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From the Chapter Director...

We'd like to congratulate our Chapter O members who recently participated in rider education training, which not only makes them safer riders but also advances them in their Rider Education Levels. Frank presented patches at the July meeting to: Jim Cothern reached Level 1 and Bonnie reached Level 2; Larry Spring, Mitch and Marie Kilgore and Wendell and Marie Vince reached Level 2. Linus and Libby Magee reached Level 3, along with Daniel Butscher and Frank Gendusa. Mississippi District Staff attending last month's meeting commended Frank for his work in the Rider Education program and we congratulate him as well for his efforts in making us safer riders. You're doing a great job Frank!

Additional safety/rider education programs are being planned. Take advantage of these opportunities when you can do so. We'll have fun and learn something along the way! See Frank if you have any questions.

We had a great turnout at the July meeting and we appreciate ALL OF YOU who are inviting guests to our meetings to come join the fun. All riders are welcome.

GLADYS and ERNEST

DAVID and TERRY are leading our Member Ride this month. Details will be finalized soon and notification sent via e-mail, phone, or the Chapter website.

Thanks to Pete and Pat Bennett for leading us on a really great "HOT" JULY ride. Plans changed because of a mix-up at Cowboy Jim's Restaurant, but we had a great time in Columbia at Jack's Family Restaurant and we'll go back!

I missed several birthdays and anniversaries in July. My apologies.
I'm trying to combine two lists into one and updating it! Hopefully, I'll
get it all together soon. Gladys

**AUGUST
CONGRATULATIONS**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st Terry Barrios
8th Joby Willis
17th Pete Bennett
24th O'Dean Burris
26th Theresa Dufrene

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

27th Randy & Tina Miley

**JULY
Belated Best Wishes**

Anniversary
Wendell & Marie Vince
Billy & Mary Jenkins
David & Terry Jenkins

Birthday
Cheri Spring
Marie Vince
David Jenkins

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

July 2008 meeting

35 in attendance

**Guests included: Gregg & Pat Harbison
and Nick & Linda Brocato of the
Mississippi District Staff**

Darryl & Anita Jones

2008 Monthly Ride Leaders

September	Jim & Bonnie
October	Available
November	Frank & Tammy
December	Wendell & Marie

Chapter O July Meeting

50/25/25 Winners

Ernest & Gladys Vernon

Jim & Bonnie Cothorn

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From the Assistant Chapter Director

Hope this article finds everyone in good health. Hope everyone had a great 4th of JULY as we celebrated our freedom to do and worship as we please. This we owe to the troops that are fighting overseas today and the ones that have fought in the past. For those who went to Wing Ding, I envy you. Pete and Pat along with Darryl and Anita Jones and yours truly rode in the Bogalusa 4th of July parade, along with about 80 other riders on every kind of bike or scooter you could image. It was a good ride for a very worthy cause.

Our meeting of July 11th was another great meeting as our attendance continues to increase. Although some of the regulars were not there, and I'm sure it's due to vacation, we had visitors who will surely become members. A report on Wing Ding 30 was given by those who attended and Larry gave a report on the extensive trip that he, Marsha, Dale and Kim took up through the midwest/west.

A great but HOT ride was led by Pete and Pat on July 12th. We had 14 bikes and one four wheeler with 23 for dinner. What a great group. It sure was good to see Gladys back in the saddle, even if it was in a four wheeler. We left Franklinton at 2 p.m. and went up through Tylertown to 98, then east on 98 to Columbia where we turned north to Collins. On our return trip, the plans were to eat at Cowboy Jim's, but those plans were aborted when they did not have any available COOL seats. We made the decision to come on to Columbia and eat at Jack's. We had an excellent and COOL meal there prior to embarking on the trip home. The people at Jacks were very accommodating and should be kept in mind for future trips. Thanks again to Pete and Pat for a great, but HOT, ride.

Remember to continue to contact Bonnie if you or family are ill, having a procedure done, etc. so she can get a card off to them and let the rest of the Chapter O family know. Call 985-732-3225. Ride Safe and God Bless.

JIM and BONNIE

CONGRATULATIONS, MITCH & MARIE KILGORE, on the birth of your new grandson.

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!

From the Chapter Educator

Hi wingers, well another month has gone by and it sure has been a hot one! I hope that everyone has been taking the necessary precautions to combat the heat while riding and also just working around the house.

This month District Educators, Mike and Pam Jastram, have some exiting announcements to make regarding some new things happening for Rider Education in Louisiana. For more details please visit the district site at www.gwrra-la.org. You can also get there from the LA-O website link to District.

