



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 13 -17, HOT Training, Jacksonville, FL.
- April 17 - 25, Florida Keys Trip.
- May 1, Crawfish Boil, Buccaneer State Park, Waveland, MS.
- May 7, General Membership Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30am.
- May 12 - 14, Texas State HOG Rally, Beaumont.
- May 20, LOH Dinner Ride, Palladium Rest., 5:50 PM.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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GREAT ESCAPE FROM NEW ORLEANS

BY DAN SCHEWE

After a lot of planning and meetings, cigars and bourbon, the day finally arrived for our departure to escape the Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the surrounding areas. Our plan carried us from Slidell to Crockett Texas for the first night. Our carefully crafted plan allowed for most all possible detours and roadblocks, except one! RAIN!

Dan Wehr, Greg Peterman, Rich Miller (my long time friend from Atlanta that wanted to join us on our trek) and myself all met at the Exxon station on Military for an early AM departure on March 5. Looking at the weather we decided that we should leave without breakfast at the truck stop, as originally planned. Heading out on I-12 we proceeded west-bound to Baton Rouge. Merging with I-10 we continued toward Lafayette. After the bridge at the Atchafalaya basin, we made our first fuel stop. Looking at the weather on Greg's i-pad, it was decided that we should go north out of Lafayette US 167/ I -49 and pick up US 190 west. About the time we turned north, it began raining. Did I say rain?? Try deluge! After getting onto 190, we turned west and headed into Texas. Realizing that the rain was getting heavier, we opted to take a brake at a small truck stop/gas station and see if we could wait out some of the storm. During this stop in Eunice, Louisiana, we had no idea that a tornado was touching down just 19 miles due south of our location. (We subsequently confirmed this information while viewing the evening news when we stopped at our hotel that evening.) After an hour or so, the rain began to let up. So, we got back onto our scooters, and again pointed ourselves west. As we got to the Texas state line, the rain began to let up some. Continuing into Crockett Texas for our first night at the Holiday Inn Express, we ran in and out of more rain and plummeting temperatures.

Kevin Smith, another of my friends from Dallas, was to meet us at the hotel and continue on the trip. As we approached Crockett, the rain dissipated and the sun broke through the clouds. That was about 20 miles east of Crockett! Rain for 300 miles! My helmet headset was squealing every time someone would key up; and Greg's radio had water in it! Now this is hard to believe, but there were NO RESTURANTS that delivered close to the hotel and no pizza delivery in the city of Crockett! We did locate a BBQ place that I had found on the internet not far from our location. Dano was not able to ride anymore because his back was acting up, so he and Greg stayed at the hotel while Rich, Kevin and I went to eat some of the "best BBQ in Crockett" at a local gas station/quick stop! Got to say, it was good BBQ and plenty of it (ribs were 'all you can eat')! We got two orders of BBQ to go and took it back to Dano and Greg.

Day Two. At breakfast, Greg said he and Dano were going to head back to Slidell because of Dano's back condition (it took them two days to get back to Slidell). Disappointed, Kevin, Rich and I mounted up and headed for Temple Texas and the dealer, Horny Toad Harley. Rich had called his son-in-law and arranged for him and his grandson to meet us at the dealer and ride with us to one of the best local restaurants I have ever visited! We arrived at the dealer in Temple at about noon and met Rich's son-in-law and

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

CRAWFISH BOIL PLANNED

As indicated on our website, the Northshore Chapter of HOG will be sponsoring a Crawfish Boil on **May 1st**, at Buccaneer State Park (the address is 1150 South Beach Boulevard, Waveland, MS 39576). This will be an all-day event. So, you can show up anytime you wish. Food (crawfish, potatoes, corn, and mushrooms) will begin being served at noon. Soft Drinks (Coke, Diet Coke, Barq's Root Beer, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, and water) will be available. While the Chapter will be subsidizing this event, there will be a charge of \$5.00 for members and guests under 12 years old, and \$10.00 for guests over 12 years old. to defray a portion of the costs.

If you plan on attending, please contact our Assistant Director, Mike Werda (cell phone: 228-332-0363; email: mwerda@earthlink.net). We need a head count for the caterer on or before **April 23rd**.

Anyone who owns a volleyball net, horse shoes, or other outdoor games is encouraged to bring them. Additionally, equipment will be available to play your favorite tunes from your i-pod, i-phone, or CDs.

Please join your fellow club members in, what promises to be, a great time.

