



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 2, Chapter Meeting & Ride NSHD @ 9:00 am
- Feb. 2, Open Overnight Ride to Vicksburg, NSHD After Meeting.
- Feb. 16, Show & Go Ride, NSHD @ 8:30 am.
- Feb. 24, Round Table Ride, NSHD @ 8:30am.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events.

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BEST TURNOUT FOR COLD BUTT RIDE

By DAN WEHR, Photos by PAT SCHAEFER

The early morning of January 1, 2008 was punctuated by sunny skies and temperatures in the low 40's. It was time for our Chapter's Cold Butt Ride. Having partied the night before, it took a great deal of effort to get my old rear end out of bed, shower, check the scooter's tire pressure, fluid levels, and roll the big two-wheeler out of the garage. But I did it.

I left the house at 8:10 am and motored to the Dealership. Upon my arrival, I was surprised to see that no one was there! After parking and turning off the Ultra, I thought to myself, 'This looks like a repeat of last year—five bikes may show up.' A few minutes later, our new Director Carl Hill arrived. At least I would have some company. Shortly after Carl's arrival, a stream of Harleys entered the parking lot, one after another, over the next half hour. To my astonishment, a total of 20 motorcycles rode in to participate in the first ride of the new year! It was the best turnout ever.

Carl led the group east on Gause to Military Road. We headed south to Shortcut, east to US 90, and motored our way to Gulfport, Mississippi. Our destination was Hooters.

I had not been eastbound on US 90 in our sister state since before Katrina. I, and probably others on the ride, sadly observed the long-lasting devastation caused by the hurricane. We passed many vacant lots along the Gulf, where palatial pre-civil war residences once stood, and encountered parts of the route which were still partially washed away by the storm surge.

At Gulfport, we turned north on Route 49 and arrived at Hooters at 10:30 am. Our group occupied the majority of parking spaces near the eatery's entrance. It was still cold. The temperature was in the mid to high 40s with a brisk north wind.

While the doors at Hooters were open, the restaurant was not ready to start serving yet (full service started at 11:00 am). Nevertheless, some of us rushed in to shelter ourselves. We were greeted by a photographer engaged in taking photos of a Hooters girl clad in a skimpy bikini! The photographer was doing a layout for an upcoming Hooters calendar. As he continued his duties, we seated ourselves and shed our cold weather gear at adjacent tables overlooking the front lot. At this point, the photographer approached us



16 OF THE 20 COLD BUTT RIDERS

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

The Following is a message from our new Asst. Director, Greg Peterman and the rest of us:

"We, the officers, want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve you as Chapter Officers. We are looking forward to having fun and riding with each one of you!!! Your officers want to provide an atmosphere for all of us to have fun, enjoy the meetings and ride often. We will strive to keep the meetings to one hour with a little social time before the meeting.

The New Year is here and Northshore HOG is off to a fast start! Turnout for the cold butt ride and our first post meeting ride was huge! There is much to look forward to this year with many planned activities. Rides are planned to different destinations and some member's choice rides. In March your officers will be cooking breakfast for everyone prior to the meeting. So mark your calendars!! After the meeting on 2/2 some of us will be heading out for a ride to Vicksburg, MS. A short overnight ride to just get away!! We will be home in time to see the Super Bowl on Sunday! If you want to go on the overnight ride just give Dan Wehr a call.

There also will be a post meeting member's choice ride. We will always be looking for suggestions for rides and anything we can do to make your Northshore HOG membership more enjoyable. That's why we bought these Harleys to ride and have fun!!!! Right!! Don't forget the treasure chest is at the meetings (see page 4 for details). Another chance to fill your pockets with some \$\$\$\$\$\$ just for attending the meetings!! Hope to see everyone at the next meeting."

Your Chapter 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 Meeting Minutes

By Pat Schaefer

Northshore HOG Chapter Meeting
January 5, 2008

1. Pledge.
2. Benediction by Russ Davis.
3. Treasurer's Report by Dwight Bradbury.
4. Carl Hill, Director, introduced the 2008 Chapter officers, handed out some Certificates of

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Restaurant Hours

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

Appreciation to members for their support to the Chapter during 2007, discussed e-mail issues and asked for more members to consider becoming Road Captains. He reported that he has 10 rooms blocked for the Chapter at the Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center for those members wishing to stay over during the Louisiana HOG State Rally in March. Contact phone number for the hotel is 1-888-627-8567. Key word is "Northshore HOG".

Carl also discussed the Bayou Thunder weekend event that Mike Bruno will be sponsoring March 14-16 and on future plans for a Chapter Crawfish Boil and reminded everyone to check the Chapter calendar regarding scheduled rides.

