



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 6: Meeting and Ride, 9:30am, NSHD.
- Oct. 27: Halloween Party, 7:00pm (see p.4)
- Nov. 1-4: Lone Star Rally, Galveston, TX.
- Nov. 10, Meeting and Ride, 9:30am, NSHD.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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SEPTEMBER RIDE WELL ATTENDED & ENJOYED

BY KARL FOX

There were 13 bikes that participated in the ride after the September 8 meeting. We were led by Dan Schewe and Ralph Preveau along eastbound US 90 to Diamond Head where we had a great meal at Hula's. During the return trip, the group was forced to pull over at a local gas station to wait out a passing storm. As the storm passed, many of our members exchanged jokes and "war stories."

Ray Gregg was in country from Uganda. It was great that he and his wife, Laura, were able to participate in this ride.

Here are some snapshots of the event:



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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

TIME FOR REFLECTION AND CHANGE

I bought my first Harley in July, 1992. In those days they were hard to come by. I paid \$1,000 to reserve an FLHS (an Electra Glide Sport -- the precursor of the Road King which was introduced in 1994). I wanted a red bike, but the dealer in Brunswick, NY, told me that I would get whatever was delivered (in those days I lived in the vicinity of Albany, NY). At that time, Harley was only producing 80,000 motorcycles per year. A purchaser had to get on a waiting list. After waiting one year, my first Harley was ready to be picked up in July, 1993. As luck would have it, it was a red one!

I rode that bike for 17 years before selling it to an enthusiast in Sacramento, California. While I owned that scooter, I purchased two more Harleys, a 1999 Low Rider (bought in 1999 and sold in 2002) and a 2005 Ultra Classic (bought in late 2004 and traded-in in 2011). I am now the proud owner of a 2011 Ultra Limited.

I first became a member of HOG in July 1993, joining the Brunswick New York Chapter. In 1995, after my employer transferred me to Little Rock, AR, I was elected as the Director of the Central Arkansas Chapter of HOG and served two years in that position. In 2003, my employer sent me to New Orleans. I joined the North Shore Chapter at that time.

When our local dealership was sold from Langston Walker to Mike Bruno, I was appointed by the selling dealer as the successor to Terry Forrette as the Editor of our newsletter. I have served in that position ever since (for a period of over 6 years).

I, along with some of the other officers of your Chapter, believe it is time to pass our responsibilities to the next generation of leaders. One of you will have to take on my duties. While I am no longer willing to serve as Editor, I will remain available to assist my successor in performing his or her tasks.

Under our by-laws, nominations and elections of officers must occur before the end of the year (see page 4 for nominations/elections process). I encourage any and all of you to consider serving our club as an officer. If you chose to do so, you will find it to be a challenging and rewarding experience.

It has been a privilege and an adventure documenting the achievements of our club.

Dan ("Danno") Wehr

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

September 8, 2012

The Northshore H.O.G. Chapter meeting/social get-together kicked off at 10:15 with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dwight, the Chapter Director, announced that the Chapter will be starting a library of DVD's and some printed material to assist new riders. He also advised on the value of Harley Technical Manuals for anyone wanting to do their own wrenching on their ride. In order of importance, Dwight suggested: The Service Manual for your year and bike model; if you dig deeper or tend to add a lot of accessories, then the Electrical Diagram Manual is next on the list.

For additional assistance when wading through the Service Manual, the Parts Catalog for your model shows excellent break-away drawings of how the parts go together along with their part numbers and nomenclature. So when the Tech Manual says: "Disconnect the dippenflapper and then remove the spreegal sprocket in order to inspect the articulated spamshaft", the parts catalog illustrations can assist you. Dwight also mentioned when tightening your re-assembly, be absolutely sure that you torque up fasteners in accordance with Harley's recommendations for your year and model. Don't ask how he learned that.

Dwight recommended the "Fix My HOG" website as a good source for

additional valuable information. It is a good place to surf on those days when the weather keeps you from riding.

Russ Davis suggested that the Chapter arrange for use of a parking lot, such as the vacant discount mall at Old Spanish Trail to permit low speed riding practice using small traffic cones.

John, our Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. In August, the Chapter's bank account grew from \$4,314.71 to \$4,374.71.

A show of hands authorized the Director to commit up to \$3,000.00 to secure a site for the Chapter Christmas Party.

There being no further new business, the meeting was adjourned to prepare for the ride to Hula's in Diamondhead, led by our Chief Road Captain, Ralph Preveau.

TIME TO NOMINATE AND ELECT NEW OFFICERS

By Dan Wehr

Under our By-Laws, **nominations** for our prospective officers for the succeeding year (2013) must occur during the November meeting on **November 10, 2012**. Many of our officers will be retiring, including our Director and myself, so it is imperative that other members step up to the plate to perform these essential functions of our club. During the November meeting, any current full member can be nominated. Self nominations will be accepted. Thereafter, during the December meeting, scheduled to occur on Saturday, **December 1, 2012, elections** will be held. Nominees receiving a majority vote by members attending that meeting will become the new officers of our Chapter for 2013.

Anyone interested in running for office can be assured that the out-going officers will do everything in their power to assist in an orderly transition of our club's functions to the newly nominated and elected officers, to include briefings on officer duties and the turning over of any necessary documents and software.

Under our National HOG Charter, if we have not nominated and elected the needed **primary officers** (Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer), the operations of our chapter will be suspended or terminated, subject to the intervention of our sponsoring dealer (who may appoint needed officers from the list of local members willing to serve).

The other requirement for maintaining the local chapter is the publication of at least six newsletters per year. That job falls upon the shoulders of the Editor or one of the Primary Officers serving in place of the Editor. As current Editor, I have been publishing 12 issues per year in accordance with our current practice.

If you want our local Chapter to continue, it is imperative that replacement officers be nominated and elected.

HALLOWEEN & CHRISTMAS PARTIES PLANNED

By Dan Wehr

The Chapter is planning an impromptu **Halloween Party** at **Speckle T's Restaurant, 158 S. Military Rd., Slidell, LA 70461, telephone number 985-646-1728**. This costumed party will begin at 7:00 pm, on October 27, 2012, and will continue thru 2:00 am the following morning. Each participant will be expected to pay his or/her own expenses depending upon what he or she orders at the restaurant. Additional parking may be available across the street at the Family Dollar store.

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ANNUAL CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Chapter's annual **Christmas Party** will occur On December 8, 2012, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, at **Terry Lynn's Cafe, 1960 First Street, Slidell, LA (on the corner of First and Erlanger in Old Town Slidell), telephone number 985-960-2773**. Food will be included with the price of admission with a cash bar. The theme of the party will be "The Fifties and Sixties." Further details will be provided as they are made available. This is a great event. Please plan on attending.

LONE STAR RALLY RIDE

The Chapter is planning a group ride to The Lone Star Rally in Galveston, Texas. The rally dates are from 11-1-2012 through 11-4-2012. The time, date, place of departure and destination will be announced in the near future.