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## From the Chapter Director...

### Houston C. Miley

November 15, 1927 - November 1, 2008

GWRRA Member # 118269

**Houston C. Miley**, a GWRRA member since January 1, 1997, and a Charter member of LA-O, died suddenly of a blood clot on November 1, at the age of 80. Houston was home and doing well recuperating from injuries received on August 16 when a deer ran into him on his Trike while on a ride with friends from Chapter O. Houston was making good progress in his recuperation and was looking forward to the day he could ride again.

Houston was very proud of his 2005 Blood Red 1800 Motor Trike. The Trike was fully dressed with the “necessary” safety chrome and extras and Houston enjoyed riding it whenever he could.

Originally from Bogalusa, Houston was a resident of Bush the last 12 years. He is survived by his beloved companion Joyce Netherland in addition to a grandson, daughter and her fiancée, as well as two brothers and four sisters and other family.

Houston was an active member within LA-O and participated on a regular basis in Chapter meetings, events and rides.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family

**HOUSTON WILL BE SADLY MISSED**

GLADYS and ERNEST

Friday, December 5, is our next meeting at Pine Seafood, Pine, LA. Eat at 6 p.m. and meet at 7 p.m. 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 should bring \$10 worth of non-perishable food. Donations will be taken to local food bank. HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

LA-O and the GWRRA family send our condolences and deepest sympathy to Joyce Netherland and Amy Strain. Both Chapter O members have lost loved ones in the past couple of weeks. Keep them in your prayers.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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### NOVEMBER 2008

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#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 Bob Turner  
13 Faith Terrell  
15 Houston Miley  
16 Alfred Ingram  
25 Allen Strain  
30 Gladys Vernon

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11 Bob & Irma Turner  
16 Davis & Beverly Tate  
19 Ernest & Gladys Vernon  
25 Pete & Pat Bennett

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

**October 2008 meeting**

**31 in attendance**

**First Time Guests included**

**Jimmy Oalman**

**Larry & Carol Morgan**

**Ben & Lou Fussell**

**Bruce & Debbie Adams**

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#### 2008 Monthly Ride Leaders

**November Frank & Tammy**  
**December Wendell & Marie**

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#### October 50/25/25 Winners

**Faith Terrell**  
**Gladys Vernon**

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

As you know, Jim recently had heart by-pass [4] surgery. He is at home, but he has encountered a few problems, which hopefully will be corrected soon and get him on the way to feeling better. We, of course, need to continue to keep Jim and Bonnie in our prayers. We hope to see them both soon.

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

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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!**

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## *From the Chapter Educator*

Hello, my friends. This month I would like to mention the fact that NOT ALL BIKES RIDE THE SAME! The reason I am saying this is because I recently had the opportunity to experience it for myself. This fact became clear when I made plans to put my Wing in the shop to have some maintenance done on it. I was going to have all of the fluids changed and some new brake pads installed. When I finally got it there, I mentioned to a friend that my bike was in the shop. He then asked if I would ride his bike to the shop when I went to pick up my Wing. I happily agreed!

My friend owns a Honda VTX-1800. I'm not sure what style it is, but it has the forward controls because he is about 6'5" tall. Needless-to-say, I had trouble riding this bike because I couldn't reach the controls comfortably. I almost had to sit on the gas tank to keep my feet on the pegs because the wind kept blowing them off. This bike does not have a windshield and at 55 MPH, I felt as though the wind was going to blow me right off the seat. I also struggled in the curves because of the center of gravity being so much higher on this bike than my Wing. Let's just say that I was glad to arrive at the shop and see my Wing waiting there for me!!

But my experience was not over yet. I paid for the repairs and climbed aboard my Wing and away I went. After traveling down the road a piece, it was time to stop at an intersection in the road. I pressed on the brakes and thought that I was going to spin out. Those new brakes surely did work well. I had to learn how to ride my bike all over again!!

I guess you are wondering WHAT IS THE MEANING OF ALL THIS? Well, what I am trying to say is that NOT ALL BIKES RIDE THE SAME!! Even your own will ride differently when you have repairs done to it. So, be sure that you are familiar with the bike that you are going to ride before getting yourself into trouble along the way. Until we meet again, ride safely.

