



# Chapter “J” Gator News



LA District

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

May 2020

## Chapter Director’s Letter

Hello LA-J

Hello Everyone!!

We hope you are all doing well. Hopefully this next 15 days will pass quickly so we can once again see your smiling faces!

We are going to have a **“ZOOM” meeting on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.** Please download the zoom app on your computer/phone or iPad and create an account. You will receive an email from us around 5:45 pm on Tuesday evening. Click on the link in the email and we will accept you into the meeting. It may take a few minutes to get everyone accepted. This is our first time using this, so please be patient with us. Everyone will be able to see and hear each other, but it will be hard to all talk at once, so please keep that in mind once we are all on. You will need to keep your mute button on unless you are responding. Looking forward to a great meeting. Hopefully we will be able to get back to our regular meetings soon.

We also have sent out an email with the information for Hotels for the New Mexico ride in the fall. We booked a block of rooms at each hotel under Mary Racca. Please call and reserve the rooms under your name. It will be a great trip and we hope everyone can go.

Unfortunately the Deridder Mud Bug Rally has been cancelled for this year.

We saw that some of you are enjoying this weather and taking short rides around our beautiful state. Hopefully we can get together and ride soon.

Until then, just know that we love you all and miss you!

Your Chapter Directors

Jerry & Mary Jane Racca

*Meetings held the third Tuesday of each month Seafood Palace on Enterprise Blvd in Lake Charles 6:00 pm (eat at 5:00)*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2020</h1>					1 Mike McDonald Birthday	2
3	4	5 ZOOM meeting at 6pm-check email at 5:45 for invitation	6	7	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Michelle Racca Birthday	22	23
24		26	27	28	29	30
31 Scott Wilkerson Birthday						



## Hey Lou-zee-Anna!

### How you Doin'?

When we get ready to ride, our GWRRA family is always telling us to be safe. Don't get in a hurry. If you are in a hurry, go in your 4 wheeler, not your Gold Wing. Now in this time of the COVID-19 virus, I think these same rules apply.

Don't be in a hurry to go anywhere. Stay at home and protect yourself as much as possible. Most of us reading this article are in the high risk zone for the virus. Over 60 years of age with underlying conditions (heart problems, diabetes, and respiratory ailments). I recently re-watched "Band of Brothers", all 10 episodes in 2 days. I watched these gallant soldiers dig foxholes in the sand, woods, and snow. Over and over again. Why? Protection. Let your residence be your foxhole. From June 6, 1944 until May 8, 1945 this band of brothers fought a hostile enemy, walked all over Europe, slept on the ground (sometimes in snow) and dodged bullets, mortars and artillery. They did this out of sacrifice and commitment to our country. Now, we are asked to sacrifice for our country. We must "hunker down" in our air conditioned houses, sleep on our Select-Comfort mattresses, watch cable TV and spend time surfing the internet. Wow, we really have it tough. Sure, many have lost wages and suffered stock market losses. But those guys had no money to begin with. They were earning about \$50 per month.



These fighters spent many hours on the rifle range, in hand-to-hand combat training and running, running, running. How do we train? According to the WHO, who? WHO, the World Health Organization, stay 6 feet away from every one (social distancing), properly wash your hands several times a day (check out Hand Washing videos on YouTube), avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose (this is very hard to do). Sanitize commonly touched areas in your home and work place and stay in your foxhole. Avoid as much social contact as possible, especially groups over 10. If you are sick, STAY HOME! Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze and wear a face mask when applicable.

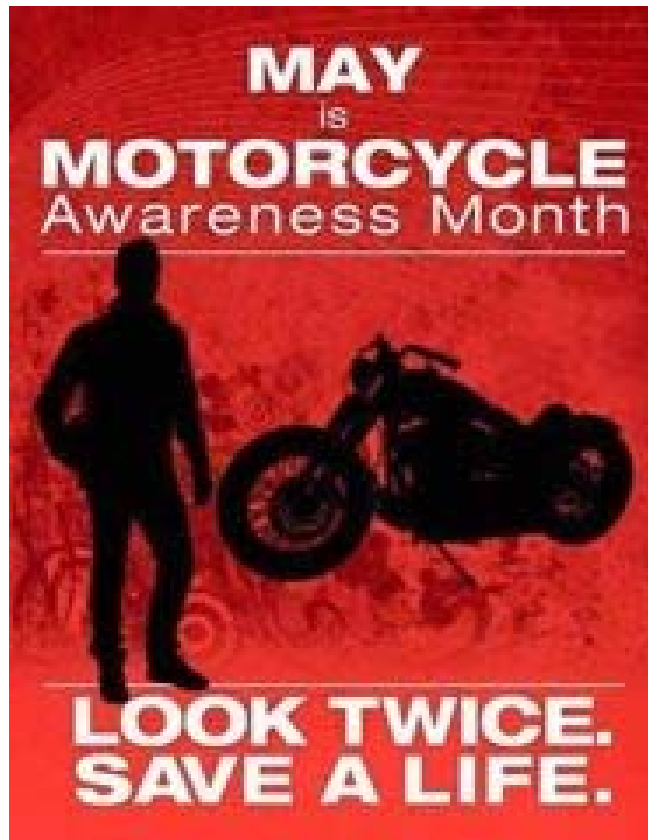
So, how can you use all this free time at home and not go crazy? Cook some special meals (we have had some leftover leftovers), clean out closets, call friends on facetime or set up zoom calls. Break out old books you might have. Chances are, if you read them more than a month ago, you probably don't know how they turn out. Read the Bible, work on your prayer life. Exercise. Walk around the neighborhood. Wave to the kids playing and riding their bikes. Attend church digitally. I got to see my Cousin Mickey, a Pentecostal preacher, on Face Book Live from his church in Aurora, MO. If you need to make a run for essentials, do it on your Gold Wing. If it's a grocery run, drag your trailer along. The open air is good for you and your entire body is covered if you are wearing "All the Gear". Check out these helpful tips for motorcycle riders: (<https://www.motorcyclistonline.com/story/news/coronavirus-safety-tips-for-motorcycle-riders/> ).

