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From the Chapter Director...

Have you heard....GWRRA is a "Volunteer" organization! Volunteers in GWRRA help keep the organization going for the members. Volunteers are busy planning rides, rallies, events, safety and leadership seminars and a whole lot more. Volunteering is a very personal thing. Some think they don't have time. Some folks volunteer only if they think they'll benefit in some way, while others volunteer because they enjoy a sense of accomplishment or may enjoy the challenge presented. The fact is people volunteer for different reasons and there are many circumstances that dictate whether someone can "volunteer." But, GWRRA depends on volunteers at all levels and we thank them for offering their time and skills to make it possible for members to enjoy and benefit from the organization. We want to encourage you to offer up your skills and enthusiasm and "volunteer" from time to time to balance the load and make it possible for everyone to have fun. There's a lot to do and we welcome everyone's participation. AND, we thank all of LA-O's volunteers! You've all done an outstanding job in 2008. It's been a memorable year! Some Good Times and Some Not-so-Good, but ALL made better by our friends and family in GWRRA and LA-O. Thank you for a great year! We pray that each of you will have a Blessed Holiday Season. We wish you all the love and happiness this season can bring and pray that it follows you throughout the coming year.

GLADYS and ERNEST

Our Holiday Party will be on Saturday, December 13, at the home of Larry and Marsha Spring, 64531 Hwy 1054, Roseland, LA. [985-748-4460] Directions provided. Instead of exchanging gifts on 12/13, EACH member is asked to bring \$10 worth of non-perishable food. Donations will be taken to a local food bank. HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON. LA-O staff should make plans to attend the District Staff meeting on January 17, 2009.

LA-O joins the GWRRA family in sending our condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of Kathy Cormier, Chapter M, DeRidder. Kathy died as a result of a single vehicle motorcycle accident. Butch, Kathy's husband, is recovering from his injuries. Keep the family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

DECEMBER 2008

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 12th - Davis Tate
- 13th - Katie Barrios
- 18th - Suzie Oulliber
- 18th - Becky Bankston
- 19th - Joyce Netherland
- 22nd - Tina Miley
- 27th - Charles Jenkins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 28th - Jerry & Sylvia Ledet

THANKS...

Linus & Libby Magee
2008 Couple of the Year

YOU WERE AWESOME



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

November 2008 meeting

31 in attendance

Our deepest thanks to

Mitch & Marie Kilgore

for hosting our

Thanksgiving/November meeting

2009 Couple of the Year.....

to be announced tonight!

November 50/25/25 Winners

Libby Magee

Joyce Netherland

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***From the Assistant Chapter Director
No column from Jim this month.....***

Jim continues to improve....but keep him and Bonnie in your prayers. We're looking forward to seeing them soon and having them back with the LA-O family.

Please continue to contact Bonnie if you know someone who is ill or in the hospital, so she can get a card off to them. Call 985-732-3225.

ITEMS FOR SALE

NEVER WORN--NEW white NOLAN N102 full-face helmet with J&M Audio, size XL. Only \$375 - Joyce @ 985-886-5814 or 630-1994 cell

2006 YAMAHA Road Star--Red; Saddlebags, Windshield, Back rest and MORE -- Only 7000 miles [health issues]. \$7500. Wilbert Thompson
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Chapter LA-O Motto

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!

LA-O officers and 2009 Couple of the Year
Make plans to attend the District Staff Meeting
Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Holiday Inn, Lafayette
8 a.m. to 12 noon

From the Chapter Educator

I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays; believe it or not, it is that time of year again! I would also like to say thanks for all of the hard work that members of Chapter O have done. Members have been working hard all year long educating themselves on safe riding techniques and making a concerted effort to wear the proper riding gear to protect them in the event of a spill. They have made my job as Chapter Educator easy. Keep up the Good Work Chapter O!!

As I mentioned before, the Holiday Season is upon us and the weather in our area is still good enough to get in some cool weather riding. If you do get out for a ride, be aware of the hustle and bustle of shoppers looking for the last minute gifts for their loved ones. While they are consumed with the shopping, drivers may not be looking for you, the motorcycle rider, and therefore the potential for you to be involved in an accident greatly increases. Please take extra precautions while riding during this time of year. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. Until we meet again, ride safely.

Frank and Tammy Gendusa



MERRY CHRISTMAS
And
HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Couple of the Year

HI GANG, HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING AND WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS.

WE HAD OUR NOVEMBER MEETING AT MITCH AND MARIE KILGORE'S PLACE ON NOVEMBER 15th. WE HAD A WONDERFUL TURN OUT AND SOME GREAT FOOD. ALLEN STRAIN MADE AN OYSTER AND A CRAYFISH/SHRIMP DRESSING FOR THE GROUP WHICH WAS ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS. WE HAD TO EAT SOME OF EACH AND LET HIM KNOW WHICH ONE WAS BETTER. I THINK IT WAS A TIE, SO HE IS TO MAKE THEM AGAIN FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GATHERING. EVERYONE TRY TO COME SO YOU CAN SAMPLE ALLEN'S DRESSING DISHES. THEY ARE GREAT. AMY, YOU ARE A LUCKY GIRL!! WE HAD PLANNED TO DO A GROUP RIDE FOLLOWING LUNCH THAT DAY, BUT THE WEATHER TURNED EXTREMELY COLD AND WE CHANGED OUR MINDS, ALTHOUGH, I THINK DAVID STILL TOOK A SHORT RIDE BECAUSE HE TURNED AND RODE OFF IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AFTER WE ALL LEFT. IT JUST DOESN'T GET TOO COLD FOR SOME PEOPLE.