5. Greg Peterman, Assistant Director, solicited volunteers to plan and execute at least one ride, during the year, as Road Captain and that the Chapter officers would assist any volunteer. He reminded everyone that he and Dan (Danno) Wehr, being retired, are almost always available if someone is looking for riding buddies. He mentioned the idea of doing a future "brown bag" Chapter ride and reminded everyone they should be thinking in terms of Riding and Having Fun. He also reminded everyone that, at the beginning of the March meeting, your officers will cook the attending Chapter members a pancake breakfast.

6. Dan Schewe, Safety Officer, reminded us to watch our tire pressures as part of each ride's preparation especially as we go through unusual temperature changes. He also stressed the importance of wearing high visibility clothing. Black is cool and goes with the Harley biker image but won't keep some cag from trying to occupy your_space out there on the road.

7. Danno, Chapter Editor, requested that anyone wanting to submit an interesting ride experience, location or photos for the newsletter to submit the information to him by the 10th of each month. The newsletter will be monthly instead of bi-monthly as in the past.

8. The 50/50 earned \$80.00 for the Chapter and an equal amount for our newest member, Archie McCraney. The Treasure Chest drawing had no winner.

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Everyone was reminded that you have to attend the



NEW MEMBER ARCHIE MCCRANEY RECEIVING HIS HALF OF THE 50/50

Chapter's monthly meeting to win the Treasure Chest.

9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to give everyone time to prepare for the ride. Twenty bikes showed up for the event.

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 and update your profile. Don't forget to do the same thing when renewing your 2008 membership.

The Northshore HOG Treasure Chest!




Just by being a Northshore HOG Member and attending meetings, you can be a winner. At the end of each meeting, one lucky club member's name will be drawn. If that member is at the meeting, they will win the \$\$\$\$\$\$. If no one wins the pot keeps growing!! If you don't come to the meetings, you can't win what's in the Treasure Chest. So we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!!

Tips for the long ride!!

Pack items that have more than one use. For instance, don't pack just a pocket-knife; pack a "Swiss-style" knife or multi-tool. When traveling with a spouse or significant other, consider sharing toothpaste and shampoo.

Few things are as easy to pack as money or credit cards. If you're struggling with whether to bring a particular item, consider buying it on the road. A small towel can be wrapped around your neck during a rainstorm to keep water from running down your back - and doubles as a shop rag.

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and asked for volunteers to participate in a photo opportunity with Miss Bikini in the parking lot for possible publication in an upcoming Hooters calendar.

The first to volunteer was Chris Engelbracht, followed by myself and a few others. The photographer escorted us to the front of the building, and advised he wanted one of us to move a bike to the front of the restaurant for a pose with the Bikini Girl. Again, Chris was Johnny-on-the-spot. He cranked up his blue Ultra and positioned it for the shoot.

The photographer was not satisfied with the small turnout for the scene and, after some coaxing, enlisted others who were warming themselves in the restaurant to participate. Once we had gathered around Chris' bike, the photographer led Miss Bikini into the cold and asked for a volunteer to hold her in his arms near the scooter. Not surprisingly, Chris immediately picked her up. After some repositioning, which resulted in a few of us holding her horizontally above Chris' two-wheeler, several shots were taken. Who knows! Maybe our Chapter will adorn the next Hooters calendar! For some reason, none of us had the presence of mind to take our own photographs of this event. Hooters' photographer agreed to send us copies of his shots via e-mail, but it has not happened yet. If he follows through, those shots will be included in a future newsletter.

During our lunch, Carl inaccurately informed one of the waitresses that it was Greg Peterman's Birthday (his true birthday was December 29). This resulted in Greg being escorted by a group of Hooters Girls to an unoccupied table, where he was required to elevate his buff frame and stand on top of it. This was followed by a chorus of '*Happy Birthday To You,*' lead by the Hooters Girls and sung by everyone in the restaurant. This event also required the birthday boy to announce his age. Greg unabashedly announced he was 29!

After a hearty meal, most of the riders decided to take the direct route home. A few of us, including Carl Hill, Dan Schewe and I meandered our way to Picayune and returned home via the interstate.

Altogether, it was a great ride. Old acquaintances were renewed and new memories were created. Hopefully, next New Years' Cold Butt Ride will be as successful.

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Open space

TRAILER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several years ago, in the Chapter's pre-Katrina days, we were able to maintain a list of Chapter members having motorcycle trailers, who were gracious enough to volunteer themselves and their trailers, IF THEY WERE AVAILABLE, to come to the assistance of Chapter members having a problem on the side of the road.

While this list is obviously not meant to be any guaranteed form of roadside assistance, it is consistent with the biker brotherhood (sisterhood?) on the road. Why else do we give other riders the biker wave as we pass each other out there?

Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact me at sportz@bellsouth.net or secretary@northshorehog.com and I will make pocket size trailer volunteer lists for our Chapter members. I would like to be able to hand these out at our February 2nd Chapter meeting. Till then, if it isn't raining on you,

Ride and Have Fun!

Pat Schaefer

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