



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 7, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am
- June 21, Show & Go Ride, NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- June 30th, Million Mile Monday
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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Primary Officer Training (P.O.T.) April 25-26th in Birmingham, AL



Your officers at the General Business meeting to kick off two days of training. We met for a early breakfast on 4/24 and then took the long way to Birmingham. We rode through the Talladega National Park. What a beautiful rolling hills ride. Once there the bikes were put in the garage for until Sunday. We all attended two days of various classes on finance, risk management and a multitude of others. A lot of information was put out over the two days and it will take a while for us to sort through it all. Much of it is behind the scenes legal stuff but at the end of the day the bottom line is:

Ride and Have FUN!!!!

It was interesting to hear about upcoming Harley products like a trike and looming on the horizon is the water cooled motor for all Harleys. Of course they would not commit to dates for any of this.

The ride home was good but it lightly rained most of the way back. But any time in the seat is a good time. If you ever get a chance to attend POT we highly recommend it. Excellent training and they throw a nice party on Friday night.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

AVOIDING GREMLINS & MINIMIZING RISKS

BY DAN WEHR

By the time you receive this newsletter, I'll be well on my way to California for a long tour of the southwestern states. A key component of preparation for this trip was a close inspection of my scooter to check for any possible mechanical issues that could adversely impact my enjoyment of the journey.

I have always followed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's "T-CLOCS" pre-ride checklist. This acronym stands for **T**ires and wheels, **C**ontrols and cables, **L**ights, **O**il and fuel, **C**hassis, and **S**idestand.

Tires and Wheels are probably the most important items to inspect. Make sure tire pressure is up to specs, the treads are at least 1/16th of an inch high, and there are no cracks, cuts, or deep scratches in the rubber. Check for loose spokes by striking them. If you do not get a clear ping, they need tightening and your rims may need truing. For alloy wheels, check for dented, nicked or chipped rims.

Controls/Cables. A loose shifter lever, broken throttle or clutch cable will stop you cold. Check all cable controls making sure they operate freely without binding. Check the operation of your brakes and ensure fluid levels for both master cylinders are at appropriate levels.

Lights. Switch on the ignition and ensure your headlight, driving lights, running lights, tail lights, brake lights, turn signals, and horn are operational. Replace any bulbs, fuses, or relays if necessary. If your battery is more than two-years-old, check its resting and fully charged output. If it's less than 12.3 volts, replace it.

Oil and fuel levels should be checked before departure. I always set my trip meter when I fill up. While I have a gas gage, it does not accurately indicate my tank's fuel level. This is critical, especially in the more remote areas of our country where gas stations can be scarce. I also check my oil level at the end of each day while the engine is hot. My old Evo uses about a quart every 2,500 miles. My Ultra uses hardly any.

Chassis. Ensure your suspension is properly calibrated for the load you will be carrying. Some bikes require manual adjustments of the rear shock springs, others are adjusted by air pressure. Your owner's manual will tell you what to do.

Sidestand. Check the stand for any cracks or distortions. Inspect the spring to ensure it is in place and not damaged and has sufficient tension to hold the stand in place. If not done at the regular maintenance of your bike, put a shot of grease in the pivot/receiver.

This pre-ride check list can save you unexpected interruptions and grief while on the road.

From The Officers By GREG PETERMAN

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.

We had a great meeting (though very wet) on 5/3. No ride after the meeting due to the weather but we still had 34 members come out!!!!

At the May meeting no one won the Treasure Chest!!! Debbie Lauff's name was drawn but alas she was not there. It will continue to grow next month to \$125 so attend the meetings and get your chance to win the Treasure Chest plus the 50/50 and door prizes!!!

Thanks to all who worked the Poker Run. We did well even with competing with the French Quarter Festival and the Strawberry Festival!!!

Troy Hord let a fun Brown Bag ride to Tickfaw State Park. A good time was had by all. He has many more rides plan. A detailed schedule is in the newsletter.

Hope to see you at the rides and the next meeting on 6/7!!!! Till then enjoy the good weather and ride often!!!

