



# The LA-O Report



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April 8-9-10, 2010

LA District Rally

## From the Chapter Director...

We send our best wishes to everyone for a Healthy, Happy, Prosperous New Year. We look forward to seeing you on our rides and at the upcoming events and rallies in 2010. Our New Year's Day Ride was great, with 15 "polar bears" traveling to Golden Corral in McComb. Larry & Marsha did an excellent job as usual in selecting the route.

We extend our deepest thanks to Wendell and Marie Vince for hosting our Christmas social and December meeting. You really missed some good food and fellowship if you didn't attend.

At the December meeting, we presented certificates of appreciation to those serving as Chapter officers. We thank them for their assistance and look forward to working with them in 2010. Wendell and Marie will be serving as Assistant Chapter Director since Jim Cothorn has stepped down as ACD due to health issues. Bonnie will continue as our Member Cards and Phone Tree Coordinator, but at this time she's tied up with Jim's recovery from another stroke. Joyce will take care of things for Bonnie temporarily; or, you may contact one of the other officers. Contact information is in the side column.

Believe it or not, the District Rally is not that far off and we only have a few items for Chapter O's COY basket for the Rally. We need to get busy! See Wendell and Marie.

GLADYS and ERNEST

- The Saturday, January 23, 2010, Louisiana District Staff meeting is IMPORTANT. Lafayette Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Time: 8:30 to 5 pm. All CDs, Treasurers, ACDs, Ride Educators, MED Coordinators, COYs, LTD trainers should try to attend. Of course, ALL members are also welcome. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Chapter O extends a **BIG, BIG THANK YOU** to Wendell and Marie Vince for their wonderful hospitality for our December meeting. Thanks also to all who brought canned goods for the food baskets. It was greatly appreciated.

Come join the fun and invite someone to come with you to the Chapter O meetings and on our rides.

29 attended the December meeting  
50/50 winners  
Jena Blackwell, visitor  
Jimmy Oalman, again!

This is YOUR newsletter. Articles by members are always welcome. If you'd like to tell us about one of your rides, etc. e-mail me at [clinton70722@yahoo.com](mailto:clinton70722@yahoo.com)  
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**GET WELL WISHES**  
Daniel & Janet Brock  
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Jack Sparks & Nell Baham  
Jim & Bonnie Cothorn  
Theresa Dufrene

**Check your membership cards and stay current with GWRRA.**

**Don't forget to renew!  
Not a GWRRA Member?  
See the CD for an application**

Thanks for Visiting Chapter O  
Come Back Soon

Karl & Jeannine Bickham  
Charles & Verdell Brumfield  
Steve & Jan Kerbow  
Philip & Sonja Kerbow  
Jimmy & Sharron Wallace

**COY BASKETS** -- Chapter O's theme for the COY basket is BAR-B-CUE. You can participate either by giving items related to a BAR-B-CUE or donating money to purchase items. We only have a few items at this time; we need your help. A table will be set up at LA Rally to display Chapter Baskets and tickets will be sold at that table. The Baskets will be given away at closing and monies raised by each participating Chapter will be distributed by the number of tickets sold for their basket. See Wendell and Marie.

**MOTORCYCLING** is a constant learning experience!  
You'll never know all there is to know about riding,  
but a year from now,  
You'll know a lot more than you know now

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.

*By: Dale Wingrove, Region H Trainer*

*I have been asked, “Why do I need Leadership Training? I am a manager at work.” There is a difference in leading volunteers and leading those who receive compensation in a job. The following article is taken from the LTD Handbook found at <http://www.gwrro.org/regional/Training/Training.htm>. I hope this sheds a little light on why we need Leadership training in GWRRA.*

### **GWRRA TRAINING POLICY**

The Training Policy that will be adhered to within **GWRRA** will be one of “Need Generated Training”. Region, District and Chapter Directors and their staffs are ultimately responsible for the quality of the overall operations in their respective areas and are strongly encouraged to participate in the training offered through LTD to better understand the policies of the association, to learn management and communication skills that are necessary to lead volunteers, and to improve their personal lives through skill sets which ultimately benefit each person individually. That training will be within the area of responsibility of the Region and District Trainers to address in conjunction with the help of their perspective Directors. Regional Training exists to assist District Directors, District Trainers, District Educators and members in accomplishing their training requirements when requested by District Staff or as directed by the Region Director. District Training exists to assist Chapter Directors, their Staff, and the Members in accomplishing their training requirements. Training in **GWRRA** is a staff activity and a service function intended to meet the needs of **GWRRA** Officers, Staff and Members with the hope that it will benefit all.

