



# Northshore HOG News

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 1, Cold Butt Ride, NSHD @ 9 am.
- Jan. 5, Chapter Meeting & Ride NSHD @ 9:00 am
- Jan. 19, Show & Go Ride, NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- Jan. 25, Bike Nite, NSHD, 6-9 pm.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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## PANHANDLE POSTSCRIPT

By Dan Wehr, Photos by Mike Jenkins

Several months ago, I contacted a good friend and fellow Harley enthusiast, Mike Jenkins, to see if we could work out a November trip to Key West, FL. Mike lives in Pensacola and owns a condo on Pensacola Beech. A direct route to Key West from Slidell is over 1000 miles. After comparing our schedules, we found that we had only 5 days of mutual free time to undertake such a lengthy trip. Obviously, Key West was an unrealistic destination under the circumstances. Mike came up with an alternative that turned out to be a great tour of Florida's Panhandle.

Mike's plan was for me to meet up with him at his condo on November 7, and, on the following day, to travel along the Gulf, to Mexico Beech, FL, which would be our base of operation for exploring the local attractions for the next couple of days.

The morning of November 7 was an unseasonably cold 42 degrees. I went through my check list, loaded the scooter, and departed at 8:30 am. I smugly rode down Guase Blvd. enjoying the warmth of my Gehrbing electric jacket liner, turned right on I-10 taking in the sights, smells, and brisk temperatures of a sunny fall morning. Shortly before reaching Bay St. Louis, after mentally rechecking my check-list, I realized I had left my keys to the Ultra back at the house!! My emotions, after traveling for over a half hour, progressed from enthusiastic enjoyment, to disbelief, to anger at my unexpectedly stupid omission. I turned back, retrieved my keys, and was back at Bay St. Louis a little over one hour later! Needless to say, 'motorcycle keys' have been added to my list.



CLUELESSLY KEYLESS

After passing Bay St. Louis, I began to notice the odor of diesel fuel. There were a number tractor-trailer rigs ahead of me, and the odor strengthened as a closed the distance between, and passed each of them. By the time I reached the Gulf Port, MS exits, I was following the lead truck. It was spewing fuel under pressure, from the underside of the tractor, and depositing the same in copious amounts on my recently cleaned and polished two-wheeler. As my windshield and goggles fogged up with the petroleum distillate, I passed the rig and expressed my displeasure over the CB.

That evening was spent with Mike at his condo discussing the tribulations

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## From the Editor

### Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

#### Newsletter Changes

As you may have observed, the format of this newsletter has changed. Our new Director, Carl Hill, requested that the newsletter be published once each month and that the "From the Director" article on page three be eliminated. In its place, Carl asked that we publish a summary of the minutes of the previous Chapter meeting.

Since we will be doubling the number of published newsletters, future issues may be more abbreviated unless we receive items you would like to share with your fellow members in this medium. I encourage you to submit accounts of your motorcycling experiences, photographs, riding tips, etc., in order to ensure the continued relevance and vitality of this publication.

#### New Officers Elected

Nominations for the 2008 officers were closed at the beginning of the December meeting. Elections were held resulting in the new roster of officers (see column to the right). Sadly, there was only one nominee for each of the currently occupied posts, and no nominees for Chief Road Captain, Ladies of Harley Coordinator, Membership Officer, and Photographer.

Our National Charter allows our sponsoring dealer to appoint officers to fill any vacancies. If you are interested in taking responsibility for any of vacant offices, please contact any of the current officers.

**If you are not a current member of the Northshore HOG Chapter, or you forgot to renew your membership in January, simply fill out an enrollment form (available at the dealership or on the website, see "Downloads"). Get a \$5.00 discount on your next full membership if anyone (other than a member of your household) joins on the basis of your referral.**

# Last Month's Minutes

## NORTSHORE CHAPTER MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2007

### Dwight Bradbury presented the Following Treasurer's Report:

- Christmas Party at the New Orleans Bistro: The total expense for the party will be \$1,384. 56 attendees are expected.

Have an idea or opinion, let us know.  
Contact the editor at  
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### Bike Nite Every Wednesday Night



#### Restaurant Hours

Monday - Saturday: 11 AM to 10 PM  
Fridays: 11 AM to 11 PM  
Sundays: Noon to 8 PM

- Wayne Truitt Fund: Northshore HOG Chapter contributed \$300 matching the \$300 donated by individual chapter members, for a total of \$600.
- Mount Olive Soup Kitchen: the Chapter will donate \$300 to \$400 in paper goods. Delivery of the donated products will occur on 12/15/2007. A ride to Mt. Olive is planned to depart the dealership at 8:30am.
- Slidell Junior High collected gifts for troops in Iraq and requested assistance to pay for shipping. Chapter members at the meeting voted unanimously to donate \$150 from the treasury.