Your Chapter Officers

Spring Fling Poker Run 4/13/2008

There was a good turn out on a nice day. We had some Carl Hill's world famous sausage biscuits for breakfast and Mark Aucoin's even more famous hamburgers on the grill for lunch. We made a nice profit and lot's of members helped with registration, stops and the Duck Pond!!!!

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING.



Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

The monthly Northshore HOG Chapter social gathering started at 9:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Prayer.

HOG Chapter monthly get-togethers are better described as social gathering rather than meeting.

**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

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").

The term Social Gatherings recognizes the "Ride and Have Fun" concept that brings us together; even on wet non-riding morning such as we had. Meetings are for people in suits around a conference table, not having any fun.

Carl, Dwight and Greg briefed the Chapter on the POT (Primary Officer Training) session they attended. Carl played a DVD from POT asking "What's your Spark?"

Troy Hord, our Senior Road Captain briefed the Chapter on rides being considered and reminded everyone that we would like to see some more Road Captain volunteers.

Rose Aucoin has graciously volunteered to take on the responsibilities of Ladies of Harley. Thanks, Rose.

Greg briefed the Chapter about the national HOG Million Mile Ride scheduled for Monday June 30. Another good excuse to get on your bike!!! Just ride and have fun that day and when you get home, log in to members.hog.com to record your mileage.

Dwight briefed the Chapter finance status, which is also available on the Chapter web site. The Chapter made \$421.00 on the Spring Fling Poker Run. Thanks to all the participating Chapter members whose efforts made it a success.

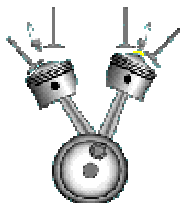
A surprise \$25.00 dollar gift card was won by Al Blue, as appreciation for all the members rapidly taking their seats at the beginning of the social gathering. Linda Hill won the 50/50. No one won the Treasure Chest so that will go up enough \$25 dollars before the June meeting. Remember you have to present to win.

Due to inclement weather, there was no ride scheduled. An appreciation lunch, drinks & burgers was provided for the hard working folks at the dealership who support our Chapter and its members.

The Mecca of Harley History Terry Forrette – Historian

If you have ever wondered where the legendary Number One, 1903 model is kept or where you would go to see the original issue of the Enthusiast Magazine, the answer is the Corporate Archives in Milwaukee. For most HD riders questions like this can't hold a candle to the thrill of a group ride, but for many of us "FLHHN's" (Fanatical Harley History Nuts) this is the stuff that makes our pipes rumble. The Corporate Archives are maintained in Building 11 or the "Old P&A Building" on Juneau Avenue. The building itself has its own history, first constructed in 1913 to house various manufacturing machines and then later becoming the assembly area for the 125, 165, and 175 cc two-stroke engines. The Archives moved into the fourth floor of Building 11 in July 1977. Occupying 16,000 square feet it is divided into several distinct areas. Security is strict and access is limited even to HD employees, with much of the Archives on a "need to know and see" basis. There are four full-time restorers as well as an intern from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee who work in the archives. When the new HD Museum opens the archives will be getting a new home at that time.


In one section is a huge collection of nearly priceless artifacts stored on rows of steel racks. This area is climate controlled at a constant 70 degrees and 45 percent relative humidity (not a bad place to visit during a typical Louisiana summer!). It houses 100,000 original documents, posters, service manuals, and accessory catalogs dating back to 1903. Rows upon rows of HD clothing, jewelry, belts, and foot gear can be found here. Many of the ideas for "retro" looking gear are researched here.



Another set of steel doors opens to the Restoration Room. Here specialists preserve elements of original motorcycles making sure paint, plating and parts are kept in their original state. Dozens of engines can be seen in this area, ranging from Knuckleheads, VR1000 race engines, to TC88's. The vintage vehicle collection contains 10 vintage HD bicycles; five golf carts, three scooters and even a HD snowmobile (wonder what the 10K service would cost on that baby?).

