



# Northshore HOG News

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 17, LA  
Outback  
Overnite Ride  
NSHD @ 6:30pm.
- Aug. 1, Chapter  
Meeting & Ride,  
NSHD @ 9:30am.
- Aug. 15,  
Hollywood  
Casino Ride,  
NSHD @ 9:30am.
- Sept. 5, Chapter  
Meeting & Ride,  
NSHD @ 9:30am.
- See the web site  
for a complete  
listing of events

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## CLUB HOG OKLAHOMA CITY

By Dan ("Bayou Cop") Schewe

Dave Authement and I planned to ride to the CLUB HOG rally in Oklahoma City for some months. We had reviewed our planned route several times and on the week before the trip met at Dave's house to complete our final plan. Dwight Bradbury had decided that he could take the time off and join us for the ride although his plans were modified by his work schedule.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>.** We decided that we would depart at 0600 in an attempt to get on the road to get ahead of the traffic and the oppressive heat that the area had been plagued with. Dave and I met in Covington and decided that since we may encounter some rush hour traffic ( not sure why it's call RUSH when all you do is sit in traffic ) in Baton Rouge, we would travel on Interstate 55 north out of Hammond to Jackson Ms. and go west from there. Dwight had already departed and was in Shreveport on business and we would meet him there. Dave and I contacted Dwight from our fuel stop close to Shreveport, and advised him of our approximate arrival in his area and that we would meet at the Texas welcome center. The three of us departed the welcome center after enjoying some of their air conditioning and receiving some maps from the center about 1:00 and traveled to Paris Texas Holiday Inn, our first stop in our hot journey. This would be our longest day of the trip and get us close to Oklahoma City to reduce our travel time the following day. As we arrived in Paris Texas, and checked into the hotel, we were joined by Chris Engelbracht. After a dip in the pool at the hotel and some great food in the restaurant next to the hotel, we all retired for the night and planned to meet the next morning for the trip into OKC.



DWIGHT, DAVE AND CHRIS ON THE ROAD

**June 25<sup>th</sup>.** We planned an early morning departure to attempt to beat the forecasted heat of the day. Destination for the day was Oklahoma City. We left the hotel on Highway 271 out of Paris Texas and onto Highway 70 in Oklahoma. We missed our turn onto the continuation of Hwy 271 and continued on Hwy 70 to Interstate 35. Needing to have some sustenance, we opted for a steak house across the street from our gas stop. After some good food we mounted our steel ponies and continued north on I35 to Oklahoma City. On arrival in OKC, we were a little early to check into the hotels, so we decided to visit one of the local Harley stores that was a sponsor of the rally and partake in some entertainment before going to the hotel. While attempting to park my scooter in the parking lot I noticed a sign that advised the ambient temp was 102. As I backed up I noticed a heel pad from someone's boot. That's funny, I thought, until I got off my bike and noticed it was my heel!! After the event at the dealer and some cooling water, we departed for our hotels. Dwight and I

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## From the Editor

### Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

### MILLION-MILE MONDAY

Greg Peterman, Mark Aucion, Chris Crosby, Jim Carothers, and I met up on June 29th to participate in the "Million-Mile Monday" ride at 7:30 am, at the Exxon Station on East Gause Blvd. and Military Road. Our destination was the "Old Country Store" in Lorman, MS.

The Old Country Store was recently featured on the "Food Channel" as a great place to ingest copious amounts of down-home country food for a reasonable price.

We traveled north on Military Road to Interstate 59, exiting at the LA 41 Loop. We continued on LA 41 North to LA 16, to LA 25 North at Franklinton. From Franklinton, we rode on LA 25 North to MS 27 North, where we turned left on US 98 in Tylertown, MS. After riding West on US 98 and US 84 through McComb, Bude, Meadville, and Roxie, MS, we turned north on MS 33 through Fayette, to US 61 North. This part of Mississippi



CHRIS, MYSELF, MARK, AND JIM AT THE OLD COUNTRY STORE  
(PHOTO BY GREG PETERMAN)

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**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").**

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is quite picturesque, occasioned by rolling hill country, lined by trees, and gentle twisties. Within a half hour, we arrived at the Old Country Store.

The weather for this part of the trip was pretty good. The skies were clear and the temperatures ranged from 80 degrees when we departed Slidell, to about 90 upon our arrival in Lorman.

