



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 3, 9:00 am
General Membership
Meeting and Ride
- Nov. 28, 7-10 pm
Men's Night NSHD
- Dec. 1, 9:00 am
General Membership
Meeting and Ride
- Dec. 2, 4:00 pm
Christmas Party
New Orleans Bistro,
Lacombe
- Dec. 8, Noon-4pm,
Kids' Day NSHD
- Dec. 12, 7-10 pm:
Lady's Night, NSHD
- Dec. 28, 6-9pm:
Bike Night, NSHD
- See the web site for
a complete listing of
events

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OZARK REUNION

By Dan Wehr, Photos by Carl Hill

A couple of months ago, Carl Hill, Dan Schewe, and I decided to plan a motorcycle tour of Arkansas. Having spent ten years riding the two-lane twisties of that state, I was nominated to plan the routes for the trip. Aside from experiencing some great riding, we hoped to see some fall colors and meet up with some old riding partners. With the exception of the fall colors (they had not yet begun due to unusually warm and dry weather), we were not disappointed. Our first night would be spent in Little Rock. Our final destination and base of the tour would be Eureka Springs.

On October 13th, Dan, Carl, his wife Linda (driving her new SUV), and I departed Slidell via I-12 West. The weather was perfect - 60 degrees and cloudless skies. In Covington, we picked up Chris Engelbracht, and Dave Authement. We continued west on the interstate to I-55 North, to the second Chrystal Hill exit, and followed Route 27 through Utica, MS to Vicksburg. Route 27 is a terrific way to by-pass Jackson. It's gentle hills and moderate turns offer an interesting ride to the historical civil war city. From there we took I-20 West to Tallulah, LA. We continued our trek on US 65 North to Lake Providence. We lunched at a great restaurant - The Dock - which has a large deck shaded by mammoth cypress trees on the west shore of the lake. If you have the opportunity to visit this place, I highly recommend any of their seafood dishes.



LUNCH AT LAKE PROVIDENCE

At this point I should mention that other riders were converging on our destinations for the tour. Dwight Bradbury was traveling from Shreveport to Little Rock. Eddy and Trish LaMulle, were on route from Knoxville, TN to Little Rock. Frank and Judy Mobley were on their way from Iowa City, Iowa, to Eureka Springs. And Jerry and Mary Norman were also Eureka-bound from Joliet, IL.

After lunch at The Dock, we motored through Eudora, Lake Village, McGehee, Dumas, Gould, Grady, and Pine Bluff, Arkansas, before reaching the Best Western Governor's Suites on the west side of Little Rock. The rooms at this hotel were outstanding. Each suite had a living room, study, and bedroom, and were equipped with high-speed internet, fridge, microwave, and coffee maker.

Prior to our trip, I made arrangements for my riding buddies in Little Rock to meet us for a party. It was hosted by BMW riders, Steve and Carla Boatright, at their home. Since alcohol was to be consumed that night, the Boatrights provided taxi service, via their vehicles, to and from their house. Other Arkansas riders also met us. Tim and Joanne

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

I apologize for getting this newsletter out so late. My time was occupied by a motorcycle trip, family issues, and my poor understanding of computers, the last of which delayed this issue by two days. Due to a computer glitch, I had to prepare this issue three times before it was publishable.

The next membership meeting requires us to nominate candidates for the officers who will manage and guide our chapter for the next year. December's meeting hosts the election of those officers.

It is important for as many members as possible to attend these meetings. Please make an effort to show up on November 3rd for the nominations, and December 1st for the elections. The success of our organization depends on the active participation of its members - particularly in the areas of activities planning, road captain duties, and executive management (pertaining to the responsibilities of the Director and Assistant Director).

Susan Schaefer will not serve as our Secretary next year. In her official role, she was, among other things, responsible for recording the minutes of chapter meetings, and distributing the newsletter. We need someone willing to assume these duties.

As for me, I will put my hat into the ring as Editor for another year. I invite any of the rest of you to step up to the plate to play an active role in making our club a vital catalyst for the enjoyment of our hobby.

Dan 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 the enrollment form on page seven (also available on the website, see "Downloads," or at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson). Get a \$5.00 discount on your full membership if anyone (other than a member of your household) joins on the basis of your referral.

