

Chapter “J” Gator News



LA District

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

April 2019

Chapter Director’s Letter

Hello LA-J!

The weather is already getting nicer and some of our members have taken advantage it! Several made an impromptu ride recently to Shuck’s in Abbeville. It was nice to see someone come up with an opportunity to ride, call some fellow members, get a calling post sent out, and make a nice ride. Remember, anyone wanting to take a ride is welcome to call a few people, get with Randy or Jerry and get out a calling post, and make it happen. These unplanned, unscheduled rides are often the most fun and relaxing rides to make.

The District Rally is coming up April 4th through 6th followed the next week by the Bluebonnet West Texas Ride on April 11th through 15th. Those planning to leave for the Bluebonnet ride on Thursday, April 11th will be meeting at the Nichols parking lot in DeQuincy at 8:00 am. We’ll be leaving there at 8:30 am headed for Kerrville, TX. Let’s hope for good weather and great rides!

Also, remember to register for Chapter M’s “Mudbug” Rally on May 4th. Pre-registration deadline is April 25th. The Rally flyer is on the Google Drive Shared Folder (There is a link to this folder on the meeting Agendas we send out each month).

Summer and sizzling temperatures are coming, so let’s get out and enjoy spring while we can. Let’s ride, have fun, and stay safe!

Your Chapter Directors,

Tommy and Aleta Benoit



Meetings held the third Tuesday of each month Seafood Palace on Enterprise Blvd in Lake Charles 6:30 pm (eat at 5:30)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2019</h1>						
	1	2 Ride & Eat Miyako Japanese Restaurant 915 E Prien Lake Rd 600 pm	3	4 LA District Rally Lafayette, LA	5 LA District Rally Lafayette, LA	6 LA District Rally Lafayette, LA
7	8 Victoria Mead Brithday	9	10 Ricky Wolfe Birthday	11 Bluebonnet Ride Kerrville, TX	12 Bluebonnet Ride Kerrville, TX	13 Bluebonnet Ride Kerrville, TX
14 Bluebonnet Ride Kerrville, TX	15 Bluebonnet Ride Kerrville, TX	16 Mike & Jackie Mc Donald Anniversary LA J Meeting Seafood Palace (5:30 pm dinner-6:30 pm meeting)	17	18 Karen Rudisill Birthday	19	20
21 	22	23	24 Aleta Benoit Birthday	25	26 Larry & Brenda Johnson Anniversary	27
28	29	30				

CONGRATS!
THE WINNER IS...

Door Prize Winners

**Jerry Racca
Larry Louviere
Karen Rudisill
Lucy Lalonde
Carl Webb
Candy Thibodeaux
Aleta Benoit
Randy Fontenot**

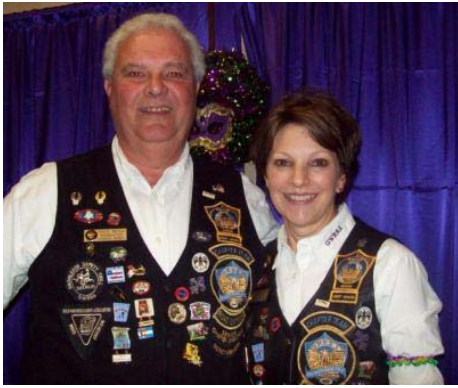
50/50 Winner

Aleta Benoit



**Seafood Palace Gift Certificate Winner
Brenda Woodall**





District Directors

Hello Louisiana



Your Louisiana District Mardi Gras Madness Rally is April 4, 5 & 6 in Lafayette Louisiana at the Garden Plaza Hotel. We thank everyone that has pre-registered.

The Mardi Gras Madness Ball, good food, a lot of fun, Louisiana Chapter feud, Cooking Lessons, Cookie Bar Competition, Couple Selection, the Level Four Luncheon, are just a few good reasons to attend. The reason we like most is the building of relationships with other GWRRA members. It starts with your own Chapter members, mix in other Louisiana members, and finally you add those GWRRA members from all over the country plus members from Canada. Now you won't believe how some of these friendships develop over the years and now you have friends from all over the globe, forever.

You can read about it in an email, Facebook or Groupworks, or you can live it at the rally. Here in Louisiana we will extend the Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge with a 3 day guided tour. We will take you in Cajun Country and even a day trip into New Orleans. We will always go the extra mile for our members and friends who take their time to visit us.

On a sad note.

We are saddened to hear the loss of Karen Frazier, Texas GWRRA member. Karen was the former Region H Educator and current Texas District Training Coordinator. She will be missed by all who knew her. Please keep her family, and husband Ricky, in your prayers.

Fritz & Johnette Beter / Mike & Pam Jastram

Louisiana District Directors

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Hello Louisiana

In case you all did not know there are several resources for you to get information about GWRRA. We are all familiar with the chapter newsletter. It comes out once a month and shares some really great chapter happenings.



Did you know there is a Louisiana District newsletter? While technically not a monthly publication it does have information generated at the district level. Your district rider education team puts their monthly article there along with Motorist Awareness, Training and Membership Enhancement. You can navigate to the Louisiana District website, look for “In the News” button. Click on that and the latest article written by the different team members are located there.

Another resource for information is right on the GWRRA website. It is called the “Insight” and has articles from the GWRRA team. It can be located by navigating to the GWRRA home page then hover your mouse on the “Recent News” link. Then move your mouse over to “Insight Newsletter”. There you will find information from the GWRRA president and all her assistants, all program directors like Rider Ed, Training and so forth.

So now you have resources from GWRRA that covers from the chapter to the international team!

From the Insight News Letter:

Did you know GWRRA has nine different rider courses?

