



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 5, Chapter Meeting & Ride NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- June 10 - 13, Republic of Texas Rally, Austin, TX
- June 19, Chapter Ride to the Round Table, NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- June 25, LOH Ride to Block Party, Covington, NSHD @ 5:30 pm.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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WHAT RETIRED GUYS DO ON WEDNESDAYS

By Dan Wehr, Photos By Greg Peterman

It had been a long time since my last ride, and I was itching to get in the saddle again. As luck would have it, I was contacted by Greg Peterman who indicated that Wednesday, May 12th, would be a great day for a ride. The weather was supposed to be terrific, and our Secretary, Pat Schaffer, wanted to join us. How could I turn this down!?

By way of background, since Greg and I are both retired, we have an informal agreement to meet for day rides on Wednesdays, weather and personal schedules permitting. If conditions allowed it, we would invite others to join in such two-wheeled adventures. In the past, these impromptu excursions presented many opportunities for meeting fellow riders, clearing our minds, and enjoying the finer points of exploring the two-lane highways of southeast Louisiana and southwest Mississippi.



PAT SCHAFFER AND I AT OUR DESTINATION FOR
WEDNESDAY'S RIDE, THE SHED NEAR GULFPORT

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

WHAT TO DO? WHERE TO GO?

The next Chapter meeting will occur on June 5th at 9:30 am, followed by a ride, the destination of which will be announced. Please plan on attending and participating in this event.

The Republic of Texas (ROT) Rally will be taking place from June 10th through the 13th, at Austin Texas. I have attended this event in the past, and, if you have the time and resources, I highly recommend you make plans to attend this rally. The ROT typically hosts great entertainment. Additionally, Austin is a great party town; the pleasures of Sixth Street rival those of Beale Street in Memphis, and Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

The Chapter has a ride planned on June 19th from the Dealership to The Round Table in Columbia, MS, departing Northshore Harley-Davidson at 9:00 am. The Round Table is an outstanding restaurant that features home-style food served on large, rotating "Lazy Susans" atop round tables that seat up to 12 patrons. Bring an appetite commensurate with their copious portions. While you're there, you may want to view Mississippi's answer to the Grand Canyon — Red Bluff. It's located just a half hour northeast of town. I will not be able to attend as I will be preparing for a long (4000-mile) trip out west departing the following day.

Sonia Fox has planned a Ladies of Harley ride to the block party in Covington. Departure occurs at 5:30 pm, at the dealership.

Ride safe and often.

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").

Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

May 1, 2010

The monthly HOG Chapter social gathering/meeting began at 9:45 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Vick, our Chapter Director, briefed the Chapter about the possibility of raising Chapter dues next year. This would not occur without a vote by the members and

would require a change in the Chapter bylaws. The proposed change would be to make both Full and Associate member dues \$20.00 per year, since all Chapter activities are as equally available to Associate members as Full members. During the recent HOT Officer Training in Rogers, AR, the Treasurer and the Secretary found that almost all other Chapters had higher dues than our current structure. This will be discussed at future meetings. Vick also discussed future plans for a Chapter breakfast meeting.

Mike Werda, our Asst. Director, and Ray Gregg, our Activities Officer, were out to town. Ray has bike events posted on the Chapter web site calendar.

All members were reminded that both eye glasses and windshields will fog up in the rain. And also to ensure that their insurance, driver's license motorcycle endorsement; registration and brake tags are current and readily available if stopped by a Law Enforcement Officer.

Dwight Bradbury briefed on this year's HOG Officer Training and also provided the Treasurer's Report. We currently have a balance of \$2908.00. Our Chapter roster is currently at 60 members and associate members.

The Chapter Officers are always looking for member input on fun things to do, such as a sack lunch ride or a ride to a nature preserve. So if you have a particular event or activity that you would like to participate in with other Chapter members, please let your officers know.

The Secret Greeter was Pat Schaefer and the winner was David Perez. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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For Greg and myself, these semi-planned Wednesday rides offer a welcome break from the routine chores that retired guys end up doing — home maintenance, vehicle maintenance, laundry, yard work, caring for the pets, addressing medical issues, and keeping one's better half happy.

On the morning of May 12th, Greg, Pat, and I met at the Exxon Station located at the intersection of Gause Blvd. East and Military Road. Since I had not ridden my old (1993) Electra Glide Sport in over two months, I decided to put the old girl through her paces this day. The weather was perfect. The skies were clear with low humidity, and the temperatures hovered in the low seventies. Our route was planned on the spot.

We headed south on Military Road to Business Route 190, then east to US 90. Following the western shoreline of Lake Borgne, we motored northeast to Waveland, MS., then traveled north on MS 603 through Kiln. We continued on 603 over rolling hills and gentle curves to MS 53 north. Below cloudless skies, flat lands gave way to foot hills bordered by large palatial tracts of farmlands and mansion houses hued by the new green growth of spring. It truly was a perfect day.

At Poplarville, we turned east on MS 26 meandering our way on this well-maintained, but less frequently traveled two-lane for about 30 miles to Wiggins, MS., stopping at the Chevron Station to decide where we would end up for lunch.

After topping off our tanks and engaging in small talk with some of the locals at this pit stop, we decided we were in the mood for barbeque, and that the best place to get it would be "The Shed," located on MS 53 about 10 miles west of Lyman, just north of Gulfport.

From Wiggins, the three retired guys headed south on US 49 for 23 miles, then west on MS 53 to the agreed-upon eatery, where we enjoyed a sumptuous lunch of ribs, pulled pork, and brisket while listening to various artists playing the blues over The Shed's sound system. The food was phenomenal, the service was prompt and courteous, the portions were abundant, and the company was great.


After gorging ourselves, we departed via MS 53 west to MS 603 south, motored back though Kiln to the Interstate and home.

Altogether, we logged about 200 miles on this impromptu Wednesday trip. It was one of many that we retired guys have experienced on the spur of the moment. For you working stiffs, eat your heart out. For the rest of you, set time aside from your chores to enjoy the two-wheeled sport with your happily unemployed compatriots.



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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