One last thing. Work up a trip. Get on google maps and on your internet browser and plan a trip for this summer or fall. The excitement of planning is almost as much fun as the actual trip. Make plans to attend the LA District Rally, October 22-24, for a "pass a good time" Mardi Gras event.

Good luck to you and stay positive. Remember, we survived the Blue Bell shutdown in 2015.

LA District Educators

Reba and Jim Berry



## **Upcoming Events**

June Thru Mid July 2020...Alaska Ride

Date August 29 - Sept. 12.....New Mexico Ride

Date TBD.....Men's Arkansas Ride

Next Meeting

Zoom Video Meeting

Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

Jerry will send an email invitation to Chapter LA-J  
Members to join the meeting at 5:45

See y'all there.....you hear!

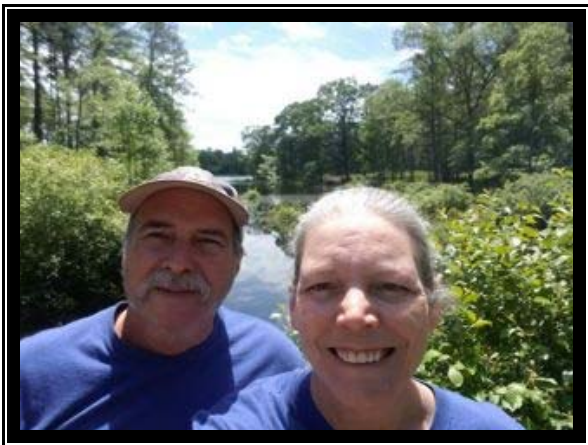
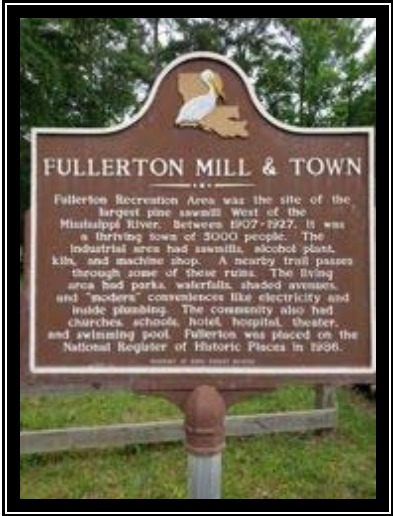


Practicing social distancing, Jerry and Mary Jane, Jerry and Gerry and Leo and Candy rode to Pintail Drive and Broadway in Cameron Parish. They had stop for ice cream on the way home.





Tommy started the quest to find Fullerton Mill & Town. He told others about the nice ride and they followed. Some went a little farther to visit Toledo Bend Dam and the Vernon Spillway. They made the best of social distancing.





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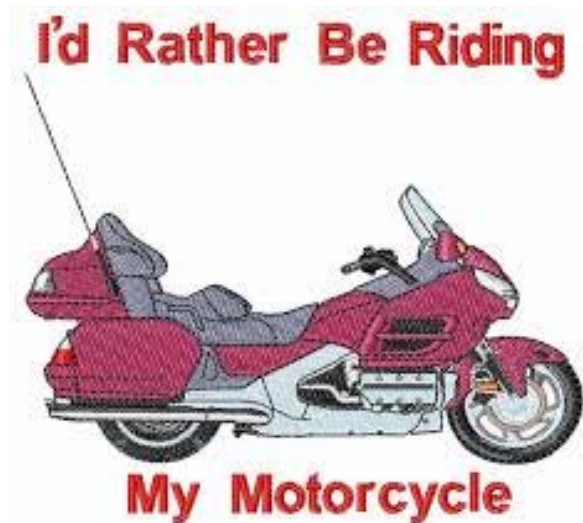
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**CURRENTLY HAVE ON HAND:**

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<b><u>TSHIRTS</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**No caps available**

**Contact Mary Jane Racca at 337 794-0006 if you are interested in ordering a chapter shirt.**







# CHAPTER J LAKE CHARLES

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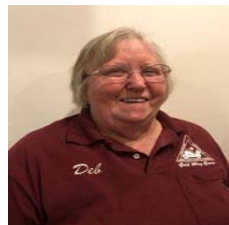
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**Event Coordinator**

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**Couple of the Year**  
**Mike & Nan Vincent**

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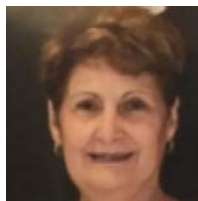
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**Benevolent**

**Nanette Vincent**

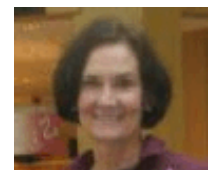
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**Ride Coordinators**

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# Goldwing Road Riders Association

## Louisiana District

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