

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!!

Bienvenu (Welcome)!! Hi Bees, it's that time, once again, when Lafayette is host to the Louisiana District Convention. The theme has always been "Mardi Gras Madness" since I first started coming to this "Rally" (What they were all called until GWRRA changed all of the names of "Rallies" to "Conventions". A little piece of trivia). I worked with a guy who was born and raised in Lafayette, named Jim Comeaux. He listened to Barbara and I discussing time and time again about our trips to Lafayette. He sat us down, smiled and told us, "Hey Larry, you know I've been listening to ya'll for a while," and with a big smile he said "you know you're hurtin' my ears". He continued that, "you know where Lafayette (pronounced La-fee-et) is, don't you?" He didn't wait for an answer, and just told us, "It's in Ohio". He continues, "You are going to MY hometown of Lafayette, (which is pronounced Laugh-e-et) we all had a laugh (no pun intended), and then we stood corrected.

It's no secret that I like going to this quaint and historical part of the country. I've grown to know and love many of the members that we've seen almost annually for so many years. And it's like "going home" week visiting with all of the friends we've made through the years. But it's like that with almost every large get-together we've went to since being in GWRRA.

Some people always say, "What is there to do at those rallies". My answer is, it is what you make of it. It CAN be as exciting or as boring as you want it to be. Besides all the seminars, parties, rider training, COY competitions, light parades, bike shows, ice cream socials, Costume contests, talent shows, not to mention the local life listed below. Please don't interpret this article as what I am telling you what you HAVE to do, I 'm just writing it because it is the way I feel, personally. Become involved.

I also love the fabulous dishes made by the area restaurants. Yes I do like some spicy, but not overloaded with it. I always get a kick out of the tours that have taken us to Breaux Bridge, New Iberia, Avery Island, Konriko Company Store/Conrad Rice Mill also in New Iberia, The Great Boudin Trail tour. This is where I learned to enjoy pork Boudin balls. The swamp tours, and of course, the Cajun/Zydeco dance lessons at the hotel. All fun.

The number one item listed under as "the best things to do while in Lafayette" is The Lake Martin Rookery Swamp tour, on Rookery Road, 1-337-342-2475. The number three is a visit to the Acadian Cultural Center at 501 Fisher Road, 1-337-232-0789. Just a thought.

I guess what I am saying is that I love to immerse myself, even if just for a little while, into what this area is all about. No National chain restaurants, not for these three days. (Except for possibly a quick visit to Chuy's Mexican Restaurant. What a FUN place). And what are we here for... You guessed it. And riding, too.

Speaking about eating, here is a very brief listing of some interesting places that I have been to that I think serve good food. It's like SO many places and so little time. Remember there are literally hundreds more not discovered or on this list. Good Hunting. Ask a local where they like (enjoy) going to eat.

Olde Tyme Grocery, 218 W. St. Mary Blvd. 1-337-235-8165

Bon Temps Grille, 1312 Verdote School Road. 1-337-706-8850

T-Coons, reasonably priced breakfast, lunch and brunch 1900 Pinhook Road.

Randol's Cajun Seafood and Dansehalla, 2320 Kaliste Saloom Road. 1-800-962-2586

Another Broken Egg Café, 112 Rue Promenade, 1-337-504-3365 (6:30 AM to 2 PM)

Chris' Po-Boys, 1930 Pinhook Road. 1-337-234-6333

Chuy's Mexican Regional Chain, but fun and good food. 4505 Ambassador Caffery Parkway . 1-337-806-9233

Gator Cove, rated excellent, 2601 S E Evangeline TRWY, 1-377-264-1373.

Café des Amis, 140 E. Bridge St., Breaux Bridge, Reportedly Closed in late 2016 1-337-332-5273

*Buck and Johnnies, 100 Bernard St. Breaux Bridge, 1-337-442-6630 Eclectic Italian with a Cajun Flair, near the old Café Des Ami, picked up on the popular Zydeco Breakfast. Beautiful bldg., former Dominique Motors.

The Pig Stand, 318 East Main St, Ville Platte, LA, 1-377-363-2883, Cajun, BBQ and Buffet

And last but certainly not least, is where the local GWRRA Louisiana Chapter "B" (from Lafayette) meets, and that is "Fezzo's Seafood, Steakhouse, and Oyster Bar". Interesting place, historically, good food and the next exit west from Lafayette exit, on I-10 in Scott. Don't worry, only a 15 to 20 minute drive. 1-377-261-2464

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