**“The more you know, the better it gets!”**

**“LEARN SOMETHING NEW AND THEN TEACH SOMEONE”**



# ***From the Assistant Chapter Director and Couple of the Year***

Hello everyone!! Well, by now the holidays are over, thank goodness. If we would have had anymore, I think we would all explode from overeating! We sincerely hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

As most of you know by now, Wendell & I are your new Assistant Chapter Directors. We will strive to serve Chapter-O and do our best to represent you in every way possible. We want to extend our special thanks to Jim & Bonnie for their service as ACD for the past two years. We appreciate YOU!

We enjoyed having the Chapter Christmas dinner at our home on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout of 29 people. We all laughed out loud at the Sneaky Santa game. Once again, we all had too much to eat! Time to get back to normal eating (or for some of us, a little "less" than normal).



We want to thank Gladys and Ernest for continuing as Chapter Directors for another year. They do such a great job, we just can't let them retire! Don't forget to tell your officers how much you appreciate them serving YOUR Chapter. They volunteer many, many hours of service to make Chapter-O better for all who attend.

We plan to attend the LA District Staff Meeting on January 23rd [or whenever it's re-scheduled] in Lafayette. We hope all of our officers will be able to go. However, we know Gladys will be absent, hopefully rocking her new granddaughter! Enjoy every minute of it Gladys!

Wingless Weekend will be coming up in February in Alexandria. If you've never been, try to make arrangements to attend this year. It is loads of fun, games, food, and prizes!!! I guarantee you will have a great time.

We will continue to serve as your COY for 2010, unless someone else would like the opportunity, we would gladly step aside. Remember, when you are asked to fill a position, don't be afraid, consider it an honor to contribute to your Chapter. It takes everyone to make it successful.

One last thing, we hope everyone will help us fill our COY gift basket for the LA District Rally. We chose the BBQ theme, so we need items to put in our basket, or if you would like to donate \$\$\$ we will buy the items needed.

We are looking forward to our Polar Bear Ride on January 1. Larry & Marsha will lead us to McComb, via the back roads for lunch at Golden Corral! You know us, we can't ride without eating!!!

Our Hats off to all our Chapter Members and Leaders!!! Wishing you and your families a great year, in 2010!!!

God Bless...Wendell & Marie

# January 2010 Happy Birthday

1<sup>st</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup>

Gary Bankston  
Karisan Hunt  
Linus Magee  
Mark Busby  
Alan Rauch  
Daniel Brock

## Happy Anniversary

18<sup>th</sup>

Robby & Josette Stringfield

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### 2010 Member Ride Captains

January	Wendell & Marie	July	Dale & Kim
February	Mitch & Marie	August	Keith & Sandra
March	Ernest & Gladys	September	Linus & Libby
April	Frank Gendusa	October	Larry & Marsha
May	E.J. Oalmann	November	David Jenkins
June	Jimmy Oalmann	December	John Blackwell



**COME RIDE WITH LA-O**

# From the Chapter Educator

Greetings Chapter O. It is time once again to celebrate the Holidays with family and friends. A time of year that we reflect on the past months and the things the days have brought us, good and bad.

I would like to start off by saying thanks to Chapter O Directors Gladys and Ernest Vernon for their wonderful leadership over the past two years. They have spent many hours trying to keep our chapter going in the right direction. Also thanks to the rest of the staff for their continued support in everything that we try to do as a chapter. As the educator for Chapter O, it has been an honor serving on staff with the likes of Gladys and Ernest Vernon. Thanks for all you do!!

As we bring in the New Year, we will have some staff changes. I would also like to extend a big thank you to the outgoing staff for a job well done!

The recent PLP that was held turned out to be a great success. We had five participants and I think that all felt a little better about their ability to handle one's bike in certain situations. Remember-- Practice! Practice! Practice!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FRANK AND TAMMY GENDUSA

## ***GWRRA Group Riding Hand Signals***



“Hazard In Road”

Point immediately  
with emphasis.  
Sometimes done  
with left arm.

