



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 1, Cold Butt Ride, NSHD @ 10:00 am.
- Jan. 8, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Jan. 22, To Be Announced, NSHD @ 9:30 am
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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2012 BOURBON RUN

By Dan Wehr; Pictures By Dan Schewe

On September 24th, I received a message from my long-time riding buddy, Dan Schewe, telling me that his employer had authorized some time off and that he was ready to go on a ride to Bardstown, Kentucky to tour the "Kentucky Bourbon Trail." He sent the same communication to fellow riders, James Corouthers and Greg Peterman. By the end of the day, we were all committed to his proposed adventure. Dan took on the responsibility for planning the trip and leading the ride.

A couple of days before our departure, Greg informed us that he had injured his knee during his daily morning workout and would be unable to participate. Thus, we were reduced to a group of three.

At 6:30 am, on Thursday, October 4, Dan, Jim and I met at the TA Truck Stop in Slidell. After a substantial, cholesterol-infused breakfast, we were off. Our destination was the Best Western Inn at Guntersville Lake, Alabama.

We traveled north on I-59 to Meridian, then East on I-20 to Marshall, Alabama where we connected to US 231 and headed northeast through the Talladega National Forest onto US 431 to our destination. The weather was near perfect. While it was cold (high temps were in the low 60s), the skies were clear with brilliant sunshine for the entirety of this 12-hour portion of our trip.

The Best Western Inn at Guntersville is a full service resort located on the shore of Lake Guntersville with two lounges and a five-star restaurant. By pre-arrangement, we all had lake-side rooms. After checking in, we had a terrific meal at the hotel's restaurant followed by cigars and bourbon on the third floor, lake-side balcony exchanging 'war stories' and taking in the sights of post-nightfall lights reflected off the lake before retiring for the night.

After checking out the next morning, we were greeted by dense fog and cold temperatures. We gassed up the scooters and endured an hour-and-a-half of cold and wet riding before the sun broke out as we made our way over the two-lane highways of Northern Alabama to Prichard's Distillery in Kelso, Tennessee.

Prichard's is a relatively new distillery, which has been in business for the last ten years. In their first year of operation, they specialized in distilling rum. After their second year, they expanded to Bourbon. 2012 marked their first profit-making year with \$2,000,000 in sales. Their distillery is located in an old school house off of US 64 about 8 miles east of its intersection with US 231.

After our sojourn at Prichards, we continued our northbound trek. Our destination for the evening was Bardstown, KY. The weather was brisk and the fall colors were beginning to show on the trees as we worked our way north over the

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

MY 'SWAN SONG' ISSUE

After serving as your editor for the last six years, I have decided to pass these duties on to my successor, your newly elected Editor, Greg Peterman.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve our Chapter as its 'scribe,' documenting the motorsport adventures of its members and providing a journal of my own, two-wheeled exploits over the years.

In order to facilitate Greg's mission as our new Editor, I encourage all of you to submit to him written accounts of your travels, opinions, and advice that would contribute to the enjoyment of Harley ownership along with photographs memorializing your riding experiences.

Our next group ride will be our annual 'Cold Butt Ride' on the morning of New Years day. Weather permitting, I plan on being there and hope to see as many of you as possible participating in the first ride of 2013.

Ride & Have Fun Safely.



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").

Last Month's Minutes

By Susan Parrish

December 1, 2012:

Meeting was called to order by Director Dwight Bradbury. Prayer was offered by John Minica. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all members present.

Dwight advised the membership that deadline for dues were being advanced to an earlier date in 2013 and encouraged all members to pay as early as possible.

John Clifford gave the treasurers report.

Mike Werda reported on the merchandise on hand and suggested that any member who wanted patches, shirts or other chapter merchandise to contact him for a potential order.

Dwight discussed the State Rally which will be held in Houma April 4th, 5th and 6th, 2013. He encouraged all members to register as the online registration is now open and a block of rooms had been reserved at the Wingate by Wyndham in Houma.

Elections were held for the 2013 Chapter officers. The newly elected officers for 2013 are as follows:

Director	Dan Schewe
Assistant Director	Chip Newman
Secretary	Susan Parrish
Treasurer	Buddy Newman
Activity Officer	Chip Newman
Membership	Dave Authement

Road Captain	Richard Dillon
Editor	Gwen Preveau
(Gwen has since declined the position. Her replacement will be announced.)	
Ladies of Harley	Susan Parrish
Safety Officer	Russ Davis
Webmaster	Karl Fox
Photographer	Karl Fox
Historian	Dwight Bradbury

The meeting was adjourned and the members road to the Southside Café for lunch.

(Editor's note: Susan Parrish and Gwen Preveau resigned from the club shortly after the election, leaving vacancies for the positions for which they were elected. Those vacancies were subsequently filled by volunteers approved by our sponsoring dealer. All of our 2013 officers are listed on page two.)

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mountainous regions of northern Tennessee and into Kentucky. According to plan, we decided to take 31E from Tennessee into Kentucky. This turned out to be a big mistake.

While this part of the trip was quite scenic, it turned out that the worlds' longest yard sale was in progress along this route. It took about an hour-and-one-half to travel the 20 miles or so from Hardyville to New Heaven due to the stop and go traffic caused by the yard sale participants and 'rubberneckers.' As the sun was getting low in the sky, we jumped onto I-65 and made our way to Bardstown, Kentucky before nightfall.

