



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4-29: 2nd Annual NS Hog Crawfish Boil. Meet @ NSHD, 10:00 am.
- 5-5: Membership Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am
- 5-19: LOH "Shaggy-Biloxi" Ride, NSHD @ 10:00 am.
- 6-2: Membership Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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Easter Saturday Road Adventure

By Dwight Bradbury

In the past, we have not planned road trips during Easter weekend as to not interfere with members' family plans. This year Sonia Fox, our activities officer, thought that a significant number of members may not have any family plans on Easter Saturday. So, she planned a picnic/brown-bag ride to New Orleans City Park on that day. The rest of the story is now Chapter history.

We met at the dealership at 9:30 a.m.. With great weather in the forecast (low humidity, temperatures in the upper seventies and the sun shining), 11 people showed-up for the brown-bag adventure. Dave Perez, our safety officer, was there and informed us that our plans for a City Park adventure may be doomed to fail because that day was the day of the Crescent City Classic race and that thousands of people will be in City Park, preventing us from even getting near our destination. Most members who showed up for the ride had their hearts planned on a picnic so Dwight, our Director, decided to proceed to investigate the traffic around City Park while having in mind a back-up plan if the City Park plans fell through.

We left the dealership and started the day's adventure, lead by Dwight, with a short ride down I-10 to Paris Rd. From there we proceeded down Hayne, to Leon C Simon, to Robert E Lee, to City Park. When we arrived we quickly discovered that Dave's prediction was 'right on the money', so it was time to switch to plan "B". We stopped for a short Pow-Wow in an empty parking lot on Carrollton Avenue to determine where the few members who had not brought their lunches might want to stop to purchase their food and drinks. The back-up plan was to go to Audubon Park but Ivy Fontana highly recommended a small and relatively unknown park behind Audubon Zoo. With a stop to Subways to purchase food, we continued to find the park Ivy had recommended.

We found the park and it was great. There were



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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

Craw Fish Boil Coming Up

The Chapter has planned the second annual crawfish boil ride for April 29, 2010. This event is subsidized by the chapter, but will still cost you to attend. If you plan on attending, please advise Mike Werda or Dwight Bradbury. Your cost will be \$10.00 for all-you-can-eat crawfish.

This event will begin at 10:00 am, at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson. There will be a ride to the boil site, Buccaneer State Park, 1150 S. Beach Boulevard, Waveland, MS, 39576. Food will begin being served at approximately noon. If you plan on attending, please contact Mike Werda, 228-332-0363, or Dwight Bradbury, 985-705-4095. We will need a head count as soon as possible.

Hope to see you for this event.

NO CHAPTER MINUTES THIS ISSUE

Since our secretary, Pat Schaefer, is out-of-town this month, we have not published the minutes of our last meeting. Nevertheless, check our calendar of events and published newsletters on our website, www.northshorehog.com.

Ride safe and 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

H.O.T. 2012 - One for the Record Books

H.O.T. is an acronym that stands for Harley Officers Training. H.O.T. 2012 was a golden event for our chapter and we should all take note of what has occurred at H.O.T. 2012 in Mobile, Al., in March of this year.

In past years, HOG has only allowed 6 people per dealership/chapter to attend the "free" training that HOG makes available to each dealership/chapter. This year HOG increased the number to 7 people per dealership/chapter. Our chapter historically has never sent more than 4 to the special training. This year, we were able to send 8 members to the training with an additional 5 members in tow as "guests" for a grand total of 13 members.

What is the significance of this? First of all we must understand that the "free" training does include free training and training materials as well as free meals and one night's entertainment provided by a great band during a dinner meal. It does not include travel costs and hotel costs which usually run about \$500.00. This cost is paid out of the pockets of chapter members that wish to get this valuable training.

13 members have thought enough of our chapter to get the special training HOG provides to assist them to do a better job in providing services to the chapter. The benefits from this and its ripple effects will be reaped by our chapter for the next decade. The Know-How provided by the training will be passed-on from year to year. The event has signaled to all concerned that the active members see a real value in H.O.T. training and assure future generations of officers will get the training necessary to continue to make our chapter a great organization to be a member.

