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From the Chapter Director...

May was busy, but June was even busier. We spent a few days “relaxing” in the hospital after our mishap with the deer on our way home after the June meeting. We were also busy with follow-up visits to the doctors and talks with the insurance company and adjustor. BUT, we are well on our way to mending and getting the sidecar ready to roll again! **THANKS** to all of you for your love, support and concern, your calls and cards, the food and visits, and most of all for your prayers! **The GWRRA family is awesome!**

Wing Ding was great fun [and some work] with wonderful friends. I believe Mitch and Marie were the most popular vendors there! They worked hard and were so busy that Joyce, Marie V. and I had to lend a hand from time to time to assist customers coming by. WoodWing Art was a hit! We wish them much success with this venture.

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

GLADYS and ERNEST

Pete and Pat are leading us on a ride on **SATURDAY, JULY 12**. We will depart Franklinton Winn Dixie at 2 p.m. on Saturday, riding to Tylertown, Columbia, and Collins, MS, eating at **COWBOY JIM's** on Hwy 35 near 84. We will take about 2 hours to reach the restaurant. See you Saturday. It will likely be hot, so come prepared with your sun screen and water!

THANKS DALE and KIM for leading the June ride. They took a detour via Lane Regional Hospital on June 7 as the group stopped to check on us, and then went to a nearby park for their picnic.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
July 1 – Ernest Vernon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
None this month

Chapter O June Meeting

50/25/25 Winners

Ernest & Gladys Vernon

Jim & Bonnie Cothorn

Watch for details!

Rider Education Weekend

**including CPR/First Aid,
and MSF and GWRRA courses
Planned for March 6-7, 2009**

Mark your calendar!

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

June 2008 meeting

28 in attendance

**Guests included Karisan Hunt,
Delaine and Randy Thomas
Hilry and Helen Flynt**

2008 Monthly Ride Leaders

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

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From the Assistant Chapter Director

What a month June has been. We had a great meeting on the 6th and then heard of the tragic accident involving our Chapter Directors, Gladys and Ernest, on the way home. It seems that they met BAMBI a short distance from their home which resulted in a trip to the hospital for Gladys and a painful recovery. She is much better at last account. The sidecar on their bike is a different story and will require extensive work, but that is a material thing and will be fixed in time. THANK GOD that Gladys was not hurt more seriously. On the 7th, we were scheduled for a picnic ride to the lakefront led by Dale and Kim, but that was changed due to the accident. We met in Franklinton for the ride and the group decided to go and visit Gladys. We had a nice ride to the hospital in Zachary, visited with Gladys and Ernest, and then proceeded to a nice park for our picnic lunch complete with fried chicken. To top things off, Dale and Kim had brought some cantaloupe and watermelon that had been iced down. A great time was had by Dale and Kim, Larry and Marsha, Wendell and Marie, Mitch and Marie, Randy Thomas and yours truly. Thanks to Dale and Kim for a great ride and picnic.

I hope the people who are attending Wing Ding have a great and safe trip as we won't be able to attend this year.

Please continue to contact Bonnie if you have someone in the hospital or if someone is ill, so she can get a card off to them. Call at 985-732-3225.

Ride Safe and God Bless each of you.

JIM and BONNIE

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!

Hope you're feeling better TAMMY!

From the Chapter Educator

Hello, fellow GWRRA members. I hope that this letter finds everyone in good health and that everyone had a wonderful 4th of July weekend.

A couple of weeks ago I, along with the entire District Rider Ed staff, met in Opelousas to discuss some new ideas for Rider Ed in 2009. As some of you may already know, the Arkansas District and the Texas District put on a Rider Education Weekend every year. During this event, all sorts of education classes are offered to increase the safety skills and knowledge of those who attend. They have classes that are required for us to advance in the Levels Program as well as certain informational GWRRA seminars. And, now for the good news:

Louisiana District Rider Ed Safety Weekend March 6th and 7th, 2009

There will be more information to come as soon as it is available.

