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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

This is our twelfth issue, counting the limited run sample we published in November of 2015 to show to advertisers and distribution points. We have published before the first of the month every time. Our Online stats have been incredible, and the feedback we've gotten has exceeded all of my expectations. I think we have done a great job covering the whole state, both in distribution, and with articles and photos. Big thanks go out to all the people who help make this possible. A lot of people said we wouldn't make it, and many said they would "Wait and See" before advertising, so what are you waiting for now?

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I saw a lot of this "Wait and See" attitude about the New Orleans Bike Week also. This was a massive undertaking, and I think they really pulled it off well. This has the potential to be the biggest Motorcycling event in the state, and it will be a great thing for all of us. If you want cool things to happen, you have to support them when people give it a try. Attendance was pretty decent, but it could have been a lot better. Anyone who decided to wait and see missed out on some really good times. Next year will be even better. Space is limited in print, check out our website for many more pictures.

Congratulations and thanks should go out to all members of the New Orleans Bike Week committee and sponsors, and best of luck in the future years.

*Frosty*



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# New Orleans Bike Week

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New Orleans hasn't had a major Bike Rally since before Katrina, until now. New Orleans Bike Week, actually three days, was held at Armstrong Park in late September, and is planned to be an annual event. Weather in Louisiana always makes it hard to plan an event like this, but it was just about perfect, if just a bit hot in the afternoons.

The bands were already rolling when I arrived Friday afternoon, and they were kept going all weekend. For me, the highlight of the whole event was The Charlie Brechtel Band. Charlie is a native of Chalmette, and a real rider. These aren't guys who dress up as bikers when they play, these are Bikers who started a band. What a great show! They played for hours, stopping just once while a Second Line passed by. I was planning to print a list of all the bands and activities here, but that would have taken half a page, and I really wanted to save the space for pictures. Check out our website at <http://www.louisianabiker.com> for the complete list, and hundreds more photos.

Saturday began with a Poker Run to benefit Chapter 23 of the Disabled American Veterans. After that, there was a ride in Bike Show sponsored by The Horse/Backstreet Choppers. I had a good time hanging out with them.

Vendors were on hand with drinks, merchandise, and always great food in New Orleans. My favorite was Safari Meats, serving what they called "Medieval Eating". Organizations such as BACA, A.B.A.T.E., AIM/NCOM, Azusa Streetriders, DAV, and many others were on hand all weekend. There wasn't nearly enough time to see and do everything.

Plans are already being made for the Second Annual New Orleans Bike Week. Next time it will be moved back to October, in hopes of somewhat cooler afternoons. I thought this first year went off incredibly well, with lessons learned, and now that people know what New Orleans Bike Week is all about, 2017 should be huge. This is a great thing for our state, and the Motorcycling Community, for all types of riders. I hope everyone gets on board to support this event for years to come. Let's hope The Charlie Brechtel Band is available again next year, too. <http://www.neworleansbikeweek.com>



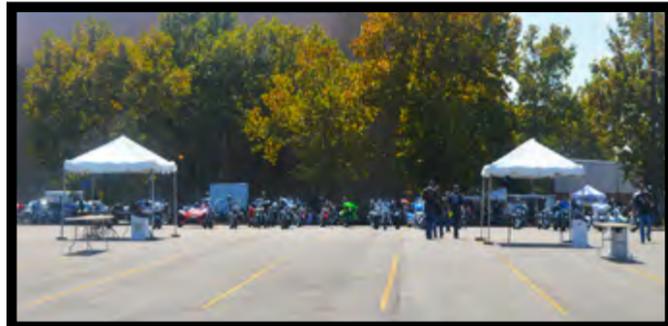
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# COYOTE UGLY SALOON CELEBRATES NEW ORLEANS BIKE WEEK

Hey there Frosty! As promised, here are a few of our photos from Saturday, October 24th. We started our morning with about 30 bikes at The Shootin' Gallery on Veterans where Jesse provided breakfast, bloody mary's, and a band to wake up the crowd. After our fill, we saddled up and headed over to Coyote Ugly where Jasmine, CJ, and Jo were ready and waiting to get the party started. Lots of grilled goodies filled us up for lunch while we were there. We had about 50 bikes there. Some split off and headed to the New Orleans Bike Week festivities while others stayed to enjoy the party. Hope to see y'all at Gretna Fest and Wooden Boat Fest this weekend. And Jandy's second weekend in November!

