



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 19 chapter meeting, ride to Crescent City Grill
- New Member Ride Nov. 26, 9 a.m.
- Christmas Party Dec. 18

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# Northshore HOG News

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## National HOG Rally Chattanooga Style

Terry Forrette

The 22nd National H.O.G. rally was held in Chattanooga, TN this year. Many of our members attended and enjoyed several days of excellent riding weather, interesting exhibits, and some great music. The rally was held at a newly renovated park in the downtown area that sits on the Tennessee River. Although parking was a little congested at times, there was plenty to do and see at the rally. The good folks at H.O.G. lined up some great music. One of my favorites was No Axident who played several Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin songs. The evening line up featured appearances made by John Kay & Steppenwolf, Cowboy Mouth, Trick Pony. Although I didn't get a chance to attend any of the night concerts, I heard they were all very good. Usually after one or two days at a rally I am ready to go exploring. The next day I traveled East on



highway 64 and rode through the Cherokee National Forest following the Ocoee River. This was the location for the white water kayaking event for the summer Olympics held a couple of years ago. The landscape takes a steep turn in elevation as you enter North Carolina and arriving in Highlands, NC I crossed the Eastern Continental Divide. This area offers some very scenic riding with a lots of

twists and turns and farther north is the famous Deals Gap. (see Chattanooga page 5)

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## From the Editor

### Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

This is the first newsletter since Katrina and as you may have noted it is in an abbreviated format. Like so many of my fellow riders, I have been distracted with storm related activities and am just now getting back into my "pre-Katrina" routine. I decided to take a day off and rode up into Washington Parish and Mississippi. The destruction from Katrina was still fresh on the ground in many places, with the rural areas just now receiving debris clean up. I followed the country roads with the Glide purring happily as I randomly set a course. Thoughts of storm related issues, headaches with insurance adjusters, and the never ending traffic congestions soon left me as I got further into the country. Gradually a sense of gratitude filled me as I was having a great ride on a wonderful day without a care in the world. My thoughts went to my fellow riders, some of who lost not only home and employment but also their ride. Their present circumstances are far worse than mine. Those inconveniences that only this morning were so paramount now seemed so trivial. With so many people living on the edge I found time to reflect on my state of good fortune. Perhaps this is the way things work; it takes a catastrophic event for me to realize what I actually have rather than what I lost. Perhaps it is the difference between having everything I want versus wanting everything I have.

*Keep it on the road - Terry*



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# From the Director's Saddle

*Editors note:* Bruce Dillingham, our director, has relocated out of state due to the storm. Bruce worked tirelessly to bring fresh and innovative ideas to Northshore H.O.G. His efforts, friendship and dedication will be missed. Bruce thank you and wherever you land, may the sun shine on your face and wind be at your back.

**Have an idea or opinion, let us know.  
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## **Product Review**

Terry Forrette

I have always appreciated the fine quality of Harley Davidson Motor Clothing, an none more than their FXRG (functional riding gear) line. Having several FXRG items already in my closet didn't stopped me from browsing the FXRG section in the recent winter HD motor clothing catalog. What caught my eye was the new nylon touring over pants (98369-05vm). I had been searching for a 4 season pair of riding pants, something that would protect me as well as ward of the cold and rain and still not fry me in the summer. These pants are made from heavy weight nylon that is both breathable and water proof (like Gor-Tex) With removable armor, articulated knees and a stretchable waist band, the pants are very comfortable to wear. My favorite feature is the full length zippers on each leg and the inner zippers that open up to long vents for those hot summer day. Now after a couple of hundred miles of riding in temperature between 40 - 85°F I can testify to their value. FXRG clothing is not inexpensive (but then what is from the Motor Company!) however they last forever and as the name implies they are very functional.



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### Thank You For the Roast

We all owe a big thanks to Langston and Cynthia for the great time at the H.O.G. roast. The weather was great, food excellent and everyone seemed to pass a good time. Many members were in attendance and it was good to see so many familiar faces. The roast pig was very tasty and I especially liked the pulled pork. The club sold water and had a 50/50 raffle to raise some much needed revenue. The Chapter is alive and well, so come out and participate. We need your input to help the club grow

### New Officers for 2006

Got a complaint or want see some changes in the club? Get involved by becoming an officer. See any current officers for information on becoming a 2006 officer.

### Update Your Profile

Many of us have had a change in address, telephone number or email. Please go to the website [www.northshorehog.com](http://www.northshorehog.com) and update your profile. Don't forget to do the same thing when renewing your 2006 membership.

### Christmas Party

Make your plans now to attend the Northshore H.O.G. annual Christmas Party.

**When:** December 18, 2005, 6 - 9 PM

**Where:** Gallery Reception Hall next to dealership

Katrina may have taken a lot of things from



us, but she can't ruin the Holiday Season unless we let her. Our Christmas Party will be held as usual with lots of good food, music and holiday cheer.

More information on prices, menu and other details will be posted on the web site and also at the dealership. See you there!

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### Membership Renewal

December is membership renewal month for the upcoming year. Get a jump-start on 2006 and renew your club fees. Renewal forms can be obtained from the front desk at the dealership or on the website under the "news" link on the left side of the home page.

### 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.

(from Chattanooga page 1)

I elected to take a different course home following the Nantahala river south. The river is famous for it's many white water rapids and excellent canoeing. This was one of my most enjoyable



riding days covering 350 miles in 9 hours! Back to the motel for some much needed freshening up. That evening Langston and



One of the more quite sections on the Nantahala

Cynthia took several of the chapter member out to eat at one of their favorite restaurants (they lived in Chattanooga prior to moving to Slidell). We met up with some of their friends and has a delicious meal and great conversation.

Unfortunately my trip and also that of many southern riders was cut short by a lady named Katrina. Following the weather reports on Friday evening I made the decisions to pack up early

Waterfall by Highland, NC and leave the next day. Early on Saturday morning I reluctantly pulled out of town and started the trip home. I was heading back to Mandeville when I started to think about last years rally in Richmond. I enjoyed the ride up to Richmond, touring the country side and seeing the attractions at the show. And like this year's rally the weather got in the way. As I was leaving Richmond after that rally I planned to follow Hwy 17 down the East coast to Florida, however two tropical storm developed off of the South Carolina coast forcing me to change my route and cut my trip short by several day. One of these storms eventually made it up to Richmond and caused severe flooding in the downtown area. Now here I was running from a another storm. What is it about national rallies and tropical weather? The ride home was uneventful as I kept my XM radio tuned to the weather channel to follow the storm's tract. I made it home 2 hours before the contra-flow started on I-59 and rest is history. Hopefully I can revisit Chattanooga some day see some more of this great motorcycling country. Until then I am making my plans for the 2006 National H.O.G. Rally which will be held in Billings Montana. It's a long ride but at least tropical storms will not be a problem!

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