Continuing on through the Archives leads you to a section that contains a collection of motorcycles that represent models produced by HD starting with the 1903 Number One all the way up to the 2008 Screaming Eagle editions. Contained in the collection are prototypes never released for general sales, special military editions designed at the request of the U.S. Army during World Wars I and II, and also rare models such as those build in Japan prior to World War II.

While I have never visited the Corporate Archives in Milwaukee, I did get a chance to view many of items contained in them at the Dallas Open Road Tour, the 100th Celebration in Milwaukee last August and I am sure they will have an updated on at the 105 Celebration this year.. To look back into time and see the origins of motorcycling in the early days of Harley Davidson is just one of the many things that make being a Harley Davidson rider and a member of H.O.G. so rewarding.

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Ride to work. Ride at lunch. Ride alone. Ride with a friend. Ride with your chapter. Ride around the block or ride all day. Ride to work. Ride at lunch. Ride alone. Ride with a friend. Ride with your chapter. Ride around the block or ride all day. The important thing is, whether you ride one mile or 100, on the front seat, or the back, you become a part of Million Mile Monday. Then, log on to members.hog.com, register your miles, and watch the online odometer click toward 1,000,000 – or beyond. Check back here for more information soon – and mark your calendar today!

GET READY TO RIDE IN H.O.G.'S MILLION MILE MONDAY!

The following have been suggested for Million Mile Monday rides:

1. A organized ride that Monday to ??????
 2. A organized ride the Sunday before to a destination then ride back on Monday?????
 3. A organized ride leaving Friday or Saturday then back on Monday???
- All these rides could meet up somewhere on Monday and ride in together finishing at the dealership!!!*

Bottom line is if you can take the day off, LETS RIDE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you are interested in riding or leading one of these rides Contact Greg Peterman 985-649-2025 or dyna95th@bellsouth.net

Harley Davidson's Latest Marketing Ad

Over the last 105 years in the saddle, we've seen, wars, conflicts, depression, recession, resistance and revolutions. We've watched a thousand hand-wringing pundits disappear in our rear view mirror. But every time, this country has come out stronger than before. Because chrome and asphalt put distance between you and whatever the world can throw at you. Freedom and wind outlast hard times. And the rumble of an engine drowns out all the blah, blah, blah of the evening news. If 105 years have proved one thing. Its that fear sucks and it doesn't last long. So.....



HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN TROY HORD'S ROAD TIPS.

When riding alone, as in one motorcycle. There are a number of suggestions I can make that have proven to reduce the chances of another vehicle hitting you. Always ride in the tracks of the multi-wheel vehicles on the road. If you ride the middle of the lane like many bikers choose to do, you are going to pick up a nail or hit some sort of debris in the road. The four wheel vehicles run over all the debris in the tracks and it gets moved to the shoulder or to the middle of the lane. You never see any trash in the tracks; it is always in the middle of the lane. I like to ride on the left side of the lane I occupy. I see lots of riders on the right side of the lane and when asked why, they say it is more comfortable to be away from on coming traffic. You are far more visible on the left side. If you are on the right side of the lane in heavy traffic on a two lane road and some bone head decides to pass as many cars as he can before he hits an oncoming car he will see an open spot ahead of a car and abruptly turn into it, unbeknownst to him you are in that slot. If, on the other hand, you are on the left of the lane he will see you as he races up the line of vehicles and even more importantly, you will see him approaching.

Ride safe, ride often and always wear appropriate safety gear.

Troy Hord

Up Coming Rides:

Sunday 5/11/2008 KSU (kick stand up) 08:00 Northshore HD Ride to Natchez MS for lunch.

Tuesday 5/13/2008 KSU 18:00 (6pm) Northshore HD Dinner Ride

Saturday 5/17/2008 KSU 08:00 Northshore HD Overnight to Orange Beach, Sunday AM USS ALABAMA

Tuesday 5/20/2008 KSU 18:00 Northshore HD Dinner Ride

The Brown Bag Ride 4/19/2008

A nice day and nice ride with fun had by all. Thanks Troy!

