chapter A	10	11	12	13	14	15 HOTDOGS @ HONDA OF LAF SPONTANEOUS RIDE ?
16MANY'S MORGAN CITY 9:A.M. LEAVES McDONALD'S	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 ALESI'S DINNER RIDE 6:00 P.M.	19	20	21	22 EASTER WEEKEND
23 HAPPY EASTER	24	25	26	27 LA.	28 DISTRICT	29 RALLY
30 1:00 P.M. BARRICADE PICK-UP MEET @ HONDA OF LAF.	31					

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District Directors **Jere & Maurine Pyburn**

A Note From Your District Directors

Here it is March already and your District Staff is on the final count down to Mardi Gras Madness 2008. The Hotel is out of rooms so if you have not made your reservations we suggest you check the Rally information on the Louisiana District website for alternate Hotels (there are several nearby). The very inventive minds of Mike Jastram and Wayne Brewer have finalized our new event "Bayou Bungee Jumping" and we hope you will give it a try. It will be held in the North Side Park and will replace the usual off bike games. We

recently heard a comment that "you never know what Louisiana will come up with" and we hope that is true! There will be many other fun and interesting things happening to keep you entertained. As we said last month, we would like this to be the biggest and best Louisiana Rally yet.

We spent last weekend in Lafayette participating in a Horizons Training Program. We were so pleased with the turn out of those 32 folks who took part in training while having fun. We feel all who participated came away with good knowledge that will be of benefit both in GWRRA activities as well as daily life application. Thanks to Brent & Roxie for putting the Program together and to the member instructors who served as presenters.

If you have not taken part in this training, try to do so the next time it is offered. We think you will be glad you did.

As of this writing we are making our final check list for Wingless Weekend. This is a favorite event of so many people and we hope that when the next newsletter goes out it will include news of a record setting crowd.

This will be our last Newsletter article as your District Directors and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of the Louisiana District for 3 wonderful years. You have all been so supportive and helpful and made our responsibility so easy. Representing Louisiana has been a blast and we will always be grateful for the opportunity to do just that. While being an officer required many hours of hard work the rewards have far out weighed the work that we put in. We will still be around to take part and do our best to represent Louisiana as best we can.

Until next time,

Ride Safe and Often and have a Happy St. Patrick's Day

See you in Lafayette at the Rally

Jere and Maurine

Senior Master Tour Riders

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Asst. District Directors & Trainer

HELLO GOLDWINGERS,

“HORIZONS WAS A SUCCESS!”

The Louisiana District is **PROUD** of the success in 2008 of the Leadership Training Division “LTD” “Horizons Program”. The success of the program secures future leaders for your Chapter and Staff.

The attendees were separated into six chapters. Then they were given several hours of instruction by our very own Louisiana Certified Instructors. The time was broken up by teambuilding games and Chapters Competing for prizes. Competition between the Chapters was fierce. The Winners were:

Trivia Trophy	Chapter 2
Let's Make A Deal	Chapter 4
Puzzles & Blocks	Chapter 1

This was the make-up of the Chapters and Attendees

Ch 1, Linda Whittington	M		
Ch 2, Reba Berry	D		
Linda Romero	B	Beverly Mayon	H
Brenda Roussel	H	Gail Wolf	J
Jim Berry	D	Debbie Murray	A
Ricky Wolf	J	Gerald Lavergne	B
Tom Murray	A	George Crump	M
Ch 3, Merlin Mayon	H	Ch 4, John Taylor	H
Mickey Searels	M	Gerald Faulk	B
Tim Dinnel	A	Ernest Vernon	O
Nollie Lavergne	B	Becky Dinnel	A
Gladys Vernon	O	Mary Searels	M
Ch 5, Pam Jastram	A	Ch 6, Mike Jastram	A
Joyce Brewer	A	Wayne Brewer	A
Gwen Taylor	H	Red Roussel	H
Noble Hatch	D	Dean Cortez	A
Steve Alexander	D	Faye Alexander	D

The Louisiana District Instructors for the 2008 Horizons were:

Brent & Roxie Comeaux, Jere & Maurine Pyburn, Gene & Nelda Stanley, Wayne & Joyce Brewer, Lewis & Sheila Brinkley.

