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RIDE SAFELY -- HAVE FUN

FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

Hi Fellow Riders:

Well, another NorthShore Chapter event has come and gone. The impromptu picnic at John Slidell Park on October 4th was a tremendous success. Everyone had a terrific time with some partaking in Bloody Mary's and wine. The talented "Chef Sid" did one of his many magical presentations of mouth-watering food (of course, with the help of Carol's touch).

The October 18th meeting went well although a majority of the club officers and members were on their way to the Natchez Balloon Festival. After the meeting, we went to Fire Dog's in Bay St. Louis. The best part is when you are able to share experiences "one-on-one" at our lunch

rides. I learned from one of the riders that this ride was the first time he had been out of Louisiana since he bought his bike. One of the other riders informed me that he lives up north during the summer months and then returns to Mandeville each October. He was in the Coast Guard and stationed in New Orleans during the 50's. He also has an antique motorcycle. As usual, the food at Fire Dog's was excellent and the weather made the ride even better.

Many members of the chapter met at NorthShore Harley on October 22nd for a group ride to the Steel Pony festivities. Fun was had by all which included the turkey leg eating contest (won by Carl Hill, naturally).

November 1st brought about the third annual Blue Knights charity poker run which

started at NorthShore Harley. Everything was fine until stop #5 in Covington when I got behind a group which was headed for New Orleans instead of Slidell. Next time I will learn to read the map. Duh? I'm not blond, but I guess a lot of gray hair is all that's needed to be classified as dumb.

The third annual HOG Roast was held on November 8th. The nine AM ride was a success even though we were unable to have our regular Sheriff's escort. The weather cooperated and we had enough Road Captains to escort some 90 motorcycles. The riders were grouped into three manageable segments with a Road Captain leading and a sweep rider bringing up the rear. I was in the third group which was motoring along without trouble until just short of Bush, LA when one of our riders ran into a (continued on page 3)

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Our annual NorthShore Chapter dues are now payable. The costs are \$15.00 for a full membership and \$5.00 for an associate membership. To qualify for the latter, the individual must be living at the same address of the individual paying full membership fees. As usual, we are required to fill out and sign the Membership Enrollment form. These forms are included in this newsletter on pages 8 & 9 (one for a "full member" and the other for an "associate member"). Please fill out both forms, if applicable, along with the required dollar amount and either give the forms and your money/check to any club officer or simply mail these items to our new Post Office box not later than January 31, 2004. Address it to:

NorthShore HOG Chapter
P.O. Box 3331
Slidell, LA 70459-3331

Also, please remember that your national H.O.G. membership must be current in order to participate in a local chapter.



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AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
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ALL !



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

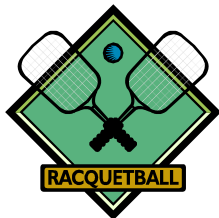
October 18, 2003

With the majority of riders traveling to Natchez for the Balloon Festival, very few members showed up for the meeting. For that reason, the meeting was short and no minutes were taken.

November 15, 2003

1. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. New Members were introduced and welcomed to the chapter. (See page 3 for a list of new members who have joined the chapter over the past couple of months.
3. The Treasurer, Joe Toranto, discussed plans for the Christmas Party to be held on December 5th at the Bon Fouca Banquet Room. Starting time is 8:00 PM and will go to midnight. This year, at the request of many members who attended last year, the bar will feature premium alcohol drinks at a slight increase of only \$4.00 per member. Nonmembers must pay an additional \$8.00. Additionally, Joe presented the monthly Treasure's Report (see below).
4. Jerry Norman discussed the chapter trip to the Natchez Balloon Festival and the State Rally in Shreveport for 2004. As more information becomes available, we will announce plans to go to Shreveport as a chapter.
5. The election of officers was delayed until the December meeting on the 20th of the month. Langston Walker will offer a 10% discount for all officers on parts, accessories and clothing as a reward for becoming an officer in the chapter.

