



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- June 16, LOH Ride to Mike's Catfish in Amite. Depart NSHD @ 4:00 pm.
- July 1, Picnic On The Beach, Biloxi, Ms. Depart NSHD @ 10:00 am.
- July 7, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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LOUISIANA H.O.G. RALLY 2012

By Ralph Preveau

This year the 2012 Louisiana H.O.G. Rally was held in Lafayette. Our Chapter was able to have two separate groups of riders leaving at two different times of the day. I think this was a very good thing because we were able to accommodate our Chapter members and work around their schedules. The first group left NSHD at 10:00 a.m. I was fortunate enough to lead this group. We started our casual ride to the rally. Our first stop happened when we went past Hammond and pulled off at the first exit past the truck stop. I thought that it might be too soon for a rest stop, but I was pleased when several people told me they were ready for a stop. We continued our journey stopping for lunch at Bergeron's. Bergeron's is a very nice restaurant located at the Lobdell exit just outside of Baton Rouge. After enjoying lunch we rolled into Lafayette around 2:00 and went straight to the rally. We all had plenty of time to register, walk around visiting the vendors area, and see all that was happening. After we looked around and shopped we headed over to our hotel in Scott, La., just a very few minutes away. We all dropped off our things in our room, chilled out a bit by the pool, and then headed over to the Cajun Harley-Davidson dealership party. There was lots of good food (yes, ice cream, too) and music to be enjoyed.

By this time the second group had arrived, checked in, and met up with us at the dealership party. They wandered around for a little bit and then decided they would get something to eat. The first group was stuffed from lunch earlier in the day and the jambalaya and ice cream we'd had at the dealer party.



The second day of the rally was fun. Those of our Chapter members

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

Busy Schedules, Missed Events, and Impromptu Rides

Being retired, I thought that my time would be my own. I would be able to ride when I wanted and spend as much time as I wanted traveling our highways on two wheels. Not so!

Six years ago, I was persuaded to run for president of our neighborhood's homeowners' association. I was elected. Since then, I was reluctantly re-elected to that post for each succeeding year. Over the last month or so, much of my time has been spent dealing with vital issues affecting my community.

While these duties have prevented me from participating in some of our Chapter's events, I have been able to accommodate my passion for the two-wheeled sport by selectively attending chapter events and engaging in impromptu rides with other enthusiasts.

My last ride with the chapter was to participate in the crawfish boil on April 29th. This was a truly great event occasioned by a terrific ride to Buccaneer State Park in Mississippi. We had a massive turnout, and the food was outstanding.



My only opportunity to ride again was about three weeks ago. One of my neighbors, and a locally well-known businessman and Harley rider, Bobby Lishman, wanted to spend a Sunday riding our Harleys. I ended up leading us on a 200-mile ride to Columbia, Mississippi, and back. Unfortunately, we got caught in a violent thunderstorm just two miles from our homes on the return trip. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable excursion that added more memories to our collective history of Harley experiences.

The bottom line is to make an effort to ride when you have the opportunity and to thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Ride Safe & 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").

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who decided to volunteer had their morning booked. They had to report by 8:00 to do their volunteer work. The rest of us had a leisurely breakfast and headed over to the rally area. Some of us went on their own rides while others ended up watching the motorcycle competition. It's a slow maneuver competition and there are two categories, novice and pro. Those people can really walk those bikes. It was amazing to see their abilities. After the competition, we headed over to the Acadian Village to check that out. It was a really nice area to walk around and see the cabins as they existed a long, long time ago, many from the 1800s. After that visit, some of us headed downtown to watch, or participate in, the flag parade. Others of us, including myself, headed back to the motel to check on the happenings around there and relax. I guess some of us can't keep up. After some relaxing conversation and a few adult beverages we headed over to a really nice restaurant. I believe Fezzo's is the name. The food was excellent and so was the atmosphere. After dinner there was more fun to be had around the pool area with more adult beverages and dancing. Everyone had a really good time.



The third day brought rain, but that rain did not last all morning. In fact, I think it was over by 10:30. So, being the HOGs that we are, we decided it was time for lunch, and a delicious lunch it was at Prejean's. I can't say enough about that place either. Then it was time to head over to the rally area, check out the finalists for the slow maneuver competition, and get ready for the closing ceremonies and concert. That whole event was great. Again, those finalists and winners are fantastic. It makes me

want to practice all year and give it a go next year. And why not? It should be a kick just trying, and it will definitely improve anyone's riding skills.