From the Director's Saddle

NORTHSHORE HOG TO SUPPORT SLIDELL'S SOUP KITCHEN

During the last meeting, the membership voted to support the Mount Olive Soup Kitchen with donations of non-perishable food products or cash donations. This restaurant of last-resort

for those in-need serves 200 to 300 meals daily.

During the next week or so, the Northshore Chapter will be approaching Mike Bruno for his assistance in placing receptacles at the Dealership as a central receiving point for the donations.

Have an idea or opinion? Let us know.
Contact the editor at
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Bike Nite
Every Wednesday Night



Restaurant Hours

Monday - Saturday: 11 AM to 10 PM
Fridays: 11 AM to 11 PM
Sundays: Noon to 8 PM

If you receive this before the next meeting, please bring some canned goods, non-perishable dry goods, paper products (napkins, paper towels, etc.), or cash donations to assist in this worthy project.

We will continue collecting donations at least through the end of the year.

2007 CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas Party will occur on December 2nd, at approximately 4:00 pm at the New Orleans Bistro, on Route 190, in Lacomb. The cost is \$17.50 for Chapter members and \$35.00 for non-members. This fine restaurant has limited seating, so sign up as soon as possible.

ATTENTION NEW RIDERS

The Harley Owners Group (HOG) is the largest motorcycle club in the world. It was formed in 1983 and has grown to over 800,000 members world-wide.

When you buy a new Harley, the dealer pays for your membership in the National HOG. (a \$50 benefit). This entitles you to participate in national, state, and local HOG rallies. However, in order to participate in local events, you must enroll in the local HOG Chapter. For the price of \$15 for full membership, and \$5 for associate membership (i.e., passengers), you are entitled to receive copies of the local newsletter, access to the Northshore HOG Chapter website, free or discounted attendance at Chapter events, and participation in local rides and events closed to the general public.

All you need to do is to fill out a Chapter application form and submit your check for the membership fee(s). Forms are available at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson.

LOYALTY RIDER PROGRAM

Every dollar you spend at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson earns points toward discounts for services and/or merchandise at the dealership.

Points are awarded for every dollar spent as well as participation in HOG events (provided you are a member of Northshore HOG).

Membership is free to new bike owners and active Northshore HOG members, or may be purchased for \$19.95.

For local HOG members, additional points may be accumulated as follows:

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 2008 membership.

Diet Website

For those of you who have a slow connection to the internet (any dial-up connection), you may be in need of a No-Frills version of website "**NORTHSHOREHOG.COM**". You may need a Sportster rather than an Ultra. At last we can offer you exactly what you have been waiting for. We are introducing our new Diet Website with no bells and whistles. Go to "**NORTHSHOREHOG.COM**" and select "**LOW SPEED.**" This new site has all the same info as the regular website but without all the flashy features. Of course, our regular website will be there as well. High Speed users should select "**HIGH SPEED.**"

Be sure to occasionally visit the Chapter Website. There are many new events being planned and proposed for the new year. Be sure to check the Calendar and Events to keep abreast of what is happening and to help plan your schedule.

Dwight Bradbury

Membership Renewal

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership before it is too late. Renewal forms can be obtained from the Northshore HOG Drop box at the dealership or on the website under the "Downloads" link on the left side of the home page.

(Loyalty Rider Program, cont'd.)

Attend half of monthly HOG meetings - 500 points.

Volunteer for sponsored HOG events - 250 points, minimum of two events to qualify.

Volunteer for Saturday Ride/Cookout - 100 points, minimum of three events to qualify.

DJ for Bike Night - 500 points for each event, minimum of two to qualify.

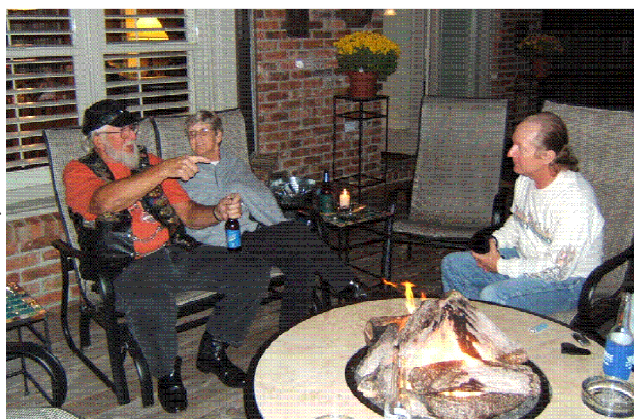
The Schedule for the redemption of points is available at the dealership.

