



Northshore HOG News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 20 - 23
Bayou Blast in
Lafayette, LA
- Apr 22
Southside's
Grand
Opening
- Apr 29
Breakfast
Ride 9:00 AM
- May 6
Monthly
Chapter
Meeting 9 AM

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Our Hurricane Katrina Story – Michelle Lewis and Wanda Muller

We are health professionals who were working the weekend of Katrina. By the time the storm was so strong, we could not leave our home because of numerous reasons. So we battened down the hatches and reviewed the “plan” that Michelle had developed. She had found life vests for 6 and our raft. She developed the plan and reviewed it with me Sunday. I had gathered our important papers and placed them in dry bags for safe keeping. We did some scuba diving in the past and had some equipment for keeping things dry.

Sunday, as we gathered ourselves and waited, we watched the storm out our windows and on TV until the power went out. Early Monday morning



we thought it a good idea to eat a hearty meal and get some rest, because we knew the second half of the storm was still to come. I woke up at 20 minutes to 10am to a very quiet home and yard. We were in the “eye”, I walked out the bedroom, through the kitchen and into the den. There I saw one of our cats backing up in the room running from the water. The water was

coming in from both the front and back doors. Michelle came up from behind me, saying we should have sandbagged the back door too, when I told her to look up out the door windows. The water was rising quickly, already waist deep all around the house. Time for the plan... life vests on us... life vests on 4 dogs. throw the cats upstairs with a prayer and grab the stuff for the raft and get out the house.

The doors opened into the house, so the escape out the house had begun. Raft, dogs and a walking stick for me, just because. Michelle held on to a bush outside the front door till I had everything we needed out the house. Once outside, the current rushed us past the house and we soon were hanging on to one of the many oak trees around our home. We were not far from the house, so I swam to the house pulling our little group of raft, Michelle and dogs.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

Well it is riding time again with lots of rallies, festivals and special events. As I was "puttin" down the road today, I thought about all the things that we riders need to consider before going out on the road. Checking tire pressure and fluid levels, making sure we have the correct protective gear on, and of course a smile on our face and an empty bladder. I for one am going to make the most out of this short "cool" riding season, so I hope to see you on the road.

Terry

Katrina Relief Available

The "Music City" HOG Chapter has donated \$1,000 in Wal-Mart Gift Cards to our Chapter. To date, we have dispersed \$700 to members of this Chapter affected by Katrina. That leaves \$300 available. Please contact any Chapter Officer if you, or a member that you know can use this to help recover from Katrina related losses. I would like to wrap this up in the next few weeks. This has been a generous 'helping hand' sent by our fellow HOG Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincerest "thank you" to this Nashville, Tennessee Chapter.

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From the Director's Saddle

Greetings to Everyone!

"Tough-times never last- but tough people do"
The people of this area, especially many of our Chapter Members are a testament to this statement. Determination to restore our former lifestyle has been clearly demonstrated in the last few months. More people are

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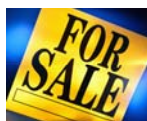
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reaching a point where the notion of riding again seems both possible and practical. It won't be long before the roads of St. Tammany will be filled with Pre Katrina numbers again.

HOG Chapter activities such as the BBQ in March, group rides and other events are great venues to get together with others to experience fellowship. People continue to 'step-up' and contribute in many different ways. This is YOUR Chapter, so jump in wherever you feel most comfortable. There are many ways to participate. Ask any of your Chapter Officers.

Stay informed by logging on to this website. (Thanks Dwight!) Don't forget the Southside Ride/Appreciation Event on Saturday, April 22nd. We will meet at Northshore Harley for 10:30 a.m. The New Orleans HOG Chapter is scheduled to meet us there. So plan on seeing old friends and making some new ones before both Chapters ride to Southside. We will present a plaque on behalf of Northshore Harley Davidson and our Chapter to express our appreciation and a big "WELCOME BACK". (I personally plan to welcome back a few of my favorite Southside menu items shortly thereafter.) Many of the regular Wednesday "Bike-Night" crowd will be there as well. It should be a great time for everyone.

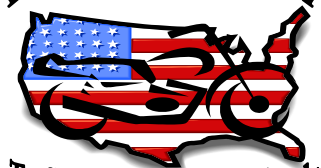
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Road Captain Needed

Tired of the same old routes or destinations for club rides? Want to lead rather than follow? Contact Chuck Ahmed about becoming a road captain.

