



# The LA-O Report

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#### NEW web address

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#### DISTRICT RALLY

March 27, 28 & 29 2008

## From the Chapter Director...

February will be a busy month for fun and training. We plan to represent Chapter O at the HORIZONS program on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10. HORIZONS is a 2-day program designed to give GWRRA members training in serving in various chapter leadership positions. The program is open to all GWRRA members but officers and staff are especially encouraged to attend. [There is a \$20 registration fee for each person]. Let us know if you are interested. Wingless Weekend is Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23 in Alexandria. Chapter O is responsible for assisting with clearing the tables after the meals. Let us know if you plan to attend this fun-filled event. In addition, a training session will be held for Chapter Treasurers on Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the District Staff meeting, which was fun and informative. While there, we established three goals for the Chapter: have FUN; continue SAFETY Education; and keep GROWING. We'll need all of you to meet these goals.

*Gladys &*

This month's member ride is by Linus and Libby, scheduled on Saturday, February 16. We will meet at Winn Dixie parking lot at 10 a.m., ride to the Golden Corral in McComb, MS, do some riding after lunch and make our way back to Franklinton in the afternoon.

Also, Saturday, February 2, Bogalusa Mardi Gras Parade, 12 noon

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

The January day was beautiful as we toured the Winn Dixie parking lot at the beginning of a wonderful day of riding. Until now, Larry had held the record for getting lost; but that title/honor now goes to Ernest.

Five (5) bikes with eight (8) members enjoyed a beautiful ride up the back roads of Louisiana and Mississippi to Pearl and the Bass Pro Shop. A meal at Ryans was had prior to going to Bass Pro. On the way up we passed through Georgetown, MS, and encountered the largest group of "BUZZARDS" that I have ever seen. You didn't want to stop your bike for very long in this area. A return trip by a completely different route was just as enjoyable. Thanks to Ernest and Gladys for a well-planned ride.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January, Frank and Tammy, Ernest and Gladys, Linus and Libby, Mitch, and Bonnie and I attended a meeting of officers and staff in Lafayette. A lot of information was shared and you all need to be proud of Gladys as she did an excellent job of representing Chapter O. The weather was absolutely terrible that Friday night so NO ONE rode their bikes.

God Bless and Ride Safe,

**Jim and Bonnie**

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## ***From the Chapter Educator***

Tammy and I attended the staff meeting in Lafayette and met many nice people who all contribute to the success of GWRRA. It's amazing that so many people can come together for the love of motorcycles and friendships. Combining all of this with education and safe-riding practices makes for some GREAT RIDES and GREAT FUN.

To start the year off, I would like to get the Chapter's education records up to date. At the February meeting, I will hand out a data form in order to collect all of the updated information. Upon completion of my update, this information will be sent to Brian Berthelot, District Educator, so he can get the state records corrected. I appreciate your assistance and patience with this matter. Let's just remember that "Education Breeds Success" and "Success is a Safe Ride". When you go on a ride and come back to your family the same way you left, "THAT'S A SAFE RIDE."

**FRANK GENDUSA**

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

Hi Everyone. Well, January was really a winter month. About all we could do was stay inside out of the rain and cold and read our *Wing World* Magazines. I guess we can use this shut-in time to make plans for the warmer months ahead. We didn't get to make the ride to Jackson, MS, as I was sick; but those that went reported having a very nice time. Some said it got a little cool coming back but they still enjoyed the ride and Bass Pro Shop.

We attended the District Staff meeting in Lafayette on January 19. We had a nice time, met with old friends and sold 50/50 tickets. No one in our group won any money, but I did win a pretty Mardi Gras wreath as a door prize. We all had breakfast together at the motel and enjoyed being with our Chapter O friends.

We plan to lead a ride on Saturday, February 16. We will meet at Winn Dixie parking lot at 10 a.m., ride to the Golden Corral in McComb, MS, do some riding after lunch and make our way back to Franklinton in the afternoon. We hope the weather will cooperate.

We hope that most of you are planning to go to Wingless Weekend in Alexandria on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone says they have a lot of fun and you will meet members from other chapters. Also, the District Rally will be in March, so if you plan to attend, and intend on staying over, you had better make your reservations now. Gladys can give you motel information.

Folks, remember to invite people to our meetings. We are a small chapter and we need to encourage membership and participation. We have found that the more involved we are, the more fun we have. Meeting other GWRRA members has been most interesting for us, and there are some very nice people out there.

