



Northshore HOG News

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 1, Cold Butt Ride, NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- Jan. 3, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Jan. 17, Show & Go Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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New Officers Elected

By Dan Wehr

By a majority vote of the members attending the December meeting of the Northshore Chapter of H.O.G., the following were elected as the leaders of our club for the upcoming year:

Director:	"Vick" Vicnair
Assistant Director:	Mike Werda
Treasurer:	Dwight Bradbury
Secretary:	Pat Schaefer
Activities Officer:	Ray Gregg
Ladies of Harley:	Sonia Fox
Chief Road Captain:	Dave Authement
Editor:	Dan Wehr
Safety Officer:	Terry Forrette
Web Master:	Dwight Bradbury
Membership Officer:	Steve Authement
Historian:	Terry Forrette
Photographer:	(Vacant)

Many thanks to those who have stepped up to the plate to guide our riding group to another great year of riding and having fun.

2009 NORTSHORE HOG OFFICERS



From Left to Right: Dave Authement, Dwight Bradbury, Terry Forrette, Mike Werda, Pat Schaefer, Dan Wehr, Vick Vicnair, Steve Authement, Sonia Fox, and Ray Gregg.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

Thanks Owed to Past and Present Officers

We've had a great year marked by terrific rides and memorable events. These would not have happened without the selfless efforts of our former officers, **Carl Hill** (past Director), **Greg Peterman** (past Assistant Director), **Dan Schewe** (past Safety Officer), and the outstanding support of others who have chosen to continue to provide leadership to our Chapter.

The upcoming year promises to be equally memorable as our club has a nearly full roster of officers willing and ready to enhance our riding experiences. **Vick Vicnair**, our new Director, is an experienced and dedicated rider who formerly served as our Chief Road Captain. **Mike Werda**, our new Assistant Director, is an active member who has attended most of our meetings and participated in many of our group rides over the last few years. **Ray Gregg**, who, along with Vick, is a charter member of Northshore HOG, served as our Director during calendar year 2007. I have ridden many miles with our new Chief Road Captain, **Dave Authement**, and can vouch for his enthusiastic dedication to our two-wheel passion. **Terry Forrette**, our new Safety Officer and experienced Historian, rode over 16,000 miles last year, circumnavigating the lower 48 States for the benefit of our wetlands. He was also my predecessor as Editor of this newsletter. **Dwight Bradbury** deserves special recognition as the Treasurer and Web Master of our club for the past few years. He has managed to keep it 'on-line' and 'legal' as far as the tax people and Harley-Davidson are concerned. Dwight and I have ridden over 6,000 miles touring the southwestern United States during the last year.

While I've had limited experiences with **Steve Authement** and **Sonia Fox**, those few occasions convinced me that they enjoy our sport as much as I, and are committed to making it as pleasurable for others so inclined.

Thanks to all for your past and future efforts.

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").

From The Director

I would like to start this year off by looking back at the previous year. First, a huge thank you to all the officers that gave so unselfishly of themselves and their time to serve the Chapter. I know how hard it is to make things seem so effortless and then try to pull them off without a hitch. They came in with new ideas and worked very hard to achieve them successfully. Some worked, some not so well, but a true leader is not afraid to take the chance whether he succeeds or fails. So kudos to you all, you deserve it.

Next I would like to say thanks to Carl and Greg for a wonderful Christmas Party. Sonia and I really enjoyed ourselves. The food was good and the room was very nice. Also, thanks to Dan for the mad Santa idea, I believe that everyone there had a great time trying, in vane, to get the gift they really wanted.(Except maybe Ward, he got the calendar didn't he?)

Now looking forward. I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to take over in the leadership positions. I know that you all are up to the challenge because your a great group of people and we all have the same goal of keeping this Chapter moving forward and serving the membership is our first priority. Therefore, I know we can carry on the tradition of riding and having fun. From conversations I have had with some of the new officers, I can assure you that they have plenty of new ideas of their own, and they also are not afraid to push ahead and try them. So I am looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces sitting atop your shining Harleys, (a new one if Mike has his way), and joining us in some of the fun this year. It looks like a year packed with things to do - so, let us not forget why we bought our bikes and get out and ride!!!!