# JANUARY 2010

## Wendell & Marie Member Ride

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Be SAFE RIDE safe Have FUN</b>		<b>Dress for the weather – Hot or Cold !</b>		<b>Stay Alert when riding</b>		<b>Is Emergency Info on bike</b>
Wendell & Marie will notify LA-O of the date for their ride via calling post					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Carnival Season Begins	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Chapter O meets	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Benjamin Franklin Birthday</b>	<b>18</b> <b>MLK, Jr. Birthday observed</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Robert E. Lee Birthday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>District Staff Mtg Lafayette</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Chili Cookoff						

## 2010 Upcoming Events

January 23	District Staff Meeting, Holiday Inn	Lafayette
January 31	Chili Cook-off, MS-B, Paul B. Johnson State Park	Hattiesburg
February 13	Tentative -- Leadership Training for Chapter O	Details coming
February 20	WINGLESS WEEKEND, National Guard Armory	Alexandria
March 25-27	Region H Rally, March Madness	Marshall, TX
April 8, 9, 10	Louisiana District Rally	Lafayette

# DISTRICT NEWS ...

Please mark your calendars for the following dates in 2010.

YEAR	STAFF MEETING	WINGLESS WEEKEND	LOUISIANA DISTRICT RALLY
2010	JAN 23 LAFAYETTE	FEB 20 ALEXANDRIA	APR 8,9,10 LAFAYETTE

- The January 23<sup>rd</sup> Louisiana District Staff meeting is a must for all Chapters to attend. Where: Lafayette Holiday Inn & Convention Ctr. Time: 8:30am- 5pm. All C/Ds, Treasurers, ACDs, Ride Educators, MEC coordinators, COYs, LTD trainers should attend. Of course, all Chapter staff members are welcome.
- Wingless Weekend [FEBRUARY 20] is an open invitation, **free**, to all current GWRRA members for a FUN Saturday of activities and good food -- 8am-2pm. Friday evening is a **free** social and dinner for all, 6-8pm. Chapter E is Host Chapter. Chapter A (Baton Rouge) is providing their championship-winning recipe for lunch Saturday. Chapters will compete for "Number 1" in competition for the Chapter Cup contest. Join us at the Alexandria Armory on Hwy 28
- **Louisiana District Rally** is at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Go online @ [gwrra.la.org](http://gwrra.la.org) for registration forms. We are introducing "The Fancy Hat Contest" and Crawfish Races, (with live crawfish) for all Chapters to compete for FUN and Bragging Rights. "Bring On" your Fanciest Hat and Best Jockey to be "Number 1!" in the District. More details at the Staff Meeting. We will not do Chapter Booths.

## MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR FUN

District Leadership Trainers, Gene and Nelda Stanley, continue to urge all chapters to participate in the Leadership Skills seminars in addition to Horizons programs, Rider Education training, etc. They challenge every Chapter Director to complete the Chapter Leadership Skills Program series by July 2010/Wing Ding 32. They also plan to schedule an Instructor Development/Certification Program this coming year. These instructors can assist with Leadership Training.

District COY Coordinators Merlin and Beverly will host a COY breakout session during the District Staff meeting on January 23. They will discuss things current COYs need to know and how they can prepare for the District selection if the COYs are participating in that selection, which is scheduled during Louisiana District Rally on Friday, April 9, at 9:45 a.m. The most recent update to the couple of the Year Program Manual, revised September 2008, can be found at <http://med.gwrra.org/index.htm> on the COY division tab.

District COY Steve and Faye Alexander continue to visit Chapters across the state and report that each Chapter in Louisiana now has a COY.

District Membership Enhancement Coordinators Errol and Nancy continue to visit with Chapters learning how various chapters keep their members happy and informed about GWRRA. Errol then explains what the MEC duties are, asking that MECs contact new members as well as members whose GWRRA memberships have expired. Those contacts are then reported to District MEC. Errol can be contacted at 985-804-5600 or e-mail at [pelly@mobiletel.com](mailto:pelly@mobiletel.com) if anyone has questions.