We're hoping that Ralph Bennett and Sylvia Ledet are doing better. They both have had some heart problems. Keep them in your prayers. We wish them full recoveries.

Until next month,

God Bless, Have Fun, and Be Safe  
**Linus and Libby**

# GET WELL WISHES

To Sylvia Ledet and Ralph Bennett

**WELCOME** to our new sponsor

**PINE'S SEAFOOD**  
Pine, LA

**Great Seafood Buffet and Steaks**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
[Missed Mark Busby & Linus Magee]

2/2 Tammy Gendusa  
2/3 Ron Dixon  
2/5 Frank Gendusa  
2/9 Mike Dufrene  
Paul Oulliber  
2/18 Libby Magee  
Marsha Spring

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
2-21 Terry & Katie Barrios

**Chapter O January Meeting**

**50/25/25 Winners**

Jim & Bonnie Cothorn

Mitch & Marie Kilgore

## 2008 Monthly Ride Leaders

February	Linus & Libby
March	Mitch & Marie
April	Larry & Marsha
May	Joyce & Houston
June	Dale & Kim
July	Pete & Pat
August	David & Terry
September	Jim & Bonnie
October	Available
November	Frank & Tammy
December	Wendell & Marie

**DISTRICT NEWS** . . . . .District Directors *Jere and Maurine Pyburn* -- Wingless Weekend will be held at the Alexandria National Guard Armory on Highway 28 {Leesville Highway} on Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23, 2008. A spaghetti supper will be held on Friday night and the traditional GUMBO lunch on Saturday. Make plans to attend. There will be the usual fun games, visiting, and the Chapter Cup games, as well as a training session for new Treasurers. Another big event around the corner is the Louisiana District Rally. A number of registrations have already come in, and this year there's a \$300 prize going to the Chapter who has the most pre-registered members sign-up. If you have not sent your registration and made your hotel reservations, they encourage you to do so ASAP. Rooms are going fast and pre-registration is a big help to the District Staff in planning for seminars and other events offered at the Rally. Mark your calendar and join us in Lafayette March 27-29 at the Holiday Inn Holidome!

*Brent & Roxie Comeaux*, Assistant District Directors & Trainers -- are busy preparing for the HORIZONS Program. This training will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10, in Lafayette at the Holiday Inn Holidome. Advise your CD if you want to participate. Mark your calendars for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February. To offset expenses for training, there's a \$20 per member charge. ALL GWRRA members are welcomed to attend.

*District Educators Brian and Kim Berthelot* -- report that a Trike Course will be scheduled on Friday of the Louisiana District Rally.

*Rally Coordinators Dianne and CJ Doiron* -- report LOTS OF FUN and lots of activity are in store for you at the Rally...including an exciting Mardi Gras Ball, "Best Dressed" competitions, the GWRRA IDOL contest, Bayou Bungee Jumping [wonder if you need scuba gear or safety gear?]. Visit the District website for more information or see your CD for competition rules for your umbrellas, mascots, scrapbooks, etc.

**SEE YOU AT THE RALLY MARCH 27-29, 2008 in Lafayette, LA**

# February 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Be SAFE RIDE safe Have FUN				Is emergency Info on bike?		
	Remember	Your	Valentine!		1 Chapter O Meets	2 Mardi Gras Parade
3	4	5 Bike Night at the Palace	6 Bike Night at the Ground Pati	7	8	9 Horizons Program
10 Horizons Program	11	12 Bike Night at the Palace	13 Bike Night at the Ground Pati		15	16 Linus & Libby Ride
17	18	19 Bike Night at the Palace	20 Bike Night at the Ground Pati	21	22 Wingless	23 Weekend
24	25	26 Bike Night at the Palace	27 Bike Night at the Ground Pati	28	29	
UPCOMING				EVENTS		

February 2 - Bogalusa Mardi Gras Parade, 12 noon

February 9 and 10 - GWRRA HORIZONS Program, Lafayette, Holiday Inn Holidome. All interested members are urged to attend. \$20 per member should be given to your CD.

February 16 - Linus and Libby lead ride to McComb, MS, Golden Corral Depart Franklinton Winn Dixie at 10 a.m.

February 22 & 23 WINGLESS WEEKEND [Friday and Saturday]  
Alexandria National Guard Armory on Highway 28 (Leesville Hwy).