



FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS



Reba and Jim Berry

IT WAS A COLD AND DREARY NIGHT! But the fellowship at Boudreaux's Restaurant was all warm and toasty. Twenty-two folks enjoyed the "buy one get one free" rib eye deal and talked and talked and talked.

Speaking of great deals, join us Thursday, Feb. 4th, at the Catfish Cabin for our monthly gathering. The food is always good and for \$12.50 including tax and tip, you can't beat it.

There is not much going on in February (ride-wise) because it is still mostly cold and dreary. However, the LA District is throwing us a party Feb. 19th and 20th in Alexandria. See page 11 to get specific details. We need as many of you guys as possible to attend so we can kick some *** and bring home the

Chapter Cup trophy. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with wingers from around the state and to enjoy some great food. Boy, I surely hope they don't forget to bring the potato salad for the gumbo Friday night.

If you haven't visited our website lately, we encourage you to do so. There have been a few changes.

First, you will find multiple years of the newsletter.

Second, the calendars for all months of 2010 are already published. They are full of places to go and things to see. We may not attend every one as a chapter function but we want to keep our folks a list of rides available. As things change, and they always do, these calendars will be updated.

Third, we have included a page that shows off our bikes. If you would like your bike featured, please send me a favorite picture of your Goldwing along with its

"pet" name. The picture can include the rider and co-rider if you wish.

Fourth, the last page contains links to special rides and events coming up. Events such as Wing Ding, Wingless Weekend, Rallies, the canoe trip and the fall foliage ride can be found here..

So give us a visit at www.nelawings.org.

March, April and May will be full of rides and activities, so, clean it up, air it up, oil it up, fill it up and get ready to ride.

See ya!
Reba and Jim

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Chapter gatherings held the 1st Thursday of each month at:

The Catfish Cabin

1400 Louisville Ave.
Monroe, Louisiana
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Quick Calendar

Next 6 months

Wingless Weekend - 2/19-20 Alexandria, LA

Region H Rally - 3/25-27 Marshall, TX

La District Rally - 4/8-10 Lafayette, LA

Chapter H Progressive Dinner Ride 5/1
Houma, LA

Wild Bill's Canoe trip - 6/18-6/20 Buffalo
River, AR

Wing Ding 32 - 6/30-7/3 Des Moines, IA

Motorcyclists' Prayer

O Lord; I thank you for the marvel of a motorcycle, alive and powerful at the touch of my hand and feel; a thing of tremendous possibilities, wonderful or terrible. Help me to achieve the skill that will control it completely and wisely like a tool shaping a better life for me and those around me. I thank you for the promise of adventure that is mine each time I start; the thrill of open roads to places, strange sights, new neighboring. Make me aware, as I drive the streets of my town, signaling, stopping, waiting, turning and zooming ahead, that I do not have to deal merely with trucks, taxis, cars, bicycles or pedestrians, but with people. People such as I know and touch as I walk the sidewalks and enter the homes of my neighborhood. People such as I am, making mistakes perhaps, but not really wanting to. Because I like people and know how important their happiness is, and how precious they are to you, let me be alert, courteous, patient, considerate of the rights of others on the road gracious enough to give up some of the rights of my own and always careful, realizing that another loss would rob my gain, and the life I save is just as precious as my own. Amen

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HELLO GOLDWINGERS!

GO SAINTS! WE BELIEVE!

2010 rolls out a new program from GWRRA National, "**OPC**" **Officer Certification Program**. OPC is a training and certification program administered by the Leadership Training Division. **OPC** is for current and prospective GWRRA Officers, (Chapter Directors and Assistants, plus any interested members) in operations of a Chapter, District, or Region. OPC Certified Trainers will communicate thru a 1 ½ day classroom session "What GWRRA Is", "What it Stands For", and "Why it is Structured and Operated the way it is". This training is directly from the GWRRA Officer Handbook. The Handbook replaces the Guidebook. Only Leadership Training Directors certified to teach OPC, can administer the training. Training must be completed by August 31, 2010.



Gene and Nelda Stanley, Louisiana District Leadership Trainers, and Roxie and I are Certified to teach Officers Certification Program. We will select a training date soon.

The members want it and as an Officer, you will want it too. OPC, unlike Horizons, is more technical, directly from the Handbook of "How To". As an Officer, you will feel more confident in your position. You will know the resources of where to find information. You will be the best you can be for your friends and members you lead before you take on the position. You **should complete** this informative program to serve your members. **You will be prepared. You can and will succeed.** Good Luck!

We will see all of you at Wingless Weekend, February 20 in Alexandria in the Armory for a FUN TIME!

Be Safe,

Brent & Roxie Comeaux
Louisiana District Directors
Master Trainers in LTD & OCP

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District Educators - Pam and Mike Jastram

NEWSLETTER

February 2010

Mike and Pam Jastram

Looking Good.

How far does just looking good when you travel down the roads help you?

This is one of those questions that there is no real answer for, but I know it can only help. A few weeks ago I was traveling east on I-12 in the right lane when I observed a group of bright headlights behind me in the left lane. They were at least a 1/2 mile back but yet they stood out. Being a motorcyclist, I thought it might be a group of motorcyclists but couldn't be sure at the distance that they were behind me. As they got closer I knew that it was a group of motorcycles and the way they were approaching, knew I was about to be passed by more than just your usual riders. Boy was I ever right. It was a group of nine motorcycle sheriff deputies. Of course all their bikes matched as well as their uniforms. Their group spacing was just so perfect. To me, it was a thing of beauty. It was so impressive. I had to slow down a bit so they could pass, but now I was speeding up just to watch them travel down the highway. I followed them for about 10 miles at which time they exited. I wanted to just follow, but had an appointment I couldn't miss.

The point of my article is that a motorcyclist or group of motorcyclists that rides in a proper manner will gain respect from other motorists. We can't all have the same color bikes, or wear the same type of clothes, but our formations and driving habits can make a difference with the motoring public. On the other hand, if you drive like an idiot and/or look like an idiot, then the motoring public will treat you like an idiot.

Just something to think about.



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Couple of the Year Coordinators Beverly and Merlin Mayon

COUPLE of the Year PROGRAM

By Beverly and Merlin Mayon
District Couple of the Year Coordinators

Wingless Weekend is just around the corner. It's a great social event sponsored by the District, with meals, competitive chapter games (to claim the trophy), and comradery. It's an appreciation event where the District can give back to the Chapters for their support of the District Rally and other District events. It is also a good time for Couples to meet and greet each other.

We hope you Couples can make the event. It will be fun. Also, we would like the Chapter Couples participating in the Couple selection at the District rally to please bring your completed resumes with you; otherwise a hard copy resume must be mailed to us no later than March 1, 2010.

As of now, we have three couples in the selection and we would like to congratulate them for stepping up to represent their Chapters. We are proud of you.

There's still time if you are interested in participating

As a reminder for Chapter Directors, if you have a Chapter Couple who will be completing their second year as your Couple, it's time for you to select a new one. We know you all have couples who are deserving of recognition for their participation in Chapter functions and their knowledge of GWRRA. So just look around your Chapter, they will be smiling at you.

And as always, please contact us if you have any questions we can help you with.

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