We arrived at our destination for the night, the Comfort Inn, as darkness settled in. This would be our base of operations for our intended tour of Kentucky's best Bourbon distilleries. After a mediocre meal at the El Camino Real, a Mexican restaurant and cantina next to the Comfort Inn, we returned to the Inn for an evening of cigars and bourbon in the parking lot.

We set out the next day for our first distillery, Heaven Hill, in Bardstown. We arrived about 10:00 am and participated in a bourbon tasting and a tour of the facility. After the tour, we spent some time plying the twisties of the local roads and arrived at our third distillery, Maker's Mark in Loretto, KY. That afternoon,



ARRIVAL AT HEAVEN HILL DISTILLARY

we made our way back to Bardstown for an outstanding supper at The Old Talbott Tavern.

The Old Talbott Tavern boasts to be our nation's oldest continuously operating Inn and houses the world's oldest Bourbon bar. Famous guests of the Tavern include Abraham Lincoln, General George Rogers Clark, and Daniel Boone. Under its current business plan, it is run as a bed and breakfast with a Bourbon bar/lounge, gift shop, and an outstanding restaurant. It is located in the center of town adjacent to Bardstown's large traffic circle. Upon our arrival, we were fortunate to find three parking spaces on the perimeter of the circle right across the street from the tavern. After a tolerable half-hour wait in line, we were seated and ready for dinner.

I ordered Philippe Brazed Chicken, a dish

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JIM (CENTER) & I (LEFT) ARRIVING AT THE OLD TALBOT TAVERN (IN THE BACKGROUND ABOVE JIM'S HEAD).

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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consisting of butterflied chicken breast cooked in a burgundy sauce and served over wild rice with sautéed mushrooms. Based on Dan's recommendation, I chose Bourbon Brewed Ale as my beverage. The meal was one of the best I've had. My twenty-ounce glass of Bourbon Brewed Ale was (no kidding) the best beer I have ever tasted. This dark beer is made locally and brewed/aged in charred oak barrels previously used to age bourbon. Its taste was a combination of a hops-rich brew and the sweet tang of bourbon. It is the first beer I actually enjoyed sipping rather than gulping. It lasted through the entire meal. We subsequently found out that, since it is not pasteurized, it cannot be purchased anywhere outside of Bardstown. It can be purchased locally at grocery stores in refrigerated 4-packs for a pricey \$12.00.

After thoroughly stuffing ourselves at the Tavern, we made our way back to the Comfort Inn for an early night's rest.

The weather gods continued to bless us with clear skies the next day. After a complimentary breakfast, we saddled up and plied some great two-lane roads over the rolling hills of central Kentucky to The Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort. The tour lasted about an hour-and-one-half and covered the fermenting, distilling and ageing processes, ending with a sampling of their products (your choice of two, one-half ounce glasses of their dozen or so distillates).



CUTAWAY VIEW OF AGING BARREL AT BUFFALO TRACE



From Frankfort, we motored our way to Clermont, Kentucky, to tour the recently renovated Jim Beam distillery. This tour is a must see on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. Jim Beam spent millions of dollars constructing its tourist center with many exhibits and plenty of easy-access parking. The tour lasted a little over one hour, but was one of the best of our trip.

After the tour, we enjoyed the clear, brisk weather riding the two-lanes back to our lodgings in Bardstown. Our last night in bourbon country was spent sampling fine cigars, bourbon and war stories in the Comfort Inn's parking lot.

After checking out the next morning, we were greeted by more good weather, cloudless skies and chilly temps. We motored our way, via interstate and local roads through Bowling Green, KY, Springfield, Tennessee, to Muscle Shoals,

Alabama, our last away-point for our return trip to Slidell. As this was one of the longer legs of the trip, we opted for a quick dinner at a local eatery and turned in early.

The following morning, we were back on the road. After enduring some dense morning fog for the first hour or so, we hopped onto the Natchez Trace, and meandered our way to The National Car Museum in Tupelo, Mississippi. We spent two hours touring the fine collection of automobiles, motorcycles and other examples of wheeled



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transportation in this recently built tribute to the history of motoring. In my opinion, the most impressive exhibit was one of the 50 Tucker Automobiles ever produced. The Tucker boasted a 589 cubic inch aircraft, rear-mounted engine, seat belts, and an articulating headlight that followed the road as you turned the steering wheel. Unfortunately, it was far ahead of its time and never reached full production.

After this awesome layover, we made a bee-line for the interstates rushing our way back to Slidell before nightfall.

It was a great trip. We traveled over 1300 miles, rode some of the most scenic two-lanes in the country, toured six distilleries on Kentucky's Bourbon Trail, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A BLAST FROM THE PAST

BY DAN WEHR; PHOTOS BY KARL FOX

This year's Christmas Party was held at Terry Lynn's Café, on First Street in Old Slidell. It was well attended with over 40 members taking advantage of this event.

The 'theme' of the party was 'The Fifties & Sixties.' Most of those who attended were in costume for the period.

The food was excellent! We were served the following dishes buffet style: tossed salad, andouille-stuffed chicken breast, pork tenderloin, potatoes, green beans, bread pudding, and praline-iced cake.

Several Ladies of Harley members performed a dance number, and Dwight Bradbury and Karl Fox performed a pantomime of "Blue Moon," both of which were most entertaining.

These events were followed by a riotous 'Mad Santa Gift Exchange.' The star of the exchange was Richard Dillon who had a knack for picking gifts everyone else wanted. I believe he selected 8 gifts that were successively stolen. Next year, if you want a great gift, get Richard's advice or wait until he has selected his gift and steal it!

Here are some pix of the party which was a truly enjoyable gathering.