MANY OF YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT ERIC INGRAM LOST HIS HOME LAST WEEK. IT CAUGHT FIRE IN THE NIGHT, BUT LUCKILY HE WAS ABLE TO GET OUT. HE LOST EVERY THING. ERIC HAS ATTENDED MANY OF OUR MEETINGS WITH HIS DAD, ALFRED INGRAM. LET'S REMEMBER ERIC AND HELP WHERE WE CAN.

WELL GANG, OUR TIME AS YOUR CHAPTER COUPLE IS ALMOST OVER. GLADYS WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE NEW COUPLE TONIGHT. WE KNOW THE NEW COUPLE WILL SERVE THE CHAPTER WELL AND WE ARE PROUD THAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO HONOR OUR GROUP AS THE COUPLE OF THE YEAR FOR 2009.

SPEAKING OF THE CHRISTMAS GATHERING, WE WILL BE GOING TO LARRY AND MARSHA SPRING'S HOUSE OVER CLOSE TO AMITE ON DECEMBER 13th. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO GET TOGETHER TO RIDE OVER(weather permitting), JUST LET SOME OF US KNOW AND WE CAN PLAN A MEETING PLACE.

WE'VE HAD A YEAR OF UP'S AND DOWN'S. WE'VE HAD WEDDINGS, BIKE ACCIDENTS, SICKNESS AND SADNESS DUE TO THE DEATH OF OUR DEAR FRIEND, MR HOUSTON MILEY, AND THROUGH IT ALL OUR LITTLE CHAPTER HAS STAYED STRONG AND COMMITTED. WE MAY NOT BE THE BIGGEST IN NUMBERS, BUT I DARE SAY, WE ARE ONE OF THE CLOSEST IN SPIRIT. LET US URGE EACH OF YOU TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER, TO INVITE OTHERS AND ALWAYS BE WILLING TO HELP WHEREVER WE ARE NEEDED. IT'S A LOT MORE FUN BEING INVOLVED THAN JUST LOOKING ON FROM THE SIDE LINE.

MAY WE WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE IN 2009. ALWAYS HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE.

LINUS & LIBBY

DECEMBER 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Be SAFE RIDE safe Have FUN		Dress for the weather – Hot or Cold !		Stay Alert when riding		Is Emergency Info on bike ????
	1	2	3	4	5 Chapter O meets	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11	12	13 "O" party 2 - 6 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Hanukkah begins at sundown	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			
2009 UPCOMING				EVENTS		

TBA in 2009

January 17

January 30-31

March 7

March 19, 20, 21

April 16, 17, 18

May 14, 15, 16

May 21, 22, 23

Horizons Program [open to everyone]

District Staff Meeting, Lafayette, Holiday Inn

WINGLESS Weekend, Alexandria,

National Guard Armory

Rider Education Weekend, Essler Field, Pineville

Region H Rally, Marshall, Texas

2009 Louisiana District Rally...

"WINGS OVER THE BAYOU"

Texas District Rally

Arkansas District Rally

DISTRICT NEWS "MARDI GRAS MADNESS CARNIVAL"... WINGS OVER THE BAYOU... JOIN YOUR FRIENDS for a good time in Lafayette. Food, Fun, Vendors, Live Bands, Deal or No Deal! Chapter Booths! Ice Cream, 50/25/25, Grand Prize, Seminars, Guided Tours and more! Meet and greet all your GWRRA family with Hugs & Kisses and catch up with your friends and family. Pre-register and SAVE! WE ALL LOVE A GOOD TIME! Make plans to attend!

District Educators have finalized plans for the Louisiana 2009 Safety Weekend March 7, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Essler Field, Pineville, LA Courses to be offered include Trike Riding Course; Advanced Riding Course [GW's new two-wheel course]; Parking Lot Practice; First Aid Classes

Seminars to be offered include Co-Rider; Road Captain; Trailering; Team Riding; plus Leadership Training Classes. Information will be posted on our District Website [www.gwr-ra-la.org] Rider Ed Section by December 15 along with hotels and maps for the area. Once the information is posted, it is very important that you follow the instructions and sign-up as soon as possible.

District Trainers Gene and Nelda Stanley remind us that a Horizons Program will be presented next year. It will be open to officers and non-officers and to anyone who may be interested in becoming an officer in the future. They also completed their first Leadership Training seminar in Instructor Development and Certification, held recently in Lafayette. Congratulations to Merlin and Beverly Mayon from Chapter LA-H in Houma and Ann Nahl of Chapter OK-N in Norman, OK. Also, to Brice Palmer and Sheryl Wilkerson from Chapter LA-J, Lake Charles.

District Membership Enhancement Coordinators plan to meet with all of the Chapters in the next couple of months to show us their plans on member retention.

An updated Couple of the Year manual is available from GWRRA at <http://med.gwr-ra.org/index.htm> on the Couple of the Year division tab. An excellent powerpoint presentation entitled Couple of the Year Program Brief has been added to the COY district webpage. This presentation is an excellent source of information and explains all aspects of the COY program in detail. Check it out!



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