

Chapter “J” Gator News



LA District

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

June 2019

Chapter Director’s Letter

Hello LA-J!

Hope everyone had a good Memorial Day holiday and took a few moments to remember our fallen heroes.

May was our crawfish month beginning with the Chapter M Mudbug Rally and concluding with our Chapter J crawfish boil at Randy and Julie Fontenot’s. We had a great time at both events.

June is getting kicked off quickly with the Ladies Toledo Weekend May 31st – June 2nd and the Guys Pensacola Trip May 30th - June 2nd. Both ought to be a lot of fun. Make plans to join if you can! These events will be closely followed by our Ride and Eat on June 4th to Fausto’s in Kinder. With a little more daylight in the afternoons it should be a good ride.

The temperature is already getting a bit warmer, so plan early and late events and remember to stay hydrated. I’ve always believed in my mesh jacket for allowing the wind to cool you down while blocking the sun. My jacket is black and gets hot while stopped in traffic though. I would recommend a lighter color for summer wear. I also recommend a cooling towel. These are available at places like Academy Sports. If you soak it in cool water and drape it around your neck and chest, it will usually keep you cool for 45 minutes to an hour.

So, stay cool, stay hydrated, and ride safe!

Your Chapter Directors

Tommy and Aleta Benoit

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2019</h1> 						1 Ladies Toledo Bend Retreat May 31-June 2 MO District Rally Guy's Pensacola Trip May 31-June 2
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9 Julie VanWinkle Birthday	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 	17	18 LA-J Monthly Meeting Seafood Palace (5:00 dinner; 6:00 Meeting)	19	20	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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CONGRATS!
THE WINNER IS...

Door Prize Winners

Sue Stahl

Brenda Woodall

Randy Fontenot

Lucy Lalonde

Larry Louviere

50/50 Winner

Mike Vincent



**Seafood Palace Gift Certificate Winner
Don Davant**

Guest

Darin Newman

Returning Member

Rick Schreve



SPRING IS HERE – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TIPS FOR TWO-WHEELERS AND FOUR-WHEELERS

BY BENJAMIN JEREW MAY 1, 2019

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and warm temperatures have already coaxed many riders onto the road. Here are some motorcycle safety tips for both four-wheelers and two-wheelers already cruising the highways.

Whether for the sense of freedom, the joy of the open road, or simply for better fuel economy, motorcycles are a fairly common sight on the road. Motorcycles can be dangerous, however, because riders are less protected than their automotive counterparts, no matter how much protective gear they don. Motorcycles take up less room on the road, especially when seen from the front or rear, and they can easily escape drivers' notice.

Motorcycle Safety Tips for Riders

The key to motorcycle safety is to drive defensively, be vigilant and drive as if other drivers are unable to see you properly. In states that allow lane-splitting, be extra vigilant. While riding, don't hang out in other drivers' blind spots. Although black is often associated with motorcycles, wearing bright colors instead can improve your visibility to other drivers.

Getting into an automobile requires little more than your keys, license and regular clothes, but you need proper gear to ride a motorcycle. Protective gear should be appropriate for the season, including boots, gloves, a jacket and a DOT-approved helmet. Protective pants, body armor and shins guards add even more layers of protection between you and the road.

Taking a safety course is essential for any rider, especially those new to the scene. Learning how to ride is one thing that most can handle with little practice, but learning advanced emergency evasive maneuvers can be a lifesaver one day. It may even save you money on insurance in the meantime.

Every time you head out for a ride, perform a quick inspection of your motorcycle, making sure your headlights, taillight, turn signals and horn are all in working condition. Check and adjust your tire pressure, drive chain or belt tension, triple clamp, brakes and suspension.

Motorcycle Safety Tips for Drivers

Motorcycle Safety Tips - Check and Recheck Your Blind Spots

Since motorcycles aren't as easy to see as other vehicles, motorists must pay extra attention to the road to spot riders. Your blind spots are especially dangerous when changing lanes or merging onto a highway. If an entire semi-truck can hide in your blind spot, imagine how much easier it is for a motorcycle. One way to improve your chance of seeing riders is to adjust your mirrors properly. Still, always check your blind spots before lane changes or merges.

Riders have all the same rights and responsibilities as drivers do, including their place on the road. Road hazards, such as gravel, potholes, pavement seams and road debris, are a lot more dangerous for a rider than for a driver. Even though a motorcycle may take up only half a lane, respect that space and give them room to maneuver. When following a motorcycle, leave three or four seconds' following distance to allow the rider space to slow down and avoid obstacles safely.

Just like that old lady that forgot to cancel her turn signal five miles back, most motorcycle turn signals aren't self-canceling, so don't assume that a rider intends to turn before you pass on the other side.

Finally, it's already illegal in most states to drive distracted, including talking on the phone or texting, which can put other drivers and riders in danger. Pro tip: Just don't do it! Unfortunately, because riders don't have the same amount of protection, an accident with a distracted driver can be fatal.



Our deepest sympathy extended to Donna Mead on the loss of her husband George. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and the family.



Upcoming Events

May 30-June 1..2019 Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO

July 19th-July 20th.SW LA Hot Air Balloon Festival, Chennault Airpark, Lake Charles, LA

July 27th.....Hot Dog and Hamburger Social, Jerry & Mary Jane Racca's House

August 10th Ice Cream Social, Scott & Sheryl Wilkerson's House

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

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

September 21stBBQ , Leo & Candy Thibodeaux's House

October 17th - October 19thMississippi District Rally, Gulfport, MS

Next Meeting

June 18th Seafood Palace

Dinner 5:00 pm

Meeting at 6:00 pm

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

Chapter LA-J had a great showing(19 members) at the Mudbug Rally in DeRidder. Several of our chapter members won game prizes.



Rain didn't stop Chapter LA-J from riding to Roy's Catfish Hut in Kinder, LA for the monthly Ride & Eat.





Chapter LA-J's annual crawfish boil was held at the Fontenot's house.



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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

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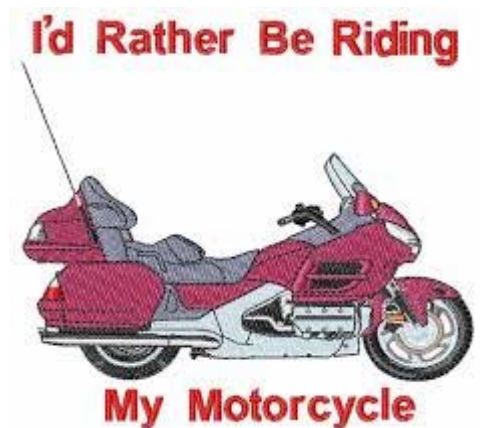
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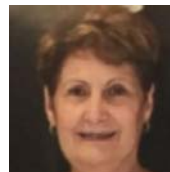
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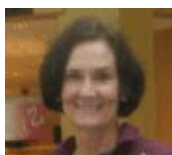
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