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**ROBERT & JOAN**  
**PARTIGIANONI**

Hello Mudbugs,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday. We have a very busy Chapter Schedule for the month of December in preparations for Christmas.

We have planned a pass the dish Dinner for Christmas Party on 13 December at the Champion Center in DeRidder on Hwy 190 next Brookshire's at 7 PM. We will be doing a Dirty Santa so please bring a gift less than \$20 for each person that is going to participate. Most people bring one male and one female present but bring what you want. We will be doing a short Gathering during this dinner for our December Gathering.

I have sent out an email separate from this newsletter that covers the parades but this year we will be supporting 3 parades, 05 December Rosepine, 06 December DeRidder followed by Angel Tree at Walmart. Leesville will be on 13 December. If you sent an email to Ray as asked, he has already bought you candy for you to pass out in the parade.

We have been asked by the District Director to again host the Wingless Weekend on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2015 at the War Memorial in DeRidder. This is another great honor for Chapter LA-M and from the extra hard work you did last year, they now know it will be another success.

This is hoping that you have a Very Merry Christmas from Chapter LA-M.

**Robert and Joan Partigianoni**  
**Chapter Director Chapter LA-M**



## **ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS TOM & NEVA REED**

### **What does Riding Safe mean? by Tome Reed**

**Riding safe does not just mean having good riding skills or doing your TCLOCKS before your rides. It also depends on you being active on the maintenance and upkeep on your Bike or Trike as well. I'm not talking about tire pressure and oil changes, everyone knows to check your tire pressure, but what about making sure that the nuts and bolts holding some of that fancy add on chrome pieces you added to your bike and what about those rubber grommets that hold on your side covers. I know I was surprised when I was updating some lights on my rotor cover and I found most of the nuts and bolts holding both of the rotor covers were loose. Just imagine what would have happened if I was sweeping a nice curve and one of those rotor covers came off and got tangled up in the front wheel. I can tell you that I would be in for a little more of a ride than I bargained for, fortunately I was lucky on this one, so now I have added to my checklist to check those nuts and bolts once a month and of course before any long trip. Let's get back to those rubber grommets. A package of them costs between \$6 and \$10. The rubber gets hard and cracks with age and then becomes less effective in holding those expensive side covers on your bike. The average side cover painted to match your bike runs easily over \$150. So let's look at this logically, spending \$6 to \$10 every year or two can save you \$140, not to mention what that piece can do to the rest of your bike or the one behind you when it comes off at highway speeds. Also I want to share a tip that Mr. Tommy Woods gave me, spray a little soapy water on the grommets before you go to put your side covers back on and they will go on much easier, oh yea and it extend the life of the grommets as well! I hope these little tid bits help; I know I treasure those like the one Tommy passed on to me. Keep your head up, wear bright colors when riding as above all have fun, because that's what riding should be all about!**



Chapter Educator  
Charles and Cynthia Simpson

**Just a short note from us. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. This is the time of year that we enjoy our families and friends during the holidays. Be sure to watch out for those individuals that like to ride when it is cold. If you do just make sure you dress warm, layers work best. We wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**



**CHAPTER M AND  
DISTRICT MOTORIST AWARENESS  
COORDINATORS  
MICKEY & MARY SEARELS**

IT has been fun !! Thank you!!

This is the **31** Reasons we have Our Motorist Awareness Program in Deridder and the Surrounding Areas.



Thank you for making memories this year in, from setting up on the Square, to the Watermelon Festival, Leesville Fair, The Festival air in Marthasville, all the Motorist Awareness Trailers we have pulled around and set up, All the bike Show, parades All the Mac Meetings. All the signs and Fans Bumper stickers you have taken and set up and passed out. We have taken Motorist Awareness to another Level. Together we are a Team, Thank you again. I also want to thank you all that sent Cards and called in the passing of Mary's Mother it meant alot. We want to wish you are a joyous Christmas!! Remember the reason for this great time of Laughter , parties, and kids. For unto us ( You and I) a Child was born, and a son was given. Remember the reason for the Season.

