



# The LA-O Report



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## From the Chapter Director...

Chapter O WILL NOT have a yard sale..... NO YARD SALE.

The Arkansas District Rally was great fun.... And LA-O was very well represented with 14 attending. If Arkansas had recognized the largest out of state chapter attendance, I'm certain Chapter O would have won. Arkansas Rally was fun even though the wheel on the side car had to be taken off in the hotel parking lot and wheel bearings replaced....and it was fun even though we got wet coming home on Sunday and Monday....and it was fun because we were with our GWRRA family.

Our deepest thanks to them for their assistance Friday evening and in getting the wheel back on Saturday morning and for helping “shine and polish” on the sidecar so we could enter it in the bike show.

AND, out of five events, LA-O brought home 5 FIRST PLACE trophies: First place for Chapter Shirt [again, our thanks to Wendell & Marie, Joyce Netherland and Allen and Amy Strain, and everyone else who helped with the design]; First place to Wendell and Marie Vince for Chapter Dress; First place to Joyce Netherland for her Trike; First place to [new LA-O member] Tommy Oalman for his '93 Aspencade 1500; and, yes, we won for our Sidecar.....and yes, we were again the only one in the event. We all proudly received WoodWing trophies!

If you missed the “KICK-OFF SUMMER” event at Wendell and Marie's on May 30, you missed a really great time. Over 25 from LA-O attended, and we were some of the first to see Allen & Amy's new 2008 Candy Apple Red GoldWing. As always, the food and company were super! Wendell and Marie have a lovely home and we greatly appreciate their hospitality and look forward to being with them again at Christmas!

Summertime and vacations are here. Be safe on the road.

GLADYS and ERNEST

**Dale and Kim Jenkins have planned a picnic ride on June 27. We will ride to the lake in Mandeville for an early lunch to beat the heat. Pack your lunch and drinks [no glass bottles, please]. Be ready to leave Franklinton Winn Dixie at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27. You're on your own after lunch. Thanks to Wendell and Marie for a great ride to breakfast at the Golden Corral, McComb, last month. It was a lot of fun being together.**

## ***From the Assistant Chapter Director***

Hi everyone!! Hope this article finds everyone in good health and doing well. This has been a very exciting month at the Cothorn residence. It took almost two weeks to get our grandson Colby graduated, and then while all of the people who went to the Arkansas rally were having fun, I was home fixing "chicken soup" for Ms. Bonnie. The Lord was really looking out for us as I chose not to go and was needed at home when she became ill. It shows that ALL things work out for the best. I have heard nothing but good stories on the Arkansas trip excluding Mitch's tie-down problem and Ernest's bearing problem. The five (5) first places in competition taken by LA-O was a great accomplishment, especially the shirts that were designed by the LA-O team. Great job.

The party or get together at Wendell and Marie's was also a great experience and I think that I can speak for all the attendees that a great time was had by all. Continue to stay in touch with Ms. Bonnie at 985-732-3225 if you have an illness, death or special occasion in you life. Let's enjoy this weather and ride safe.

As an after thought, I spoke to Pete Bennett Thursday (6/3) and he and Ralph were standing on the rim of the Grand Canyon waiting for a bus to take them to the bottom. They are on a bike trip to California to visit some family, but more importantly to sight see. Please pray for Pete and Ralph as they travel on this trip and more importantly that they don't run out of bologna.

God Bless You and Yours,

Jim and Bonnie

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### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

**1998 VALKARIE MOTOR TRIKE, 26k MILES. Pearl White/Blue FLAMES**

**Mustang Seat. \$13,000. Call 985-848-9970**

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**LADIES BLACK LEATHER JACKET with Studs and Fringe on Yoke.  
Size XL. \$100. See: Marie Vince or call 985-848-2926**

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# From the Chapter Educator

Hello, fellow GWRRA members. I hope that everyone is getting out and putting some miles on their bikes. This past month, I do believe that we have had more good days to ride than bad. I do hope that each of you is taking the time to inspect your bike carefully before each ride.

