



**FROM YOUR CHAPTER DIRECTORS**  
**Steve and Faye Alexander**



**Steve and Faye**

Hey gang,

August was not only busy....but still extremely HOT. Will we ever get a break from the heat? We tried as 21 headed on over to Delhi on the 11th to Bobby's for an Ice Cream run. Everyone enjoyed the food and ice cream and we are now on the Oak Grove Radio Station hit list as some of our Goldwingers sang our special "Happy Birthday" song to a lady that we were sharing the room with. Is Goldwingers Got Talent” next????

Our monthly eat out had

us headed up to Bastrop on the 20th to Granny's for a seafood buffet. We had 15 in attendance. We received an email from the vacationing Berrys who were trying very hard to not suffer too much in the 82 degree heat wave of Hawaii. In rubbing it in, karma set in as Jim, now to be called by his Island name " One with a Flat", had a flat tire on the rental car while they were there. He also had one on his Gold Wing before he left and one on Reba's car when they got back to the DFW airport.

The month ended up with Eugene Copeland's 70th Birthday party at Skatetown on the 26th. There was cake, ice cream, music and several brave souls that skated. Eugene amazes us all with his skating talents and who knows, in 5 years maybe we will be able to do it all again?

Plans have been set for the Progressive Dinner ride on Sept. 10th ,so be looking for an email with times and directions. If

you haven't made plans for the Fall Foliage ride yet, rooms are going fast. Call (855-4543) or email me if you need any information. Dates are Oct. 28 thru 30.

Don't forget at our September meeting that we will be drawing for the rifle that was donated by Bikers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry to benefit the Gary Stout family. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped out this family; we know it was appreciated.

Until next time, remember always be safe.

Steve and Faye

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

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## District Directors - Beverly and Merlin Mayon

**Hello Louisiana Members**

I'd like to say that it is now time for some cooler weather. The temperatures have been setting new highs all over the U.S. and it's time to cool down some so we can ride more during day-light hours. The evening riding in South LA is not very good either unless you are in a Bug Killing Contest. The bugs around here are terrible. Ride for a couple of hours and clean off the bugs for a couple of days. So for those of you riding during the day, keep yourself hydrated, stop often to cool off and stay safe. For those that ride at night, get yourself some good bug remover.



Those of us who are new directors, at any level, can find it stressful at times. Am I doing it right? Am I saying it correctly? Am I doing what is expected of me by GWRRA? All of these questions are concerns for a Director for Goldwing Road Riders Association. Being in the position of District Director, for the most part, is not that bad as long as you have a strong and supporting Team. The District will run smoothly as long as the Chapters run smoothly. And in order for the Chapters to run smoothly, you need to have a capable CD; we have 11 of them, plus an energetic team who takes their positions seriously and are willing to promote and support GWRRA's programs.

**MEC-promote recruitment and retention, Couple of the Year Program and Chapter of the Year Program**

**RIDER ED-promote the levels program and encourage safe riding and provide safety seminars and other safety training**

**CDs-promote and introduce fun and rides, plus all the GWRRA programs**

**ACD-to assist where needed plus head projects on his/her own with approval of the CD.**

If you are lucky enough to have a person or persons on your team who wants to do things to help the Chapter, let them; then pat them on the back and assist them anyway you can. This leaves you, the CD, free to promote and encourage other ideas without all the work being on your shoulders.

**Remember participation and enthusiasm are contagious. Get them started!**

**The next District Convention in our Region will be Kansas, August 26 & 27 in El Dorado about 20 miles east of Wichita. The Convention will be at the El Dorado Civic Center. We’ve made our reservations. They will again have vendor punch cards, seminars, bike show and special entertainment by Frankie Valens, singer and entertainer from the 60’s era.**

**Then the last Convention for the Region will be Oklahoma in October. It will be in McAlester, Oklahoma on October 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at the Southeast Expo Center. They will have their Halloween Costume party again this year, which is a lot of fun.**

**Next year Wing Ding 34 will be in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in northeastern IN. We will be looking forward to another adventurous trip.**

**Don’t forget to check out the District’s Website for Chapter events in Louisiana, that way you can try to support them also. The website has all kinds of great information in it, contact info for all the chapter’s CDs, meeting places, and rides.**

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## Quick Calendar

**OK District Conv. - 10/7-9 Muskogee, OK**  
**MS District Conv. - 10/13-15 Tupelo, MS**  
**Fall Foliage Ride - Lake DeGray, AR 10/28-30**  
**Tunica Excursion #2 - 11/11-13 Tunica, MS**  
**Redneck Christmas Parade - 12/3 W. Monroe**  
**New Year's Eve Fireworks - 12/31**  
**Natchitoches**  
**Chapter D Inaugural "Wing Thing" -**  
**3/9-10, Jimmie Davis State Park,**  
**Chatham, LA**  
**Region H Conv. - 3/29-31 Shreveport, LA**  
**LA Conv. - 4/12-14 Lafayette, LA**  
**Chapter J Gator Run - 4/28 Lake Charles**  
**Chapter H Prog. Dinner Ride - 5/12 Houma**  
**TX Conv. - 5/17-19 Killeen, TX**  
**Chapter M Mudbug Rally - 5/19 DeRidder**  
**AR Conv. - 5/26-28 Rogers, AR**  
**Wing Ding 34 - 7/4-7 Ft. Wayne, IN**

