



# The LA-O Report



FRANKLINTON, LOUISIANA

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April 8-9-10, 2010

LA District Rally

## From the Chapter Director...

The March 6 ride was SUPER. Ernest led Chapter O riders from Franklinton to Amite where we met Larry & Marsha and riders from Chapter A and Chapter H and headed to the Ole River Steakhouse. Larry & Marsha planned an excellent route but the piles of sand on one of the Mississippi bridges caused a minor spill but no major damage, so the group proceeded to eat....something we all do well! It was a fun-filled day. Thanks everyone!

Leadership Training on March 20 was also a huge success. Thanks to Wendell and Marie for coordinating this event. Brent, Gene and Nelda were excellent instructors. The Franklinton Grill was a great location; the food was good and staff was very cooperative.

March weather gave us some great days to ride, so Larry and Marsha led a PICNIC ride to Grand Gulf State Park on March 27. Only David Jenkins and Joey Rawls managed to ride with them, but they had a good time and enjoyed being out on the Wing.

The Louisiana Rally is April 8-10. Joyce and Ernest will handle the Chapter's security duty on Thursday. Wendell and Marie Vince represent LA-O in the Couple of the Year selection on Friday morning at 10 a.m. Please plan to attend this event and show your support. LA-O knows they're winners; soon everyone will know it. ....and we thank them for representing LA-O. Also, they'll need some assistance at Rally selling tickets for the COY basket. Be sure to let Wendell and Marie know when you can help.

GLADYS and ERNEST

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. If you think you might like to be an officer someday or you're just curious about GWRRA's organization and how it operates, a new program is being offered to current and prospective officers and interested members. It's a 1 ½ day classroom session that will answer lots of questions. It is scheduled for Lafayette, May 22 and 23. Register early with District Trainer Gene Stanley. Space is limited.

Chapter O extends a **BIG, BIG THANK YOU** to Brent Comeaux and Gene and Nelda Stanley for conducting Leadership Training for Chapter O [as well as participants from Chapter F and K]. A total of 25 attended the entertaining and educational sessions.

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

31 attended the March meeting,  
including Merlin and Beverly Mayon  
District COY Coordinators  
Chapter H

March 25/25/25/25 won by

Wendell Vince; Geneva Bell;  
Sandra McDaniel; Dale Jenkins

**GET WELL WISHES**  
Daniel & Janet Brock  
Kelly & Laura Crain  
Jim & Bonnie Cothorn  
Mike & Theresa Dufrene

**Check your GWRRA  
membership cards  
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

AJ & Sherry Gros, LA-K  
Geneva Bell  
Evelyn Hobgood  
Huey & Beverly Duncan

**COY BASKETS -- WE NEED YOUR HELP --** A table will be set up at Louisiana Rally to display Chapter COY Baskets and tickets will be sold at that table. The winning tickets will be drawn at closing and monies raised by each participating Chapter will be distributed by the number of tickets sold by the Chapter for their basket. See Wendell and Marie. And, thanks to everyone who contributed or donated items! It looks great! It's sure to be a hit!

**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

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

### ***and Couple of the Year***

Happy Spring Ya'!!!!

What great weather we have been having! And a very busy month, too. Starting out with a great chapter gathering and meeting. We had special guests, Merlin & Beverly Mayon District COY Coordinator from Chapter H, and A. J. and Sherry Gros COY from Chapter K. The following day we had a big, big ride! Started out small in Franklinton, but met up with Chapter A & H in Amite for a backroad ride to Tylertown to have dinner at Ole River Steakhouse & Seafood. We had 28 bikes and 46 riders & co-riders. Thanks to all who help organize such a great event.

Our thanks go out to Brent Comeaux, Gene & Nelda Stanley for teaching our Leadership Training Seminar on the 20th. Many subjects were covered to help prepare us for future leadership roles. We had 9 members from our Sister Chapter F in Slidell and 17 members of Chapter O. Thanks to all who attended.

Wendell & I attended the Region H Rally in Marshall, Texas on the 26th. Our congratulations go to Faye & Steve Alexander our new Region COY! Way to go LA!!! They did great. We are so proud of them. After the rally we rode down to Galveston and met up with Chapter J for a day ride. We stayed over in Lake Charles with John & Kathy Gary, then headed up to Winnfield to visit Wendell's cousin Jewel Thomas, before heading back on Tuesday. We really enjoyed our spring break.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our COY basket for the Rally. Come by and take a look at it at the gathering tonight.

