



# The LA-O Report



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## From the Chapter Director...

October brings great riding weather -- so let's get together and enjoy some great rides. Just call us if you get the "itch" to ride and we'll get together!

The Mississippi District Rally is October 16, 17 and 18. We are planning to ride to the Coast on the 18<sup>th</sup>. We are also planning to participate in the Ride for Kids event in Lafayette on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Also, Chapter O has been invited by Chapter K, Metairie, to participate in a Halloween night "Krewe of Boo" Parade. Let us know if you want to ride and we'll coordinate times.

Houston was making a good recovery from his trike/deer accident and then was hospitalized with pneumonia {and a flare-up of his gallbladder}. He is now back home, so we want to extend a GET WELL SOON message to him. Also, we wish Jim a SPEEDY RECOVERY from his by-pass [4] surgery. He is also at home now. Houston and Jim are both in good hands, but you guys need to do what your "nurses" say to do so that you can be out and 'bout soon!

Thus far, it's been quite a year to remember in Chapter O with several members facing major health issues and/or accidents. We're glad things have worked out as well as they have for everyone. We want to keep everyone around for quite some time, so let's take care of ourselves and each other and get together to enjoy some fun riding. See you soon!

GLADYS and ERNEST

**Make plans -- Chapter O is going to the Mississippi District Rally in Biloxi on October 18. Also, we'll ride to Lafayette on October 19 for RIDE FOR KIDS. And, we're invited to ride in the Halloween night KREWE OF BOO Parade on October 31. Details to follow.....and we're always ready for any "local" ride. Just give us a call.**

Louisiana Ride for Kids--Sunday, October 19, 2008- Rain or Shine! at SLEMCO, 3420 Hwy 167 North, Lafayette. Registration 8 to 9:45 a.m. Minimum Donation \$35 per bike. Coffee, doughnuts & light lunch provided.

**October  
CONGRATULATIONS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 12 Sonny Sellers**  
**14 Jerry Ledet**  
**28 Daniel Brock**  
**31 Dale Jenkins**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 1 Sonny & Anna Sellers**  
**15 Gary & Becky Bankston**  
**23 Paul & Suzie Oulliber**

**Belated Birthday greetings  
to Amy Strain – Sept. 1**

GWRRA needs your input. They are trying to obtain new benefits for our members. They have asked the District Staff to survey what benefits the members would most like to have. Give some thought to it and send your ideas via e-mail to DD Brent Comeaux [como102696@aol.com]. Please put Benefit Survey in the subject line.

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

**September 2008 meeting**

**19 in attendance**

**Guests included**

**Robbie & Josett Stringfield**

**2008 Monthly Ride Leaders**

<b>October</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Tammy</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Wendell &amp; Marie</b>

**September 50/25/25 Winners**

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**Gladys Vernon**

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***From the Assistant Chapter Director***

***No column from Jim this month.....Chapter O sends our best wishes to Get Well Soon.***

**As you know, Jim recently had heart by-pass [4] surgery. He is at home. I'm not sure if Jim is a good patient, but I know Bonnie is an excellent caregiver, so I know Jim is in excellent hands. Hopefully, Jim will do what he needs to do for a speedy recovery. At any rate, we want him to GET WELL SOON.**

***Gladys***

Please continue to contact Bonnie if you have someone in the hospital or if they are just ill, so she can get a card off to them. Call 985-732-3225.  
Ride Safe and God Bless.

**JIM and BONNIE**

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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. I hope that this article finds everyone well and ready for some cool weather riding. That's right, COOL WEATHER is right around the corner. So, enjoy the cool weather; but, before you get out there and ride in the cold weather, here are a few tips to remember in keeping yourself warm while riding.

At 55-60 MPH and 40 degrees, it will feel more like temperatures in the teens, and that can get you in trouble. If you are not dressed properly, hypothermia can set-in very quickly. When the body senses the core temperature drop, it will begin cutting off the blood supply to your hands, feet, and head. Once this happens, your decision-making abilities slow down. In this condition, it would be like riding drunk. To prevent this from happening, you need to dress properly.

Start with a good pair of insulated gloves. Cold hands and fingers will make for a miserable ride.

Next, wear some boots that will keep your feet warm and also dry. If your feet get wet, you will never keep them warm!

For your face, a ski mask with a full face helmet will get the job done nicely.

If you are having problems with the wind going down the neck of your jacket, try using a neck wrap or even a scarf or a bandana.