The closing ceremonies were great. The winners of the competition were announced and the trophies handed out. There were many thanks to go around for all the hundreds of volunteers that helped make the rally the success that it was. Then came the concert. The band was Bachman Turner. Yes, that band from the '70s. They're without the Overdrive part nowadays. Anyway, the music was really great, the atmosphere was electric, and a great time was had by all.

Sunday was the day we headed home. Some of our Chapter members were ready to head home and think about the great time we'd had over the weekend. There were a handful of us who wanted one more ride, a little more saddle time, so they headed over to Avery Island and visited there for a while before calling it quits and heading home.

All in all, it was a really great weekend. We had a very large number of our Chapter members who went this year. I know they had a really great time. Everyone was free to do their own thing once we got there, to go explore and enjoy what the rally had to offer, and they did.

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APRIL CHAPTER MEETING AND RIDE

By Ralph Preveau

On April 14th we had our Chapter meeting at the dealership. The meeting was well attended by our Chapter members. We discussed several things including the Louisiana H.O.G. Rally which some of our members are going to attend. We also spoke about the Chapter trip to Blue Ridge, Georgia.

We were left anxious to ride. The ride after the meeting was to the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival. I can't be sure of the count, but we had at least 15 bikes that came on our ride. We traveled down Highway 190 led by our Director, Dwight. Dwight had arranged for a place for us to park which made it very convenient since there were a *lot* of cars and bikes looking for places to park. The day was beautiful for this ride and we soaked up every bit of it.

When we settled our bikes in we had a very nice lunch at a restaurant called Rockefeller's. The lunch was very good. Maybe it's a place we can travel back to for a ride at a later date. After lunch several of us decided to walk around and check out the events going on at the festival. There were others who opted to sit and relax and do a little people watching and just enjoy the day, which I think we all did.

All in all, it was a really beautiful day to ride and just be on our bikes. I think part of the enjoyment we share is just being among friends and riding together and just having a good time. For those of you who didn't make the meeting, we hope you can make the next meeting and join us on a ride. Hope to see you there. Hope you ride and have fun!

LADIES OF HARLEY RIDE May 19, 2012



The weather was perfect the morning of Saturday, May 19. We gathered at the dealership, enjoyed some fellowship and left at 10:45. We enjoyed a scenic ride via Hwy 90 through Pearllington. Some advance notice of sand along the beach road convinced us to take a better route. We headed for I-10 to the D'Iberville exit. Shaggy's was very crowded because of high school graduates and families celebrating. We were eventually seated at two tables and enjoyed a very cool breeze through the large windows. The food was great, as usual, and much laughter and joking made the day very special.

After lunch, we visited the dealership in Biloxi to get an item for a fellow riders' bike. None of us could resist looking at all the new bikes, shirts and other items. We had previously considered riding to Hattiesburg for ice cream but spent so much time visiting our journey North was shortened to a very enjoyable ride through the Mississippi countryside. A small shower was refreshing and cooled us for quite a few miles. We stopped in Picayune for fuel and found a great stash of ice cream.

Since it was getting close to supper time, Bob asked if we wanted to have something to eat at Tacos and Beer in Olde Town Slidell. The offer sounded too good to resist so we joined him. Good food and more jokes and laughter ensued. A few of the hearty souls ventured to Starbucks but some were a little road weary and headed home.

The day was great, the ride superb and the HOG family was outstanding. Please consider joining us for the next ride. You will have a fantastic time.

Susan Parrish
Ladies of Harley Director.



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We did manage to meet back for evening meals and share stories. That was really nice.

If you didn't get to attend this year's rally then I hope you can make your plans to attend next year's rally. It will be held in Houma, La. Mike Bruno's dealership is the host dealership. We can't wait to go down on the bayou and party with them!!! They have a great Chapter and I'm sure the rally is going to be a blast. We know the food will be great!! I hope to see you there. Now remember, we have lots of riding to do before the 2013 rally, and lots of places to go check out, so let's get to it!!! Let's RIDE and HAVE FUN!!!

Regards, Ralph

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