LA-M Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Mickey and Mary Searels



**District Directors**

***Red & Brenda Roussel***

**Hello Wingers,**

**Well November has come and gone and Brenda and I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. And now we wish that you will enjoy your Christmas Party with your chapters.**

**This has been a great two months for the District, we had three CPR Classes, many training classes and last but not to be forgotten we had ARC Class. Man this is GREAT, members participating to grow his/her Chapter and the District.**

**Your District Staff attended the annual Region Business Meeting and learned about some upcoming changes. We will discuss these changing on January 17<sup>th</sup>, at our District Business Meeting. We will also bid farewell to some GREAT Chapter Directors and welcome in some new ones. So make your plans to attend, it's open to all members, so come out and learn more about your District.**

**You COUPLES need to be working on your resume and I just received confirmation that our newly selected International Couple will be attending our Convention. Jon and Barb will also be part of our Couple selection, so get your resumes together and we wish you'll good luck.**

**We've had a Great year and would like to thank everyone for the work you've done to help our GREAT state to continue to move forward. Until next time Ride Safe, attend Seminars and have FUN.**

**Red and Brenda Roussel  
LA.DD**



Tim & Becky Dinnel  
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[Region "H" Couple of the Year  
2013-2014](#)  
Gonzales, LA

## HELLO LOUISIANA

**Becky and I hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends!  
It's hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner. We haven't even started our Christmas shopping yet!!! We would also like to wish every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and enjoy this Holiday Season!!!  
Important Reminder Those Chapters that are participating in the Chapter of the Year selection**

**the submission DEADLINE is January 31st, 2015. Chapter Directors (or CHOY Coordinator) if possible, I would like for you to bring them (completed) to the District Business Meeting, which is Saturday, January 17th, 2015. MARK YOU CALENDARS!**

**Who will become the 2014 Louisiana District Chapter of the Year? This is a highly prestige's award that you have to work for, but it is well worth the effort and you will have "FUN" doing it. Your Chapter will**

**be stronger and healthier for their efforts, even if they are not selected. All Chapters that participate will be recognized per their level of achievement (Gold, Silver or Bronze). Good luck to those Chapters that are participating! And the winner is**

**If you have any questions about the Chapter of the Year Program please contact us [at med@gwrra-la.org](mailto:med@gwrra-la.org).**

**In closing, we would like to also remind everyone that our 2015 Rally season is right around the corner. Starting it off will be our La. District Rally, which will be March 26th - 23th. It will be here before you know it. If you have not registered you can [CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#) . Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations early! Rooms are filling up fast!! Start talking up our Rally (*yes, it is ok to say Rally*) and get your members, friends, guests, family to attend. It is a GREAT time!!! Emphasize "PARTICIPATION" as a key to having FUN! *laissez les bons temps rouler***

**Chapter LA-A will be having a new Wreath Making Class at the La. District Rally. A \$10.00 deposit is required prior to March 1, 2015, with \$20.00 due at time of class. The class is limited to the first 20 to sign up. [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER AND REGISTRATION](#).**

**Two weeks after our Rally is our Region H Rally, in Marshall, Texas, April 16th – 13th. [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER AND REGISTRATION](#). Once again, don't forget to make your hotel reservations early! Rooms are filling up fast!! Once again, start talking up the Region Rally**

**too and get your members, friends, guests and even your family to attend. It is a GREAT time!!! Emphasize what??? "PARTICIPATION" as a key to having FUN!**

**Remember GWRRR's Motto: FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE My Motto (and others): If you aren't having FUN you ain't doing it right!**

**For more information about GWRRR go to:[www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org). Be safe everyone and let's GROW Louisiana!!!**

**Tim and Becky Dinnel  
La. Asst. District Director  
La. District MEC**



District Webmasters

Fritz & Johnette Beter

## Cut, Copy, Paste

First cut, copy and paste. We have all used these features countless times but, sometimes we forget the simplest things. Like how do I highlight some things and not others, or what is the easiest way to highlight everything? Can I copy and paste from an internet page? The short answer is yes but some web pages are protected so that you cannot copy them. Here are some simple steps.

First Cut means you will **MOVE** the item or items from one place to another. Copy means just that, you will take a copy of what have highlighted to be placed somewhere else. To copy or cut, first you must highlight the item or items you would like. We will be using text as the example like in a Word document. To do this, hold the **LEFT** mouse button down and drag the cursor across all of the words that you would like to select. When you are finished, let go of the left mouse button, place the cursor on the highlighted text, and right click on the highlighted text. A menu box will appear for you to select cut, copy and other selections. Now **LEFT** click to select what you will like to do with the text. Remember, if you selected cut, the text will disappear.

Now go to the new location that you would like to paste your selected text. **LEFT** click on the spot that you want to paste the text to place the cursor there. **RIGHT** click, and again you will see the menu box appear. Select **PASTE** and **LEFT** click. Your text will now be placed in its new location. (Note: If you select copy, you can paste it in as many places as you want.)

