



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 7, Chapter Meeting & Crawfish Boil, NSHD @ 9:30am.
- Mar. 13-15, Bayou Thunder Bike Fest, NSHD.
- Mar. 19-22, LA State HOG Rally, Shreveport.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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RIDE TO THE SHED

By Dan Wehr, Photos by Greg Peterman

Early last month, I received an e-mail from Carl Hill urging me and several other members of our club to participate in an impromptu ride to “The Shed” near Gulfport, Mississippi. For the uninitiated, this eatery is one of two establishments bearing the same name which produce some of the best ribs and pulled barbeque dishes in our sister state. The original “Shed” is located in Ocean Springs, MS. The destination for the proposed ride was the first franchise or second location of the establishment located on MS Route 53 just west of Gulfport.

It turned out that Carl, Greg Peterman, Chris Engelbracht, Dan Schewe, and I agreed to meet on Sunday morning, January 11th, at the Exxon Station on East Gause at Military Road, to participate in a group ride to the restaurant.

I had to determine which of my two bikes to ride on this trip. Since my 2005 Ultra was over-due for its 25,000-mile service and had a bald front tire, I decided to ride the first Harley I ever owned, a 1993 Electra Glide Sport (FLHS) for this trip. It had been recently serviced and was ready to roll.

On that morning, the 16-year-old E-Glide started on the first crank! The weather was brisk—in the mid-40s. I rode to the Exxon Station and was surprised to find all of the other riders already there. After I filled my tank, we departed the Exxon at 9:00 am.

We rode west on Gause Blvd. to I-10 east, then North on I-59, exited at Picayune and traveled on MS Route 43 South to MS 603. Traveling north on 603, we reached its intersection with MS Route 53, where we stopped to warm up with hot coffee at a local gas station.



WARMING UP AT THE LOCAL GAS STOP

After our sojourn, we continued our trek east on MS Route 53 for another 30 miles, arriving at The Shed shortly after it opened at 11:00 am, cold and hungry.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

CRAWFISH & GREAT COMPANY

March will be a month filled with good eats, great rides, good company, and outstanding entertainment for HOG members. To begin with, after our meeting on March 7th, the Chapter will sponsor a **Crawfish Boil**. It is an all-you-can-eat affair. The cost is only \$5.00 per person. If you want to partake, you must sign up in advance. Contact our Director, Vick Vicknair, Asst. Director, Mike Werda, or Treasurer Dwight Bradbury.

During the weekend of March 13-15, Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson will host the **Bayou Thunder Bike Fest** featuring live entertainment by Pig Pen & The Porkchops, The Radiators, Group Therapy, and Chee Weez. Volunteers are need for this event. If you want to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet at the dealership.

The **Louisiana State HOG Rally** will be held in Shreveport this year from March 19 through 20. While preregistration is now closed, you can sign-up on site. The cost is \$25.00. If you want to buy a t-shirt it will cost you another \$15.00. Check out the details at www.lastatehogrally.com. The host hotel is the Hilton Shreveport, 104 Market Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, 318-698-0900. When making reservations advise you are seeking rooms for the HOG rally. The Chapter will have organized rides to Shreveport. Contact Vick Vicknair or Dan Wehr for details.

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 take some time to thank everyone in the Chapter for their support and their words of encouragement (it tends to make the job a little easier). I would like to thank all of the officers for their commitment and hard work. A big thanks goes to Mike Bruno, without his support and sponsorship there would be no Northshore Chapter. On those lines I would also like to give a special thanks to Dave, Rhonda and Maritza, whose help with the Chapter I greatly appreciate. I would like to also thank the members for bringing their smiling faces to our monthly meetings and their increased involvement in our Chapter activities, both of which seem to be on the rise. The one thing that I have found over the years I have been involved in the Chapter is, the more you involve yourself in the Chapter, the more you get from being in the Chapter. The comradery, the meeting of new friends, the sharing of ideas and views, being with others who share your passion for Harleys and becoming, in a sense, family. Therefore, if we all continue to do our part, we should reap the benefits of our labor and have a great year riding and having fun.

