



Northshore HOG News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monthly Meeting and Lunch Ride
July 16th at 9 am
- Dinner ride
July 23rd at 5:30 pm
- Dinner rides
August 6 and 13th at 5:30 pm
- Monthly meeting and Lunch Ride
August 20th at 9 am

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Dauphine Island Ride Lara and Ray Gregg

While many of you were heading north to feed your faces at the Roundtable Restaurant last April 17th, Lara and I decided to head east and take a long talked about trip to Dauphine Island. I was interested to see the reconstruction after last year's hurricane, but also wanted to see the local bike show there on the island. Starting in Bogalusa and wanting to stay on the back roads, we headed east on LA10 out of Louisiana and continued on MS26 through Poplaville, through Wiggins and on to Lucedale. Sunday morning traffic was light all the way to Wiggins and after that it became almost nonexistent. The air was cool and the combination of that and no traffic made for an excellent ride. As you near Lucedale you pass over the Pascagoula River and the flood plains on either side. On this stretch, the trees overhang the road and all the greenery made us realize that we were well into spring with summer right behind. My original plan was to take MS613 south but decided to take MS63 (a four-lane) in order to get to our destination a little quicker. At Moss Point we headed east on US90. At this time we started seeing other bikers....many other bikers..... all headed for the island and the show. Through Grand Bay and Bayou La Batre.....we were only a few minutes from the island. Hwy 193 and crossing the bridge to the island does prove to be a bit slow. Vehicles with boat trailers, sight seers and normal island traffic brought our speed down to 35 mph for that last stretch, so if you head that way, don't be in a hurry. Also on the island itself, the police were out in force and had several bikers pulled over; they were mostly young riders on crotch-rockets! The show was nice with many classes. My favorites were the vintage bikes.



The show was adjacent to the beach so Lara and I walked the beach for a few minutes and were amazed at how well they cleaned the beaches in the relatively short period of time since the hurricane. (see **Dauphine** page 6)

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

This has been a busy time for our chapter with several lunch and dinner rides, the H.O.G. appreciation picnic and the overnight ride to Meridian, MS. It's great to see so many people participating in these activities and even better is the feedback that I hear from fellow riders on how much fun everyone is having.

My special thanks to the Greggs (Ray and Lara) and Jesse Hunt for their contributions to this issue of Northshore H.O.G. News. Both articles describe great trips and typify the kind of activities that H.O.G. is about. As you read their articles you can almost experience Dauphine Island or cruising the Natchez Trace to Tennessee. Hopefully this will be the beginning of more articles from YOU, the membership, that contain riding adventures, reviews of motor accessories, or just your thoughts on topics related to riding.

Having just returned from a 2 week ride up north where I visited over 18 Harley Davidson dealerships in 9 states, I have a new appreciation for our H.O.G. chapter and the support that we get from the dealership. In many of the shops I visited there was little evidence of a H.O.G. chapter or involvement, still in others they had great H.O.G. only lounges with complementary beverages and snacks. But wherever I went, my Northshore H.O.G. patch got noticed and people went out of their way to be helpful. So the next time you see a fellow H.O.G. extend a helpful hand or just a friendly wave. It makes a difference, it really does.

Keep it on the road - Terry



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From the Director's Saddle

Our membership is growing nicely. We have almost 200 members now and have a full slate of activities. Participation has increased but could still be better. To this end we are introducing a new participation program at our July meeting. The intent is to encourage and reward those who support and participate in our club activities. We will be issuing a card that doubles as a membership card and will be signed at our various club activities. These equate to points. At the end of the year, if 32

points are reached, a pin and a \$50 gift certificate will be awarded.

The point system will go like this:

- 1 point for each meeting attended
- 1 point for each HOG ride or event
- 2 points for attending a HOG Rally
- 2 points for volunteer work at events (2 hr)
- 4 points for work activities at a charity (1/2 day)

Rather than wait until next year to start, we decide to get some experience and give it a try the second half of this year. Our target will be reduced to 16 points and the gift certificate will be for \$25. The pin will start next year. Both Full Members and Associate Members are eligible. The awards will be given out at our Christmas Party.