I have another important subject to discuss and that is your tires on your bike! Everyone who rides a bike spends a lot of money to keep good tires on our rides. But the question is "When you pay for new tires, Are you getting new tires??" That's right, ABC News has a special newscast that investigated the sale of tires that are as many as 14 years old being sold as "new". This report can be viewed online at: <http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerIndex?id=4826897>.

After you watch this, you are going to say that they are just talking about automobile tires. Wrong!! A fellow employee's husband had just put two new tires on his bike and after seeing the newscast determined that the tires were five years old. Now these tires were sold to him as new to mount on his bike! I don't know about you, but that scares me. You can bet, the next set that I buy will be inspected before mounting or paying for them. Remember, Ride Safe and Ride Often.

Frank and Tammy Gendusa

From the Couple of the Year

Hi Gang! Hallelujah!! We have the wedding behind us and we gained a wonderful little daughter-in-law. It was beautiful and Linus and I looked really nice all dressed up in our wedding clothes. Ha! Ha! We have had a lot of family time this month, because last week we made a trip to the mountains with our daughter and son-in-law and two grandsons. We didn't get a lot of rest but we had a good time. We saw a lot of motorcycles while we were in the mountains, but not many Gold Wings. Maybe the Goldwingers were home recuperating from Wing Ding.

Linus says that the battery on our bike is dead from the lack of use. Maybe we can change that now. We'll probably need a few practice rides to get back in shape. Hopefully we will have only one more month of really hot weather, and we'll start seeing some cooler temps. I'm thinking ahead and looking forward to the Mississippi Rally on the Coast in October. Start making plans now to attend. They really have a good rally with lots of vendors.

All of us from Chapter O would like to extend our sympathy to Mr. Charles Williams at Pine Seafood. Charles lost his Dad last week after a lengthy illness. Charles is always so good to accommodate our group for our meetings at the restaurant, and our prayers go out to him and his family.

Speaking of meetings, we had a wonderful crowd at last month's meeting. We had some folks from Chapter M in McComb, MS, and some of our members brought guests with them. We hope they enjoyed being with us and will plan to visit again. It is always encouraging to see a good attendance. Our Officers are doing a wonderful job and we need to let them know that we appreciate all the effort that is put into keeping things going for the Chapter. May we all work together and have fun as we endeavor to strengthen our GWRRA ORGANIZATION. Until next time, God Bless, Have Fun, Be Safe.

LINUS & LIBBY

AUGUST 2008

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

AUGUST Chapter O ride -- David and Terry Jenkins. Details coming!

September 18-20	Wings Over the Smokies, Fletcher, NC
September 26-28	Kansas District Rally
September 27	BAMA Wings Motorcycle Rodeo, Tuscaloosa
October 4	LA - A, Baton Rouge, Sock Hop
October 10-11	Oklahoma District Rally
October 16-18	STARS ON THE COAST, Mississippi District Rally
October 19	Louisiana's RIDE FOR KIDS, Lafayette

DISTRICT NEWS *Rider Education is a top priority of District Staff, as well as our Chapter Educators. Here's the latest news:*

Louisiana's first Safety Weekend will be held March 6 and 7, 2009.

*Riding classes * 1st 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.

Parking lot practice [PLP] facilitator program. District Educator Mike Jastram participated in training on GWRRA's PLP Facilitator Program. Our Louisiana chapter educators will be receiving instructions on how to conduct this program and by Fall should be able to hold a PLP for your chapter.

1st aid Courses. A contact has been posted on District Website where you can receive either your initial certification or refresher course. Only a four hour course for either. Be sure to work with the chapter educator for scheduling and be sure to show up when you agree to do so. This instructor works in the Slidell area but Mike will be locating others throughout the state. Please help him with anyone you know who teaches 1st aid in other cities.

Larry Penepent (Arkansas) received training at Wing Ding to teach GW's Advanced Riding Course (ARC). Louisiana riders will be able to take the ARC at a rally near you or perhaps at our Safety Weekend this spring. Some say the GWRRA ARC is a lot more challenging than the state's ERC. Harry Dollarhide also received training at Wing Ding to teach instructors the ARC so we can anticipate more ARC instructors in our area in the near future.

LA-O joins District Staff and the GWRRA family in extending "Get Well" wishes to Buster Henriksom, Chapter Educator for LA-C. Buster was diagnosed with colon cancer several months ago and recently had surgery at MD Anderson. Please keep Buster in your prayers. If you'd like to check on him, feel free to call him or his wife: Buster's cell @318 564 8010; Carolyn's cell@ 318 207 7708; also, a website has been set up for Buster. Please visit it at <http://www.geocities.com/busterbeatcancer.html>



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