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Hello Fellow Cajun Wingers,

Hurricanes and motorcycle riding do not mix, so we had to cancel a couple of good rides. But, from what we can gather no one suffered any major damages, mostly just power outages and broken

branches. On Sept. 28th we rode out to lower Vermillion Parish and upon witnessing the devastation, we realized we are truly blessed to have not sustained more damages than we did.

We owe a depth of gratitude to all the chapter members who came out and made our garage sale a success. We'd like to thank you for your donations, your hard work & time, and your purchases. We believe Ron Touchet was our BEST customer! We don't know where he's going to put all that stuff, but thanks Ron. Our 1st customer arrived at 6:10 A.M. & didn't leave till 8:30 A.M. Now that's a shopper!

We'd like to congratulate Terry & Norma Theriot on the birth of their granddaughter Gabrielle Lynne 7lbs 2oz., born on Sept. 18th.

Please mark your calendars, Ride for Kids Oct 19th!!! We need all the help we can get.

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

Chapter Directors, Gerald and 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

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Chapter A Sock Hop Departs Honda of Laf @1:30 P.M.
5	6	7 Deano's Monthly Meeting 7:00	8	9	10 Golf For - Kids @11:00 Gumbo Fest 6-10 p.m. N.I.	11 Gumbo Festival New Iberia 12-10 P.M. / SUN 12th 9a m- 6 p m
12 Steamboat Bill's departs McD's @ 10:00 A.M.	13	14	15	16 MISS	17 RALLY	18 MISS RALLY / Ride for Kids Training Meeting Holiday Inn North 6:00 P.M.
19 Ride For Kids 7:00 A.M.	20	21	22 Evening Mystery Ride Departs Mcd's @ 6:00 P.M.	23	24	25
26 Brkfst Buf- fet Amb Cfy Picante's 9:00 A.M.	27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	Blood Drive @ Honda Of Laf Hanna Arabie 10:00 - 2:00

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District Directors Brent & Roxie Comeaux

HELLO GOLDWINGERS!

Roxie and I hope you are all enjoying this fall riding weather. Life is good!

I want you to know, we in Louisiana have some extraordinary couples. They unselfishly volunteer at their own expense and time to try to promote GWRRA's motto "Fun, Safety, and Knowledge" for all of you. It's quite a task not many of us are willing to take on. The rewards can be great, the compliments are graciously accepted. These folks sacrifice time with family and close friends to make sure everyone is having fun.

GWRRA offers them all leadership training to sharpen their skills. The burden of leadership responsibilities can be trying when you fail to make everyone happy.

Congratulations to all of you that serve us as our Chapter Directors and Staff members. Roxie and I salute you for a job well done! The spirit of our motto "Fun, Safety and Knowledge" is alive and well in Louisiana! It is because of all your efforts and leadership skills that our membership retention and recruitment is one of the best in the country. Take this as a pat on the back from District, Region and National. You make us all "So Proud!" to be from GWRRA Louisiana! We at District, Region and National support you in your challenges as Chapter Directors and Staff members, the heart of this fine organization, GWRRA!

Your Friends, Be Safe,
Brent & Roxie Comeaux
Louisiana District Directors

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Asst. District Directors

Wayne & Joyce Brewer

Hello Fellow Wingers,
As we look back over the calendar for the past month, there wasn't a whole lot of activity. Guess old Gustav and Ike kept us all pretty busy. We were fortunate here in Hammond, with just a little wind damage

and the inconvenience of no power for a few days. We hope this letter finds you all doing alright as well.

We did make one rally for the month; the Wild Wild West Trails End in Abilene, Kansas. The Kansas folks were very hospitable, and we enjoyed the town of old Abilene quite a bit. There were train rides and trolley tours available, and we were lucky enough to tour the spectacular Seeleye mansion, complete with all furnishings circa the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, MO. The owner and curator had quite the story to tell. It's always a good time when you get together with old (and new) friends.

If we look at the October calendar, though, this month promises to be jam packed. First on the list; let us remind you to join Chapter A for their annual Sock Hop. There will be another Spaghetti Cook-off, Silent Auction, games and door prizes, and the pièce de résistance the fun dance party with guest deejay "Sal di Barria" (Note: names have been changed to protect the innocent"). Then, stay overnight for a "Mystery Plantation" ride, if you can.