*by Beth Fiorillo*



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# DAY TRIPPING WITH MIKE PHILLIPS

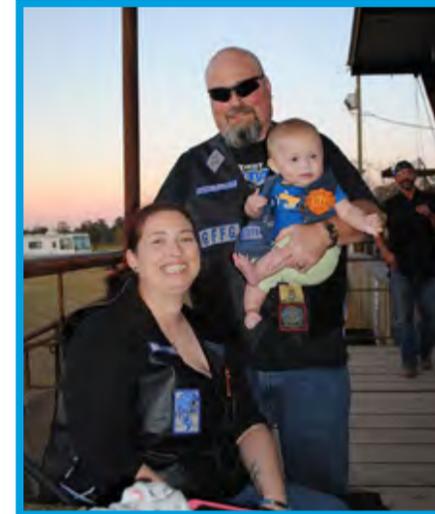
Met with Bobby Presley, yesterday morning in Bossier City for breakfast, during which time our discussion turned to my recent fondness for karaoke, and my total disregard for the pain and anguish suffered by my audience. Bobby confessed that his only singing attempt occurred in church once, when a lady he was standing beside handed him a hymnal. Briefly into the song, she reached over and took it away from him. After we were able to figure out why his riding vest would not button properly (that sometimes happens when you wear it inside out), we rode down to Stonewall, where we met Debbie and John Brown, then headed south on US 171 to Zwolle (Zuh-wall-ee) where they were having their annual Tamale Festival. The heritage of the people in this area is a mixture of Indian and Spanish, primarily, but the town is named after a city in Holland. When the KCS railroad was being built from Kansas City to Port Arthur, Tx., they ran out of funds when they reached Van Buren, Ark. A rich coffee merchant in the Netherlands was contacted and the necessary funds were acquired. As a reward, he was allowed to name the town, and since all the really cool names, like New Orleans and Boston and Tallassee, were already taken, he said "Crap, let's



just find a name that rhymes with tamale, so that 100 years from now these people will have a reason to have a parade and sell T-shirts." And that's how Zwolle got its name. Furreal! After viewing the parade, which consisted of floats celebrating local culture, custom cars, local businesses, and every political candidate in a 5 state region, we went over to the festival area and ate some tamales, bought some T-shirts, and watched the tamale eating contests. Also met with Barb and Troy, who rode down to enjoy the festivities. Inside one of the buildings, I ran into one of the country's top wildlife artists, Don Edwards, and his wife. He had a display of his work there, but was also the designer for this year's festival poster. Don was teaching oil painting at Lytle's in Shreveport in the 1980's, at the same time I was teaching Calligraphy there. Leaving Zwolle, we took LA 191 up the east side of Toledo Bend Lake to Logansport, where Debbie and John decided that they would rather go play with their grandchild, than ride with us anymore, so they left. Yeah, I know, hard to believe. The rest of us continued on to Marshall, Texas, to the annual Fire Ant Festival. I think, sometimes, these small town festival committees really go for shock value when searching for a name for their particular festival, and of course, how it would look on a T-shirt. Custom cars lined the tree shaded main street. There was a band on the courthouse square, and folks dancing in the street. Met a young lady dressed in an Elvis costume. Met an old biker named "Cracker", proudly sporting his Confederate flag shirt. Bobby, Troy & Barb decided to ride on to Jefferson, Tx., but I chose to return home and watch the Alabama/Arkansas game on tv. We could not have bought a prettier day for riding, sunny & cool. Once again, a great ride with some great people.



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# LACE, GRACE, & GEARS

By Ginger Williams

On October 1st, I had the privilege of attending an amazing bike rally. While motorcycling has always been predominantly a man's world, that is changing. The Lace, Grace, and Gears® rally is proof positive that our numbers are growing.