## Chapter "D" Leadership Team

**Chapter Directors**  
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events going  
on throughout  
the state.**

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### At the August gathering:

50/50/25 winners: Susan Staggs and Billy Ray Sykes.  
No green ball winner. \$66 rolls forward.

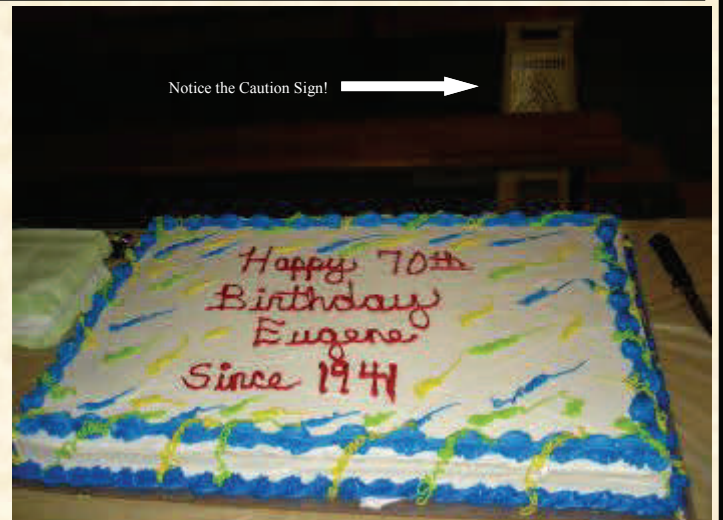


August anniversaries:  
Mickey and Leonard Farrar and Lou Ann  
and Eugene Copeland



August birthdays:  
Snyder Bishop, Eugene Copeland and Lou Ann  
Copeland (he married her on her birthday)

Eugene hosted our August ice cream run in conjunction with his 70th birthday party at Skatetown. Eugene would like to thanks all his “Gold winger” friends that joined in this celebration. Thankfully this year no one broke a leg. Thanks Eugene, for the cake, ice cream and good music. Let’s do it again in 5 years.



## Chapter Educators - Allen and Missi Verdick

### Be Prepared

An article by Jim Culp

For the record; yes, I was a Boy Scout and I've taken their motto to heart. Being prepared is particularly important to us as riders/co-riders. What do I mean by being prepared?



First, is your motorcycle prepared? Tires properly inflated and with sufficient tread? Brakes in good working order? How 'bout the lights? Brake lights? Turn signals? All these are critical to the safe operation of the motorcycle.

Next, how about you? Are you well rested? Do you have the right frame of mind or is something weighing on you? Are you taking any medications that might make you drowsy? Haven't been drinking, have you? Riding requires your FULL attention so anything that diminishes your ability to pay attention to the task limits your ability to safely operate your bike/trike.

Then there's your emergency skills. When is the last time that you PRACTICED emergency maneuvers? You know, things like swerving to avoid an obstacle in your path of travel. Emergency stopping, practiced that lately? In about 13% of motorcycle crashes, the rider made NO attempt to avoid the crash; no swerving, no braking, just rode right into the collision. Unfortunately, most riders NEVER practice emergency maneuvers.

Do you consciously practice your other riding skills? You know, things like your scanning for hazards, looking through turns, covering your controls as you approach congested areas, positioning yourself so you are as visible as possible, etc. While all these things (and more) should be "second nature", focusing on them while you're riding reinforces the action.

Yep! The ol' Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared." How prepared are you?

Remember, in the end, you are responsible for your own safety! So be careful and enjoy your ride.

Allen D. Verdick  
Chapter Educator  
GWRRA, LA D

## COUPLE OF THE YEAR COORDINATORS

Hello Gold Wingers,

Man is it hot! We hope everyone is getting in plenty of riding and taking the proper precautions in this heat.

I made it to Chapter E's gathering this month and had a nice visit with Gary and his members. I also got the pleasure of meeting their Chapter Couple and presenting them with a gift from Amy and me. We hope they will be thinking of joining the Couple Selection in April at the Louisiana District Convention in Lafayette. We also hope that ALL of our Louisiana Chapter Couples will participate in this Selection. It is a huge honor and privilege to represent your chapters in this event. If you have any questions or concerns about this Selection, PLEASE feel free to contact us. Our numbers are Allen (985) 373-0502 email [allenstrain@yahoo.com](mailto:allenstrain@yahoo.com), Amy (985) 264-7936 email [librarygirl1@yahoo.com](mailto:librarygirl1@yahoo.com).