All District Staff extend sincere best wishes to all GWRRA members for a Happy New Year!

Plan to attend the Louisiana District Rally in Lafayette on April 8, 9, 10, 2010  
Watch for details on the NEW events: CRAWFISH RACES and RALLY HATS  
Lots of opportunities for fun and education.  
The more you participate, the more fun you have.

Texas District Rally, May 6, 7, 8, 2010 in Killeen, TX  
Arkansas District Rally, May 27, 28, 29, 2010, Rogers, AR

GWRRA is now on **FACEBOOK**.  
Check out GWRRA's new Facebook page  
and sign up to follow us!  
It is easy!!!

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## GWRRA Vests, Pins & Patches

One thing you will notice at a GWRRA event or meeting is the number of GWRRA members wearing leather or fabric vests. These vests are frequently worn to display the pride the Members have in their organization. GWRRA encourages Members to wear their vests at all official GWRRA meetings, functions and rallies.

The vests are often filled with pins and patches. Most of those items represent a fond memory of a ride or event in which the Member participated. Others represent a volunteer leader position the Member holds or has held in the past, while other patches signify the achievement level in the Rider Education Program or a Leadership Training course. These pins and patches are basically souvenirs that are fun to look at and to remember the memories that each represents.

GWRRA has only two guidelines in reference to patch placement on your vest. They are: the 4 inch patch is worn on the front, upper left side of the vest, and the 10 inch patch is worn on the back in the center of the vest. All other patch placements are up to you; there are no further guidelines. If your chapter has a patch, you may want to check with your CD as they may have specific guidelines as to where the chapter patch goes.

Do you need patches? If so, see the CD for an order form. Patches are ordered through the District Director, who in turn coordinates the order with the Region Director. The GWRRA patches for your Rider Education Levels are available for order through your Chapter Rider Educator.

Chapter shirts are also available; however, 12 shirts are needed for a minimum order at this time. Since most Chapter members now have shirts, this requirement frequently results in NEW members not obtaining shirts in a timely manner. To eliminate this delay, we are looking at other options and vendors so that chapter shirts may be obtained when members need them. We'll keep you posted on this matter.

NEW YEAR'S DAY -- Boy O Boy, what a cold start, temperature was about 45 degrees, windy and overcast. I think the wind chill had to be 20 degrees. For our New Years Day ride we didn't think no one was crazy enough to show up except Ernest, Gladys, Marsha and myself; but wait more crazy people started showing up and the final count was fifteen very brave and crazy riders on eight bikes. They were David Jenkins, Lesia and Joey, Keith and Sandra, Dale and Kim, Wendell and Marie, Ernest and Gladys, Pete and Pat, and Larry and Marsha. David said his butt warmer sure did feel good.

When we left Franklinton there was a small spot of blue sky, our hope for the day. We followed back roads through Mt Hermon, Progress and Holmesville to McComb. The staff at the Golden Corral was ready for us with a room in the back. The food was very good and the company even better. After lunch we sat around for a while just shooting the bull and dreading getting back out in the cold again. A quick stop for fuel and more back roads home with blue skies. The ride home was not quite as cold. Pete and Pat should get the polar bear award -- they froze all the way. (I think that they had on every piece of clothing they had on the WING.)

We pray for a speedy recovery for Jim, and don't forget Bonnie who tries to make him take care of his self. BIG JOB!!! Take care Jim.

Larry & Marsha

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FOR SALE--- '97 GoldWing Aspencade, 1500, Maroon, Pin striping, air horn, CB, loaded with lots of extras, and 2 helmets w/intercom, \$8,500. 985-516-4680

FOR SALE--- 2002 VTX Honda 1800 cc. 18,000 miles \$6,000 firm. Tommy @ 985-373-6612

FOR SALE --- 2007 Honda 1100 Shadow Sabre & 2 full face helmets, \$7800 Jimmy Scroggs @ 985-735-6810. Call for details

1998 Pearl White GL 1500. Under 16K miles. Good Tires. Runs Great. Asking \$8,000. Call Bob Jackna (Shreveport area) at 318-683-4995 (H) or 727-798-2007 (C).

2003 Yellow Goldwing to sell. CONTACT: Mustache. 504-329-3041 Cell.



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