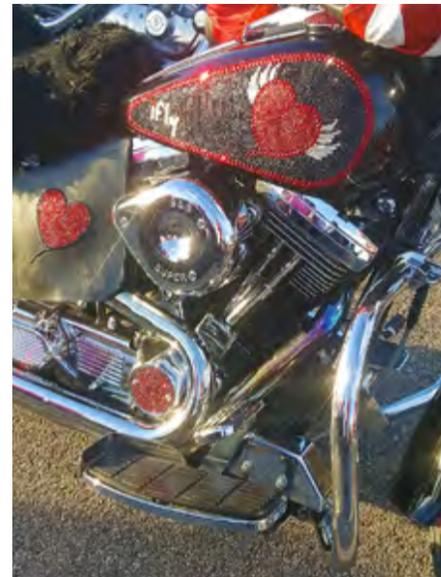
According to Layne Neuenfeldt, the event organizer, the idea for the rally came from a dare. "The Lace, Grace and Gears® motorcycle rally was born after a dare, "I discovered that a previous attempt in Europe had gathered several hundred women bikers, shared it with my husband, and "why don't you go for it in Texas?" was the genesis of Lace, Grace and Gears®." The record to beat was 880 bikes with 1002 female riders.

As I rode my bike into the parking area that Saturday morning, I could not help but be amazed. There were already several long rows of bikes line up for the ride. As they began the count, the excitement grew. When I was rider 394 and there were still several rows behind me, I just knew we'd beat the record. Unfortunately, we short of the record. We had a final count of 624 bikes with 806 female riders. Despite not breaking the record, the event was amazing. Never before have I experienced such camaraderie with so many others. I truly felt part of a dynamic sisterhood.

Although the bike run was a major part of the rally, one very important project was to raise money for The Fisher House Foundation which assists family members of active duty Military personnel and Veterans when travel is required for medical



treatment. In this way, the service member does not have to face their illness alone and the financial burden of traveling is eased. Plans are in the works for the ride to present The Fisher House Foundation with a check for \$20,000 raised during the rally. There have been many requests by the women who attended the rally to make this an annual event or to make another attempt at breaking the record next year. When asked about this, Ms. Neuenfeldt's stated that it was in serious consideration, but a final decision had not been made. It was such an honor to be a part of this event; an event that brought much needed awareness of the growing numbers of women riders while also raising money for worthy cause. I, for one, hope the decision to try again is a resounding YES!



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# BUBBA BLACKWELL STUNT SHOW

## CAJUN HARLEY-DAVIDSON

by Mike Phillips

Rode 495 miles round trip yesterday from my house, down to Scott, La. Rode from Bossier City and back with good friend, Curtis Clark. Met with facebook friend, Wendell Chenault, face to face for first time at Cajun Harley Davidson dealership, where they were having a Bubba Blackwell show. Bubba holds all the world records for jumping and has broke all of Evil Knievil's records. I will say he puts on a heck of a show and gets the crowd fired up, popping wheelies and smoking tires. On one bike he performed burn-outs on each end and in the middle of the roadway, then stopped and promised the crowd he would smoke the new rear tire until it popped. He did and it did. Seemed kinda wasteful to me, but makes a good show. Got to visit a few minutes with Susan Hicks and Don Brock, who rode down to meet with a friend of theirs from Denham Springs. Then they headed to the beach in Mississippi. I was impressed with how large Cajun HD was, their huge inventory of new bikes and merchandise, and their extremely friendly staff. Bikers came from all over to see Bubba's show and check out the new 2017 HD bikes. Luckily, an award winning Cajun restaurant was right next door, so we went over and stuffed ourselves on fish, shrimp, oysters, frog legs, and alligator, then waddled back to the dealership. Bubba had a 2 part show, first part at 1:00 pm, second part at 3:30 pm. We watched the first part, then while Curtis and Wendell stayed at the dealership, I rode over to Lafayette and checked out the downtown area. Magnificent architecture in the huge Catholic church, awesome size and age of the oak tree on the church grounds, beautiful building murals, interesting statuary, and tree lined main street winding through downtown makes for another Louisiana city well worth visiting. Rode back in time for Bubba's second show, which was a jump over 12 trucks. Twelve brand spanking new Dodge trucks. He was successful, but unfortunately, I wasn't. That is, in capturing the actual jump on my camera. On playback, all that is seen is his ride up the ramp, then camera goes blank. Oh well, guess you'll have to catch his next performance and see for yourself. As always, another great ride, with really good people.