*Amy & Allen Strain*

Amy and I are looking forward to attending the Kansas District Convention in El Dorado Kansas Aug 26-27. We hope to see you there.

Chapter Directors and Chapter Couples if you have not already done so PLEASE, send us your Couple of the Year's name, photo, and email address and phone #'s.

As always, fun, safety and knowledge.  
Allen and Amy Strain  
District Couple of the Year  
District Couple of the Year Coordinators



## By The Book

### Gold Wing Road Rider Association



**Region H Trainer**  
**Steve & Carolyn Cotton**  
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The "By the Book" articles are intended to help familiarize GWRRRA Volunteer Leaders and Members with the policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRRA Officer's Handbook (OHB). A copy of the Officer's Handbook can be found at [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org) - Click on the Officer Connection tab at the bottom of the page; then select Officer's Handbook in the upper right hand corner. Please feel free to reprint these articles in Region, District, or Chapter newsletters.

Thanks to Harry Dollarhide (current Region H Director and former Region H Trainer) for the inspiration to write this month's article based on ideas he wrote in July 2004. Revisions have been made to keep it current.

### **The Appointing Process for Operation Leaders**

Having the "right" person in a position of leadership is crucial to the success of our organization. Therefore, our leaders are not "elected", but instead are "selected" or appointed. This selection process involves many factors, such as the amount of experience and training the individual has participated in. You can refer to the Officer's Handbook (OHB) pages C-2 through C-4 for more information on the appointment process for Operations Leaders. Some of this information can also be found in Module 3 of the Officer Certification Program (OCP) that is not in the Officer's Handbook.

Here are the positions involved in the appointing process:

The Director of GWRRRA (formerly called "Executive Director") appoints and approves the Deputy Directors.

The Deputy Directors appoint Region Directors, with the approval of the Director of GWRRRA.

The Region Directors appoint Assistant Region Directors, with the approval of the Deputy Directors of GWRRRA.

The Region Directors appoint District Directors in their Region, with the approval of the Deputy Directors of GWRRRA.

The District Director appoints Assistant District Director, with the approval of the Region Director.

The District Director appoints Chapter Director, with approval of the Region Director.

The Chapter Director appoints Assistant Chapter Director, with approval of the District Director.

The above represents the Operations Division of GWRRRA. If the Leader resigns before tenure is complete, they should do so in writing to the attention of the appointing Office. As much prior notice as possible should be given, in order to make the transition harmonious and effective.

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There are those who appoint, and those who concur. The term “approval” is not fitting except in Operations Officers. “Concurrence” better describes the model we follow for other positions. When an Operations Officer concurs with the appointment, they are not approving the appointment, but instead are agreeing that the appointing Officer has made a good choice.

The stages of the appointment process are:

The Interview – this is the time for both the appointing official and the officer candidate to clearly define both parties’ expectations, and to discuss the duties, roles, and responsibilities of the office.

Mutual Agreement – this is the stage where both the appointing official and officer candidate have a clear understanding and agreement.

The Application, Memorandum of Understanding, and Knowledge Level Evaluation (if needed) – the officer candidate must file the application for the position to which they will be appointed, sign the appropriate Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and complete the Knowledge Level Evaluation to demonstrate an acceptable level of knowledge of the guidelines and suggestions contained in the Officer’s Handbook.

The Concurrence Process – The appointing officer recommends, and the concurring officer agrees with the appointment. This provides a “double-check” to help ensure the appropriate person is appointed to the position. **There is always acceptance by the appointing officer, and concurrence by the next higher level of authority.**

Welcome – A letter of congratulations from the International Office, and an appointment letter from the concurring official.

Installation to Position – this should be made to be “a Big Deal”. Every effort should be made by the appointing official, and if possible by the concurring official, to personally conduct an installation ceremony at an event that provides for maximum participation of the new officer’s peers and Members that he/she will serve in their new position.

The new Officer should have successfully completed the Officer Certification Program (OCP). If not, they should make an effort to participate in this training opportunity as soon as possible.

This appointment procedure will allow for qualified, respected, informed, and dedicated individuals to assume the role Leadership in our Association, thus helping GWRRA to run smoothly and to serve our Members to the fullest extent.

Learn Something New...Then Teach Someone!

Steve and Carolyn Cotton  
Region H Trainers

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and Buckley Road.**

**DATE**

**09/10/2011**

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## LOUISIANA CHAPTER D - NELAWINGS



### **The Fall Foliage Ride**

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## LOUISIANA CHAPTER D - NELAWINGS



### **The “Wing Thing”**

March 9 and 10, 2012

Jimmie Davis State Park

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## LOUISIANA CHAPTER D - NELAWINGS



### **The Texas Hill Country Ride**

Coming in Oct, 2012

Check back for details

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