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Kohlmeyer, who rode a cherry red Road King, and Floyd ("Flip") and Marie Young, who rode one of their many bikes, a 1995 Heritage with over 150,000 miles on it. Flip is an 80-year-old rider who logs an average of 25,000 miles per year on his scooters.

The Boatrights put out quite a spread. They supplied cigars, beer, wine, liquor, side dishes, and a main course of marinated pork tenderloin. We spend several hours eating, drinking, smoking, and otherwise enjoying each others company beside Steve's fire pit. During our discussions that night, it was agreed that we would visit Flip's 12-acre farm in Little Italy, Arkansas, on our way to Eureka. Flip, Tim, and Steve also agreed to ride with us. Flip and Tim would ride part of the way. Steve would accompany us to Eureka Springs.



FLIP, MARIE, AND DWIGHT AT BOATRIGHTS

Flip and his wife, Marie, have ridden motorcycles for over 5 decades. With the exception of his Panhead, he still possesses every motorcycle he has ever owned. He does all of his own maintenance and repairs on his two-wheeled obsessions and is notorious for his ability to ride long distances with infrequent breaks.

The next morning, October 14th, was another beautiful day - cloudless skies and temperatures in the sixties.

The group left Little Rock by riding Route 300, a narrow, tree-lined, 2-lane state route characterized by hills, mountains, and switchbacks. Twenty-four miles later, we arrived at Flip's house. He had taken all of his bikes out of his four-car shop and parked them on his driveway for our review. They included a 1946 Flathead, 1972 Honda 750, 1979 Shovel FL, 1990 Classic, 1995 Heritage, 2000 Ultra, and a 2002 Springer. After an hour or so



FLIP'S 1946 FLATHEAD

admiring Flip's fleet, we departed Little Italy, via route 300. Our next stop was the highest point in Arkansas. We traveled through Houston, Perryville, Perry, and Danville, Arkansas, via routes 300, 113, 9, and 10. At Havana, AR, we turned north onto route 309 and ascended 2700 feet to the crest of Mount Magazine. The State of Arkansas built a new hotel at the top of this mountain. It rivals the best accommodations I have seen anywhere. All of the rooms have a view of the valley to the south, and the complex has luxury



SOUTH SIDE, MT. MAGAZINE INN

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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

One Quarter Page - \$20.00

Business Card - \$10.00

**Buy 6 issues of advertising and
receive a 20% discount**

Contact Dwight Bradbury if you are
interested in placing an ad or have questions.

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RT. 309 N, MT. MAGAZINE is not for the faint-of-heart. It's narrow, mountainous, tree-lined path is occasioned by tight turns and switchbacks bordered by steep cliffs and down slopes without the security of guardrails. Our trip on this highway was soberly interrupted by a single-vehicle fatality accident in Cass, Arkansas. We waited 20 minutes while the authorities cleared a Ford Crew-Cab that failed to negotiate a turn just outside of the town.

Following this hiatus, we meandered our way into Eureka Springs, turning west on Route 62 to the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks. Upon our arrival we were relieved to see that Frank and Judy from Iowa City, and Jerry and Mary from Joliet safely arrived before us. After settling in we all had dinner at Myrtie Mays, a great restaurant located



THORN CROWN CHAPEL

in the hotel, followed by libations in the common areas of the hotel. Due to adverse weather, the following day was spent touring Eureka Springs by bus. We all purchased day passes and visited the high points of the city - Thorn Crown Chapel and the historical district. This included stops at a shop where Dan Schewe purchased a fancy survival knife, and the Eureka Grill where I enjoyed the best Bloody Mary I've ever tasted. They were made with fresh tomatoes and horseradish and were delectable. That evening we spent the time checking the Weather Channel, planning the next day's trip, and consuming too much whiskey.