Congratulations to all who participated.

Brent & Roxie Comeaux
Louisiana Asst. District Directors & Trainers

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Dianne Doiron District Coordinator

C. J. Doiron District Event Manager

Dianne and C. J. Doiron

Hi Everyone,

It looks as though spring is on the way! Yeah! Cold weather is once again behind us...now we just have to stop all of this rain! We are looking forward to riding weather again.

With spring brings rallies. C.J. and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at Wingless Weekend, which will be over with by the time of the printing of this article. Then we are looking forward to the District Rally in a couple of weeks, and the many chapter functions for the year.

It seems like only yesterday (January 2000) that C.J. and I came on staff with the District.

It has been a wonderful 8 years! We want to thank each and every one of you for your help and support, and also for the love that you have shown us. We love you all and look forward to our hugs when we meet. Happy Trails and Riding to You....until we meet again!

See Ya Soon!

Ride Safe,

Dianne and C.J. Doiron
District Coordinator
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By The Book

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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 Guide-book. 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.

Not Just For Officers!

Leadership Training Seminars Are For Members.

I am going to depart from the usual By-The-Book format for this end-of-year article and cover a subject that needs emphasizing. We conducted a Horizon seminar over the 8 – 9 Nov weekend. Thirty-seven attendees were present for the seminar with a wide range of GWRRA background and experience. Participants ranged from District Directors to members who would soon assume officer positions. One item of discussion that surfaced several times was "Who should take this course", or "Who is the target audience for LTD training", or "Do you have to be an officer to take LTD courses". Thus I believe this is an area that needs emphasis and explanation.

One of the past and also a current misconception of Leadership Training is, "It is only for the Officers".

NOT TRUE! Leadership Training is for everyone in GWRRA.

Leadership training is just for officers. GWRRA has tried to dispel this myth for several years, however it remains a "truth" in many members' minds. And face it, if you go back several years in GWRRA history it was "Officer Training". Even then it was misunderstood. Leadership training has always been aimed at present and future officers. "Future officers" means "members". How can we expose members to training that is designed to enhance volunteer leaders skills if we wait until they are already officers. The target audience is current officers and all members who would consider becoming volunteer officers. The Leadership Training Division Staff at the District, Region and National level are all working very hard at making information available to the Members to prepare new Officers and Staff before they assume their new positions, and the right time for this could be anytime throughout the year.

The LTD curriculum reflects training that focuses on leadership skills while understanding that knowledge is an enabler of those skills. While some of the training deals specifically with skills needed in a GWRRA leadership position, other training deals with Life Skills that will enhance the member's life both within and outside of GWRRA. The LTD training is intended to help members realize their full potential and to provide the best possible learning experience. New training ideas are constantly being considered such as; Chapter Training Vignettes, Training Videos, CD "Quick Start" Training, WEB based Training, Training Record Cards, and more training collaboration with the Operations, Rider Education, and Member Enhancement divisions.

There are currently seven LTD training programs.

- MEMBER ORIENTATION
- HORIZONS PROGRAM
- KNOWLEDGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
- LIFE SKILLS
- INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
- OFFICER MENTOR PROGRAM
- LEADERSHIP 2000 PROGRAM

Discuss your training needs with your District Trainers.

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Birthdays

Kathy Wyble	Mar 1st	Kenneth Howard	Mar 7th
Kathy Cormier	Mar 11th	Allen Broussard	Mar 12th
Brent Comeaux	Mar 12th	Carl Johnson	Mar 14th
Patty Sonnier	Mar 31st		

Anniversaries

Angelo & Cindy Cassisa	Mar 2nd	Russ & Sarah Meyer	Mar 13th
Carl & Leona Johnson	Mar 14th	Dwayne & Dori Janise	Mar 29th

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Personal Page

Here we are again, another month has come and went, and spring is just around the corner. We don't know about you guys, but we're ready for some nice riding weather.

We hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day. We had a total of 15 couples at Chef Roy's for our Valentine's Day dinner. The food was good and the company great. Much to our surprise the room next door, with just an accordion pleated door separating us had a wedding going on. We were entertained most of the evening with very good music. We were ready to dance the night away at their expense. We need to send them a thank you note. We could also mention, we don't mind if they celebrate their anniversary next door again, next year.

Dewey, lead a ride on February 17th to Cypremore Point and other points of interest. Then he gave us a history of the Antebellum Homes in Franklin. He had detailed information on almost every Plantation Home. He knew most of the current owners and past owners with some sort of tidbit tale to pass along as we drove by each home. It was very informative and very enjoyable. The weather was real nice. We had 3 bikes on the ride and decided to change up the ride a little. Instead of going to Charlie's Restaurant, we opted to eat at the Charenton Casino. Our apologies go out to C.J. & Diane who were waiting for us at Charlie's Restaurant. We would have stayed on track guys, had we known you were waiting.

On Tuesday night the 19th we met at Jason's Deli for our monthly dinner ride. The turnout was great, 16 members were able to attend. Everyone came in their cars due to the chill of the night air. We ate well, and everyone kept an eye on little Dougie, who colored very contently. He did a good job coloring & didn't go out of the lines. Helen, you taught him well. (HA! HA!) All joking aside we had a good time. Doug did share with us, information about his bike insurance, which we plan to talk about at our monthly meeting. Thanks, Doug.

Wingless Weekend was held in a very nice location this year. We tried to take the trophy home, but "no can do." There's always next year. We had 19 members in attendance including the state staff.

February 24th, we ate breakfast at Mel's Diner on Hwy 90 near Broussard. We were 13 members strong. After we ate; 5 members went for a short ride, it sure was a beautiful day.

We'd like to take this time to thank Mark and Elsie Fisher for supplying us with really nice Mardi Gras beads. We'll be able to throw these beads to our fellow Chapter members attending the La. Dist. Rally. Mark and Elsie were also able to secure several Mardi Gras Masks, which will be used for the La. Dist. Rally. Brent and Roxie extend a personal thanks to them for that effort also.

Hey guys, Chapter A has contacted us in regards to a Boudin Run. Someone was searching the web and saw where we have our very own Boudin Critics here in the Lafayette area. So, Chapter A would like a guided tour of Boudin Country. This will take place on March 9th. We'll meet at Don's Specialty Meats in Scott at 10 A.M. This should be an interesting ride. Our plans are to take them all around the town and country area, and bring them right back almost to the starting point just a couple of tenths of a mile down the road ending at the Best Stop. Now guys we can't be faulted for having two really great Boudin Stops so close to each other. It should be interesting to see which stop will rate #1. We hope Chapter B can come out and lend a hand, we may need a couple of different group leaders just in case there's a big turnout. As usual thanks in advance for your support.

Till next month guys,
Gerald and Noelle Lavergne

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GWRRA Group Riding Hand Signal this month is “**Single File**”. As we ride to eat, we often encounter bicycles, pedestrians or vehicles along side of the roadway. As we approach such hazards the lead bike should give the “**Single File**” sign. This is accomplished as follows:

The arm and index finger is extended straight up.

We shall cover the signs discussed in January, February, and at the March meeting.

Winter is about over. We will begin to smell the flowers, a little wild onions and fresh cut grass. We must also be ready for more activity. Wearing the proper apparel while riding your motorcycle will not only make your ride more comfortable, it can save your life.

Helmets– A helmet that is **DOT** approved is a must. There is not much between you and the road if you ever get into an accident. Without a helmet, you are likely to be seriously injured, perhaps even fatally.

Eyewear - Eye protection like goggles or shatter proof sunglasses are also important. If you are riding your motorcycle with no eye protection you are vulnerable to something, like a bug, getting into your eye and impairing your ability to drive properly.

Clothes - Wearing long sleeve shirts or jacket and long pants are a must, even during the summer. Again, if you crash, there is not much between you and the road. Crashing while wearing improper clothes will leave you seriously cut and hurt.

Boots - Boots that rise above the ankles offer the most protection and support for the motorcycle operator. Boots or sturdy shoes should have heels to prevent you from slipping off the front pegs.

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