



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2, Chapter Meeting and Ride, NSHD @ 9:30am
- May 16, Martinez Benefit Poker Run, 12 Noon, NSHD
- May 22, Mem. Day Biker Party, Sandy Hook, MS.
- May 22, Harley Mem. Day Blowout, Madisonville
- May 24, LOH Ride, NSHD @6:00pm.
- May 28, Arkansas State HOG Rally, Rogers, AR
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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Riding The Louisiana State HOG Rally

By Dan Wehr

The morning of March 19th was nasty. It was cold, in the mid to low-40s, and foggy with visibility in the neighborhood of 200 yards. Nevertheless, this was the first day of my trek to the Louisiana State HOG rally and I was determined to press on. Vick, the Director of the Northshore Chapter of HOG, was leading a group of our members from the Chevron Station in Lacombe via the interstates for a quick trip to Shreveport. While I enjoy riding with other members of our chapter, I felt that traveling on the interstates presented an issue of lost opportunities. I chose to take the back roads to the rally.

Believing that the fog would lift in short order, I rode west on Interstate 12 to Covington, took US 190 West to LA 25. I was convinced the fog would dissipate by the time I reached Covington. It did not. In heavy fog, I continued north on LA 25 from Covington through Folsom and Franklinton. To my disbelief, the dense fog persisted, drenching my jeans and impeding my progress with a heavily misted windshield. Finally, when I approached the intersection of MS 27 and US 98 at Tylertown, the fog gave way to sunshine.

As I was waiting for traffic to clear for my turn onto westbound 98, another rider pulled up next to me. He was a bearded 60-year-old-plus traveler astride a late model metallic red Honda Gold Wing. He asked me where I was headed. I replied, "Shreveport." He introduced himself as "Ron" and asked if he could ride with me. As it turned out, Ron was on his way to a Gold Wing Riders rally in Marshal Texas, just west of Shreveport. By mutual agreement, Ron and I continued our trip to northwest Louisiana as a team..

US 98 was a terrific ride, occasioned by rolling hills, light traffic, and beautiful scenery along this four-lane divided highway. From Bude, we continued our journey on US 84 west through Roxie, Natchez, Ferriday, Jonesville, Winnfield, and Clarence, on a lightly traveled and well-maintained two lane that presented great views of the scenic country sides of Catahoula, LaSalle, Winn, and Natchitoches Parishes. By early afternoon, we reached Interstate 49, 10 miles north of Armistead. From this point, it was a short 30-mile run to Shreveport on the super-slab.

As we approached Interstate 20, Ron and I parted company. He took the western route, while I negotiated my way eastbound to Shreveport's central business district, arriving at the Hilton Hotel at 3:00 pm. Except for the first hundred miles of fog, the ride to the rally site was truly exceptional.

Shortly after my arrival at the Hilton, Vick and the rest of the crew from the

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

Martinez Benefit Poker Run Planned

Our sponsoring dealership and its employees are sponsoring a poker run for the benefit of Wilfred "Freddy" Martinez (Maritza Authement's brother). Freddy is a victim of cancer and is now terminal. His wife and daughter need financial assistance to offset his medical bills and would appreciate your participation in this event.

It will originate at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley Davidson on **May 16, 2009**, at **12 noon**. The scheduled stops for this run are Trackside, The Landing, T's Lounge, BB's, and will end back at the dealership.

I've been informed that there will be food, entertainment, door prizes, and an auction at the conclusion of the run.

Monetary donations can be made at Capital One Bank in Freddy's name.

For more information, contact Maritza at (985)707-4301, Sonia Fox at (985)707-4451, or Karen Morehouse at (985)768-2084.

I am sure that volunteers are needed to help plan and coordinate this event. Please contact Maritza, Sonia, or Karen if you can provide assistance.

Arkansas State HOG Rally

While it is probably too late to pre-register for the Arkansas State HOG Rally, you may want to make plans to attend anyway. It begins on May 28th and ends on May 31st. The site of the rally is Rogers, Arkansas, located in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. Anyone attending will be assured of some great riding.

Kudos to Bruce & Carol Bryant

One of our long-time members, Bruce Bryant will be celebrating his 50th anniversary along with his wife, Carol. They were married on April 10, 1959, and have happily enjoyed each others love and companionship for half of a century. On behalf of the Chapter, I offer my congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness.

Regards, Danno

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 Your Safety Officer

Lane Position At A Stoplight

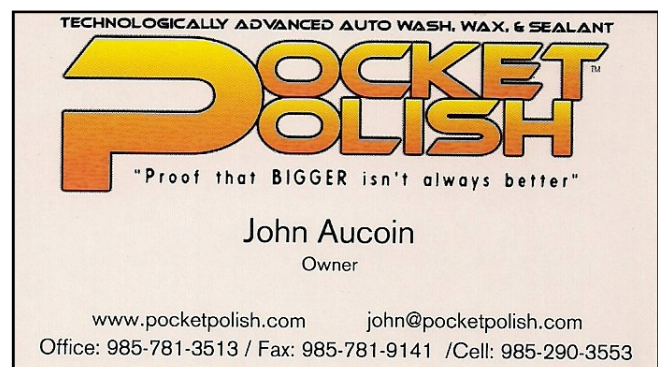
Terry Forrette

Several years back the Hurt Report indicated that most motorcycle crashes happen at intersections. A typical question that many riders have is; "When I am in the left lane at a stoplight, where should I be positioned within my lane?" This may seem like a question with an obvious answer but consider that the middle of lane can be slippery from oil and grease, and either side may have its drawbacks too. So where should you be positioned. The following is from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and was published in the March 2009 AMA Motorcyclist.

A recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study showed that almost half of all fatal crashes occurred at intersections. The most common type of two vehicle crash was when the front of the motorcycle struck the side of the passenger vehicle- for example, a left turning driver colliding with an oncoming motorcyclist. And only 4 percent of motorcyclists violated the right-of-way, compared to 35 percent of passenger-vehicle operators.

When you're at a light waiting to turn left, the biggest hazard is cross traffic that might run the light after yours turns green and you enter the intersection. And, if you're not in a "protected" turn lane (one that is controlled by a separate left-turn arrow light), oncoming traffic is another potential risk.

The best lane position at a stoplight is the one that affords you maximum visibility of the intersection and traffic, and also maximizes the chance of you being seen by other drivers as you enter the intersection. Unless there's an obvious slick spot in your lane, you don't need to rule out the center portion. It's best to evaluate each intersection on the a case-by-case basis based on these factors.



Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

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The Northshore HOG Chapter social get-together/meeting began a little after 9:30 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer.

"Vic" Vicnair, our Chapter Director, briefed the members about a Loyalty Point problem which makes last year's point totals unavailable to the members for

use. He is actively working the issue with Mike Bruno's staff and will get the issue resolved as best as possible. Vic will keep members posted regarding progress on these points.

Vic also briefed on the Bayou Thunder water sales by our Chapter volunteers. Due to un-cooperative weather on Saturday, the event didn't work out as well as in the past. Vic extended a Thank You to our volunteers for their participation and to the Chapter members who provided most of our customer base.

As for future plans, Vic discussed having a Northshore HOG Chapter Day at the store, to include burgers, drinks and a band. Obviously, if the members want to do this, we will need a lot of volunteers. As always, anyone having a Chapter fund raising idea; please bring it to the attention of the Chapter officers.

Vic also briefed on the Chapter attendance at the Louisiana State Rally. Our Chapter was well represented and enjoyed some good riding and seeing some old friends and making some new ones. Next years State HOG Rally will be in Hammond.

Mike Werda, our Assistant Director briefed on HOG membership benefits such as the special discounted tickets for Milwaukee Brewer baseball games at Miller Park. Check your 2009 HOG membership book for other benefits. He reminded everyone that a Chapter Event Schedule is posted on the Chapter bulletin board at the store.

Dwight Bradbury, our Chapter Treasurer provided the Treasurer's report. We remain a low budget operation but we still manage to ride and have fun.

Steve Authement, our Membership Officer, will be getting some assistance from Karl Fox. So, if any one has membership questions, you now have 2 information sources.

Maritza Authement briefed the members on a benefit poker run for her brother, to be held at Mike Bruno's on Saturday, 16 May, starting at noon. This is the same day as Mike's Armed Forces Day at the store.

Sonia Fox, our LOH lady, briefed on the next LOH Ride to Covington Main Street on Sat., 5/24/09, @ 6:00 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned so that the Chapter could get ready for the ride to the Crescent City Grill in Hattiesburg, MS.



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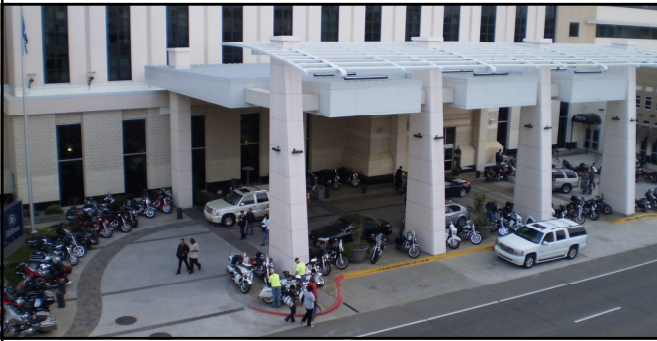


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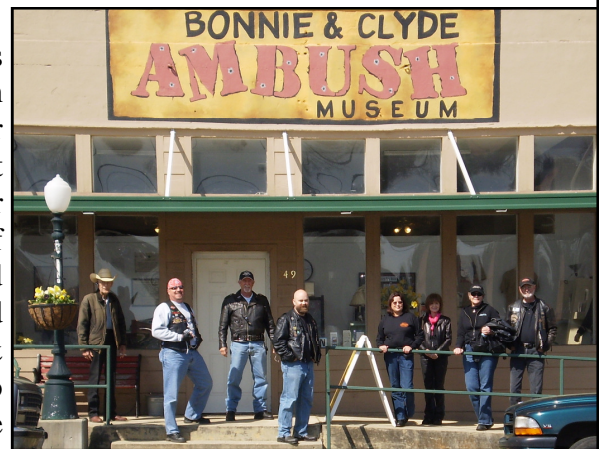
Northshore Chapter checked in. Once everyone was situated, we made our way to the Blind Tiger Restaurant and Bar located a few blocks from the hotel on the corner of Spring and Texas Streets.

