



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 18, Benefit Ride To Mike Bruno's Bayou Country, NSHD @ 7:30 am. Overnite Cajun Party Trip to Scott, LA.
- June 25, LOH Ride To Yuki Sushi Hibachi, NSHD @ 10:00 am.
- June 27, Million Mile Monday
- July 9, Monthly Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Aug. 8, Monthly Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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HOT In The Florida Keys

By Ray and Lara Gregg

One great reason for more members to become involved with the chapter and offer their time as officers is the opportunity to attend Harley Officer Training (HOT). Formerly POT, HOT offers training in areas of interest according to the position a member holds in the chapter. To that end, Dwight Bradbury, Pat Schaefer and I planned to attend for 2011. The place...Jacksonville, Florida. We all met at the Northshore dealership on the 13th of April for a two day ride to Jacksonville. Both Pat's wife Susan and my wife Lara were with us. We also had Glynn Prosperie and his wife Cindy from the Houma Chapter join us in the ride. After having lunch in Pensacola, we motored on to Tallahassee for the night. The next day after checking in and securing the bikes, we headed out to JAX Landing.

A hot spot on the river that has restaurants and drinking establishments along with a stage with live entertainment daily. This evening was hosted by the local Harley dealership and had a fairly decent pop band. After partaking of beer and wings at the local Hooters there in JAX Landing, we stayed to listen to the music and look at the locals show off their bikes and dancing skills.



That Friday the 15th, was a day of classes and then a night of great food (paid for by HOG) and entertainment for Daja Vue out of Chicago. A great band; they played both country and pop. That Saturday was back to classes. The classes I attended were designed for the Treasurer

in mind and definitely helped in where our chapter must head in order to be legally in sync with the IRS and the State of Louisiana. There was a closing ceremony where questions were presented to the Harley CEO of Production and other Harley

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

RED BLUFFS RIDE

On June 4th, after our chapter meeting, I led a ride to Mississippi's version of the Grand Canyon — The Red Bluffs in Columbia. We had a great turnout for this event despite the unbearably hot temperatures. 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. After traveling 85 miles from the dealership without stopping, the heat got the best of me. When I gassed up, I was noxious and light-headed. I believe the temperature was near 100 degrees. After drinking a quart of bottled water and recovering, I decided to head back to Slidell, leaving the rest of the riders to continue on their trek. I had been to the Red Bluffs many times and felt I could forego seeing this geological wonder again under the circumstances. Two other riders joined me, Dan Schewe and Russ Davis. By the time I got home I was spent. The lesson in all of this is that measures should be taken to ameliorate the risks of hot weather riding. Specifically, taking frequent stops (every 50 miles) and bringing the right clothing. In the past I successfully used a dampened bandanna around my neck which provided a great deal of comfort under such conditions. However, on June 4th, I did neither. Shame on me.

In any event, the ride was a good one. Dave Perez and Carl Fox provided some great pictures. They will be highlighted with an article documenting the ride in the next issue of this publication.

BENEFIT & CAJUN PARTY OVERNITE RIDE PLANNED

Among the many events planned over the next few weeks, I would like to bring to your attention two rides that are planned for Saturday and Sunday, June 18th and 19th. On the 18th, at 7:30 am, there will be a benefit ride, departing NSHD to Mike Bruno's dealership in Houma to benefit their former Chapter Director, Carl Boudreaux, who had a double lung transplant due to complications from his service during the Viet Nam war (Agent Orange trauma). From the Houma dealership, there will be a ride to Scott, LA, to participate in a 'Cachon De Lait' (aka, Pig Roast). This will be an overnight ride. Those planning to participate should make reservations at either the Holiday Inn Express or the Howard Johnson Hotel in Scott for the evening of June 18th.

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 PAT SCHAEFER

June 4, 2011

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

Dwight Bradbury, our Director, proudly announced that he has put 5,000 plus miles on his new bike.

Dwight also inquired if we have any Chapter members riding to The Milwaukee Rally, who would be interested in carrying the Chapter flag in the parade on Sunday, September 3. If any members are interested, please contact Dwight to get registered to participate in the parade. A rider with a passenger to hold the flag is the criteria. No solo acts permitted. The rider gets an event pin and the Chapter earns a banner for our Chapter flag.

Ray Gregg gave the Treasure's Report. We currently have \$3007.96 in the Chapter account. Ray also reminded any interested members that the Chapter account information is always available if anyone wants to take a look.