Dwight Bradbury,
Director, Northshore Chapter

Ladies Of Harley Chatter

By SUSAN PARRISH

Oh, the woes of withdrawal from riding my trike. First I had an issue with my ear and being unable to hear well. With my helmet on and ear impaired I was concerned I would not be able to hear those things which are necessary to remain safe. So I visited the doctor who said the only remedy was to cut the eardrum. This seemed to improve my hearing for about 30 seconds but then I noted I was unable to hear any better. So, I accepted this and decided to move on. During the next week I started having trouble with my back which prevented me from enjoying riding my trike, or walking, or sitting, or moving in any way. I visited another doctor who felt I needed massive doses of steroids to resolve any issues with bone or muscle. Of course the steroids aggravated another condition which required additional treatment and medication. During this time I would visit my trike as it sat forlornly in the garage, gathering dust. My one attempt to throw caution to the wind and ride resulted in severe pain and my resolve to stay the course of being confined to bed or chair. But, HOT training was fast approaching and I would let nothing prevent me from attending. So, I decided to forgo the pleasure of riding the trike to Mobile and resorted to driving...actually riding as a passenger with chauffeur. I did not realize there would be considerable walking between classes, to and from the hotel and entertainment venues. I did note I had less pain when I realized I had to walk to the dining area which was probably farther than any of the classes. But, all kidding aside, the training was one of the most interesting things in which I have ever participated.

The instructors were superb and presented great information with considerable humor and pertinent facts. During each class the participants were encouraged to interact with members of other chapters and discuss different ways of performing our duties as chapter officers. We were given ideas on how to attract new members, keep the members we have, plan interesting rides and events and to RIDE and HAVE FUN. We met great people from many areas of the country and instructors from all over the world. One very memorable....Aussie, Aussie, Aussie....to whom we had to answer...Oy, Oy, Oy. This was a remarkable event and I enjoyed every minute in spite of the back pain which persisted. But, I found that persistence pays as I treasure the time I spent with chapter members at this fantastic event.

Susan Parrish
LOH Officer

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several small shelters along the river with wonderful views. The area was patrolled by security officers and had ample parking. Our picnic area provided all we needed to enjoy ourselves with the company of good friends and chapter members.

When it was time to leave, it was

suggested that this would be a good opportunity to knock -out some of the destination goals in Dan Schewe's "2012 Touring Challenge" adopted by our chapter this year. All of the members were able to cross off Audubon Zoo, Chalmette Battlefield and Fort Pike State Commemorative areas.



The last stop of the day was at Baskin Robbin's in Slidell. There, we were able to cool down and enjoy the sharing of the adventures we had with our chapter members. The trip was a big success due to the team effort. Special bonds were made and strengthened during this trip's "All for one and one for all" theme and the picnic was the perfect venue.

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H.O.T. Experience Recounted

By John Clifford

Over the years I have attended several HOG Officer Training (HOT) events. I've attended as an officer of our chapter and also as a chapter officer in another state. Each time I've gone there is always one consistent theme – to ride and have fun. This year's training in Mobile, AL didn't disappoint me, it was filled with exciting ideas and examples of how we can ride and have fun as a chapter.

Eight of us attended, representing a variety of officer areas in our chapter. Each of us attended sessions relative to our area of responsibility and/or interest. While I went to sessions that focused on our theme, most of my attention was on finance and risk management. I know that doesn't sound like riding and having fun but as a primary officer, I and the other primary officers, have a responsibility to ensure that the business of the chapter is handled properly.

The sessions were very informative and provided an opportunity for me to interact with other HOG chapter Treasurers as well as with the instructors. I not only received current and relevant information but exchanged ideas and discussed common issues with officers from many different states and many different HOG chapters.

Of course we did do a little riding and we had a lot of fun. On Thursday, March 15th we rode to Mobile along with members from our sister chapter in Houma. Our chapter members and our spouses had dinner together and shared many road stories. There was also a fabulous party on Friday evening for all of the participants and their guests. On Saturday evening we rode to a local restaurant for dinner. The food was great and they also had a band playing. Sunday morning we packed up and rode to Shaggy's restaurant in Pass Christian where we met up with Bob, Dave, and John for lunch. After a good lunch, we split up with some continuing on home and some riding a bit longer before heading home.

HOG Officer Training is always a great experience and a lot of fun. You don't even have to be an officer to attend. So maybe next year you will be there with your fellow HOG brothers and sisters to experience HOT for yourself. You'll learn something new and I guarantee that you will ride and have fun.

John Clifford,
Treasurer, Northshore Chapter