



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 3, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am
- Oct. 9-11, Overnight ride to Natchez/Vadalia, 10:00 am @ Chevron Station, Route 434 near I-12.
- Oct. 24, Chapter Ride to Lil Ray's, Long Beach, MS. Depart NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- Nov. 7, Chapter Meeting and Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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OCTOBER, 2009

EVENTFUL FALL CALENDAR

By Dan Wehr

Nomination & Election of Officers:

On October 3, 2009, Northshore HOG will host its regular meeting at Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley Davidson. The agenda for this meeting includes the nomination of Chapter Officers for 2010. According to our by-laws, nominations normally occur at the Chapter's November meeting; however, our primary officers have pushed this back by one month in order to facilitate an orderly transition of leadership and avoid possible conflicts with the holidays.

If you are interested in running for an officer position or know of anyone who is, it is imperative that you attend the next meeting. Any full or associate member may nominate herself/himself or another member for a position. Those nominated and "seconded" by another member at the meeting will be official candidates for the election of officers, which will occur at the following Chapter meeting (Saturday, November 7, 2009). The only qualifications for nominees/candidates is that he or she is a member and is willing to accept the responsibilities of the office.

Candidates receiving an affirmative vote of a majority of the members attending the November meeting will assume their respective officer positions on New Year's Day, 2010 (the traditional date of our Chapter's "Cold Butt Ride").

Long and Short Chapter Rides:

Vic, our Director, has planned a great weekend ride to Natchez, MS/Vadalia, LA from Friday, October 9th, through Sunday, October 11th. Those participating in the ride will meet at the Chevron Station, located on Route 434, just north of I-12, at 10:00 am, on October 9th. The planned route will be all back roads ("two-lanes") to that evening's destination, The Comfort Inn & Suites (telephone number 1-318-336-1655), in Vidalia. Ten rooms have been blocked for our group. The rate for a riverside room is \$109.99 plus tax per night. Rooms on the parking lot side of the hotel go for \$99.99 plus tax per night. Reservations must be made on or before Friday, October 1st. When making reservations, you must mention the Northshore HOG Group to get a room. Riders will be staying the nights of October 9th and 10th, and returning to Slidell on Sunday, October 11th.

On October 24th, the Chapter will be riding to Lil Ray's in Long Beach, MS. The group will be departing the dealership at approximately 9:30 am.

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

SLIM PICKINS & FAT EXCUSES

September's Newsletter

Please accept my regrets for not publishing our newsletter last month. This unfortunate event was caused by a lightning strike which wiped out two nearby trees, my telephones, and my computer system. All of this happened in early August and addressing these issues consumed the better part of five weeks of my time. So if you're wondering whatever happened to your September issue of this newsletter, be assured that it was not lost in the mail or the Ethernet. It simply was not produced due to circumstances beyond the control of your editor.

This Month's Newsletter

You will notice that this issue is short of articles and pictures describing and depicting the riding experience we all know and love. This is due to a number of regrettable circumstances. To begin with, the weather has been awful the last few weeks. It seems to have rained almost every day. Our Chapter's September meeting ride was cancelled due to rain. Consequently, because of this and some medical issues I won't bore you with, I have been unable to ride. Thus, there has been little to report about our two-wheel sport.

Hope Springs Eternal

The weather gods indicate that the persistent precipitation we've been experiencing will dissipate within the next few days or so. God willing, I will overcome my health issues within the next month and will be able to entertain you with my riding experiences and/or yours.

Vic, our Director, has planned a great weekend ride to Vidalia in early October. Hopefully, those who are lucky enough to join this excursion will be willing to share their impressions and photographs with all of us in our next newsletter.

Value your time in the saddle and keep the sunny side up.

Danno

Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

September 12, 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 Chunky River benefit poker run for

the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital for Children on Saturday, September 19.

Ray Gregg posted the Chapter ride schedule on the web site and on the Chapter bulletin board.

Russ Davis passed out coupons for the Christian Motorcycle Association Night to be held at the Mandeville Chili's restaurant on Highway 190, from 11AM till 11PM Tuesday September 29.

Vic reminded everyone that nominations for next year's Chapter officers will be taken during the Saturday, October 3, Chapter meeting & social get together. He reminded everyone that anyone can nominate themselves and that outgoing officers will assist any new ones wanting assistance. So if you want to become more active or make our Chapter better; here is a good opportunity.

Bill Haynes & Dwight Bradbury briefed on the Chapter website and reminded everyone that you need a Yahoo account to access the Chapter forum on the web site. Dwight brought his laptop and provided some web site access training to interested Chapter members after the meeting.

Terry Forrette provided a safety brief; reminding everyone that the first 15 minutes of rain fall causes the slipperiest road surface as the oil residue mixes with the rain water. He mentioned that a plastic grocery bag slipped over your boot will make it easier to don rain pants. He also reminded us that wet manhole covers, railroad tracks and highway reflectors are all slippery when wet. Rule of thumb: if it has a smooth surface – it will be slippery when wet. He also reminded everyone that cruise control should not be used in the rain.

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Another day ride to West End (New Orleans) is planned to depart Northshore Harley-Davidson on Saturday, November 14th at 9:30 am.

Participate, Ride and Have Fun:

The bottom line is that the next two months present many opportunities for you, our valued members, to actively support your Chapter and enjoy the experience of our two-wheeled passion. If you would enjoy a proactive role in our club's activities please consider serving as an officer. If you know of anyone else so inclined, encourage him or her to make such a commitment.

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Vic was the "Secret Greeter" and Robin Blakeman won the \$25.00 gift certificate. Everyone is reminded that the only way to win is to attend the meetings.

Due to uncertain weather conditions, there was no ride after the meeting.

Mike Bruno's team was kind enough to provide hamburgers and fixings after the meeting. They not only can service your bike; they can grill a serious burger.

Till next month, Ride and Have Fun.


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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.

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").