Next, the Louisiana District Rider Ed Division is raffling a set of bike tires. The drawing will be held on November 1st and the winner will be posted on the websites. Tickets are \$5.00 each and you can get yours from your Chapter Educator. Please help us help you by telling all of your friends that ride about this raffle.

And, finally, Mike and Pam have come up with a program called **LEVEL FOUR INCENTIVE PROGRAM**. The purpose of the program is:

1. To get more people to sign up in Level One
2. To get more members to advance in the Levels Program from the current level they are in.
3. To get more members to **STAY CURRENT** and **WEAR PROPER RIDING GEAR** once they achieve Level Four.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE TO COME ON THIS PROGRAM

FRANK & TAMMY GENDUSA

From the Couple of the Year

Hi, Folks. Summer is definitely here. It has been so hot that we have not ridden much at all since our last get together. There have been so many things going on with us that time just has not allowed us a great deal of freedom.

We really have a lot of catching up to do, once we get through our son's wedding on the 19th of this month. We are planning to go to the mountains the week after the wedding, but not on the bike. We are going with our daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. Those boys will keep us busy that week so we'll have to come home to rest.

We have many events to hear about from our fellow GWRRA members. As most everyone knows, Ernest and Gladys had an accident on their way home from last month's meeting. A DEER decided to ride with Gladys in the sidecar causing them to wreck. Gladys ended up with a fractured leg and lots of bruises and a couple of days in the hospital. We are so thankful that she was not hurt any worse and we're also so thankful that she is recovering as well as she is. However, that didn't stop her from going to WingDing. We're also thankful for Ernest and his handling ability of the bike when this happened. It could have been tragic for them both. They were blessed. THANK GOD.

We are anxious to hear about the big trip out west from Larry and Marsha and Dale and Kim. I know they will have some interesting stories to tell us and lots of good pictures to show.

We had some from Chapter O to attend WingDing in Greenville, SC. They said they had a great time and I think Mitch and Marie gave Joyce, Marie V. and Gladys a crash course on how to sell wooden motorcycle signs. By the way, Mitch and Marie worked really hard getting ready for this show and we hope they did well. Also, we're **hoping that Tammy Gendusa is feeling better**. We learned that she had been very sick with salmonella poisoning. Linus had that many years ago and was a very sick man.

This time of year is a good time for us to consider doing some early morning breakfast rides in order to beat the heat. Maybe the heat does not bother others as much as it does me. I can hardly take it. It might be that I'm getting old and wearing out, but I don't think so. We're looking forward to our meeting, seeing everyone again and hearing all the news. Hope you'll join us. So until next time, God Bless, Have Fun and Be Safe.

LINUS & LIBBY

JULY 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	7	8	9	10	11 Chapter meets	12 Chapter O ride
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
UPCOMING				EVENTS		

WATCH for details
David and Terry Jenkins
will be planning our August ride

- September 26-28 Kansas District Rally
- 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 NEWSDistrict Directors *Brent and Roxie Comeaux* announced that Assistant District Director Wayne Brewer has begun to update the District Website, so check it out: www.gwrra-la.org. A new Rider Education section has been created on the website.

District Staff attended WingDing. They worked hard but still had time to enjoy the fun and seminars.

District Educators Mike and Pam Jastram were pleased with the excellent turnout at the Rider Education Roundup in Opelousas on June 14. One topic discussed was a Louisiana District Safety Weekend, presently scheduled for the Spring of 2009.

LA-O joins District Staff and the GWRRA family in extending condolences to the Sheila Bordelon Family, of Chapter LA-E.

GWRRA encourages every Chapter to set goals and to develop a plan to reach those goals. Members should work together to develop goals and plans for the Chapter regarding finances, events, membership enhancement, retention and recruitment, etc. We'd like you to give some thought to goals you would like to see Chapter O reach. And, give some thought to how we can accomplish those goals. Give us some feedback!





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