Then we're off to Muscogee, Oklahoma for a good time at their Hallo Wing 2 Rally. You never know what to expect, those Okies are very talented folks. This will be our second year in attendance and we can't wait to see what's in store for this year. Next on the calendar is the Mississippi District Rally on Oct. 16, 17 & 18th in Boloxi. They always put on a great rally, and we hear they are giving away \$10,000 this year! Then, we hope you all plan to join us at the annual Ride for Kids event on October 19th in Lafayette. We know the chapters have been waging in some friendly competition to be the top fundraising chapter for the year, so Good Luck all. We'd be hard pressed to find a more deserving group than the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. It looks like this month will be a full one, so we'd better get started. We've got lots to plan, and even more to do! Hope to see you all at one or all of these events.

Let's ride,
Wayne & Joyce

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By The Book with Dale and Susan Wingrove

Not Just For Officers! Leadership Training Seminars Are For Members.

I am going to depart from the usual By-The-Book format and cover a subject that needs emphasizing. In 2003 Harry Dollarhide conducted a Horizon seminar. 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”. This is an article written then to answer that question and it is still relevant today.

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.

We want all members to know how much fun we are having in our seminars and training events so spread the word the next time you have fun at a seminar or training event.

There are currently eight LTD training programs.

- MEMBER ORIENTATION
- HORIZONS PROGRAM
- CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- LIFE SKILLS
- INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
- INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- ADVANCED LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- MEMBER ORIENTATION

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Frog City Café'



Mary Anne the garage sale price witch!



"Do we have this in a petite double extra large ?"



"Does this come in Chapter colors?"



This was our 1st Garage Sale costumer, she arrived @ 6:10 & left @ 8:30



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OCTOBER 19, 2008

For more information or to find out how you can help, please call Bullet or Nancy McGee at 783-2658 or e-mail bulletmcgee@cs.com

Birthdays

Kim Duplechaine	October 3rd	Jackie Duplechaine	October 10th
Louise Guthrie	October 14th	Donna Miguez	October 14th
Rose Patin & Joyce Jones	October 18th	Wayne Chauvin	October 22nd
Doug Terro	October 27th	Noelie Lavergne	October 29th

Anniversaries

Evans & Elaine Guillory	October 25th	Brent & Roxie Comeaux	October 26th
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For Sale

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

2004 Off Road / Dirt Bike 90cc Yamaha
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Gerald and Sheryl Faulk
Chapter Educator

Gerald and Sheryl have been members of GWRRA since 2003. That is when Sheryl decided it was time to start motorcycle riding once again. They had began riding in 1971 when Sheryl purchased a Suzuki 500 while she was teaching and Gerald was attending college. The birth of children and responsibilities that come with those put an end to the joy of motorcycle riding.

Gerald and Sheryl have lived in Lafayette since 1992. Sheryl is a retired educator and Gerald continues to work managing two companies they own which are located in New Iberia.

Gerald is currently the Chapter Educator for Chapter B, Chairman of the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce, Board member of the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation and immediate past President of the Louisiana Automatic Fire Alarm Association.

Riding with Chapter B and other GWRRA members is an enjoyable time. You really do meet the “Greatest People on a Honda”.

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SAFETY TIPS

Be ready: mind, body, and bike

There are three ways riders should ready themselves for a ride. We covered the first way in our last newsletter.

The second is you must be physically prepared. Start with good protective gear. This means a good fitting helmet, gloves, eye protection, jacket, long pants and sturdy boots or shoes. Wear gear that is designed for use on a motorcycle, not a beach or a fancy nightclub. The people you see wearing a helmet, a smile and not much else; are not well protected. Likewise, riders in eight layers of leather, Kevlar body armor, but no helmet are not well protected. It is a whole package and you need to wear it every time.

Try not to chose all black gear. Sure it looks cool, but bright colors will help you stand out.

We will cover the third way a rider should ready themselves for a ride in later newsletters.

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