The Louisiana District rally is on April 8, 9 & 10th in Lafayette. Wendell & I will be in the COY selection process on Friday morning at 10 am. Come out and support us if you can. The Rally is a good time to check the expiration dates on your Rider Ed courses, such as Co-Rider, Road Captain, CPR, etc. Rally will be a good time to renew them. Go online and check the schedule and see which classes you might be interested in attending.

Wendell & I are planning a day ride to Foley on April 17th to eat at Lamberts, so mark your calendars and make plans to go with us, weather permitting. On April 24th Chapter J in Lake Charles will be holding their Chapter Rally, "The Gator Run" at the Burton Coliseum beginning at 9 am. Admission is \$15 per person, which includes coffee and donuts and lunch. Will have games, vendors, silent auction and lots of door prizes.

So there is a lot going on this month, so try to make as many events as possible. We guarantee you will have a great time. Ride Safe and Have Fun!

Wendell & Marie

There is a new GWRRA Chapter in Diamondhead, MS. Welcome Chapter MS-Z to the GWRRA Family. Their website is <http://sites.google.com/site/gwrramsz> so take a look when you have a chance. Their first annual Fun Day is April 17.

## ***FROM the Rider Educator***

Hello Chapter O. Does anyone out there know what time it is? IT'S RALLY TIME!! Yes, that's right; the Louisiana District Rally is April 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> in Lafayette.

There will be several seminars available for members to sign up and participate in. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better your skills as a rider.

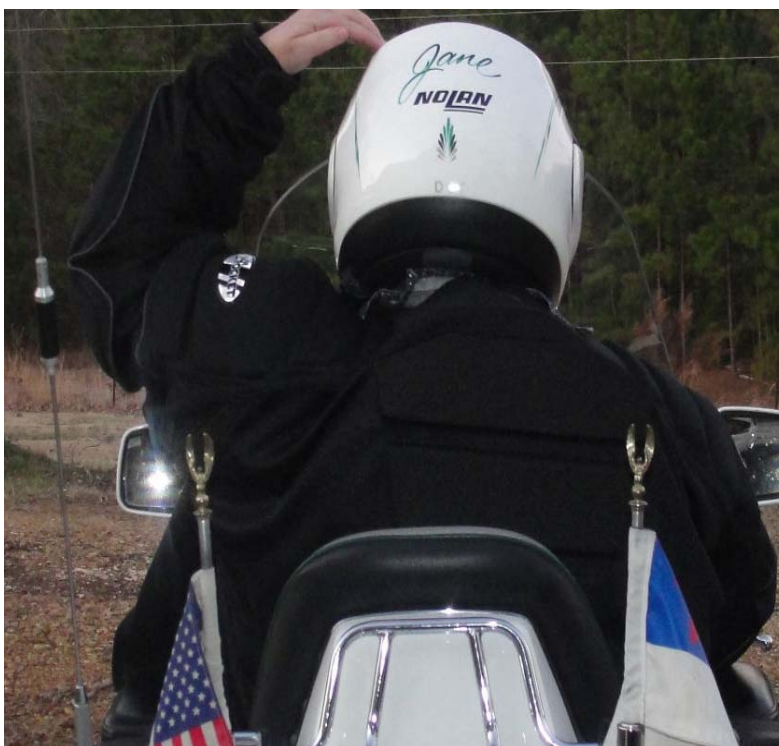
Please remember to forward the appropriate paperwork to me if you take any levels-eligible courses at the rally. This will enable me to advance or update your levels. Ride Safe and I hope to see you at the rally.

Frank Gendusa

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### **GWRRA GROUP RIDING HAND SIGNAL OF THE MONTH**

**Check Headlight -- Tap on top of head with open hand, palm down**



### **Thanks to Joyce Netherland [and helpers]**

for designing and decorating Chapter O's "FANCY HAT" for display at the Louisiana Rally.