Now, moving on. The weather so far this year has not exactly been kind to us but, we have been able to get off a few of our planned rides. We had a great ride for the LOH ride to Anjac BBQ, we just missed the bad weather, the food was great and Sonia Fox did an excellent job setting everything up. We were invited and rode in the Krewe of Slidellian parade, we had very good participation and everyone really enjoyed themselves. After our February meeting we were able to ride to the West End Restaurant in Waveland, Ms. David Authement, our Head Road Captain took us on a nice ride to the restaurant, where Mike Werda, our Assistant Director, had arranged everything there and we had our own room for the Chapter. Thanks to all of you, GREAT JOB!!!!

We still have rides planned for the rest of this month, the crawfish boil after next month's meeting, Bayou Thunder Bike Fest, and the State Rally, all happening next month. We will also be coming out soon with our plans for the next three months. I hope everyone is ready to have fun, I know I am.

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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.

"Vic" Vicnair, our Chapter Director, briefed the members about the Chapter's participation in the Slidell Mardi Gras parade last Sunday. Many favorable comments were received and the ride

garnered good publicity for our Chapter & our sponsoring dealership. Due to potential engine heating issues, the Chapter terminated their parade participation at the Southside Café. Thanks to all the members who participated.

"Please Watch for Motorcycles" bumper stickers were passed out. There are also large "Watch for Motorcycle" lawn signs available at Mike Bruno's, near the door leading back to the Service Department for anyone who wants one. Member-e-mail cards were passed out to ensure that the Chapter membership records are correct and that the officers can electronically connect with members regarding upcoming Chapter events. These cards will also be used by Mike Bruno to send each member a birthday discount.

Everyone was reminded to sign up for the Chapter Crawfish Boil to be held after the ride, following our March 7 meeting. Members were encouraged to sign up for the Crawfish Boil, \$5 for a member and \$10 for a non-member. Our March meeting will be the final sign-up deadline.

Mike Werda, our Assistant Director briefed on hotel room availability for the LA State HOG Rally. Members were reminded that if they hadn't made a hotel reservation yet, when phoning the Hilton Hotel, to tell the hotel staff that they are attending the HOG Rally or risk being turned away. The hotel still had a number of rooms blocked for HOG Rally attendees.

Mike also briefed the members about the HOG ABC's of Touring Program.

Dwight Bradbury, our Chapter Treasure and Webmaster, gave the Treasurer's Report, which is also posted on the Chapter website. The Chapter currently has \$3075 in the bank. Members were reminded to check that their national HOG 2009

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membership is still valid.

Sonia Fox briefed our members regarding the January LOH Ride, and thanked the Road Captains for providing a safe fun ride. She reminded everyone of the next LOH ride, Saturday February 28, for a tour of the Abita Brewery and then lunch at the Abita Brew Pub. Kick stands up at 9:00AM.

Members were reminded of the unofficial Mardi Gras ride to avoid the madness. Direction and duration to be determined by the weather. Contact Greg, Carl or Danno if you want to make this run. They will leave on Saturday, February 21. For those interested in a shorter ride on the 21st, there will be a ride to Tony's in Chalmette. KSU at 10:00AM.

Members were reminded that the Chapter needs some volunteers to sell water for the Chapter and to perform other duties during BAYOU THUNDER BIKE FEST at Mike Bruno's, March 13-15. This is a chance to have some fun and boost our Chapter's bank account a little. A Sign Up sheet is posted on the Chapter bulletin board.

Dan "Danno" Wehr reminded everyone, that as the Chapter Editor, he is always looking for riding articles from our members. Just send something in the form of a Word document. He can edit it for you if you don't feel you are another Hemingway. For any photos, just send the complete picture file to his e-mail address..


Terry Forrette, our Safety Officer, provided some safety hints: like making eye contact with the cages around you at signal lights, about not staying in close proximity to 18 wheelers, and a neat night time use for ankle length ladies nylons – wrapping your rear view mirrors with them to cut high beam glare from cager headlights.

Dave Authement, our Chief Road Captain, gave a short brief on Hand Signals for group rides.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned so that the Chapter could take advantage of the fine weather for the Chapter ride to West End.

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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**ARRIVING AT THE SHED IN GULFPORT****CHOWING DOWN AT THE SHED**

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The Shed sports a rustic atmosphere with rough-sawn wood walls adorned by old road signs and antiques, supplemented by a constant stream of blues music broadcast through its sound system. It has live entertainment on Saturday nights.

After consuming copious amounts of barbeque ribs, pork, and chicken, we mounted our two-wheeled steeds and returned to Slidell via Route 53 to Poplarville, and I-59 South.

It was a great day and a great ride.

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