6. Jerry Norman offered the safety tip for the month regarding tire pressure for the upcoming winter months. In short, as the temperature decreases, so will the air pressure in your tires so check them on a regular basis. He also recommended not using "Fix-It Flat" because the use could cause a blowout.
7. For those of you who signed up for the advanced rider's course, Langston and Jerry said that they would work on getting the instruction and riding course restarted.
8. Langston talked about next year's events such as Bayou Thunder and the HOG Roast. Again, more information will be forthcoming as those events draw nearer.
9. In the past, we used to call members on a monthly basis to remind them of such things as the monthly chapter meeting, changes to planned events, upcoming activities, et cetera. To do so, required not only volunteers to do the calling, but a lot of an individual's time. Ladies of Harley officer, Donna Graffagnino, had a group of lady volunteers to do the calling, but that has waned over time. Nevertheless, this particular way of providing information to members proved to be the best way of keeping everyone up-to-date. For that reason, Langston said that he was looking into a telephone calling service that we could enlist to keep everyone informed about chapter activities.
10. The meeting ended with about twelve riders and their passengers taking part in the optional Saturday ride which went along the Mississippi coast to Ocean Springs.
11. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 9:00 AM, December 20, 2003.



Of Special Interest:

Jim Carothers, Colonel, United States Marine Corps, and member of the NorthShore Harley Owners Group, and his partner took first place and the gold medal in mixed doubles at the **United States Open Raquetball Championships** in Memphis, Tennessee on November 22, 2003.

Congratulations to him and his partner.

NorthShore Chapter Web Site:

www.northshorehog.com

Member's only password: northshore

FINANCIAL REPORT, 2003

Joe Toranto, Treasurer

<u>Month</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
September	\$ 90.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,525.90
October	\$174.10	\$130.00	\$ 3,481.80

NEW NORTHSORE MEMBERS

The following individuals have joined our chapter over the past couple of months.

Todd A. Barton
Mary Byrd
Wendi Cipriano
BrianCommagere
Darlene Corbin
Jerry Goebel
Patricia Nelson
Laura Nikolas

Greg Byrd
Craig Cipriano
Jeanette Commagere
Mike Corbin
Bruce Dillingham
Earl C. Mendoza
Claude Nelson
Nick Nikolas

We are glad to have you!
Ride and have fun!



Director's Comments	
Continued:	

mechanical problem with his bike. After careful analysis by competent mechanics, a piece of wire and pliers was all that it took to get him back on the road. We continued back to NorthShore where most everyone enjoyed the Bar-B-Cue by Mr. Williams and his family. The meal was free for NorthShore HOG members courtesy of Langston and Cynthia Walker.

On November 15th, we had our monthly meeting with about 12 bikes heading for Mississippi to the “Shed” for lunch. Most

of the riders were lucky to get served on time while others had to wait forever! Seems that the folks at the Shed lost their orders somewhere between the table and the kitchen. The owner didn't seem too sympathetic about it which now takes the Shed off of my dining list. Most rode for a while later taking the long way home. Good fun for all.

Try to attend future meetings and join in the riding afterwards if you can. We are a good "family" and have a good time being with one another. Help make H.O.G. an experience.

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NorthShore HOG Chapter
P.O. Box 3331
Slidell, LA 70459-3331

Ideas for use of the P.O. box are:

- Suggestions
- Payment of membership dues
- Paying party fees
- Placing items for sale in the newsletter
- Newsletter articles/photos
- Your ideas to improve chapter activities and/or operations



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About our Chapter Officers:

Several of these folks have been your chapter officers for nearly three years now: Juan Price, Joe Toranto, Bill McCormick, Jim Willette. There are also those who have served us for a two year period: Jerry Norman, Linda Hill, Carl Hill and Donna Graffagnino. The rest have been in their positions for over a year. Without their help and willingness to work, our chapter would never have been as successful as it has been. They have been responsible for planning our monthly meetings and the various events and activities that we have enjoyed, as well as insuring that the club has remained fiscally solvent.

