



# The LA-O Report



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## From the Chapter Director...

May was busy, busy, busy, but we had a lot of fun. Our daughter Rachel was married May 10 in New Orleans. We now have a great son-in-law in the family. Everyone, especially the Father of the Bride, had a great time at the reception (some have pictures to prove it). We had family visiting for a week after the wedding, and we made two trips to North Carolina in the same month.

**THANKS JOYCE AND HOUSTON.** We had 21 bikes and 35 riders -- a great turnout of members and guests. Led by Joyce and Houston, we enjoyed the ride and had lots of fun on May 24. If you weren't there, come join us on our next ride to see what you're missing.

Wing Ding is just a few weeks away. If you're going to South Carolina and want company, let us know. We'll try to coordinate some trips.

Summertime is here! Hot weather riding requires sun screen, drinking plenty of fluids/water and more frequent rest stops. Many of our members will be planning vacations and making trips. Be safe and take lots of pictures to share when you return.

GLADYS and ERNEST

**Dale and Kim** are leading us on a picnic ride on **SATURDAY, JUNE 7**. We will depart Franklinton Winn Dixie at 10 a.m. on Saturday, riding toward Sunset Point, on the lake at Mandeville. Bring your chairs or blanket, picnic lunch and drinks (no glass containers, please) and join us. It may be warm, so come prepared! See you Saturday.

**Thanks to JOYCE & HOUSTON** for a great ride on May 24 to Tylertown, Columbia and around to Old South Restaurant, Bogalusa. It was great fun with some 35 Gold Wing friends. Come Join Us!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

June 21 – Mitch Kilgore

June 26 – Terry Jenkins

June 30 – Kim Jenkins

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

June 5 – Larry & Marsha Spring

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**Chapter O MAY Meeting**

**50/25/25 Winners**

**David & Terry Jenkins**

**Frank & Tammy Gendusa**

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**Watch for details!**

**Rider Education Weekend**

**including CPR/First Aid,  
and MSF and GWRRA courses  
Being planned for Fall, 2008**

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

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**May 2008 meeting**

**29 in attendance**

**Guests included JoAnn Holiday  
and Amy Strain**

**It was also great to see  
Davis, Beverly & Shane Tate,  
as well as Randy and Tina Miley**

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**2008 Monthly Ride Leaders**

<b>July</b>	<b>Pete &amp; Pat</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>David &amp; Terry</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Bonnie</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Available</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Tammy</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Wendell &amp; Marie</b>

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

Hi, Everyone. Hope this article finds everyone in good health and able to enjoy this HOT, but GOOD riding weather.

What a ride that Joyce and Houston led us on the 24<sup>th</sup> of the month. The participation was excellent, the weather great, and the route taken was an excellent one. The ones that couldn't make it missed a wonderful outing. Let me insert something about the participation. I have been a member of Chapter O for almost two (2) years and I hadn't witnessed this type of "turn out" in that period of time. I really can't attribute the turn out to any one thing, but it was great to sit down to lunch/dinner with 34 or 35 fellow riders that have two things in common: Their love to ride and their love to eat.

On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie and I rode the route that we have planned for September. We left early and had breakfast which we won't do on our ride with the group, and made the trip which consists of about 225 miles and consisted of some beautiful back country roads, some interstate travel, some commercial sites, some beautiful beach front, and then finished it off with a ride through a national forest. Really had a great time and I know that by reading this, you can hardly wait! I'm sure we will have just as good rides during the months leading up to our ride in September. Let's continue to invite our friends and have the participation had on the ride for the month of May.

Again, if you are ill, in the hospital, or have a procedure scheduled, please call Bonnie at 985-732-3225 so she can let the rest of the club know.

Ride Safe and God Bless each of you.

**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***

Summer is finally here, and it is time to get in some riding. Here are some quick tips to group riding from the MSF.

**ARRIVE PREPARED.** Arrive with a full tank of gas ready to depart at the scheduled time.

**HOLD A RIDERS' MEETING.** Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals for the riders who may not have CB radios. Assign a lead and a drag bike.

**KEEP THE GROUP TO A MANAGEABLE SIZE.** Ideally, five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and a drag bike.

**RIDE PREPARED.** At least one rider in each group should pack a cell phone, first aid kit, and a full tool kit so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

**RIDE IN STAGGERED FORMATION.** The staggered riding formation allows a proper space "cushion" between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards.