Until we meet again, "STAY WARM AND RIDE SAFE".

*Frank and Tammy Gendusa*

AGAIN --Thanks Everyone-- We're Doing Well! Thank you for your visits, prayers, phone calls, thoughts and kindnesses shown us during Houston's recent hospitalization in St. Tammany. At least he was closer to home this time. We look forward to seeing everyone at a meeting soon.

Joyce and Houston

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

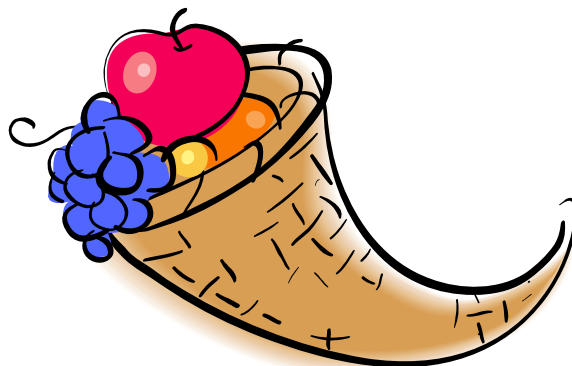
Hi Gang! It seems as if our Chapter O has been on a roller coaster for the past few months with the accidents and illnesses that some have had. Maybe all the eating we do is taking its toll on us and our health as we've had several members with heart problems. Ms. Sylvia Ledet started off with heart problems; then Mr. Ralph Bennett had to have heart surgery; then Mrs. Pat Bennett had to have some heart stints. Happily, all seem to be doing better now.

In June, the deer started stirring and Ernest and Gladys caught one with their bike; then in August Mr. Houston Miley had an accident with a deer and had some very serious injuries. Jim Cothorn couldn't stand it, and had to get in on some of the attention, so he had four heart by-passes in September, and Mr. Houston ended up with pneumonia. He and Jim were in the same hospital at the same time. Thank God, everyone now seems to be doing better, so let's hope that things will get back on track.

The love bugs are gone [thank goodness], and the weather is getting cooler and just right for some good riding. Let's hope the weather will stay like this for the Mississippi Rally so they will have a good turn out. We're planning our week next week around the FAIR and the Rally, so we're going to be busy. Hope we will see you at the FAIR or on the COAST for sure.

Until next time, God Bless, Have Fun, Be Safe.

**LINUS & LIBBY**





# OCTOBER 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	6	7	8	9	10 Chapter O	11
12 Columbus Day	13 Columbus Day Observed	14	15	16 MS Rally	17 MS Rally	18 MS Rally
19 RIDE FOR KIDS	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	Daylight Savings Time ends November 2
UPCOMING				EVENTS		

- October 2008 Angola Prison Rodeo - Each Sunday
- October 4 LA - A, Baton Rouge, Sock Hop
- October 10-11 Oklahoma District Rally "HALLO WING 2"
- October 16-18 Mississippi District Rally "STARS ON THE COAST"
- October 19 Louisiana's RIDE FOR KIDS, Lafayette
- April 16, 17, 18 2009 Louisiana District Rally... ..  
"WINGS OVER THE BAYOU"

## ***DISTRICT NEWS*** ..... "MARDI GRAS MADNESS CARNIVAL" ... ..

Each Chapter is invited to set-up a 10' x 10' booth [\$25 fee] 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. Some of the booth ideas are: Game Booths, Sweet Shop, Mardi Gras merchandise shop, Ice Cream booth, or Water booth (with your chapter label, of course). Use your imagination for other ideas. Chapter info must be forwarded to District Staff as quickly as possible. Additional info/guidelines will be handed out at the Chapter meeting. If you have questions/ideas, please contact Gladys.

**DID YOU KNOW...** SMOKEY THE BEAR is also a GWRRA Rider Educator – He reminds us:

1. Only you can **help** prevent motorcycle accidents
2. There **is** a safe way to ride your motorcycle
3. **Careless behavior equals trouble**

The state has recently posted its schedule for the rest of 2008 for advance riding classes. Again, the Chapter Educator can help you with information about the 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: 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 is NOT just for officers. A Leadership Training course is scheduled in Lake Charles for November 8 and 9. This course certifies trainers but it also provides very useful information/training to the "ordinary" GWRRA member. If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Gene by e-mail [trainer@gwrra-la.org] or phone [337-478-1670].



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