H.O.G Picnic



For those who couldn't attend the March 4th picnic, you missed a great time. Following our monthly meeting the group took a short poker run, riding into Bay St. Louis, MS and then over to Picayune, MS before we headed back to the dealership. Greeting us was a tasty spread of

dogs, burgers, and Mark hard at work, as usual! all the fixing's that anyone could want. Thanks to the cooks, road captains and all those who helped make this a great time.

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 2006 membership.

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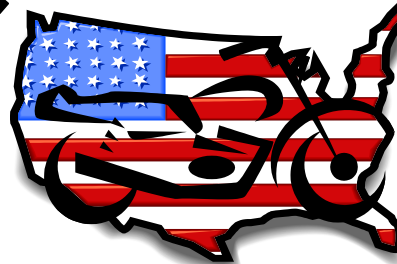
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Membership Renewal

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

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Harley History

(Terry Forrette – Historian)

HD Roars Into The 1920's

1917 – With America entering the World War I, Harley Davidson turns over 50% of its overall production capacity to producing motorcycles for the Army. Approximately one year later the first “Yank” driving a Harley enters Germany.

1919 – The WF Series is released as a 37 cubic inch (600 cc) engine with an integrated three-speed transmission.

1921 – The Motor Company is well established in motorcycle racing with its “Wrecking Crew” team capturing several championships. Led by Otto Walker, Red Parkhurst, and Ray Weishaar, this group of Harley Heroes are credited with the now famous “HOG” moniker. After winning an event in 1921, Ray Weishaar carried a baby hog on his victory lap around the track. Following this, a HOG became the team’s mascot and later associated with Harley Davidson motorcycles. Any guesses on what the original mascot was? (Answer will appear in the next issue of HOG Haven)

1922 – The most inexpensive HD motorcycle sold for \$335 while a new 74 cubic inch model went for \$390. Wonder if these prices were MSRP? By comparison, a 1920 Ford Model T commanded approximately \$400.

1923 – The American Motorcycle Association (AMA) is formed.

1925 – The ever popular Enthusiast magazine is disturbed throughout 115 countries and in seven different languages.

1928 – Front wheel brakes become available on all HD models.

1929 – The 45 cubic inch V-twin engine, “flat head”, is released on the D model and remains part of the HD production line, in one form or another, until 1972.

Have any interesting HD trivia that you would like to share? Contact Terry at forrette@yahoo.com.

Want To See Your Name Up In Lights?

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We were in a covered corner of the house, near our back porch, where we regrouped and waited. After a few moments the water began rising again, so we held onto the house till we could get on top the porch roof. One of our dogs Lonesome, quite a smart dog, wanted to separate from us. We let her go off in her own life vest, knowing she could take care of herself.

The water kept rising and so did we, to the roof of the first floor of the house. There we waited for hours, behind the chimney, watching the storm start back up and watching the trees and water. The water rose to 13 roof tiles above the edge of the roof. Counting them seemed like a good idea at the time. Once settled, we were fascinated by the awesome sight of being on an island in our own yard, with our 60 yr. old brick and cypress home was serving us well as a refuge.. The acre pond in the front yard had disappeared along with just about everything else. Only the top 2 ft. of our garage was visible and we said a prayer for our half-wild cat, Etta, for she was in there by choice. Entertaining ourselves was easy, conversation quickly turned to, hey, what kind of bike are you going to get? What kind of car? Hey, the mortgage is gone! That thought really perked us up. The dogs seemed fascinated and luckily we had a half-finished disposable camera with us and snapped a few shots. Divine intervention brought 8 gallons of water tied together by Michelle and left by the front door. By 630 pm the water was waist deep and it was getting dark. Michelle went down first, I threw the dogs down one at a time to her, they did NOT care for that, but it had to be done. I left the roof last by swinging down on a garden hose that had floated by earlier and had been secured as a rope. We waded upstairs where the water had apparently gone up 2 ft. All of us collapsed on what was dry to sleep off a very busy day. Happy to say, by next morning all 11 cats and 4 dogs were home and happy. We managed to get into our garage, drag out some camping equipment and set up "home" in the yard.

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