Remember to use the

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and everything should be

covered.

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Now that the bike is all good, it's time to take care of you, the rider. Make sure that you wear all of your protective clothing for the ride. Most of all, keep your body hydrated during long rides. You must drink plenty of fluids during the hot weather to keep your body properly hydrated. Believe it or not, the wind blowing on your body all day while riding takes a lot of moisture from your body.

I was really glad to see all the members from Chapter O at the Arkansas District Rally. The riding up there is just great!!

*Frank and Tammy Gendusa*

# From the Couple of the Year

Hello---Chapter-O!!!

Well, Finally.....Our new Chapter shirt has been delivered and GUESS WHAT!!!??? We won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Arkansas Rally!!! Yahoo!!! All the hard work paid off! We were so proud, strutting up there like peacocks. You should have been there! We had quite a showing at the Arkansas Rally, with 14 Chapter-O members attending. Way to go! Yeah, we really showed out in all categories. Ernest & Gladys won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the sidecar division, Joyce won 1<sup>st</sup> place in trike division, and Tommy Oalmann won 1<sup>st</sup> place in 1500 division. In addition Wendell & Marie won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Couple Dress Shirt Parade division! Looks like we tried to take home all the trophies! We enjoyed the ride up to Rogers on the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

was super. The folks

On Friday morning, Linus and spent about half a town at a street café also visited the Glass



Great weather. Our hotel stay at the Hampton there were so accommodating and nice.

& Libby and Wendell & I rode to Eureka Springs day. We rode the trolley and had lunch in down called "Local Flavor". Beautiful riding day. We Chapel.

We are so proud of Mitch and Marie Kilgore for their work with WingWood Art. They were recognized at closing ceremonies with a plaque from the outgoing District Directors. Wendell also won 2 gift cards from Honda of Russellville for a total of \$50.00.

Wendell & I were Ride Captains for the May ride on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We made a breakfast run to Golden Corral in McComb. We had a good day to ride with very good attendance. We had 18 bikes with 27 riders. Our guests were Danny Harris, Cheri Spring, Eric Ingram, Jimmy Oalmann's Son & Son-In-Law.

Well, we have had a busy but great month and look forward to Wing Ding in July. Wendell & I are planning to go, along with Mitch & Marie. If anyone is interested, start making your plans now!

Dale and Kim are Ride Captains for June, and I think they are planning a picnic ride on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Hope everyone has a remarkable month and we wish all our Chapter-O Fathers a "Happy Fathers Day"!

Keep Riding Safely With Education!

Wendell & Marie, COY '09

June 2009

## Happy Birthday

21<sup>st</sup>

Mitch Kilgore

26<sup>th</sup>

Terry Jenkins

30<sup>th</sup>

Kim Jenkins

## Happy Anniversary

5<sup>th</sup>

Larry & Marsha Spring

21<sup>st</sup>

Larry DeWayne & Faith

Terrell

## Graduates

Colby Lee Kinchen, Franklinton High School

grandson of Jim & Bonnie Cothern,  
1404 Avenue K, Bogalusa 70427

Jeffery Kelly, Varnado High School

grandson of Pete and Pat Bennett,

1301 Lee's Creek Road, Bogalusa 70427

# JUNE 2009

MEMBER RIDE CAPTAIN – Dale & Kim Jenkins

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 *** LA-A 9 to 2
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 FLAG DAY	15 Annual Ride to Work Day	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day 1 <sup>st</sup> day of Summer	22	23	24	25	26	27 DALE & KIM 9:30 AM
28	29	30	Don't forget to tell DAD you love him			
2009 UPCOMING				EVENTS		

June 6

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LA-A TailGate Party, Greenwell Springs

