



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 31, Dealer
Ride to Mi Patio
Mex. Rest.,
Pontchatoula,
NSHD @ 10:30
am
- Aug. 6, Chapter
Meeting & Ride,
NSHD @ 9:30am.
- Aug. 27, LOH
Ride to Venezia
Italia, NSHD @
10:00 am.
- Sept. 3, Chapter
Meeting & Ride,
NSHD @ 9:30
am.
- See the web site
for a complete
listing of events

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RED BLUFFS AFTER-MEETING RIDE

By Dan Wehr; Photos by Karl Fox and Dave Perez

As mentioned in the Editor's column in last month's issue, after our Chapter's meeting on June 4th, I led a ride to Mississippi's version of the Grand Canyon — The Red Bluffs in Columbia. Unfortunately, due to the heat, I was unable to proceed any farther than our first stop, the Shell Station at MS 13 and US 98 in Columbia.

We had traveled 85 miles over the course of one and a half hours from the dealership without stopping. Unfortunately, the heat got the best of me. I was light-headed and somewhat disoriented — the classic signs of heat stroke. After drinking a quart of bottled water and recovering, I, along with other similarly afflicted riders, decided to head back to Slidell, leaving the rest of the riders to continue on their destination.

It's my understanding that other riders had similar problems with the heat on this ride. The bottom line for riding in hot weather is to make frequent stops and to keep hydrated. Other measures to combat high temperatures is to soak a bandana with water and tie it around your neck. It has the effect of air conditioning for about 20 minutes or so.

In any event, the ride was a good one. Dave Perez and Karl Fox provided some great pictures.



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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

MANY RIDES & GOOD TIMES

June and July provided a number of opportunities for riding and having fun.

While I was unable to participate in them, Dwight Bradbury, Mike Bruno and our Chapter officers organized and coordinated many rides during the last couple of months. Carl Fox and Dave Perez submitted many photos documenting these rides. Since I could not participate in those rides, and inasmuch as none of our members provided a narrative of their experiences, all I can provide to you are the pictures provided by Carl and Dave.

On June 12th, our dealer led an open-event ride to The Shed in Ocean Springs. It's my understanding that there were over 70 riders who participated in this well-attended event.



ON THE ROAD TO OCEAN SPRINGS

Dwight led a ride to Houma and Scott, LA, which started on June 18th. The first leg of this ride was a benefit run to help defray the medical expenses incurred by Carl Boudreaux, former Director of the Houma HOG Chapter, who underwent a double lung transplant. After gathering at the Dealership in Houma, our Chapter's riders continued on to Scott for where they stayed for the night, returning home the following day.

Here are some pix at the Houma dealership:

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If you are not a current member of the Northshore HOG Chapter, or you forgot to renew your membership in January, simply fill out an enrollment form (available at the dealership or on the website, see "Downloads").

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The following are some photos of the group on their way to Scott.



Participating in a ride organized by Sonia Fox, on June 25th, several riders rode from the dealership to the White Cap restaurant. This was an LOH event.

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Last Month's Minutes

By PAT SCHAEFER

July 9, 2011

The Chapter's monthly meeting/social get-together began with a Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

As Chapter members signed in on the Sign In sheet, they were reminded that if they want to be on distribution for photos taken at Chapter rides to add their e-mail address to the Sign In sheet.

On a ride: if someone is hit by overheating : **GET THEM COOL AND HYDRATED!! "FROG"** the same company that makes rain gear also sells a chamois-like cloth to help you cool down.

Mike Bruno's dealership ride to the Shed at Ocean Springs had about 75 bikes. A good ride.

Dwight, our Director, briefed on last month's Chapter overnight Houma/Scott, La ride. Some heat, some delays, an over-eager Law Enforcement Officer at Greenville, but still a good Chapter event.

Ray, our Treasurer, gave his report. The Chapter currently has \$3,217.96 in the bank.

Mike, our Assistant Director, briefed about H.O.G. membership benefits, including \$50.00 reimbursement for taking Motorcycle Safety Foundation training.

Pat, our Safety Officer, discussed 2 wet weather riding tips to avoid hydroplaning:

(1) Consider riding on the center of your lane; which riders normally tend to avoid as being where any dripped oil from cars collects. In a down pour, this center higher ground should be oil free and any standing water will be deeper to the left or to the right of center ,due to the road wear in those locations from heavy car and

truck traffic.

(2) Also consider adding 2 or 3 more pounds of air in your tires if you have to ride in the rain, because, while this may make your tire's footprint slightly smaller, it will raise the lb/sq in. pressure in your tires, causing the treads to push down on the road to help squeeze the water out, reducing possible hydroplaning.

Mike Werda, our Assistant Director, took orders for Chapter specific H.O.G. items such as shirts, name tags etc. as previously done at the May meeting. The Chapter merchandise order will be submitted in the near future. A few of the desired items didn't yet meet the minimum order requirement. Anyone who has not already made an order or paid for their order is reminded to pay at the August meeting. Any checks are to be written to "Northshore H.O.G."

Sonia Fox, our LOH Officer, briefed on the rescheduled Bellingrath Gardens Friday, October 7 to Sunday, October 9.

Dwight, our Director, invited members to discuss any Technical Issues. Among the conclusions drawn was the observation that the best thing you can do for your bike tires are, in addition to maintaining the correct pressure, is to ride often and let the centrifugal forces of rotation work to extend tire life.

There being no more New Business, the meeting adjourned for a ride to one of three restaurants on Pea Vine Road.

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Here are some pictures memorializing this event.



On July 3, several of our members engaged in an impromptu ride along the gulf coast. Images of this ride follow.

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Update Your Profile

Many of us have had a change in address, telephone number or email. Please go to the website www.northshorehog.com and update your profile. Don't forget to do the same thing when renewing your membership.

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This was followed by our July 9th Chapter meeting and ride. The following pictures could be captioned, "Ride To Eat!"



Altogether, June and July were fun-filled months offering our Chapter members many opportunities to ride and have fun.