The Hat's theme -- ***'O' What A Ride*** -- honors the Saints journey to the SuperBowl

# APRIL 2010

## Frank Gendusa Member Ride

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 April Fools Day	2 LA-O meets <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3
4 <b>EASTER</b>	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10
LA DISTRICT RALLY, Lafayette Opening ceremonies at 6 p.m.						
11	12	13	14	15 TAX DAY	16	17 LA-O Ride to FOLEY, AL
18	19	20	21	22 EARTH DAY	23	24 LA-J Gator Run Lake Charles
25 Awareness & Safety RALLY State Capitol	26	27	28	29	30	LA-H Houma Progressive Dinner Ride May 1

April 25	LA Motorcycle Awareness & Safety Rally	Baton Rouge
May 1	LA-H Progressive Dinner Ride	Houma
May 6-8	Texas District Rally [includes Top Gun competition]	Killeen, TX
May 15	LA-M Mud Bug Rally	DeRidder
May 22	MS-M FUN DAY	McComb
May 22-23	Officer Certification Program	Lafayette

# DISTRICT NEWS .... MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR FUN

**APRIL 8, 9, 10 --- 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.

**Motorcycle Safety Seminars/Courses --** With rally time approaching, there will be many opportunities to take a motorcycle safety seminar and/or course.

**Louisiana District Rally April 8-10 (Thursday-Saturday) Lafayette, LA --** 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR Refresher. Two classes (one on Friday and one on Saturday); Trike Course, Friday; (The rally schedule shows Friday and registration Saturday but it is on Friday); Rider Ed Seminars, Several during rally. (Free). Be sure to check the rally schedule for exact time, location, and cost.

**State of Louisiana --** The state is back putting on both basic and advanced courses. Visit their web site at [www.lahighwaysafety.org](http://www.lahighwaysafety.org) and go to the motorcycle safety section and hit schedule for their courses.

**Arkansas District Rally, May 27 - 29, Rogers, AR**

**GWRRA is now on FACEBOOK**

Check out GWRRA's new Facebook page and sign up to follow us! It is easy!!!

District Trainers congratulate LA-O, along with participants from LA-F and one from LA-K, who spent Saturday, March 20, in Leadership Training in Franklinton. The total was 25. The Seminars presented were Chapter Leadership Skills. The presenters were Brent Comeaux, LA District Director, Nelda and Gene Stanley LA District Trainers.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Steve and Faye Alexander, **REGION H COUPLE OF THE YEAR** for 2010-2011. Steve and Faye represented Louisiana as 2009 District Couple and also serve as Louisiana District Rally Coordinator and Treasurer.

**Texas District Rally, May 6 - 8, Killeen, TX [Fort Hood]**

**Oklahoma District Rally, October 7 - 9, Muskogee, OK**

District Couple of the Year Coordinators recently offered tips and pointers to all COYs participating in the selection process, noting that the judges will consider not only events you have attended but your involvement -- if you volunteered or worked or judged or sold tickets, etc. Also, they will consider your efforts in recruiting and your results. Judges will also consider your Rider Ed levels and other seminars attended. They will consider if both participate in the oral presentation and your comfort level, personality, and sense of humor. So, when preparing yourselves for this part of the process, remember to be yourself and that both should take part.

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**  
**April Article not available at time of publication**

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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

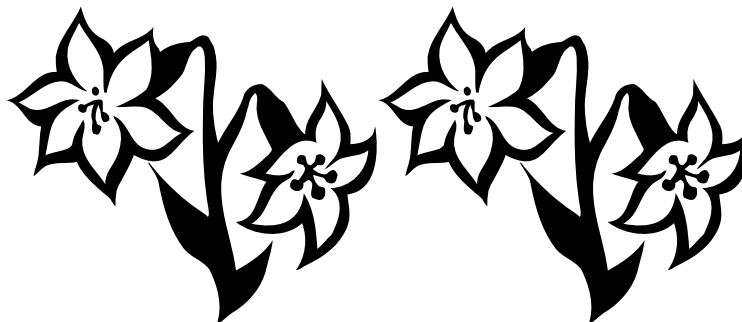
FOR SALE --- 2002 GL 1800; 45,729 miles; 25-30 accessories including beautiful eagle and mountain mural; all warranty & campaign recalls done; \$13,500. Call Pete Bennett @ 985-732-9078 or cell 750-0298

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## April Birthdays

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kay Dodds</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Virginia Dixon</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Jimmy Wallace</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jannine Bickham</b>

No anniversaries this month





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Organized June 2004**

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**FAIR CITY WINGS 'O' What A Ride**

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