H.(Vick) Vicknair . Jr.
Director Northshore Hog Chapter

Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

The Northshore HOG Chapter social get-together/meeting began at 9:30 Am with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer led by Russ Davis. Carl Hill, the outgoing Chapter Director spoke briefly, thanking the members and officers for their support of Chapter activities during the year.

Dwight Bradbury presented the Treasurer's report, which is also posted on the Chapter website. Greg Peterman, outgoing Assist. Director, briefed the Chapter on various business matters, such as Chapter Loyalty Points, the Christmas party and the Christmas card that the Chapter will be sending Jean Davidson.. He also reminded everyone that he is available to go for rides every Wednesday.

Since a slate of potential Chapter officers was identified at the November meeting and since there no new volunteers or nominees, a membership vote by a show of hands elected the slate identified last month (see pages 1 and 2 listing our new officers.).

Vick, our new Chapter Director, discussed some of his plans for the Chapter. These include a ride following each get together/meeting, another on the third weekend and a few overnight rides during the year. Rides will be planned 2 months in advance and posted in the Forum section of the Chapter website. Vick will be asking for ONE idea or suggestion from each member during the next meeting on January 3, 2009.

Chapter officers will send e-mails & Calling Posts when the Louisiana State Rally website is available for memberships to register for the Rally in Shreveport, March 19-22, 2009. Chapter members wishing to stay at the Hilton Hotel will have to call the hotel directly to make their reservations.

Maritza briefed the members about Kids Day to be held at Northshore H-D on December 20th and about the upcoming FATBOY raffle, with proceeds going to Children's Hospital in New Orleans. Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned.



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UNEXPECTED RIDE TO LITTLE ROCK

By Dan Wehr

On the evening of Tuesday, November 4th, I received a call from an old riding buddy of mine from Little Rock, Steve Boatwright, advising that the weather for the weekend of November 8 and 9 would be excellent for riding the foothills of the Ozarks. He invited me, and anyone else so inclined, to ride up to his place to spend the weekend touring northwest central Arkansas to view the peak of the fall color change. I immediately accepted his invitation. After hanging up the phone, I contacted Greg Peterman, the only other retired rider I know with time on his hands, to see if he would be willing to join me for the trip. After a short deliberation, Greg agreed to accompany me on the trip.

Greg and I met up on Thursday, November 6th, and began our journey. Due to scheduling issues, our departure was delayed until 11:30 am. It was chilly, in the mid - 40's and the skies were cloudy. We took I-12 West to I-55 North. By the time we reached Lacombe, Mississippi, the sky turned dark grey yielding short periods of misty rain. Fortunately, as we exited the interstate onto Mississippi 27, the weather turned sunny. By 3:00 pm we reached Vicksburg and chose to stay at the Battlefield Inn for the night.. Within an hour of our arrival, the Inn was inundated with heavy rain which continued until 10:00 am the following morning.

The Battlefield Inn, while showing signs of its age (it was built in the mid-50s), is a great place to stay. It's rooms are clean and recently remodeled. The rates are cheap (\$74.00 after taxes, with AARP discount) and include two complimentary cocktails each evening and an all-you-can eat hot breakfast each morning of your visit. An added bonus for those who prefer not to travel far for a good meal is that it has a five-star restaurant serving reasonably priced meals on the premises. Needless to say, Greg & I took full advantage of all of the above.

After the weather cleared the next morning, we continued our trek West on I-20, then north on US 65, through Tallulah, Eudora, Lake Providence, Lake Village, and Pine Buff, where we connected with I-530 north into Little Rock, arriving at Steve's palatial home by late afternoon. After off-loading the scooters, Steve and his wife, Carla accompanied us to the Jones Harley-Davidson dealership.

Every Friday is "Bike Nite" at the dealership, which has a restaurant and saloon called the "Hawg Diner" on the premises. On Friday nights, the Diner stays open to the wee hours with cheap beer, good food, and live entertainment (no cover charge). Upon our arrival, we were met by other riding friends from Little


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ARRIVING AT THE BATTLEFIELD INN

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 2009 membership.