*Frank and Tammy Gendusa*

## ***From the Couple of the Year***

Hi Gang! It is with sad hearts that we write our article this month, as we mourn the loss of our dear friend and fellow Chapter Member, Mr. Houston Miley. We all were so proud of the progress he had made in overcoming the injuries he suffered in the accident in August. His therapy was going good, and he was looking forward to riding that Trike again soon. Mrs. Joyce did a great job taking care of him and we ALL will sadly miss him. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Joyce and Mr. Houston's entire family.

We also want to extend our sympathy to Amy Strain on the loss of her Dad and other family members. Amy has had a rough time for the past few weeks and we should keep her and all these other families in our prayers.

We're still sending get well wishes to Jim Cothorn. Hope it won't be long that Jim will be out and about and back to his old self.


Well, the time is about to end for us as your Couple of the Year. It has been an honor to represent our Chapter for the past two years, but we must pass the honor on to another great couple now. We're hoping that some nice couple has been considering stepping up to fill the spot that we are leaving. It really is a fun position and all you have to do is be friendly, handle the 50/50 ticket sales and meet and greet guests that attend our meetings. We are all such NICE people that anyone in our chapter could fill the spot. Remember, we are GOLD WINGERS and we are all about having fun and learning to ride safer and just fellowshiping with good people.

The weather has been beautiful and perfect for riding. This past weekend we rode up to Natchez, MS and rode the Natchez Trace. The leaves were pretty and there was not a cloud in the sky. There were several bikes out and we saw a group of about twenty Gold Wings that passed while we were stopped at a rest stop. They all blew their horns and waved as they passed us and there was a variety of colors that made for such a pretty sight.

The holidays are almost here and we will all be busy and eating too much, so let us wish everyone a Blessed Holiday Season, and may God bless each one of you. Until next time, God Bless, Have Fun, Be Safe.

**LINUS & LIBBY**

# NOVEMBER 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 ????
		Pray for our Nation and its leaders, for our service men and women, and keep us mindful of the needs of others.				1
2 Daylight Savings Time ends	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15 Chapter O
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Happy Thanks- giving	28	29
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2009 UPCOMING				EVENTS		

- January 17 District Staff Meeting, Lafayette  
Holiday Inn
- February TBA Wingless Weekend, Alexandria  
National Guard Armory
- February TBA Horizons Program
- March 6-7 Rider Education Weekend, Location TBA
- March 19, 20, 21 Region H Rally, Marshall, Texas
- April 16, 17, 18 2009 Louisiana District Rally... ..  
"WINGS OVER THE BAYOU"
- May 14, 15, 16 Texas District Rally
- May 21, 22, 23 Arkansas District Rally

***DISTRICT NEWS*** ..... "MARDI GRAS MADNESS CARNIVAL"... ..  
WINGS OVER THE BAYOU... ..As of this date, six chapters are making plans to set-up booths in the vendor parking lot area at the Rally. Each Chapter will create its own theme and sell merchandise, raising funds to benefit the Chapter. District Staff also noted that the Louisiana Rally Host Hotel is already 60% booked. Don't wait to make your reservations.

Again, the Chapter Educator can help you with information about advanced or basic riding courses. For more information on state courses, go to [www.louisianaschools.net](http://www.louisianaschools.net). You will find motorcycle safety under the community menu. Also, keep in mind that we ALL need to make the commitment to ride safely and complete the paperwork with the Chapter Educator as you increase your rider skills by completing safety courses which will advance you in your Rider Ed levels.

Also, keep in mind: Louisiana's *first Safety Weekend will be held March 6-7, 2009*. It will feature *Riding classes \* 1<sup>st</sup> aid course \* Safety Seminars*. We want your input on what you want taught. Express your suggestions to your chapter educator. Exact location to be announced later.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING and HORIZONS programs are NOT just for officers. A HORIZONS program is being planned for February 2009. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please see Gladys or Ernest or contact the District Trainers. Please contact Gene Stanley by e-mail [trainer@gwrra-la.org] or phone [337-478-1670].

### *THANK YOU Chapter O*

*Thank you all. Your expressions of love and acts of kindness and sympathy were much appreciated and helped us greatly during this sad time. We thank those who provided food and those who assisted us with arrangements and for Marie Kilgore who played those beautiful hymns. We also especially want to thank Wendell Vince, Linus Magee, Charles Jenkins, David Jenkins, Pete Bennett, and Mitch Kilgore for serving as pallbearers and in leading the funeral procession on the bikes. We know HE really liked that!*

*Joyce Netherland and the Family of Houston C. Miley*



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