



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1, Meeting, Officer Nominations & Ride, NSHD, 9:30am.
- Nov. 15, Show & Go Ride, NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- Dec. 6, Meeting (Officer Elections) & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Dec. 6, Annual Christmas Party, Wine Market, 6:00 pm.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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OFFICER ELECTIONS AND CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED

By Dan Wehr

On November 1st our membership will be called upon to nominate candidates for the officers who will lead our Chapter for 2009. As indicated in previous issues, **Carl Hill**, our current Director, and **Greg Peterman**, our Assistant Director, will be stepping down to make way for new blood. Since our last newsletter, other vacancies have occurred. **Troy Hurd**, who did an outstanding job as our Chief Road Captain, resigned and moved to northern Tennessee for employment reasons. **Dan Schewe**, our Safety Officer, and **Pat Schaefer**, our Secretary, will not be available for these positions for the upcoming year. Our Chapter continues to experience vacancies for the positions of Activities Coordinator, Ladies Of Harley Officer, Membership Officer, and Photographer. As of the date of this issue, our Treasurer and Webmaster **Dwight Bradbury**, our Editor **Dan Wehr**, and our Historian **Terry Forrette**, are willing to serve for another year. The bottom line is we will need new candidates for many of the Primary Officer slots in order to remain viable as an active Chapter of the Harley Owners Group. Elections will take place during the December 6th meeting. **Your active participation in the nomination and election processes is vital.**

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The Annual Christmas Party will be hosted at **The Wine Market**, 2051 Gause Blvd., Slidell, LA, on December 6, 2008, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00 for Chapter members (\$42.00 for non-members), for all-you-can-eat “Heavy Hors D’oeuvres” plus \$1.00 if you want to partake of the open bar (hard and soft drinks), paid directly to The Wine Market.

If you want to participate in the “**Mad Santa**” gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift. Female attendees so inclined should bring a female gift; male attendees should bring a male gift. Those who bring gifts will be given a numbered ticket. At the conclusion of the party, numbers will be drawn for ticket holders to pick a gift and unwrap it for all to see. The first numbered ticket holder will display the gift. The second numbered ticket holder will select and unwrap a gift, and have the option of keeping the selected gift or trade it with the gift held by the first ticket holder. The third numbered ticket holder will go through the same process and will have the option of keeping the selected gift or trading it with any of those held by previously drawn ticket holders. This process continues until the gift is held by the third person to possess that gift. The third possessor keeps the gift.

The suggested maximum value for gifts is \$15.00. There is no minimum value.

The cost of this event will be subsidized by the Chapter. If we get 50 participants, the cost to the Chapter will be \$22.00 per member, in addition to what is paid directly to **The Wine Market** by attendees.

This will be a great party. Please plan on attending and invite your friends.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

FUTURE LEADERS

While the lead article on page 1 paints a bleak portrait of our leadership structure for 2009, I am confident that there are members willing to step forward to occupy the vacancies presented by the departure of our current primary officers. Our Chapter desperately needs an infusion of riders who are willing to take on leadership responsibilities to raise our club to new horizons in 2009. Please take the time to participate in the nomination and election process to select those willing to lead The Northshore Chapter to another successful year of riding and having fun.

OCTOBER'S & NOVEMBER'S MEETINGS

Due to an overabundance of used Harleys on the showroom floor and some miscommunications, the October meeting was conducted at The Picadilly Restaurant in Slidell. A lack of room caused by the higher-than-anticipated number of trade-in motorcycles on display at the dealership resulted in the decision to conduct October's membership meeting at the Picadilly Restaurant. Due to the unexpected change in plans, the club funded breakfasts for all attendees. During the meeting, Carl Hill indicated that November's meeting may have to be held at Picadilly's if circumstances did not change. Fortunately, those circumstances have changed.

November's meeting will be held at the dealership. Arrangements have been made to alleviate the space issues. The importance of this meeting in the orderly transfer of our Chapter's leadership requires as many of you as possible to attend.

Mike Bruno plans on addressing those who attend the November meeting regarding his vision for the future of the dealership and the Northshore Chapter.

See you on November 1st.

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").

Dallas Excursion by Greg Peterman

On July 24, 2008, Carl Hill and I left Slidell for a trip to Dallas to see my sister. We had a nice ride until we hit the other side of Baton Rouge when we found the raised part of I-10 closed due to a overturned 18 wheeler. We ended up taking the back roads to Alexandria. Actually this route was faster and more scenic. Taking Hwy 415 to Hwy 190 to Hwy 71 north to Alexandria. From there, we traveled on I-49 out of Alexandria for a few miles to Mansfield, LA' where we picked up Hwy 84 and rode through the Texas back roads to I-45 into Dallas. The ride between Mansfield and Palestine, Texas was outstanding..

We spent a few days in the Dallas area. Carl forgot his tennis shoes so my sister loaned him her pink slippers. See picture! We headed out early (4AM) on Sunday July 27th, to try and get home before it got too hot and to beat the rain heading into Slidell. We again rode the Texas back roads but by a different route through Nacogdoches, Texas, to Alexandria.



CARL, PINK SLIPPERS, AND GREG'S SISTER

Just south of Alexandria in Bunkie, LA, Carl's bike got stuck in 5th gear. Not being able to fix it or to find a dealer on a Sunday, Carl decided to ride it home in 5th gear. It was a true adventure to get it going while feathering the clutch.



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We changed our route home in order to have minimal stops. Our last stop was at the Tiger Station just west of Baton Rouge. Carl managed to get to the gas pumps and filled up. When we took off, Carl got on his bike and I had to push him to get him going. I then ran to my bike, suited up and took off to catch up with him. Traffic was heavy, but eventually I managed to catch up. I followed Carl to his house to make sure he could get home. I rode home and had just pulled into the garage when some really heavy weather hit Slidell. Carl and I did 580 miles in 10 hours that day. It was an interesting and memorable trip.

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