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STEVE & I WITH HIS COLLECTABLE CORVETTE

Rock — “Flip” and Marie Young and Tim and JoAnne Kohlmeyer. We ended up closing the place down and moving the party to Boatwrights’ home after they kicked us out. The remainder of the evening was spent consuming too much alcohol and too many cigars.

On Saturday morning, Flip organized a ride with several members (about a dozen bikes and 15 or so riders) from the Central Arkansas Chapter of HOG. Greg, Steve, and I meet up with them on the west side of Little Rock at 9:00 am, and spent the day touring the two-lane twisties of the Ozark foothills enjoying the fall colors and

great weather. We ended up at “Yesterday’s” Bar and Grill, located on state route 9 in Morrilton, AR. After a fine meal, Flip, Steve, Greg, and I headed back to Little Rock. By this time the sun was setting and our planned route took us over several mountainous roads with many switchbacks and sharp grades.

We followed Flip to his 12-acre homestead in Little Italy, AR, and continued our way back down Wye Mountain’s switchbacks to Boatwrights’ home on the west side of Arkansas’ capital city. This was a challenging journey as the sun had set, my night vision is not as good as it used to be, and we had 22 miles to get to Boatwright’s home. Despite these issues, we made it back without incident.

After our arrival, we warmed ourselves with Bourbon, cigars, and good company at fireside on Steve’s patio for the remainder of the evening.

On Sunday morning, Greg got on the internet and checked the weather. While we had planned on another day’s riding in Arkansas, he advised that the weather was going to turn bad on Monday and we decided to return immediately.

Consequently, Steve, Greg and I rode to a local restaurant, had a hearty breakfast at Steve’s expense, and Greg and I returned to Slidell.

We decided to take the two-lanes back home (avoiding I-55 and I-12) and spent the remainder of the day enjoying a leisurely journey back home.

Altogether, we logged about 1200 miles on this impromptu trip and garnered some great memories.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

By Dan Wehr

Saturday, December 6th, marked our annual HOG Christmas party. This year it was held at 'The Wine Market' on Gause Rd., in Slidell. Forty-Eight members attended the event and everyone enjoyed good food, unlimited beverages, great company, and fierce competition for selected gifts during the 'Mad Santa' gift exchange.

The Wine Market did a great job of hosting this event. They provided an all-you-can-eat buffet that included chicken cordon-blue, Swedish meatballs, shrimp vermicelli, sausage jamboulia, and other delectable dishes for the party's guests.

The highlight of the event was the "Mad Santa" gift exchange. Attendees who brought gifts were issued a numbered ticket. At the conclusion of the meal, tickets were drawn. At the beginning, those whose tickets were drawn picked wrapped gifts from the pool of gifts donated by the attendees, unwrapped them, and displayed them to the group. Subsequently drawn ticket-holders had the option of taking possession of previously picked gifts or selecting a wrapped gift from the pool. Once a gift reached the third possessor, it was "dead," and the third possessor could keep the gift.

The most contentious gifts were: two motorcycle sculptures, two multi-tools (Mark Aucion repeatedly lamented the loss of his "tool"), a Harley birdhouse, H-D wine glasses, a Harley Monopoly Game, and a Harley-Davidson road trips atlas.

Altogether the party was a terrific time. Thanks to all who attended and planned this event.



2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE WINE MARKET

GET READY FOR THE LOUISIANA STATE HOG RALLY

By Dan Wehr

The Louisiana State HOG Rally will be held in Shreveport this year (3/19/2009—3/22/2009). The competition for rooms is already stiff. The host hotel, 'Hilton Shreveport,' 104 Market Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, telephone number 318-698-0900 (national toll-free number 1-800-321-3232), has rooms available at a rate of \$119 plus tax and parking fee. However, they are going fast.

I have been informed that the hotel closest to the rally site is the Best Western. However, all of their rooms have already been booked by a single club in New Orleans.

Strangely, the rally website has no information about registration for this event. Hopefully, this will change in the near future.

I have already arranged for accommodations at the Hilton. If you plan on attending, I suggest you do so *soon!*

Don't panic. Shreveport and its sister community, Bossier City, have many hotels and motels to accommodate rally attendees.

Hope to see many of you this event.

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