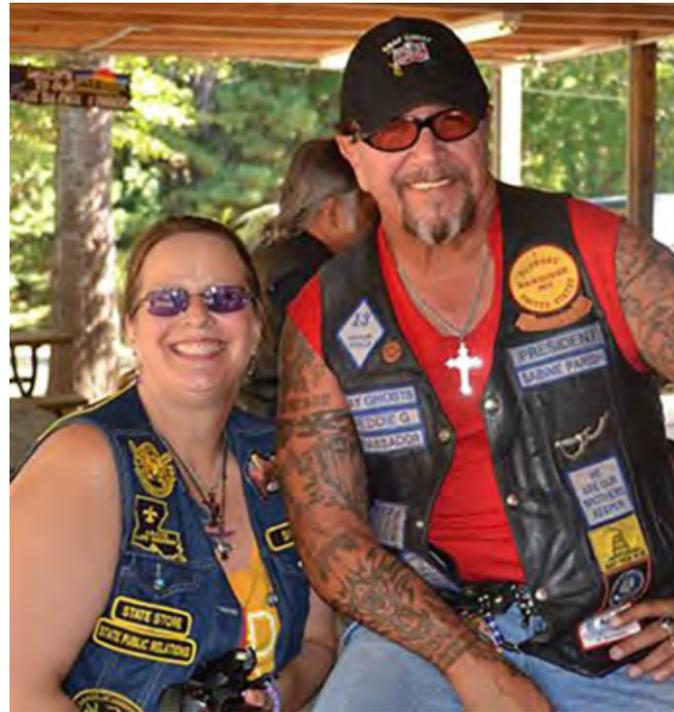


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## TREY AND FIREFLY'S BIKER WEDDING

On October 8th, 2016 Trey Parker and Jackie "Firefly" Hower got married at the Louisiana Mudfest in Colfax. When we started this magazine, Firefly was the very first person to join us, outside of the founding members. She has been part of our Core group since our second week of going public. She is very special to all of us, so of course we were happy when she met Trey Parker. He is a great guy and they make a wonderful couple, making it no surprise when they became engaged.

Trey and Firefly are both diehard motorcyclists, as you can tell by the La Famille RC back patches, and they decided to have a real biker wedding. Jackie was already working on Louisiana Mudfest, which was a big event on it's own, so having their wedding there made it extra special. Trey's dad, Larry Parker, presided over the wedding, which was held on the stage where the band DV8 would later play.

After the ceremony, rather than throwing the bouquet, Jackie walked it over to Lindsay Owens, and Robert Bennett surprised her with an engagement ring, very cool indeed.

After the celebrations at the Louisiana Mudfest facility and then 'The Infidels' clubhouse, the Parkers took off for a honeymoon in Puerto Rico.

*Photos by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly*





Hammond Harley-Davidson had their only Bike Night of the season on October 6th, and gave it a Halloween theme. The weather was pretty much perfect, there were vendors on hand, and great food and beer was available from SMASHBURGER. Church in the Wind Ministries was also on hand. I got to see some old friends, and made a couple new ones. Big thanks to John and George in Service for helping out a rider in need, and to Jeri and the rest of the staff for putting this on.

Prizes were awarded for:

Best Custom: Stacey Jenkins & her 2014 Softail Breakout

Best Bagger: Scottie W & his 2014 Ultra Classic

Best in Show: Pastor Terry Lobell & his 1977 Ironhead Sportster



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# THE REAL DEAL

## 4 FRIENDS, 4 PATCHES

by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly

I went to the Hell On Wheels MC Clubhouse for their get together, but also to get a picture of four friends from four patches; Confederate Igo, Gray Ghosts Lou, Hell On Wheels Gandolf, and Road Baron Uncle Roy (listed alphabetically by club), who are truly the "Real Deal." They have approximately 212 years riding time between them.

A few times in articles I've mentioned I love how the clubs here get along so well. This article is a prime example of this. These 4 friends, 4 patches have been friends since the 1980's with HOWMC Gandolf knowing each one first. HOWMC Gandolf first met GG Lou New Year's Day 1983, which started a tradition of NYD rides. Confederate Igo and HOWMC Gandolf met through a cousin in 1983, and then in 1989 HOWMC Gandolf met Road Baron Uncle Roy. HOWMC Gandolf was part owner of O'Neals, which is now Coyotes, at the time he met RBMC Uncle Roy. O'Neals didn't have the porch in the back yet; RBMC Uncle Roy and RBMC Purple would ride their bikes through the back door, do a burnout, then ride out through the front door every time.