The Blind Tiger is an outstanding restaurant offering a wide variety of culinary delights including seafood, pork, and beef dishes. The great food, service, and companionship made this sojourn a memorable event. I ordered the blackened grilled shrimp dinner which consisted of 10 jumbo shrimp on a bed of wild rice accompanied by a garden salad and veggies. This was the first time I felt truly filled by a shrimp entre. The portions were quite generous. Following dinner, the Chapter went its separate ways.

A small group participated in the Party at the Dealership (Shreveport Harley-Davidson). The rest of us walked to the Rally site, picked up our armbands, tee shirts, pins, and patches, and spent the rest of the evening visiting the vendors, renewing friendships, and meeting new acquaintances.

The evening was topped off at the Hilton's lounge for a nightcap and some planning for the next day's activities.

On Friday, March 20, a majority of the Chapter members participated in a group ride to the Bonnie & Clyde Ambush Museum in Gibsland, LA. The weather was outstanding: clear skies with temps in the low to mid-70s. We took US 80 west over the Red River, through Bossier City, and Minden, LA. For the most part, US 80 is a divided 4-lane highway. Once west of Bossier, the flat plains of that city gave way to rolling hills and gentle turns, lined with lush forests, green meadows, and farmland. After fifty miles or so, we reached the Bonnie & Clyde Museum in the town of Gibsland. We spent an hour or so viewing the exhibits and talking with the locals. One of the characters we met was the son on the Sheriff who organized the Bonnie & Clyde ambush! Vic Vicnair, who was leading the




OUR ARRIVAL AT THE MUSEUM

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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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ride, received a recommendation to stop for lunch at a locally respected restaurant in Athens, LA (I believe it was called the Country Cottage). We were advised to take State Route 798 west to Route 9 north. Armed with this tip, our group proceeded west on 798. A few minutes later, our trek was interrupted by a barricade blocking both lanes. Vic queried one of the road workers for a suitable detour. We were directed to turn right on an unmarked, narrow, one and one-half lane, paved logging road. While I, and perhaps others in the group, had reservations about proceeding down this crude trail, it turned out to be a high point of the trip. While the logging trail was surfaced with fresh macadam, it was only 12 feet wide, had no shoulders, and closely followed the raw grade of the land. Due to its sharp curves, abrupt rises and dips, and its narrow girth, our speed rarely exceeded 40 miles-per-hour. These short comings were far outweighed by the spectacular views of the rolling hills and lush valleys we encountered, devoid of any traffic whatsoever. Our train of two-wheelers traveled 15 miles or so along this black ribbon, enjoying the striking beauty of this undeveloped part of northern Louisiana. As we reached its end at Louisiana Route 9, I felt some regret that this unusual part of the ride was over.

After a short, but scenic trip north on Route 9, through Arcadia, we approached the Country Cottage. Upon viewing its overflowing parking lot, I knew we had made a good choice. Unbelievably, the restaurant was immediately able to seat our group of more than one-dozen riders in their back room. All of us took advantage of the "\$7.95" lunch special, which consisted of a main entre of either catfish or chicken, a choice of two side dishes, desert, and a drink! I decided on the catfish. To my surprise, I was served four large, perfectly prepared filets. The portions were so large, I had a difficult time finishing the main course and had to pass on the deserts.

Filled with an exceptional lunch, we waddled our way back to the scooters, mounted up and headed south on LA 154 to I-20 West, to eastbound US 80. Our return trip to the hotel was as pleasant as our outgoing trek, except for an unexpected diversion in Minden. Due to extensive road construction, US 80 east took a confusing and circuitous detour through this town. After going in circles for about 10 minutes we stopped at the only open place to park, the Public Library. Following directions provided by one of its patrons, we were able to negotiate our way back to 80 and into Shreveport.

That evening we returned to the Rally site and enjoyed the celebrations planned for that evening. The music was provided by the Steve Richards Band. Their performance was pleasantly passable, but fell short of those I've witnessed at other State Rallies. Regardless, the beer was gold, the food was good, and the company was "priceless."

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ROCKING AT THE RALLY

we took a beautiful ride ending up in Homer for a quick lunch at the local KFC.

Our return trip the hotel included a visit at Shreveport Harley-Davidson where some of our group purchased tee shirts and other accessories. We eventually returned to the Hilton by late afternoon.

That evening we were treated to a great performance by the Confederate Railroad at Shreveport's Convention Plaza, the rally site.

Sunday morning, the Chapter returned via I-49 south, to US 190 east at Opelousas, through Baton Rouge, to I-12 east.

Altogether, I would rate this years State HOG rally as one of the best. It provided an opportunity to meet up old riding acquaintances and explore the riding opportunities of northern Louisiana.

Next year, the State HOG Rally will be in Hammond. I plan on being there.

Here are candid shots of our trip:



RALLY REGISTRATION



PLANNING SESSION AT THE HILTON

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