Let's say you want to move or copy files like Word documents or pictures. There are easy ways to do this, using the same steps from above to copy or move one file but also using the keyboard to select multiple files.

To move or copy multiple files there are 2 different ways to do this. To select a few files, hold down the control key (ctrl) and **LEFT** click on each file to be moved or copied. When you are finished, **RIGHT** click on one of the highlighted files, and you will see the menu box appear. Select copy or cut by using the **LEFT** mouse button.

Now go to the new location that you would like to paste your files. **LEFT** click on the spot that you want to paste the files. **RIGHT** click, and again you will see the menu box appear. Select **PASTE** and **LEFT** click. Your files will now be copied or moved to their new location. (Note: If you select copy, you can paste them in as many places as you want.)

Let's say there are numerous files that you want to copy or move and it will take a long time to highlight them all. Here is a quicker way to select all of the files at once. Go to the first file in the list and **LEFT** click that file to highlight it. Now go to the last file in the list. Hold the **SHIFT** key down and **LEFT** click that file. All of your files are now highlighted. Follow the steps from above to move or copy your files to another location. We hope this has been helpful and as always, you can call or email us with any questions you may have. We will do our best to answer them or find an answer for you.

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## **By The Book**

### **Gold Wing Road Riders Association**

**Jack Wagner Region H Trainer**

December brings us all together for many different parties – celebrating the various holidays or watching our favorite teams in their endeavor to be the best. Many of the social events or gift exchanges done at this time of year have the tradition of involving alcohol. While it has been discussed at length many times, I thought it best to remind everyone of the GWRRR policy on alcohol. Page D-15 of the Officer Handbook states:

“While GWRRR makes no attempt to legislate policy as it relates to an individual’s freedom, we must give strong consideration to potential liability exposure of the Officer group. For this reason, GWRRR CANNOT: 1) sell alcoholic beverages; 2) profit from the sale of alcoholic beverages; 3) distribute as an award or prize any alcoholic beverages at a GWRRR event; 4) encourage its use by advertising its availability or causing it to be available at GWRRR events.”

The first few words are important to remember – WE ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO BE THE ALCOHOL POLICE. However, that said, the next few words from the Officer Handbook are of utmost importance – THERE ARE POTENTIAL LIABILITY ISSUES. What does this mean? Most areas have what are known as social host liability laws which impart liability to those responsible for serving alcohol. Those held liable in either criminal or civil actions provided alcohol to someone who is subsequently involved in a vehicle crash or other activity which caused death, injury or even property damage. Most often the social host involved is a private individual who served alcohol in their home or other facility where they are considered to be the host. However, when the event is a company or organization affair, the company or organization can be held liable – meaning GWRRR and its officers could be held responsible. Think about that. If you're the Chapter Director, you could be held liable even though the event wasn't in your home. Yes, GWRRR has liability insurance which covers the Association and its officers. But would it cover you when you are violating written Association policy?



## **BY THE BOOK (CON'T)**

**Liability issues aside – the main reason for the policy as I see it is we don't want to be the cause of losing any of our GWRRA family as a result of GWRRA provided alcohol. So let me leave you with this. If you're having a Chapter event at your home or other location that doesn't commercially serve alcohol, follow the policy and don't make it available. If you're having your event at a location that does serve alcohol as part of their normal business and choose to consume, please do it responsibly. I want to see all of our family together in the coming year!**

**The more you know...the better it gets**

**Jack Wagner**

**Region H Trainer**



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**DECEMBER EVENTS**

**5 DEC-ROSEPINE PARADE 12:30 LINE UP ON NORTH ST NEXT5 TO HIGH SCHOOL**  
**6DEC-DERIDDER PARADE 9:00 LINE UP ON 8TH STREET. AFTER PARADE TO WALMART FOR ANGEL TREE.**  
**13 DEC- LEESVILLE PARADE LINE UP BY 4:30 PM LOCATION TBA. PARADE AT 5:30. AFTER PARADE CHAPTER M CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GATHERING AT CHAMPION HALL IN DERIDDER AT 7 PM.**  
**20 DEC TBA**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**6DEC-DEBBIE HOUSER**  
**7DEC-RAY MOSELEY**  
**8DEC-CHARLES SIMPSON**  
**9DEC -SUSIE DAVIS**  
**14DEC-CHUCK PRITCHARD**  
**17DEC-TOMMY WOODS**  
**23DEC-NEVA REED**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**7DEC-MICHE&KATHY LODRIGE**  
**15DEC- STAN&BRENDA SALTER**  
**26DEC-WARREN RAINEY**

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