A brief description of each Course follows:

Advanced Rider Course (ARC)

Learn advanced techniques in cornering, maximum braking, swerving and other possible lifesaving techniques plus mental skill and situation strategies. Appx 3 hours in classroom and 4 hours on the range.

Trike Rider Course (TRC)

This course teaches advanced riding skills for the trike rider such as maximum braking, swerving and cornering. Appx 3 hours in classroom and 4 hours on range.

Advanced Rider Course – Recertification (ARC-R)

The ARC-R is for riders who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the ARC. This includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises. (5.5 hours - Range only). This course may only be used in the Levels for “every other renewal.”

Trike Rider Course Recertification (TRC-R)

The TRC-R is for riders who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the TRC course. This includes discussions at the beginning of the course and between exercises. (5.5 hours - Range only). This course may only be used in the Levels for “every other renewal.”

Trike, Trailer Rider Course (TTRC)

This course combines the Trike Rider Course (TRC) with some guided practice in backing a trailer. Must have a trailer to participate. Trailer is not provided. Appx 3 hours in classroom and 4 hours on range.

Trailer Course (TC)

_Motorcycle Trailering Course (2-Wheel). Must have a trailer to participate. Trailer is not provided. Approximately 3 hours in classroom and 4 hours on range.

Sidecar Riders Course (SRC)

_Sidecar Riders Course. Approximately 3 hours in classroom and 4 hours on range. Participants must provide their own Sidecar.

Add-On Kit Rider Course (AORC)

_For the kits that add two wheels to the rear of the motorcycle. Appx 3 hours in classroom and 4 hours on range.

Vanguard A Performance based 2-Wheel Course

Appx 3 hours of advanced classroom discussion followed with a 13 Exercise Performance Evaluation. Currently, this course is only offered at Wing Ding. Pre-registration is required.

In addition, there are many other Rider Courses conducted by other providers. The list of currently approved courses is on the GWRRA Rider Education Website.

For those who can only find courses that do not include classroom instruction, GWRRA has now approved the MSF “Street Strategies eCourse.” Your District Educator has the details.

Remember, you can find your status in the Levels by clicking on “My RE” on the GWRRA Rider Education Website.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart

Mike & Becky Stevenson

Assistant District Educators

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The destination for Chapter LA-J's March Ride & Eat was the Lake Charles location of the Maplewood Burgers. None were disappointed in the burgers.



Bikes from all around Louisiana joined together for the 2019 Colors Ride



An impromptu ride on a Saturday morning led members of LA-J to Shucks Creole Restaurant in Abbeville, LA



Happy
Easter

Upcoming Events

April 4-6.....2019 Louisiana Mardi Gras Madness District Rally

April 4-6.....Texas Chapter O Bluebonnet Rally Fredericksburg, TX

April 11-15....Bluebonnet Ride Kerrville, TX

May 4.....Chapter LA-M MudBug Rally, DeRidder, LA

May 30-June1..2019 Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO

July 19th - July 20th..Chennault Airpark, Lake Charles, LA

August 27-31..Wing Ding 41, Nashville, TN

August 31-September 14..Smokey Mountain Ride, Maggie Valley, NC

Next Meeting

April 16th Seafood Palace

Dinner 5:30 pm

Meeting at 6:30 pm

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

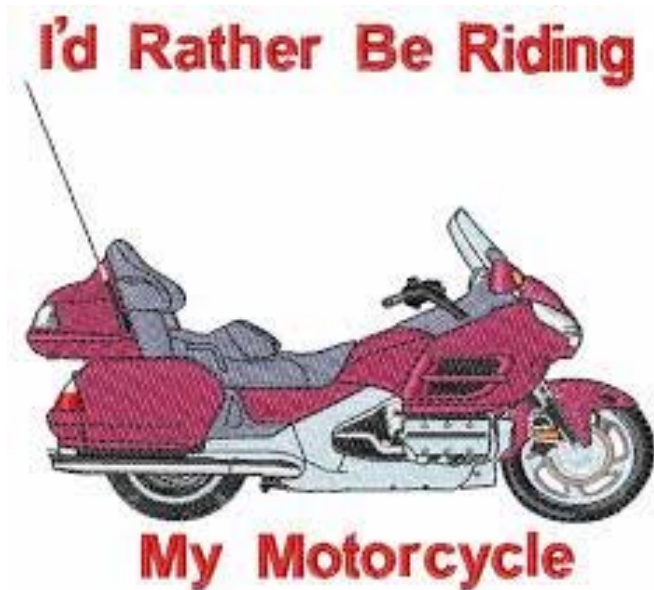
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T-SHIRTS/POLOS: DECEMBER, 2018

CURRENTLY HAVE ON HAND:

	<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>Xlarge</u>	<u>2</u> <u>Xlarge</u>	<u>3</u> <u>XLarge</u>
TSHIRTS		1	2	2	1	
POLOS		2		2	2	1
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TOTALS		3	2	4	3	1

Contact Aleta Benoit at 337 488-7274 if you are interested in ordering a chapter shirt





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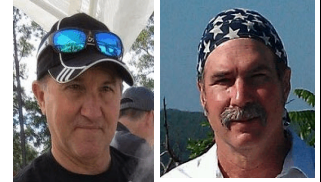
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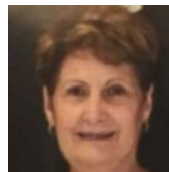
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Couple of the Year
Richard & Sue Stahl
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Hers 337-540-3276



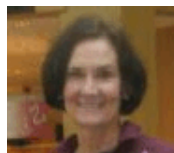
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