The Old Country Store was built in the 1830s and was, in its hay-day, the equivalent of a supermarket that sold general merchandise to the local population. It is now a local eatery that can seat up to a hundred or so people, serving 'all-you-can-eat' home cooking for ten bucks a head.

After gorging ourselves on fried chicken, cat fish, assorted veggies, and desert, we mounted our scooters and made our way south on US 61 to US 98 East to Interstate 55 South, to I-12 East. We arrived back in Slidell around 4:30pm.

The weather on our return trip was less that satisfactory. Between McComb and Slidell, we were hit by three, short but heavy, rain storms. Since the temperatures were in the mid-90s, the downpours were a welcome relief to the oppressive heat. None of us donned our rain gear. By the time I got back, my clothes were dry and I was pleasantly fatigued but satisfied with our accomplishment.

### "Motorcycle Wisdom"

Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out the car window.

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 70 mph.

You start the game of life with a full pot of luck and an empty pot of experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they *can* hold everything you need.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank of fuel before you can think straight.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

One bike on the road is worth two in the garage.

Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.

Whatever it is, it's better to do it in the wind.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway, it's an attitude.

People are like motorcycles; each is customized a bit differently.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

There's something ugly about a *new* bike on a trailer.

A long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith and use up a lot of fuel.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords, wire and electrician's tape, it's serious.

Never try to race an old geezer, he may have one more gear than you.

Bikes parked out front mean good chicken-fried steak inside.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

There are two types of people in this world -  
people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could.

Submitted by Greg Peterman



# Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

July 11 2009

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 on the Chapter overnight ride on the Creole Trail (Louisiana's Outback as some folks call it), Friday & Saturday, July 17 and

18. Kickstands up from Mike Bruno's at 6:30 PM. Overnight stop location is Scott-Lafayette Hampton Inn but should occur around/before 9-9:30 PM. If Vic can get an accurate e-mail count of everyone attending and if everyone were to be at the dealership early, the group could leave early. Ray Gregg, our Activities Officer, will bring his van for anyone having extra gear to haul. For those folks who can't get away for the overnight Creole Trail Ride, the ABATE Northlake Chapter will be sponsoring a poker run on Saturday leaving from Ya-Ya's at Highways 25/190 in Covington.

Ray also briefed on next month's motorcycle events. A schedule is posted on the Chapter bulletin board and its website.

Dwight Bradbury gave the Treasurer's report.

Terry Forrette briefed on last month's 2-day "Storm Warning" commemorative event in Houma, in Houma; which was well attended by boats, bikes and RV's.

Terry also provided some safety suggestions for night riding, like use of reflective tape on your jacket & helmet or luminescent mesh vests. He reminded everyone to check their headlights with the bike loaded the way it will be ridden in the dark. A good rule of thumb is that your headlight should drop about two (2") inches for each ten (10') feet in front of your bike.

Maritza Authement briefed on the dealership's Ladies Night, to be held 7-9 PM on Thursday, 16 July. It is a good opportunity to learn how to pick up a fallen motorcycle, change the oil & other "real biker" tricks. Registration will be required.

Maritza also us a head's up that Mike Bruno's will be having a fashion show, Saturday, September 26 and that Chapter members who want to strut their stuff can volunteer as models.

Bill Haynes volunteered to take some of Dwight's burden by becoming our Chapter's new Webmaster.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned and followed by a short ride.



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were staying across the interstate from Dave's hotel and we relied on his GPS to get us there. It routed us into a warehouse area and told us we were at our destination. There were no hotels in the immediate area. As we looked in the area we noted that the hotels were further to the east from our location. We finally found our residence and checked in. Chris, Dave, Dwight and I went to a local steak house for dinner that evening and we had some excellent meals. Returning to our hotels, we all were tired and the heat had taken its toll on us for the day.

**June 26th.** The Club HOG OKC opened at 10:00 so we all met at Dave's hotel and departed for the entertainment. Needless to say, Oklahoma was experiencing some record temperatures and it was brutal in the sunlight. We made our way through the vendors exhibits, purchased a few things, and made our way into the air conditioned building and exhibits. After we had seen most of everything there, we departed for our hotels to cool off and agreed to meet about 4:30 for dinner before going to the Leann Rimes concert that evening. We found another great restaurant chain I had experienced in Little Rock, called Shorty Smalls, known for their ribs. The food was great and we all finished and returned to the



