



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Bayou Thunder March 18, 19 and 20.
- New Member Ride March 26 9 a.m.
- LA State HOG Rally in Lafayette April -3
- Next chapter meeting Sat, April 16 at 9 a.m.

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The ABC's of Getting Involved

Terry Forrette

For the past two years I have been involved in both the ABC's of Touring and Mileage Program sponsored by H.O.G. To participate in the ABC's the rules are simple; at least 26 pictures of your bike with a current year issue of HOG Tales or Enthusiast, taken in front of an official sign for each letter of the alphabet. You will be awarded points for cities, counties (parishes), states, countries and many other "official places". The rules also required that you be in at least six of the pictures. At the end of the year you send in your stack of photographs and the based on the number of points (one per picture) you are awarded various prizes. Last year I accumulated 57 points and received a pin, patch, penlight, and magnetic picture frame. Some of you may be thinking that's not a lot, but like most things it is all about the ride and not the prize. The ABC's of Touring is a great way to visit places you wouldn't ordinarily ride to except to get a needed a letter; like Kokomo, MS. Towards the end of 2004, needing just 6 more points, I traveled up to North Mississippi between Christmas and New Years. It was such great trip I decided to write a short article on it and submit to one

of the local biker magazines. Hopefully you will be reading about my adventures come this March. For 2005 I am well on the way to my goal of 66 points. I plan to travel to far south Texas to get a picture of the only county in the U.S. that starts with the letter in Z (I'll let you try to figure out which one I am talking about). With a trip planned up to my home state of Wisconsin in June, I should be picking up several states along the way as well as HD production facilities in Milwaukee and Kansas City.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

I'm convinced there is a connection. The latter never appear until the former are present. I'm not talking about oblivious drivers, they're always around us and, like a foul stench in the air we breathe, we eventually come to accept them as part of nature. No, I speak of the oil slick on your favorite road, the 2x4 board around the blind corner, the dead boar protruding into the roadway, and even that mystical retread tire that suddenly appears mid-air between you and the truck ahead. None of these ever seem to occur when I'm an "active" rider, aware of the environment, and engaged in SIPD (Scan, Identify, Predict, Decide. Guess now they teach Search, Evaluate, Execute). They happen when I'm "in the zone," "one with the bike," "at peace with the world." Whatever. My Grandfather would have called it "wool-gathering," and, like a sharp rap to the back of the head during church, these things bring us quite suddenly back to the here and now. I haven't figured out how my thoughts, or lack thereof, can make things appear as if through some inter-dimensional rift. Maybe someday. But, I have realized that I *like* being actively engaged, I *enjoy* the sensations associated with being a little on edge, and I *hate* it when I allow my ride to become a passive activity (yes, that's an oxymoron). Could have just stayed in bed. Some of you may have guessed that I'm trying to provide a safety message, imploring you to stay alert. Nope. It's a little more philosophical than that. I've also figured out that these incidents serve as not-so-subtle reminders from me, to me. The voice inside my head shouts "Hey dumb ass, you're alive. Stay that way," followed quietly by, "Enjoy it, it's one hell of a ride." It is. I do. You should, too. — *Stan*



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From the Director's Saddle

Well we are off to a good start getting people more involved in our Chapter. We have a number of new officers who have stepped up. Their energy and fresh ideas are taking our Chapter to the next level. We spend a few hours of our time each month in a planning meeting so that the ideas you shared with us in our December planning meeting become reality.

Here's a progress update on our objectives:



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Getting to know our members and their needs

June Wolfe is a new member who has volunteered to be our new Membership Officer. Her focus will be on ensuring that our guests and new members feel welcome. Each new member will have a sponsor who will help him or her integrate smoothly into the Chapter. June will be greeting them at our meetings and introduce them. Please take the time to say "Hello" next time you see her.

Making our meetings more effective, participative and fun

We try to have a guest speaker at each of our meetings with information of interest to our members. In the past two months we have had a technical briefing from Robert, an update from Rocky on the latest Harley models and accessories. In March, Cynthia will focus on the latest apparel. Our aim is to keep the meetings to one hour to allow time for a longer ride and a nice lunch.

New and different activities

Our calendar has been packed thanks to our Activities Directors Larry Hildestad and Vic Vicknair, who have taken our activities to a new level. We have rides to suit all tastes... Small groups, large groups; short rides, long rides, overnight rides. We are planning a ride

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The Mileage Program is even easier to participate in. Have Robert or someone in service verify your mileage, fill out the application form and send into H.O.G. They will promptly send you back a very nice pin and patch indicating that you are participating in the program. Recognition is given after your first 10K miles, then at 25, 40, 60, 80 and 100K levels. H.O.G. will send you a recognition pin and rocker as you complete each level. The miles roll up quickly when you're out getting ABC points or just out touring the country side.

If you are interested in participating in these fun events go to the H.O.G. web site and follow the link to "Take Part". There you can get all the information, entry form and rules. What ever you do to "Take Part" in being a H.O.G. member ride safe and have fun.

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to the state rally in Lafayette in April. Hope you can join us! Our first social event of the year, a crawfish boil, was a success. We had music by Vic, crawfish spiced just right, cold beer and bike games. With all these planned events, we are in need of a few more Road Captains. Give it some consideration, and then *volunteer!*

Keeping people informed through email, and integrating the newsletter and website
Our website calendar is working well and is full of events. The site is still a little slow, but by the time you read this it should be on a new high speed line that will make the pictures viewable again. Check out the forums section and add your comments about events. Our newsletter has a new look, but unfortunately (*VERY unfortunately — ed.*) we are losing our editors, Stan and Mary Anne due to a move. Terry Forrette has agreed to step in to keep things moving. On the membership side, Susan Schaefer (Secretary) and Ray Gregg (Asst. Director) are doing a great job of updating the email and Calling Post distribution lists in order to get the latest news out.

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Hope to see you on a ride and at our meetings. The secret to our future success is you and your ideas! — *Bruce*

Ed. Note—Terry, keep an eye on Bruce. He needs some guidance!

Road Captains Needed!!

Been Riding for a Year or More?

Take the next step in your transition from Rider to Biker! Lead and support your fellow riders. Learn how to plan and execute a safe Group Ride to any destination. The Slidell HOG is looking for some experienced riders (1 year +) that can support our Chapter by volunteering as **Road Captains**. Training is free. We minimize the impact on your personal time. We need some young-blood. Come on...get involved! Contact Jim Carothers at (985)285-5504 or any HOG Chapter Officer.

Crawfish Boil

Sunday, March 6h was our first HOG Crawfish Boil. There was plenty of crawfish supplied by Kenny's Seafood. Vic Vicknair provided the music. There was a slow ride competition and Hog toss as well. A great time was had by all! Many thanks to Larry Hildestad for planning such a fun event!!



Vic helping himself to a heaping plate!



Juan enjoying his crawfish heads!



Larry, our master Crawfish Boil planner.

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