



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 16, Freddy Martinez Poker Run NSHD @ Noon.
- June 6, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- June 20, Ride to West End, NSHD @ 10:00 am.
- June 23, LOH Ride to Pass Christian, NSHD @ 10:00 am
- July 4th, Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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The Wall That Heals

By Dan Wehr

The Wall That Heals, is a half-sized aluminum replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. which is touring the United States. It's a scaled model of the granite monolith bearing the names of over 58,000 soldiers who were killed during the Vietnam War. On the morning of Wednesday, May 6th it arrived at the Riverside Travel Center in Pearl River. This location was the staging area for its motorcycle escort to its destination for the day, the Harry Hurst Middle School in Destrihan.

Earlier that morning Greg Peterman and I met up and rode to the LA 41 exit off Interstate 59 to participate in this event. Upon our arrival I was amazed by the number and diversity of local motorcycle enthusiasts who showed up to escort the display. Several HOG and Gold Wing Riders chapters were represented, as well as scores of unaffiliated motorcyclists. While there may have been others, the only other member of our chapter on this ride I saw was Dave Authement, our Chief Road Captain. Altogether, I believe we had between 200 and 400 scooters on this ride.

The weather was outstanding, clear skies with temperatures in the mid-70's; a perfect day for a parade.

This ride was well organized and included escorts by the Louisiana State Police, Sheriff's Deputies, Municipal Motor Officers and Firefighters.

The ride was unexpectedly trouble free. Our two-mile-plus procession rode I-59 south, to I-10 west, I-610, and I-310 into Destrihan. I was thoroughly impressed by the state and local motorcycle officers who ran interference for our group. They blocked all traffic in the direction of our travel and from the entrance ramps along our journey as we past through. We averaged about 45 miles-hour arriving at Harry Hurst Middle School about an hour later, greeted by hundreds of flag-waving bystanders and students who enthusiastically celebrated the arrival of the auspicious line of police cars, fire trucks and two-wheelers.

The Moving Wall began its travels in late January from Washington, D.C. to Virginia, New Jersey, and several other states. After its sojourn in Destrihan, it will travel to Baton Rouge and northbound into Missouri.



GREG & I AT THE STAGING AREA

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

FREDDY MARTINEZ BENEFIT POKER RUN

The Freddy Martinez Benefit Poker Run will take place on Saturday, May 16th. 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. First bike out at noon. The scheduled stops for this run are Trackside, The Landing, T's Lounge, BB's, and will end back at the dealership.

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.

Let's have a good showing for this event. Please volunteer and attend if you can.

May Meeting

The Chapter meeting was well attended and was followed by a short one-hour ride north on LA 41 to LA 434 to US 190 E and back, by the back roads into Slidell. We ended up at the Times Grill and had some great 'eats.' I truly enjoyed and was satisfied by my ground steak meal from their "\$6.00 Menu."

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond his control, Pat Schaeffer, our Secretary, was unable to attend. Consequently, we have no minutes from May's meeting.

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

Be a Cool Rider This Summer Terry L. Forrette – Safety Officer

It is summer time and everyone is out riding. For us folks in the Deep South summer like temperatures and humidity are part of the riding experience whether we like it or not. Along with the usual safety tips that we all should practice regardless of the weather, here are some of my favorite tips that make summer riding safe and enjoyable.

Rule number one is if you are thirsty then drink something. Even when I am going on a short trip I hydrate as much as possible the night before and then make sure I drink water at every stop. Notice I said water, not caffeinated beverages and certainly not alcoholic drinks. Both of these may lead to dehydration and more serious problems. How do you know that you are becoming dehydrated? Mental confusion, increased irritability and most important you stop sweating. I will often wrap a wet towel around my neck, douse my shirt with water or wrap a hydration bandana around my forehead to stay cool.

Wear appropriate summer riding gear. This does not mean less clothing rather it means wearing clothing designed for high temperatures and humidity. If I am wearing my touring pants I usually wear a pair of convertible fishing pants underneath them. These pants can easily be converted into shorts and they also wick moisture away from the skin. Wearing wicking underwear is also a good idea because it keeps the skin dry and you will be more comfortable after a long day in the saddle. One mistake I see a lot of riders make is riding with bare arms. It is no secret why desert dwellers wear long flowing robes even when the thermometer spikes 100⁰ F. Keeping the sun and wind off your skin reduces moisture loss and you will ultimately be much more comfortable and safe if you keep your arms covered. I have several riding jackets and my summer jacket is mesh with armor. Don't forget the sun block lotion too. I always wear gloves and my summer gloves are deer skin. Not only do they protect my hands from road debris and the wind but they also act like a chamois-skin to wipe off my face shield during a rain storm.

Speaking of rain no one in our climate should leave home without a good rain suit. Yes I know the old saying that if you pack rain gear you are inviting it to rain. Chances of running into a rain storm are pretty good for us in the

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Summer Riding (Continued)

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South so just bite the bullet and get a good suit. The first trick that I have learned about putting on rain gear is to put it on before it rains. To avoid the rain suit dance as you are trying pull the pants over your boots pack a couple of plastic grocery bags and place

them over your boots. The rain pants will slide on a lot easier this way. Give your windshield and face shield a good coating of approved wax. This will make the rain bubble up and blow off in the wind, improving your sight and line of vision.

Summer time also means bugs, especially the dreaded "love bugs". I carry a moistened towel in a separate bag along with a dry rag and pack both together in a 1 quart zip lock bag. At gas stops, I use the rags to clean off my windshield and face shield. On overnight trips bring a couple of dry fabric softener sheets with you, the kind that are used in clothes dryers. When moistened they make great bug cleaners and then you can throw them away.

I always carry a spare bottle of water with me. This is my emergency hydration supply and I also have used it to wash dust and debris out of my eye. Freeze a couple before you leave for a ride and they will offer you a cool refreshing drink wherever you decide to stop. How often should you stop and get off the bike? This is a personnel preference but my rule is every hour and half or 100 miles. Believe it or not you will make better mileage on a long ride and have more energy at day's end.

Keep cool, stay safe and enjoy the ride.

Terri Forrette



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Our Destiny (?)

By Dan Wehr

Got this off the internet:


“Don’t laugh, this could happen to all of us one of these days.
This is what happens when your kids take away your car keys.”



“Florida Biker & His Babe”

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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