The cards will be available at our July meeting or can be obtained from our Membership Officer, June Wolfe. Remember, you have to bring your card to the event and get it signed there. No retroactive signing will be honored. Hope to see you at our next meeting and on our weekend rides.

Bruce Dillingham - Director 2005

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Memorial Day Trip

Jess Hunt

Last weekend (Memorial Day), I took off on Friday with Fred and Lori Bennett and rode the Harley up to the Nashville area. Fred is from White Bluff, TN, about 40 mi. W of Nashville, and is an excellent musician. He makes and plays the dobro and regular guitars, and used to open for Hank Williams, Jr. Fred and I rode, and Lori borrowed my trailer and followed us with her bike in tow.

We left Friday morning and took 11 hours to get to White Bluff. We did interstate all the way to Nashville, and then took Hwy 70 out to White Bluff. It is cut into a bluff along a river, with lots of hills and nice tight turns. Saturday, we attended Fred's son's high school graduation, rode into Boswell HD shop in Nashville, and finally down to Franklin Tenn. to Cool Springs HD. The county that Franklin is in is the richest per



Arch Bridge Over Natchez Trace

capita in TN. We passed Al Gore's Dad's house, the country club where George Jones got his DWI, and the Winona Judd's ranch. Really pretty countryside, with tight curves, mountain streams and the air filled with the essence of honey suckle and wild cherry blossoms! Sunday, Fred's sister and brother-in-law threw a fish fry, and it was great. That evening, Fred got with his uncle, Mack Bennett (72), who used to play fiddle in a band with Fred's Dad and did a weekly radio show for 40 yrs. (see **Memorial** page 6)

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Did You Know ... In 1965 the Duo-Glide received an electric starter and became the Electra-Glide soon to be known as the "King of Highway." This familiar name would later surface as one of Harley Davidson's best sellers, the Road King.

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.

Northshore H.O.G. Activities

Donation Ride for the K-Bar-B.

After the May Chapter meeting several of the members took a short ride over to the home of one of the K-Bar-B directors to drop off a donation from Northshore Harley Davidson and the Northshore H.O.G. Chapter. Monies that were generated from the ride during Thunder on the Bayou, in the sum of \$1,500, were donated to the ranch to help defray their normal expenses. Although the ride was short, there was some excitement (we got lost!), a couple of the members needed a refresher course from Lt. Fuzz (our safety officers) about riding in gravel and on soft ground, but of course we had a lot of fun. It was great seeing the appreciation on the faces of the good folks from the K-Bar-B ranch when they received our donation.



Appreciation Picnic Is A Success

On June 12th the chapter hosted an appreciation picnic for the members at Fontainebleau State Park. With good food and some fine tunes everyone had a great time. Rumor has it Langston was doing wheelies on his SE Electric Glide in the parking lot - You got to watch these guys when they let their hair down!



Hey, who ate all the hamburgers?

Congratulations to Linda Hill. She had the winning raffle ticket in the quilt drawing.



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(from Dauphine page 1)

A small seafood lunch at one of the local establishments and we were off to another location. Bellingrath Gardens.....only 15 miles from the island, I had decided days before that I would surprise Lara with a visit to these wonderful gardens. Not sure if it was the right time of year, it turned out to be just fine. Most of the roses were in full bloom and the multitude of other outdoor flowers were equally fantastic. For those of you that have not visited Bellingrath, we highly recommend the trip, but bring your walking shoes as there are acres and acres to walk if you want to see it all. The ride home was uneventful, but on return trips...that's the way I like it

(from Memorial page 4)

Fred played his dobro and his uncle played guitar, and the vice mayor came over and picked banjo. It was a couple of hours of bluegrass jam, interspersed with stories about the old times. Monday, rain was forecasted for the New Orleans area and Gulf Coast, but I decided to come on back, and Fred and Lori stayed for an extra day. I made it back in 10 hours, and got into only 30 minutes of light rain north of Birmingham. A really great trip but man was my butt sore!

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