CMC Igo tells of a Fourth of July when he was a Gray Ghost and was on the way to the GGMC clubhouse for a party when he was run over by a Cadillac. He called GGMC Cowboy for a ride. At GGMC Lou's prodding, GGMC Cowboy sent his girlfriend on her pink Sportster. CMC Igo refused to ride behind her and made her let him ride.

On Sundays they used to get together with no club affiliation starting from HOWMC Gandolf's house going through Longwood and riding to Uncertain, TX. On the way they would stop at Miller's Store where they would always let them in no matter if they were open or closed. The friends would get their beer and a cardboard box, walk across the road to drink their beer, put their trash in the box, and then take the trash back to the store to throw it away. Then they would continue on their ride after leaving their helmets at Miller's heading on to Uncertain. Every New

Year's Day HOWMC Gandolf would cook cabbage and peas then they would go for a ride whether it was rain, sleet, or sunshine. There would be 10-20 bikes each year on the NYD Rides.

I asked the four of them what their thoughts are on the future of the clubs compared to the past, prospects in general. HOWMC Gandolf states they "grew up on 'Easy Rider' and kids today grew up on 'Sons of Mar-larky.'" RBMC Uncle Roy stated to teach the young bloods. RBMC Uncle Roy stated to he would never ask a prospect to do anything he wouldn't or hasn't done himself. RBMC Uncle Roy asked a prospect to go talk to a lady who was with a huge guy. The prospect replied with "that's a huge sob." RBMC Uncle Roy said, "FAIL!" He never would have let the prospect follow through. It was also agreed that kids these days think they are bikers two weeks after getting a bike.

CMC Igo stated people give excuses of not being able to ride for various reasons, but yet RBMC Lefty had a lifeless right arm, which he velcroed to the gas throttle and below his left knee he was an amputee. These things never stopped RBMC Lefty from riding. CMC Igo has also never bought a bike brand new or even running.



GGMC Lou and HOWMC Gandolf, who were originally members of the original A.B.A.T.E. chapter, spoke of the forming of the Gray Ghosts Motorcycle Club. At Bonnie & Clyde Day in 1993, Paul came to HOWMC Gandolf about forming a new club, 13 members were needed and HOWMC Gandolf knew he could come up with 10. GGMC Lou was the third person contacted. The club started as the Southern Knights. After the club was started HOWMC Gandolf went Independent for a few years. GGMC Lou is the last active charter member.

RBMC Uncle Roy spoke on being a member of a club. When you put on a patch, it's not just your patch, but the whole club's patch. What you do reflects on the club. If you're drunk, you're responsible for your actions. People see clubs as the same and they don't know differently.

They all agreed there is less respect for motorcycles because they don't live the life. HOWMC Gandolf remembered a guy coming into O'Neals who was 6'5 and sat on someone's bike. CMC Igo came out of the grocery store one day to find a woman putting her kids on his bike. RBMC Uncle Roy remembered a time when "citizens" were sitting in the back when the bar closed. Two young kids were yelling "Where's the drugs?" RBMC Uncle Roy's wife hit him. I'm guessing he didn't yell out again.

On profiling: CMC Igo was in Louisiana in the '70s and left. On his first day back he was stopped 5 times that week because of his back patch where a field interview was conducted and pictures of him and his bike. They even checked under his ponytail.

We spoke on the negatives and positives comparing clubs from the past to now:

GGMC Lou stated Dedication today is a negative. The old guys will kill or die for it while the younger ones won't. Clubs growing today is a positive. We have more people, more bikes, and more clubs now.

CMC Igo stated motorcycles as a negative. They used to strip down and fix their own bikes, build their own parts.

HOWMC Gandolf missing the thrill, the goose-bumps. The Brotherhood isn't there anymore; kids don't listen and want to make their own rules, bucking the system. A positive is how they can depend on other clubs. If one breaks down, another club will help.

RBMC Uncle Roy states it's hard to get the young kids in and especially for them to have the dedication. RBMC Uncle Roy says to always get your lady as behind the club as you are.