Mike Werda, our Assistant Director, took orders for Chapter specific H.O.G. items such as shirts, name tags etc. as previously discussed during the May meeting. The Chapter merchandise order will be submitted after the July meeting. Anyone who has not already paid for their order is reminded to pay at the July meeting.

Anyone who missed this meeting can order items at the July meeting. Any checks are to be written to "Northshore H.O.G."

Dwight also congratulated Ward and Robin Blakeman on their 40 years of marriage.

Dwight also briefed on future Chapter ride plans and reminded everyone that due to the 4th of July weekend; our July meeting will be held on the second Saturday, July 9.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to get ready for the Chapter ride to Red bluff, MS led by Danno as the Road Captain.

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executives. Some answers were given but many questions had to be taken back to Corporate Headquarters. That evening it was back to JAX Landing and an Italian meal, then walks along the river and listening to amateur singers on stage...some quite good.



On Sunday, we said our goodbyes to Pat, Susan, Glynn and Cindy as they headed for Louisiana and Dwight, Lara and I headed for the Florida Keys. We had to make it to Miami that day to meet Brita flying in that night. All went well until we reached just north of Miami. Then all hell broke loose. Rain like our worse thunderstorms. Of course we found refuge under an overpass. With Dwight's trusty iPhone he kept track of the storm cells and after about one hour we found that, if we headed west, we could drive around the rain. We felt a few rain drops, but basically we made it to our motel and stayed dry. That evening Brita arrived and we all got a good night's sleep.

Heading for the Keys the next day, the weather cooperated with a blue sky and decent temperature. I had made reservations at the Navy Lodge and Dwight was at the Crown Plaza. Both were downtown and within walking distance of the docks and the boardwalk with all their fine restaurants and attractions. After our seafood dinner, we checked out all the boats for hire for either fishing or sightseeing.

On the 19th, in order to determine just exactly what we wanted to see, we took the Trolley Tour of the city. With that we were able to get on and off at specific attractions and bypass others. We took photos of the southern most point on the island. We also got shots of the southern most gift shop, the southern most house, the southern most Bed and Breakfast, the southern most beach, the southern most bar....you get the point. Oh yes, I think Dwight got a shot of the southern most trash can!! Other stops brought us to the Butterfly Conservatory, the shipwreck treasure museum, the Hemingway house and other touristic areas. There were certainly some very interesting things about Key West and its history. One was that there was no natural sand for the beaches



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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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because of the corral reefs. All of the sand that makes up the beaches was barged in !! That Wednesday Dwight and Brita went kayaking and Lara and I walked the streets and then checked on all the RV campgrounds around the island in order to plan a future trip, but with our kids in tail.



Then we had to leave. Our plan was to stay off the Interstates as much as possible and time permitting. Up Highway 1 again and then to Hwy 997. This road turned out to be great. For almost the entire 20 miles there was nothing but fields of agriculture and palm trees, few cars and even fewer trucks. Of course we turned onto Alligator Alley and rode through the Everglades National Park and Big Cypress Swamp. Our destination was Naples and we made it there with plenty of time to spare. We stayed at the Best Western (which incidentally provided us with our Harley discount), visited the Harley dealership and had another round at Hooters (located right next to the Harley dealership...think that was planned?).

Our next stop was to be Homosassa Springs where Dwight and Brita wanted to see the Manatee Refuge. Lara and I continued on to



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interested in placing an ad or have questions.

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Crystal Springs where we scoped out the eating establishments before Dwight and Brita arrived. Next to the Best Western was a nice seafood restaurant on Kings Bay. A nice meal again and off to bed.

The start of our third day heading home was cool and little traffic. We headed up Hwy 98 to Perry and then west on Hwy 98 to Hwy 20, through the towns of Bristol and Blountstown and onto DeFuniak Springs, our destination for the night. Dwight was familiar with the area as he had done some scuba diving in the surrounding springs. As Easter was the next day, that evening we planned which town and church we would ride to, to attend services.

Easter Sunday was foggy and very cool, however as we rode west, the sun did burn away

the fog before we hit Crestview. When these bikers arrived at church, needless to say there were a few heads turning, but once off the bike and helmets off, we were greeted cordially. A meal at the local Ryans before we left town and it was off again to head home. Fueling in Biloxi, Dwight and I decided this would be our last stop together, since Lara and I would be taking Hwy 49 to head back to Bogalusa.

Twelve days, about 2200 miles, great weather (only an hour of rain), wonderful camaraderie and Harley between your legs. Can't ask for anything more!