Ride Safely & Often,

Danno

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").

From The Director

By DWIGHT BRADBURY

2011 La State HOG Rally Travel Log



It started on a cool and overcast March 31, 2011 morning. About a dozen chapter members met at the IHOP in Covington to eat breakfast and to discuss the events of the upcoming weekend. Leaving the IHOP at about 9:00 am, we all noticed that it seemed to be a little cooler than when we first stopped at IHOP to eat breakfast. We rode for about 32 miles to Franklinton via LA25 to meet-up with Ray and Lara Gregg and for all of us to top off our tanks. We knew that it definitely was a lot colder than when we started out. Most of us put on additional layers of clothing to ease the chill. It was a

very scenic although cold ride as we travelled west on LA10. We ran into a herd of cows on the road and some of them got spooked by our motorcycles. One of the cows got so frightened that she jumped a fence to get away from us. We continued to the intersection of LA19 and stopped to get some hot coco or coffee. By this time the sun came out and we were felt it getting warmer. We all said good-bye to Bob Saenz, who had rode with us so far that morning just to see us off. We stopped in Natches to fuel-up and then to eat lunch at Ryans. After lunch we took LA84 then LA28 to Alexandria.



Upon reaching Alexandria we checked into our hotels. Most of us stayed at the Courtyard but some of us stayed at the Holiday Inn. We then went to the rally site to register and then went to the Harley shop in Alexandria where they were having a Rally kickoff party. We missed the food because it went fast before we got there. There was a stage setup and we were entertained by a comedian followed

by burlesque performances. We all decided to go get some supper and ended-up at the Outback Steakhouse.



The next morning, some of us volunteered to work at the rally. Some of us directed traffic and some of us worked the bike games. For our help, we were given bright green shirts, allowed to park in the VIP area and given free lunch tickets. It was all worth it just for the opportunity to meet so many people and to do

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Last Month's Minutes

By PAT SCHAEFER

April 6, 2011 Chapter Meeting/Social Get-Together Minutes

The monthly Chapter meeting/social get-together began at 9:45 AM with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chapter had the opportunity to view the new video display, where our old bulletin board used to be, with a series of photos of Chapter members working our water booth during Mike Bruno's 2011 Bayou Thunder weekend.

Mike, our Assistant Director, briefed on the challenge of qualifying for the "ABC's of Touring" as one of the fun benefits of H.O.G. membership. Everyone was reminded to check members.hog.com for other benefits.

Pat, our Safety Officer, reminded everyone about the slipperiness of road repair tar "snakes" as we get back into warm and hot weather. Ditto for freshly painted road stripes when wet. He also reminded everyone to actively use the shadow that they and their bike throw on the ground. If your shadow is very long and directly in front of you; all on-coming traffic will have the sun directly in their eyes and probably won't be able to see you. Use your shadow to enhance your threat-axis awareness. It was also mentioned that all the Group Ride Hand Signals can be found on the Chapter web site in "Downloads".

Ray our Treasurer gave the Financial Report, which is always available to anyone on request. We currently have \$3,219.37 in the bank. Ray also briefed on what a dealership must submit to win the right to sponsor a State H.O.G. Rally.

Dwight, our Activities Officer, briefed on the recently completed Chapter ride to the Louisiana State Rally and the fun and new acquaintances that can be made as a State Rally volunteer.

Danno, our Editor, reminded any budding authors to submit their article in "Word" format and any photos in their original format. This is your chance to tell the rest of us about one of your bike adventures.

Sonia, our L.OH. Officer briefed on L.OH activities.

Lisa Marie, from the Parts Dept., reminded everyone that the dealership will be doing Sunday rides. Another good excuse to get out and ride!!

The Chapter will be looking to confirm the number of members available to attend the Chapter crawfish boil, on May the 1st at Buccaneer State Park in Waveland. We will do a reminder e-mail and Calling Post.

There being no further business; the meeting adjourned to get ready for the Chapter ride to Hog Haven.

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PIES IN THE COOLER AT MARBLE FALLS

grandson and did some shopping. Rich's son-in-law agreed to take us on some back roads he knew and to our next destination — The Blue Bonnet Café in Marble Falls for some great food and some terrific Home-made pie!

Leaving out of Temple, we headed south on I-35 to TX487 west to TX138 to TX243. We continued on TX 281 and entered Marble Falls. Upon



POOLSIDE IN FREDERICKSBURG

arriving at the Blue Bonnet Café, we parked our scooters, entered the restaurant and got in line. The pies were displayed in a cooler while you are in line. What a dirty trick! Needless to say, we ordered up some of the delectable treats.