All four agreed the backseat was made for bitches. I am not sure if that's a positive or a negative, but I'm betting it's a positive considering these four!

I wish I could type every story, every witticism, every profound piece of advice these guys discussed. I literally had seven pages of notes and laughed the whole time. If you want to hear about old school, go to the old guys. I know they won't mind me word-ing it that way. There's a lot to be said about the old school ways and I'm honored to be able to know these guys and others like them; I have so much respect for them. They are truly "The Real Deal".

Additional photo by Gandolf's Ol' Lady



# BETTIE MAE WALTERS



Funeral services for Bettie Mae Walters were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Family of Grace, 4200 South MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, with Reverend Rob McLane officiating. Committal service will follow in the Peniel Cemetery under the direction of White Oaks Funeral Home, Alexandria.

Bettie, 73, of Glenmora, entered eternal rest on Saturday, September 10, 2016 in the Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria. She was born April 18, 1943 in Longleaf to the union of Louie West, Sr. and Bertha Johnson West. She was a member of Peniel Baptist Church. Bettie and Bones have been involved in motorcycle world for several years. Lots of those years, about 20 were with the Christian Motorcyclist Association. During those years she had the opportunity to meet, visit and witness to hundreds of bikers. Soon she was calling all these men and women her kids. So she has a rather LARGE family, that she would love to have them as an escort for her last ride down here.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Louie West, Jr. and Bobby West; and one sister, Patsy Jones.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are: her loving husband of 56 years, Huey "Bones" Houston Walters of Glenmora; three sons, Matthew Vance Walters, Charles Douglas (Monica "BeBe") Walters and Paul Allen Walters all of Glenmora; one sister, Rosie Callahan of Glenmora; one granddaughter, Christy Bowlin; one grandson, Justin Ty Walters; five great grandchildren, Tabatha Bowlin, Sydney Walters, Shaylen Walters, Sophia Walters and Salem Walters; and a host of family and friends.

Visitation was held at Family of Grace, Friday, September 16, 2016 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., then on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 9 a.m. until service time at 10 a.m. in the church.

**Taken from *The Town Talk*, published on Sept 15, 2016**

**Photos by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly**



# NEW AND IMPROVED LOUISIANA COC&I

by Stacey "Snoopy" Conly

On September 25, 2016 a new discussion was brought to a vote regarding bringing in more diverse clubs, all being welcomed no matter the ethnicity, gender, or if they are a mom and pop club. The vote was favorable. This will allow our state COC&I to grow. Per our COC&I Commander Swamp, "The basic plan is to get as many existing clubs out there to come join forces to help fight our fight." Existing clubs are welcome to come join us.

The only requirements asked of clubs who are interested in joining are for them to be respectable and not be out causing trouble. If the club starts being rowdy and causing problems, they will either not be allowed or asked to step out of the COC. The clubs must be upstanding and honorable and help out in the community or state. It's also strongly encouraged the club members be members of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. The COC will never govern the club, make changes to the club by-laws, or add change rules.

The best description of COC&I stands for Confederation of Clubs & Independence and is to "unite as one group to help fight and protect riders to ride free for what they love to do, ride. We go to Baton Rouge to fight for rights for the riders," stated Commander Swamp. "COC is to look after our freedom to ride without profiling and discrimination." Texas was the first state to start a COC then Louisiana started in 2009. COC was formed because of profiling and discrimination against motorcyclists, to look after our freedom. We have a lawyer at every meeting who backs us in profiling discrimination.

One club who was hesitant to join our COC&I is the Rode Hard Riders, Inc Riding Club. RHR could be described as a mom and pop club, but describe themselves as a "Club of Independent Riders" who support and have respect for all clubs. RHR was formed in 2010 when they were asked by a church to do a poker run for a benefit at the church fair. Ed Oubre went to Swamp to ask how to set up a poker run. Afterwards they formed the club and made it incorporated due to all of their fundraisers. They have three fundraisers each year, which includes Special Olympics, Michael J Fox Parkinson Foundation, and Lydia Cancer Association. This year will be their seventh year for the Lydia Cancer Association fundraiser.