October 16th brought fine weather - clear skies and low temperatures. We saddled up at 8:30 after a hearty breakfast at Myrtie Mays and headed east on Route 62. After reaching Harrison, Arkansas, we turned north on Route 7. This route provided riders with great mountain views and gentle turns until we hit South Lead Hill, Arkansas, where we turned onto Route 14 East. Eight miles later we turned north onto Route 125. After another seven miles, we were at the south shore of Bull Shoals Lake, where we boarded the only free ferry boat in the state. The half-hour trip across the lake was majestic. The waters were calm. The sun was shining in a clear sky with temperatures in the mid-70s. After docking on the north shore, we continued on 125 north to US 160. By this time we were in Missouri. US 160 rivals the Pig Trail for blind switchbacks and twisties. During our ride, we were followed by a pick-up driver who

cabins that sleep four to six guests. The views were breathtaking.

After a brief sojourn at the Mount Magazine Inn, we continued north along the ridge for another 3 miles to Shirley's Outback Restaurant for lunch. The burgers at this place were great, as were the homemade desserts. Having stuffed ourselves with generous meals, we embarked on the rest of our journey. Flip and Tim turned back toward Little Rock. The rest of us pushed on toward Eureka Springs.

We followed 309 down the north face of the mountain through Paris, Arkansas, to Webb City. At this point we turned north onto Arkansas' infamous "Pig Trail," highway 23. This road



JUDY, FRANK, CARL, AND LINDA AT THE INN OF THE OZARKS



BLOODY MARYS AT EUREKA GRILL

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FERRY ACROSS BULL SHOALS LAKE



NARROW-GAGE TRAIN TRIP

west of Eureka Springs on highway 62. They gave his bike first priority and advised it would not be ready until the following day. Dwight also ordered a 20,000 service in addition to the repairs. This dealership was opened about 18 months ago and has a reputation for great service. After dropping Dwight's bike off, he hitched a ride, as Carl's passenger, back to the hotel.

As this was our last night in Eureka, we had an early night getting the scooters ready for the return trip. The next morning, after another outstanding breakfast at Myrtie Mays, Eddy and Trish, Frank and Judy, and Jerry and Mary took off for their respective homes. Carl, Linda, Dan, Dwight, Chris, Dave, and I returned to Rogers, picked up Dwight's bike and headed south for our next destination, Greenville, Mississippi.



OLD RT. 82 ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI

followed us on our trek to Forsyth, Missouri. He told Carl he was impressed by our "dance" through the curves of US 160.

We continued on 160 until we hit Missouri Route 248, ten miles north of Branson. 248 snaked its way through southern Missouri to Cassville, where we headed south on Route 37 to Arkansas Route 62 East. On our way back to Eureka, we took a detour on Route 187 over some challenging roads and a one-lane wood-paved suspension bridge into Eureka Springs. Altogether, we rode 230 miles that day.

October 17th marked another day of inclement weather. Half of the group chose to take a narrow-gage train ride around the city. The other half visited the historic district of Eureka Springs for a second time. Dwight found a leather vest he could not do without. We also paid a second visit to the Eureka Grill for another round of Bloody Marys.

That evening, Dwight discovered a pool of oil under his 2003 Fatboy. He determined that his inner primary gasket was leaking badly, requiring a visit to the nearest Harley shop.

The next day, Carl, Dan, and I escorted Dwight to the "Pig Trail Harley-Davidson" dealership in Rogers, Arkansas - 37 miles



ONE-LANE BRIDGE AT EUREKA



I-540 SOUTH TO FT. SMITH

From Rogers we took picturesque I-540 to Fort Smith, I-40 East to Little Rock, I-430 South to I-610 east, to I-530 South and continued southbound retracing our steps to Lake Village. There, we connected with Route 82 East, crossing the

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NEW ROUTE 82 BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION SOUTH OF OLD ROUTE 82

Mississippi, to Greenville and checked in at the Holiday Inn Express .

The highlights of the evening were steak dinners at “Doe’s Eat Place.” This eatery is a must-see for those who love their beef. Dwight, Chris and I had ten-ounce fillet mignons, while the rest ordered 24-ounce T-bones. I was astonished to be able to cut my delectable slab of meat with my fork! Following this gut-busting meal, we settled in at the Holiday Inn Express for drinks, consultation with the Weather Channel, and an early night’s rest.

The following morning, October 20, we returned home via Mississippi Route 61 to I-55 South, to I-12 West, completing a truly exceptional trip. We covered 1700 miles of some of the greatest roads in the mid-south, reunited with old riding partners, and created memories that will last a lifetime.

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