#### Officer Nominations and Elections:

- John Cramer was nominated for Activities Coordinator. John accepted the nomination provided Chris Crosby act as his assistant or fellow coordinator. Nominations were officially closed. No nominations were made for Road Captain, Membership Officer, Photographer, or Ladies of Harley Officer. Those offices will remain vacant.
- The following were elected by unanimous vote to serve at the Chapter's Officers:

Director: Carl Hill  
Assistant Director: Greg Peterman  
Secretary: Pat Schaefer  
Treasurer: Dwight Bradbury  
Activities Coordinator: John Cramer/  
Chris Crosby

Editor: Dan Wehr  
Historian: Terry Forrette  
Webmaster: Dwight Bradbury

It should be noted that none of the nominees were opposed. There was only one nomination for each position.

#### New Officers Presided Over Remainder of Meeting:

- Carl Hill handed out new activities calendar for the year. It is a "Google" calendar available on the

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of my first day of the trip, our plans, and consuming moderate amounts of alcohol.

The next morning at Pensacola Beech brought clear skies and cold temperatures. I reloaded my Ultra, Mike provisioned his 2005 Road King, and we departed east on US 98. We traveled through Navarre, Fort Walton Beech, Destin, Santa Rosa Beech, Port Washington, Laguna Beech (via Alternate US 98), Panama City Beech, Panama City, Callaway, and, by the end of the day, arrived at Mexico Beech, Florida. This trek was a terrific way to explore



the picturesque coast along the shore of Florida's panhandle. During the ride we enjoyed beautiful coast-side views of the

ARRIVAL AT THE EL GOVERNOR Gulf and a mind boggling succession of resorts, motels, hotels, condos, and sea-side homes. Our hostel for the night was an aging, expansive resort hotel, the El Governor Inn, which borders the Gulf of Mexico just north of the St. Joseph Peninsula.



After checking in and unloading the bikes, we secured them for the night. I used my security

MIKE'S SECURITY SYSTEM

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internet. He announced the first 15 minutes of future meetings will be for socializing. Regular "Show and Go" rides will occur on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

- 50/50 Drawing: \$160 received. \$80 won by Vick.
- Meeting was adjourned.

### 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 "Downloads" link on the left side of the home page.

**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 2008 membership.

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system, Mike used a more inventive, low-tech method, a padlock on his front rotor with a section of parachute line as a reminder.



BACK YARD OF OUR SUITE AT EL GOVERNOR INN

Mexico Beech is a pleasantly small community, noticeably devoid of congested traffic, and punctuated by a few inns, “mom-and-pop” restaurants, sea-side homes, and one grocery store. Our hotel was the largest in the town and offered inexpensive, well-maintained, clean, and large rooms. The El Governor Inn also hosted a gift shop, liquor store, and lounge. I would characterize the accommodations as “shabby,” but luxurious. Our spacious suite had two queen beds, a furnished kitchen, and the other usual amenities. While its fixtures and furnishings were probably

last updated in the 1980s, they were clean and satisfactory. The back door of our ground-floor suite opened to the white sandy beach of the Gulf.

The next morning was even colder, about 40 degrees. After grabbing a hearty breakfast at a nearby café, we motored east along US 98 under a cloudless sky through Port St. Joe to Route 30E and toured the beautiful St. Joseph Peninsula. Thereafter, we traveled east on route 30A, reconnected to US 98 east and followed the coastline through Apalachicola, over the bay bridge, through Eastpoint, Carrabelle, and Lanark Village. This particular section of US 98 rivals the Pacific Coast Highway with its views of the Gulf at St. George Sound to the right, and gentle, tree-lined hills to the left, with little or no traffic. About six miles east of Lanark Village, we turned north on US 319. After an additional half-hour ride, we entered the bustling community of Sopchoppy, Florida.



MIKE AND THE BIKES NORTH OF APALACHICOLA

By this time, we were desperately looking for a place to eat in this sparsely populated area of the state. Upon entering Sopchoppy, we noticed a small restaurant with a large, packed parking lot on the east side of 319. The “Country Buffet “ supplied an ample, all-you-can-eat meal. After stuffing ourselves with fried chicken, roast beef, vegetables, and desert, we continued our journey north on State Route 375 to Bloxham, FL. This 30 to

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40 mile trip was occasioned by rolling, tree-lined hills and valleys and a well-maintained, two-lane highway with gentle turns.

At Bloxham, we headed west on Route 20 through Hosford and Bristol, FL. Just west of Bristol, we began our return trip back to our hotel via Route 71 through Chipola Park, Wewahitchka, Honeyville, White City, and Port St. Joe. Back at the Gulf, we turned west on 98 and arrived at the El Governor at sundown, after traveling about 240 miles that day.

After enjoying a beautiful sunset, good beer, and bourbon, we retired early in anticipation of our return trip.

The next day we retraced our route back to Pensacola Beech, played pool at Mike's favorite watering hole, The Break, and spend out last evening toasting our good fortune.

I returned to Slidell on Sunday, November 11, regretting that the trip could not have lasted longer.



OUR LAST SUNSET FROM THE BACK OF OUR ROOM AT MEXICO BEECH

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