Ed Oubre was the president for the first five years of the club until the Teche Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana was formed and he became the president of the new chapter; Ed is now the Vice President. RHR has 100% A.B.A.T.E. membership in their club. Swamp's fiancée, Debbi is a member of RHR. When Swamp first came to the club to talk to them regarding joining COC the club didn't realize a riding club would be allowed to join. The club thought Swamp was trying to get the club to convert to a patch club. Ed felt like joining COC would be a good thing and began to attend meetings, but other members were skeptical and were against joining due to none of them having firsthand knowledge having never attended. It took a few months to convince RHR that COC is a good thing; the turning point came



when Jack Klorik came to one of their meetings. Jack Klorik is not only the president of the Bossier Parish Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, but also the C.O.I.R. Commander for Louisiana. After this visit, the club members became more comfortable and agreed to join COC. Ed told me by being involved in COC it, "opens the line of communication and builds relationships with all of the other biker organizations and clubs and club members."

Are you in a club, whether it be a motorcycle club or a riding club or if you're an independent, you are welcome to come to the COC&I meetings to see what goes on here. There's an old saying that goes something like "the more twine you have, the stronger the rope" or something to that affect. Let's make our COC strong! We have to stand together.

Swamp keeps our meetings interesting and informative by inviting different speakers to come. In November we will have Double D, David Devereaux who will speak to us on profiling. We also have Slider Gilmore, who is a 20+ year EMT coming in January to speak to us on what to do and what not to do in the event of someone having a motorcycle or even car accident. One of Swamp's guys went down in a ditch; the people who were trying to help him were untrained. They rolled him over, took off his helmet, and had him get up to "walk it off." All three of these are major no-no's and could have had serious consequences, but luckily they didn't in this case. Slider will tell us how to handle situations like these. December 2015 to January 2016 we had 180,000 registered bikes in Louisiana. There has been an increase in motorcycle accidents and it seems once or twice a week we're hearing of another fatality in our state. Let's hope in the event you, a family member, club brother/sister, or friend goes down whoever comes to your assistance knows what to do.

Our meetings are general the last Sunday of every odd month (January, March, May, etc...), but due to Thanksgiving November's meeting will be on the 20th. The Presidents meeting is at 12 Noon and regular meeting at 1pm. Come early and eat! You might find you enjoy yourself, I always do! And who knows, you might learn something invaluable!  
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# 32ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINDS

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) presented the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Minds (MOTM), hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Sept. 22-25, 2016, in Oklahoma City, OK. The MOTM is the premier annual gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the United States. Representing A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana were State President Randy Postlethwait and his wife Laura, Donnie Brown, President of Union Parish Chapter, State MRF Rep., and State Historian, Cecil Crawford, Asst. State MRF Rep., and Rick Lindsey, Vice-President of Bossier Parish Chapter and his wife Jacque. Laura and Jacque are their chapter's Membership Coordinators.

This two day seminar consisted of more than a dozen workshops addressing issues important to all motorcyclists such as profiling, helmet law reform, grassroots lobbying, and women in motorcycling just to name a few. The entire MRF executive board, headed by MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, met with state MRF Reps from across the country to set the 2017 legislative agenda for the MRF lobbyists in Washington, D.C. The MRF has made huge strides on the Federal level to end motorcycle only checkpoints and was instrumental in including prohibition of checkpoints in the FAST Act passed by Congress in Dec. 2015. While Federal funding is no longer available for checkpoints, states can still fund them on their own unless they pass their own bill as Louisiana did in 2014. This was a major win for La. motorcyclists.

Guest speakers included David "Double D" Devereaux from Washington State. Double D is the founder



of the Motorcycle Profiling Project and will be the guest speaker at the November meeting of the La. COC&I in Alexandria on November 20.

The seminar was not all workshops, though. The members of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma were wonderful hosts and provided an amazing hospitality room filled with food, drink, and camaraderie. Many awards were presented and A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana proudly accepted an award for largest percentage of MRF membership growth. The highlight of the weekend had to be the 10th annual tug of war between the Kilts and the Bibs. Yes, you heard right, there were men in kilts. Some wore them all weekend. Apparently, this is quite a rivalry and this year the win went to the kilts.

Our purpose for attending the MOTM was to gather useful information and bring it back to our state and our local chapters in order to be better advocates for motorcycle rights. Having a great time and meeting wonderful people of like mind and purpose was a bonus.

by Jacques Lindsey



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