DWIGHT, CHRIS, DAVE AND I ARRIVE AT THE RALLY



REFLECTION POOL AT OK CITY MEMORIAL

fairgrounds for the evening's entertainment. During the evening's event, Benny Suggs, HOG general manager, was on stage and he was not going to give out the location of next years national event, but he did say he knew two numbers. 66. Guess that means the next rally will be on route 66 somewhere. Stay tuned to the Harley site for more info, I guess.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>.** Dave and I were some of the lucky riders that had been entered into a drawing, and received parade passes for the eight mile Harley Parade in the city. In all there were 1500 riders in the parade. We arrived at the fairgrounds at 0800 for our parade briefing and our scheduled 0900 departure. What a sight! All these bikes traversing the streets of Oklahoma City and we were in the middle of it all. We went through the downtown area and past the memorial of the Oklahoma City bombing. While not being able to stop for pictures, we did return later that afternoon and were able to walk though the memorial. What a moving


experience. The reflection pool and those empty chairs were breathtaking. Dave and Dwight did some more shopping at the J&M electronics display and we visited the Macanudo booth again for some more of their fine free cigars. We returned to our hotel and planed to go to the party in the "Bricktown" area of downtown. The downtown area is much like our French Quarter with many bars and eating establishments only with a river and tour boats. The area had been designated for our final evening party and of course, we had dinner at Hooters! After listening to some good music on several band stages, we decided it was time to depart for the hotel. The weather was showing signs of some impending rain. We made plans to depart early and attempt to ride ahead of the rain.

**June 28<sup>th</sup>.** The rain had started about 4:00 am and was a light drizzle as we packed up to depart for our return through Arkansas. Looking at the weather, it appeared that the cool front ( what a misnomer ) was going to push south and east of our planed route. We

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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](http://www.northshorehog.com) and update your profile. Don't forget to do the same thing when renewing your 2009 membership.

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all donned our rain suits and headed out on I40 east to Arkansas. Riding in rain was not our favorite thing, but about 40 miles out, it had stopped and appeared that we would be in the clear. We shed our rain suits at our gas stop and continued onto Paris Arkansas where we found a local eating establishment that was a family style restaurant. Again, more good food. Continuing on we experienced some great roads, as Arkansas is known for. Out of Paris we found hwy 309, a small but twisting road that afforded us some great riding. Off hwy 309 we got onto hwy 7, another known highway in Arkansas for it's beauty and challenge. We made it to the top of Mount Magazine, the highest point in Arkansas. We stopped at the lodge for some pictures and to take a well deserved break and then continued onto Hot Springs, where we would spend our last night on the road. Needing some food and wanting to have a good meal, we went to "Does Eat Place" for some steaks and fried pickles. We planed our return to maximize our miles for the "Million Mile Monday" ride.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>.** We left Hot Springs and traveled down Hwy 270 to Pine Bluff and connected with Hwy 65 into Louisiana and I 20. On the return Chris experienced some issues with his check engine light and advised he may need to stop in Jackson Ms. at the local Harley store. Shortly after we left our fuel stop, Dave advised he was having some issues with his cruise control just accelerating and now his check engine light was on. As we got closer to Jackson it was decided that Dave and Chris would stop and Dwight also chose to stop before they got onto I55 for their final leg of the trip. Since I needed to be east of Covington, I opted to go down Hwy49 and onto I 59 and into Slidell. At about mile marker 25, in Ms, it began to rain a light rain and got cloudy. The cooler weather felt good, however it did not last long. Two miles south, it stopped raining and the cloud cover went away. I arrived home at 3:30 pm. I called Dwight's and Dave's cell phones and got voice mail so I surmised they were on the road. Later Dave called and advised that they spent 2 hours at the store and they looked at Chris's bike and were going to attempt a repair but they could not advise Dave why his check engine light was on. May have been hot and the cruise control may have been interrelated. Dave and Dwight continued on home and experienced some rain and small hail while they were getting on their rain attire. Dave advised Chris to call if his bike was going to be down overnight and he would drive back in the car and pick him up. Later Dave called back and told me that Chris got back on the road and the dealer was able to locate a concern and affect a repair so he could continue on home but it was still not running correctly. Guess the excessive hot weather took its toll on some of the new bikes!

Dwight's 03 and my 05 did not experience the concerns that the newer models did. Guess an oil cooler does work! At one point the ambient temp was 103. Just imagine the engine temp!

Great trip and great friends as well as great food! Ride and have fun. That's what it's all about! Can't wait until next year!

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