

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. I, Pancake Breakfast, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- Mar. 14, 15 &16,
   Bayou Thunder,
   NSHD.
- Mar. 27 thru 30, Louisiana State HOG Rally, Baton Rouge.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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# Northshore HOG News

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# GREAT TURN-OUT FOR POST MEETING RIDE TO MIDDENDORF'S

By Dan Wehr, Photos by Pat Schaefer and Carl Hill

The morning of February 2, 2008. was a cold one. The temperature was in the low 40s, but the skies were clear. I left the house at 8:00 am suited up with my electric jacket liner, gloves, and thermal scarf. During my ride to the dealership, I was pleasantly surprised by a rapid warm-up. When I arrived, it was in the mid-50s and I was sweating my rear end off. By the time the meeting was over, it felt like a beautiful spring day. Needless to say, I shed all of my cold weather gear.

Twelve motorcycles and 13 riders departed Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson at 10:25 am. Our destination was Middendorf's Seafood Restaurant on Lake Maurepas at Pass Manchac. Dwight Bradbury led the ride west on I-12, eventually traveling south on US 51 to Middendorf's. By the time we arrived, the temperature rose to the mid-to-upper 60s, with a cloudless sky.



DEPARTURE FROM THE DEALERSHIP

On our way to Middendorf's, Dwight called ahead, while we were riding, and had our tables readied for the group. Being technically challenged, I was at a loss as to how he did this while riding his Fatboy. Nevertheless, upon our arrival, several tables were grouped and readied for our lunch.

The service was great! We had two waitresses taking our orders; and the meals arrived in short order. Middendorf's built its reputation on the quality of its catfish dinners. For slightly more than \$10.00, I had the best catfish platter I ever tasted. The filets were thoroughly cooked, but not greasy; the fries were well done and tender; the loaves of bread were hot and fresh; and the home-made slaw was out of this world.

After gorging ourselves on some great food, we left taking our separate ways. Half of the group took the direct route home. The rest of us traveled north on US 51 and traveled a circuitous route through Abita Springs to Covington, and back home.

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## From Your Officers

#### Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

We, the officers, hope you all are enjoying the meetings and rides. Your officers want to provide an atmosphere for all of us to have fun, enjoy the meetings and ride often. Turn out for meetings and rides have been great. Let us know what we can do to make your membership experience even better! Got a favorite ride or place to eat? Want to Road Captain a ride? Just let us know and we will help you plan it!!!

Our sponsoring dealership, Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley Davidson operating hours have changed to 9am - 6:30pm Mon-Sat. This will require us

to change our meeting times to 9:30am.

At the March meeting, your officers will be cooking breakfast for everyone prior to the meeting at 8:30am with the meeting to follow at 10am.





At the February meeting, Wayne Herrin won the Treasure Chest!!! We will restock it for March so attend the meetings and get your chance to win the Treasure Chest plus the 50/50!!!

We were rained out on the 3<sup>rd</sup>

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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").

### Last Month's Minutes

Northshore HOG Chapter February 2, 2008

- 1. Pledge
- 2. Invocation by Russ Davis
- 3. Treasurer's Report by Dwight Bradbury

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

- 4. David Kiviano, representing Young Truth Adolescent and Adult Services (www.youthtruth.org) briefed the Chapter on the mission of this non-profit group and on a June 8, 2008 **Ride for Recovery** fund raiser that they are sponsoring. Motorcycles will ride from Covington to Baton Rouge and back; bicycles will ride the St. Tammany Trace.
- 5. Carl Hill, briefed the members regarding status of membership cards, the State HOG Rally in Baton Rouge, including the hotel phone number for reservations 1-888-627-8567. Key word is "Northshore HOG".
- 6. Carl also briefed on the Bayou Thunder weekend event that Mike Bruno will be sponsoring March 14-16 and reminded the members that we will need volunteers for 50/50 and a Membership booth. Carl briefed the plans for the Chapter Annual Crawfish Boil, tentatively scheduled for May and requested a show of hands vote to authorize the Officers to spend over the Chapter's \$500.00 limit toward Crawfish Boil expenses. By a majority show of hands of attending Members, the authorization was granted.
- 7. Pat Schaefer passed out business card sized Point of Contact information for those Chapter

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This was one of the best post-meeting rides I've been on. The weather was terrific, the company was great, the destination surpassed my expectations, and the return ride took advantage of the pleasant weather and light traffic.



CHRIS ENGELBRACHT SAVORING A CIGAR IN MIDDENDORF'S LOT



GREG PETERMAN CELEBRATING HIS APPRIVAL AT MIDDENDORF'S

#### **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.

#### **COLD BUTT RIDE PHOTOS**

Unbeknownst prior to the publication of our last newsletter, John Cramer, our Activities Officer, took some incriminating pictures of our Chapter's escapades at Hooters in Gulfport. For your viewing pleasure, they are displayed below. Thanks to John.



MISS BIKINI IN GOOD HANDS



**GREG PETERMAN ON HIS 29TH BIRTHDAY** 

#### 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.



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Saturday ride in January but still made it to Middendorfs after the February meeting. We had a nice ride with 12 bikes and enjoyed some great catfish/seafood!!!

Mark your calendars for March 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Bayou Thunder is back at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley Davidson. There will be bands, vendors, bike show and an escorted ride. We will need HOG volunteers to help out with a membership drive and 50/50 during the weekend.



On our 2/16 ride, we will be going to the Cabin restaurant between Sorrento and White Castle. For an extra chance to ride this month we will also be motoring to the Round Table restaurant in Columbia, MS on 2/24 and then up to see Red Bluff. This presents an opportunity for great food and a scenic ride. Don't miss it! Both rides depart at 9am from the dealership. Hope to see you there and at the next meeting!!! Till then enjoy the spring weather and ride often!!!

**Your Chapter Officers** 

#### **NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES**

One Quarter Page - \$20.00 Business Card - \$10.00

Buy 6 issues of advertising and receive a 20% discount

Contact Dwight Bradbury if you are interested in placing an ad or have questions.

Open space

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members who volunteered to assist with emergency trailer duty to fellow Northshore HOGs.

8. Carl also reminded everyone that the March 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter meeting will start at 10:00 AM because the Chapter Officers will be preparing pancakes, OJ and coffee for the Members from 8:30 till 9:30 AM. A real *BIKER BREAKFAST by bikers for bikers!!* 

- 9. Greg Peterman briefed the Members about the requirements and advantages of the Chapter Loyalty Program and future plans for a weekend ride to Red Bluff. Greg also requested volunteers to plan rides that they would like to make. The Chapter Officers are available to assist in planning.
- 10. The Chapters Spring Poker Run is scheduled for April 13 and again we will need some volunteers to make it a success.
- 11. The 50/50 pot was \$70 and won by Linda Hill. The Chapter's first Treasure Chest winner was Wayne Herron.
- 12. The after- meeting local Chapter Ride was to Middendorf's.12 motorcycles and 13 members rode.

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