After lunch and multiple servings of pie, we headed to our final destination for the day, the Fredericksburg Inn, in Fredericksburg, TX. What a nice hotel! They had a beautiful area around the pool, a fire place with big screen television, and a great place to have cigars. We found a good place to eat too. Downtown Fredericksburg has a plethora of shops, eateries and home brew beer places. So ends day two.

Day 3. Locating the Museum of The Pacific War (Admiral Nimitz Museum) about two blocks from the hotel, we decided to visit this memorial to Pacific conflict of World War II. After entering the museum and paying our entrance fees, the lady at the counter told us our tickets were good for two days. I looked at Kevin and Rich and said, "two days??" Wonder why we need two days?? Then I found out. The museum was truly remarkable. It's huge! There is a two-man sub inside the museum and three planes! Yes, I said inside! If you are wondering why this is in Fredericksburg Texas, it's because this is the home of Admiral Nimitz. Should you ever have the chance to go here, you need to spend some time in this museum.

After a day of walking, we opted to find another food establishment to try. The Buffalo Nickel sounded good and was within walking distance, so on we went. We enjoyed great food, cold beer and a server that looked like Santa Clause!!



VARIOUS VIEWS AT THE ADMIRAL NIMITZ MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR

Day 4. Upon leaving Fredericksburg, we headed to Medina, Texas, and The Apple Store! We enjoyed a great burger and more home-made pie!! This time it was apple! After gorging ourselves we mounted up and pointed our bikes

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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 2009 membership.

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west on one of the 'Three Sisters,' TX route 337. (The 'Three Sisters' are two-lane Texas Routes 335, 336, and 337 that circumnavigate the Texas Hill Country west of Austin. They offer spectacular views and challenging 2-lane mountainous roads with little traffic.). These are some of the BEST roads in Texas. While Kevin and I had ridden the sisters before, Rich had not. We arrived in Leakey, Texas, at the D'Rose Inn, that afternoon. Deb Rose, the owner, said she did not have our cabin ready yet; so we decided to go out and ride some more. As there are three sisters and we had only ridden one of them, we set out to ride the remaining two — Texas 335 and 336. Returning to the D' Rose Inn that evening, we were able to get into our cabin for the night. After unpacking we decided to go to "Vinney's," a local Italian restaurant that offers a wide variety of exceptionally good Italian food. After dinner we returned to our cabin and planed the next day's ride. After reviewing our maps, smoking some cigars, and sipping some bourbon under an awesome starlit sky, we made our plan. Rich and I would head east back to Slidell, and Kevin would break off from us and return to Dallas. The trip was a little shorter than planned, but Rich had a lot longer ride home to Atlanta at the conclusion of our trip.

Day 5. Rich and I traveled on TX 46 to New Braunfels, to I-35 north into San Marcos. Then we headed on TX 21, to 290 into Brenham. Finding TX 105, we motored on into Conroe and spent the night at the Holiday Inn. Thankfully, there were some restaurants within walking distance. At the conclusion of the day's ride, we enjoyed cold beer and some good food followed by a cigar at the pool.

Day 6. The next morning, Rich and I mounted up and headed for my house in Slidell. After an easy day's riding, Rich spent the night at my home and left the next morning. He was concerned that the weather would not be favorable because the high temperature in Atlanta was going to be 55 degrees that day.

Altogether, our escape from New Orleans was about 1800 miles of great riding, albeit the first day of wind and rain! It was terrific to see and ride with great friends. Now that all the planning is over and the ride is completed, I only wish the Greg and Dano could have completed the trip with us.

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our part to help the LA HOG Rally.

After lunch we went on some local rides and the weather was great. The entertainment at the rally for that night was Terrance Simeon who gave the finest zydeco performance I have ever seen.



The next day Vic led us on a ride to Natchitoches and had a great time sight seeing and dining in the downtown area.



The rally concluded with the closing ceremonies followed by a concert by "The Guess Who".

We took a more direct route back home, I-49 to US190. We stopped in Denham Springs and ate lunch at the Fish Company located in the Bass Pro Shop. After lunch, we said out good-byes and rode back via I-12.

The Rally provided us with a venue for us to have fun; the weather totally cooperated; but it was the brotherhood and sisterhood of the chapter that really made the difference.