**AVOID SIDE-BY-SIDE FORMATIONS.** Side-by-side formations reduce the space "cushion" If you suddenly need to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have the room to do so. However, side-by-side formations are suggested for stopping at traffic lights when riding with groups.

**PERIODICALLY CHECK THE RIDERS FOLLOWING YOU IN YOUR REAR VIEW MIRROR.** If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If CB contact is possible, the Lead or Drag bike may check to determine if there's a problem.

**IF YOU ARE SEPARATED FROM THE GROUP, DON'T PANIC.** Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to re-group. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

**MEDICAL OR MECHANICAL PROBLEMS.** Use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.

These are just a few tips from the MSF to keep our rides safe and enjoyable. Ride Often, Ride Safe!!!

**FRANK & TAMMY GENDUSA**

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

Hi, Folks. It seems like it has been a short month for us, but maybe it is because we have been so busy. We have had a lot going on. I was reading some of the articles on the District webpage and wondering how they manage to find the time to make all those rallies and different events in other states. Some of the District Officers have been on the go constantly. We look forward to the time that we can travel more, but right now we feel as if we are working ourselves to death.

Mitch and Marie have been busy making motorcycle signs, and Mitch, being the perfectionist that he is, doesn't give Marie much slack. She can't even get time off to visit her grandchildren. Come on, Mitch, and give the girl a break.

Gladys and Ernest also had a busy month of May with the wedding of their daughter. We were told that they really had a "blow-out." Now that you have that behind you, it is time to try and recover both physically and financially, huh, Ernest? We all wish them the very best.

We really enjoyed the ride that Joyce and Houston led from Franklinton via Tylertown, Columbia and into Bogalusa to Old South. We Gold Wingers know how to find all the good eating spots, don't we? The highlight of Joyce and Houston's ride was seeing the acres of FEMA trailers. I've never seen so many little trailers in one area in my life, and to think that our government is paying security guards to watch all those things. We can truly say that we get to see some interesting sights out on some of our rides.

Larry, Marsha, Kim and Dale are about to embark on a long trip out to the mid-west/west on their bikes. We wish them a safe trip and look forward to a bunch of breathtaking pictures at our July meeting.

We have a few folks in our area that have gotten Gold Wings and we have been telling them about our meetings. We would like to encourage them to come and visit with us and hopefully become part of Chapter O. I know we say this all the time, but it really is like being part of a family. We have FUN together but we also share problems and concerns for each other. Being part of GWRRA and making new friends has been rewarding for us. We have done things and gone places that we never thought about doing before. We urge everyone to get involved and have fun and learn as you do. So until next time, God Bless, Have Fun and Be Safe.

**LINUS & LIBBY**

# JUNE 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Be SAFE RIDE safe Have FUN		Drink water when riding in hot weather		Is emergency Info on bike?		Stay Alert When riding
1	2	3	4	5	6 Chapter meets	7 Chapter O Picnic
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 FLAG DAY
15 FATHERs DAY	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
UPCOMING				EVENTS		

- June 12 - 14 Georgia District Rally  
 July 3-6 WING DING XXX, Greenville, South Carolina @  
 Carolina First Center [formerly Palmetto Expo Center]  
 October 4 LA - A, Baton Rouge, Sock Hop  
 October 16 STARS ON THE COAST, Mississippi District Rally  
 October 19 Louisiana's RIDE FOR KIDS, Lafayette

**NOTE:** JULY 11 will be Chapter O's next meeting.  
 Changed from July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend

**DISTRICT NEWS** .....District Directors Brent and Roxie *Comeaux* announced that **ERROLL & NANCY PELLEGRIN** of Houma Chapter H are the District Membership Enhancement Division Coordinators. Erroll & Nancy have a rich history of leadership skills in the Houma community and we welcome them to help support the **FUN** and **KNOWLEDGE** GWRRA has to offer in a **SAFE** manner.

*Brent and Roxie* also announced the addition of **GENE & NELDA STANLEY** of Lake Charles Chapter J as our new Leadership Training Division Trainers. Gene & Nelda are Certified GWRRA Instructors. They, like Erroll and Nancy, also bring volumes of experience to the team.

Also, we join the District Staff in extending our thanks to Percy & Nancy Benoit for their service the last eight years as District Webmasters.

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One of the essential keys to the success of GWRRA and GWRRA Chapters is **TEAMWORK**. A Chapter **TEAM** takes advantage of knowledge and expertise available within the Chapter. Share your ideas and join the fun. Be a part of the Chapter **O TEAM**.





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