



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 24, Houma
Elks Poker Run.
- April 24, LOH
Ride to Anjacs
BBQ, Gulfport,
NSHD @ 9:30
am.
- May 1, Chapter
Meeting & Ride,
NSHD @ 9:30 am
- May 4-9, Bike
Week, New
Orleans, NOLA
Convention Ctr.
- May 13-15,
Alabama HOG
Rally.
- May 15, Chapter
Ride, Hollywood
Casino, NSHD @
9:00 am.
- June 5, Chapter
meeting & ride,
NSHD @ 9:30am.

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Be a Cool Rider This Summer

Terry L. Forrette – Safety Officer

It is summer time and everyone is out riding. For us folks in the Deep South summer like temperatures and humidity are part of the riding experience whether we like it or not. Along with the usual safety tips that we all should practice regardless of the weather, here are some of my favorite tips that make summer riding safe and enjoyable.

Rule number one is if you are thirsty then drink something. Even when I am going on a short trip I hydrate as much as possible the night before and then make sure I drink water at every stop. Notice I said water, not caffeinated beverages and certainly not alcoholic drinks. Both of these may lead to dehydration and more serious problems. How do you know that you are becoming dehydrated? Mental confusion, increased irritability and most important you stop sweating. I will often wrap a wet towel around my neck, douse my shirt with water or wrap a hydration bandana around my forehead to stay cool.

Wear appropriate summer riding gear. This does not mean less clothing rather it means wearing clothing designed for high temperatures and humidity. If I am wearing my touring pants I usually wear a pair of convertible fishing pants underneath them. These pants can easily be converted into shorts and they also wick moisture away from the skin. Wearing wicking underwear is also a good idea because it keeps the skin dry and you will be more comfortable after a long day in the saddle. One mistake I see a lot of riders make is riding with bare arms. It is no secret why desert dwellers wear long flowing robes even when the thermometer spikes 100⁰ F. Keeping the sun and wind off your skin reduces moisture loss and you will ultimately be much more comfortable and safe if you keep your arms covered. I have several riding jackets and my summer jacket is mesh with armor. Don't forget the sun block lotion too. I always wear gloves and my summer gloves are deer skin. Not only do they protect my hands from road debris and the wind but they also act like a chamois-skin to wipe off my face shield during a rain storm.

Speaking of rain, no one in our climate should leave home without a good rain suit. Yes I know the old saying that if you pack rain gear you are inviting it to rain. Chances of running into a rain storm are pretty good for us in the South so just bite the bullet and get a good suit. The first trick that I have learned about putting on rain gear is to put in on before it rains. To avoid the rain suit dance as you are trying pull the pants over your boots pack a couple of plastic grocery bags and place them over your boots. The rain pants will slide on a lot easier this way. Give your windshield and face shield a good coating of approved wax. This will make the rain bubble up and blow off in the wind, improving your sight and line of vision.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

The Chapter has many rides planned for this month. On April 24th, Sonia Fox has organized a LOH ride to Anjacs BBQ in Gulfport, MS. It departs at 9:30 am from Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson.

Additionally, rides from the dealership are planned for Saturday, May 1st, following our chapter's meeting; and on May 15th, to the Hollywood Casino, at 9:30 am.

While no organized rides for the chapter have been planned for the event, from May 4th through May 9th, the "Bike Week" rally will take place in New Orleans. The site for this event will be the NOLA Convention Center.

The Alabama State HOG Rally will take place from May 13th through May 15th. This rally is a traveling one, starting in Dotham, then to Montgomery, then to Mobile, for each of its succeeding days.

On May 15th, there is a Chapter ride planned from NSHD to the Hollywood Casino. It departs the dealership at 9:30 am.

Get your priorities in order and participate in any or all of this events. Life is short; live it to the fullest.

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Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

April 10, 2010

The monthly HOG Chapter social gathering/meeting was held outdoors in the parking lot, due to the good weather and preparation for Mike Bruno's HOG Roast (Cuchon de Lait) later in the day. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Vic, our Chapter Director, briefed on the Chapter volunteers that supported the State H.O.G. Rally in Hammond by running the Bike Games for the Hammond host Chapter. He read a letter from Jim Harrison, the Rally Coordinator, thanking our Chapter volunteers for doing an outstanding job in making the games very enjoyable for participants and spectators alike. Vic also gave special thanks to Mike Werda for his outstanding leadership during the games. Following cleaning up the game area, the attending Chapter members rode to Kevin's Cajun Seafood in Maurepas.

It was brought out that bike riders, especially when riding in groups, are becoming more subject to being stopped by Law Enforcement Officers for safety checks, such as DOT approved helmets. This also entails checking for motorcycle endorsements on your driver's license, registration, brake tag and insurance.

Vic also suggested that any Northshore Chapter members who had pre-registered but who did not receive any pins or patches, that they had requested as part of their registration, to e-mail him the details.

Sonia Fox reminded us of the LOH Ride scheduled for 9:30 AM Saturday April 24 to Gulfport. The Chapter's ride schedule through June is posted on the Chapter web site.

Dwight Bradbury briefed on a proposed future change to next year's Chapter dues from the current \$15.00 for full members and \$5.00 for associate members to \$20.00 each. This will not occur without further discussion with the members. During the H.O.G. Officer training in Arkansas, Dwight and I learned that almost all Chapters are utilizing a higher dues structure than our Chapter is.

Dwight also provided the Treasurer's Report. We currently have a balance of \$2789.00.

The Secret Greeter was Dwight and the winner was Dan Schewe. There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned so that members could get ready for the ride to the Shed for some BBQ.



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