Their "tour of duty" is up at the end of this year. Some may continue as chapter officers and some may not. Doesn't matter. They have all worked hard. And you know what? I think that we all owe them a great big **"Thank You!"** Give 'em a handshake and a hearty "thanks" next time you see them.

They've earned it!

SAFETY PIN CORNER

Winter Reminders:

We've been pretty fortunate this fall with the good weather we have had for riding. However, it probably won't last much longer. So, expecting the worst, think about a few things as the weather turns more "wintery."

1. Ain't nothing like a good set of warm gloves. Ever tried to work those controls with a frozen pair of paws? Not too easy is it? A hint to keep those digits toasty is to purchase a set of latex rubber gloves (anyone male over 50 knows who uses these!) to go inside of your regular gloves. Great insulation and certainly a more comfortable to use than how the doctor uses them.
2. Hey, what about those toes? A cheap, but effective, way to keep those particular digits warm is to not only get a couple pair of warm woolies but also use the type of plastic bags you carry out your groceries with and place them over your feet before you put your boots on. Hell, who's gonna' know? The more insulation the better!
3. And remember to layer your outerwear. One big jacket usually does not do the trick. You're better off with some "long johns," a sweater (or two) and then that motorcycle jacket. Another trick is to simply use your rain gear as an extra layer of protection. Sure helps keep the wind out.

Bottom line: The warmer you are the safer you will be.

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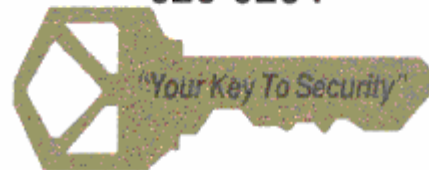
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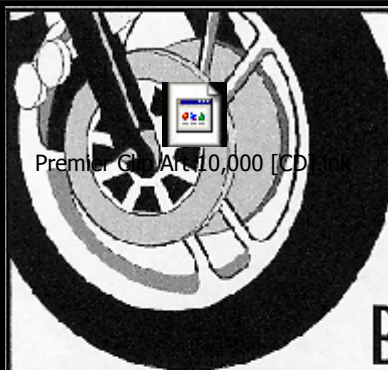
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By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

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THIRD ANNUAL HOG ROAST PICTURES: NOVEMBER, 2003





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☆☆☆ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ☆☆☆

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NorthShore Harley-Davidson Dealership.

Come meet your fellow riders
and greet our new members.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

December 5th
Chapter Christmas Party
at
Bon Fouca Banquet Room
126 Fremaux Ave.
Slidell, LA
(same place as last year)
8:00 Pm to Midnight

December 20th
Monthly Membership Meeting
NorthShore Harley-Davidson
9:00 AM

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

January 1st
Cold Butt Ride
Meet at
Northshore Harley-Davidson
9:00 AM
We'll ride to breakfast
and try to stay warm!

January 17th
Monthly Membership Meeting
NorthShore Harley-Davidson
9:00 AM

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Our NorthShore Chapter meetings are held there—at the Harley store—every third Saturday at 9:00 AM.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Would you like to join us? We would sure like to have you become a member and **enjoy what we enjoy**. The purpose of the NorthShore HOG Chapter is to promote safe motorcycling and social activities that are **fun!**

To become a member, you must first join the National H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group). That's easy. You qualify as a full member as a Harley-Davidson motorcycle owner or an associate member as a passenger on a Harley-Davidson. Yearly dues to the National are \$40.00 for a full member and \$20.00 for associate members. You can obtain a National application in several ways:

1. At NorthShore Harley-Davidson.
2. Call 1-800-CLUB HOG.
3. Email Harley-Davidson at HOG.com.

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General membership meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at the NorthShore Harley-Davidson dealership at 9:00 AM. **Again, we would love to have you join us!**

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