Magnolia United Methodist Church Recreation Center

16024 Greenwell Springs Road

Registration @ 9; Fun/Music/Spaghetti Dinner from 10 to 2

Three \$100 Cash Drawings - 11 am - Noon - 1 pm

June 15

Annual Ride [your motorcycle] to Work Day

July 2-5  
August 28-29  
October 22-24

[[www.ridetowork.org](http://www.ridetowork.org)]  
Wing Ding 31, Tulsa, OK  
Kansas District Rally, Abilene  
Oklahoma District Rally, Muskogee

**DISTRICT NEWS** .... District Director Brent [Roxie was sick] joined other Louisiana participants at the Arkansas Rally in having a good time. But, the Big News is Mike and Pam Jastram of Baton Rouge LA-A. They are the Region H "Couple of the Year" in the selection process for "International Couple of the Year" at Wing Ding in Tulsa, OK. The Program will be on Wednesday, July 1, from 1:30-3:30 pm. District Directors Brent and Roxie are preparing for a Big Louisiana Turnout. Bring a Louisiana Flag and some Mardi Gras beads to wear and throw. We plan to make a lot of noise for Mike and Pam. We all love Mike and Pam and we want them to win with as much support we can give them. This is going to be a lot of FUN!

Ride your Bike to Wing Ding and get some Bling. All the Wing World vendor advertisers will be there to load you up. There are plenty of Rider Education and Leadership seminars to educate you too. You will find a lot of Louisiana members in the "Goodie Booth" all day 8am-5pm on Thursday. Louisiana has the assignment to sell GWRRA merchandise in the Booth and all of you are invited to assist. Show up and we will assign you a time slot to relieve someone. Working in the Goodie Booth is a blast. You get to meet sooooo many members from all over the country. Join us for Wing Ding.

District Trainers Gene and Nelda Stanley encourage early registration for the Horizon training program scheduled for August 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette at the Holiday Inn. The program will fill-up fast and space is limited, so e-mail Gene at [dgstanley@suddenlink.net](mailto:dgstanley@suddenlink.net) or phone him at 337-478-1670 if you're interested in participating. If you have any questions, contact Gene or talk to Gladys & Ernest about the Horizons program. It's excellent and is geared to those who want to be GWRRA leaders.

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## CHAPTER O WANTS YOU !!

Would you like to have an opportunity for personal growth by participating in the leadership of Chapter O?

**Would you like to lead and to encourage continued participation in Chapter activities?**

**THEN, volunteer as an officer  
See Gladys**

**BY THE BOOK**

*By: Dale Wingrove / Harry Dollarhide  
Region H Trainer / Region H Director*

*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.*

The change in the officer appointment process that occurred a few years ago raised some questions—and perhaps misunderstandings. The “old” process was one that used the Chapter, District or Region Director to appoint their Rider Educator, Leadership Trainer, Membership Enhancement Coordinator, etc. with the concurrence of the District, Region, or Division Director. A change was made to try to improve the process by selecting the best member for the program, not necessarily the member who the appointing officer wanted on their staff. Too many times a member was appointed as a method of placing friends on staff for other purposes, not necessarily in the best interest of the respective program.

The “new” (current) process is for the District, Region or Division Director in Leadership Training and Rider Education to make the appointment with the concurrence of the operations officer. Make no mistake, the operations officer still has a big say in the appointment process. The person appointed must be someone who the operations officer can work with and will be part of the Chapter, District or Region team. Every person on a Director’s staff ultimately answers to the operations director as well as the division’s appointing officer. Yes, that creates a “two boss” situation. However, think of it this way: For program purposes, the boss is the appointing officer. For the staff, the boss is the operations director. Can you serve two bosses? YES... if you are working as a TEAM. Working for the members’ best interest as a TEAM will and does work. Working only for your program interest or just for your staff interest will be conflicting. Think TEAM and be successful.

**"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."**

**T-E-A-M: Together Everyone Accomplishes More**

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*Honor our service men and women by remembering them as we celebrate Flag Day and Independence Day*



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