



# Northshore HOG News

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 19, Chapter Ride to Round Table, Columbia, MS. NSHD @ 9:00 am.
- July 10, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30am.
- July 17, Chapter Ride to Crescent City Grill, Hattiesburg, NSHD @ 9:00 am
- July 24, LOH Ride to The Shed, NSHD @ 10:00 am.
- July 29-31 Arkansas State HOG Rally, Hot Springs, AR.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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## PREPARING FOR THE LONG RIDE

By Dan Wehr

Since retiring several years ago, I have been blessed with the ability to enjoy three to four long motorcycle rides per year. By way of explanation, my idea of a "long ride" is somewhere between 2,000 and 7,000 miles. Each of these trips requires planning, preparation, and the establishment of certain rules of the road.

In terms of planning, one of the primary concerns is to determine who will be traveling with you. In the past, I have made multiple-state touring trips with as many as two dozen other riders. Although I have done some solo long-distance rides, my experience indicates that the optimum number of riders to be six or less.

15 years ago, I participated in a five-state, 1,500-mile tour with 22 other riders. While the overall experience was enjoyable, a group this size presented many problems, to include long delays at gas stations and restaurants, difficulties in obtaining hotel accommodations, and periodic separations during which as many as half of the group was out-of-touch with the other half for hours at a time.

Part of the planning phase involves the selection of your fellow riders. Long-distance rides are affected by many parameters (weather, mechanical issues, personal preferences, and the like). Consequently, the route and destination for each day of the ride will be affected by these variables. This requires a high degree of flexibility by the riders. So choose your fellow travelers accordingly. While each of you will have expectations of what you may want to experience, all should understand that plans could change at the spur of the moment.

Once you have settled on the members of your group, the next phase is to determine the destinations that you and your fellow riders would like to visit, and the routes to take you to them. Establish everyone's expectations and plan to meet them; again understanding that circumstances could mandate a change in plans. This may require several meetings and consulting with the chambers of commerce for each of the states through which you will be riding. If your trip includes visits to state or federal parks, visit their websites to accommodate passage through them. While I hate making reservations, if the timing of your trip coincides with a national holiday or a local event on your route, it would be wise to reserve accommodations for the evening in question. Otherwise, go with the flow and meet each day as it passes.

An essential part of preparation is packing for the trip. So, what do you take with you if you are going to be on two wheels for two weeks or longer? Although much depends on climate conditions and whether you will be accompanied by a

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## From the Editor

### Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

### NEW BYLAWS APPROVED

During our June 5th Chapter meeting, the members voted to approve amendments to the Bylaws for the Northshore Chapter of the Harley Owners Group. The only changes are those with respect to the amount of dues each of us pays each year. The amended bylaws will take effect January 1, 2011. Annual dues for full **and** associate members will be \$20 starting calendar year 2011. Previously full members paid \$15 per year, and associate members paid only \$5.00.

The text of the revised bylaws reads as follows:

### **BYLAWS FOR THE NORTSHORE CHAPTER OF THE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP**

**PREAMBLE:** Whereas Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson (alternately referred to as the Sponsoring Dealer), and the officers and membership of the Northshore Chapter of the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), desire the promulgation of rules to govern the procedures for operation of the Northshore Chapter (hereafter referred to as the "Chapter"), the following Bylaws are presented. They will be effective upon the date of the Certification of the Chapter's Secretary in accordance with paragraph VII, below.

In no event shall these Bylaws replace, amend, or supersede the ANNUAL CHARTER FOR H.O.G. CHAPTERS (hereafter "ANNUAL CHARTER"). If all, or any part, of these Bylaws conflict with said ANNUAL CHARTER, the ANNUAL CHARTER shall be the governing authority.

**I. CHAPTER DESIGNATION:** The title or name of the Chapter shall be the NORTSHORE CHAPTER.

**II. OFFICERS AND DUTIES:** Article V of the ANNUAL CHARTER is incorporated by reference. Officers of the Chapter shall be  
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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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passenger, my general rule of thumb is to bring enough clothing for six days. For me, this means three pairs of jeans and six sets of everything else (shirts, socks, and undergarments). This means doing laundry at least one time during a two-week trip. Add toilet articles, rain gear, electronic gadgets (cell phones, ipods, chargers, etc.), and miscellaneous hardware (tool kit, flash light, bungee cords and the like), and you'll find that you will have filled your saddlebags and tour pack to their capacities.

How you pack these items will also affect the handling of your bike. Make every effort to evenly distribute the weight in each of your saddle bags. Failure to do this will cause the bike to favor one direction or the other generating more than usual rider fatigue just to maintain a steady course. Typically, carrying this much gear and a passenger will also require adjustments to the bike's rear suspension. Your owner's manual will guide you through this.

An essential part of trip planning is ensuring your scooter is ready for the trip. While this topic can be the subject of an entire treatise, I will be brief here. Check your tires for proper pressure and enough tread life for the duration of your journey. Test your battery (which typically has a maximum life of 3 to 4 years) and all electrical systems (turn signals, lights, etc.). If you have them, check the clutch and throttle cables for proper operation and any signs of wear. Finally, ensure that your bike's lubricants (engine, primary case, and transmission) are at their proper levels.

One final point is in the nature of an informal rule of the road on such treks. Keeping it in mind will avoid anxiety and conflict. While much time may have been spent setting up a trip plan in terms of destinations, routes, and time tables, **your itinerary should be viewed as a mere guide**. Be flexible enough to depart from it to take in that unexpected attraction, to ride that inviting side road, or to avoid a storm front.

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# Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

June 5, 2010

The monthly HOG Chapter social breakfast gathering/meeting began at 9:00AM with some good eating and conversations at the Piccadilly Cafeteria. The meeting portion of the gathering started at 9:45.



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Vick, our Chapter Director, briefed the Chapter again about the advantages of raising Chapter dues next year. Due to positive feedback from the attending members; it was moved and seconded to change the Chapter Bylaws to permit changing the dues structure so that both Full and Associate annual Chapter dues would be \$20.00 per person; starting in January 2011.

Ray, our Activities Officer, noted that Chapter rides are posted on the Chapter Bulletin Board.

Terry, our Safety Officer, will provide safety issue information in the next Chapter newsletter. It was discussed that many folks in their cages do not know the meaning of the sign directing them to "YIELD" when entering the Interstate. Keep your head and eyes up and don't let them hit you out there. And if you have one, only use your Bluetooth in a safe parking area, after the kickstand is down.

Dwight gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$2903 in our account.

Due to weather uncertainty, there was no scheduled ride after the meeting. There being no new or further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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elected annually. Candidates for each position will be determined by nomination and acceptance of nomination by the nominated candidate. Nominations may be made by any officer or member of the Chapter. Self nominations shall be permitted. Nominations shall occur annually. The nominations period will begin at the November regular membership meeting and will end on the date of the election. The election of Chapter officers shall take place during the regular December meeting of the Chapter membership by ballot, voice vote, or a showing of hands. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the office to which he or she has been nominated, cast by members attending the meeting (proxy voting shall not be permitted), shall be declared as the winner. If two or more candidates for a particular office receive an equal number of votes, the winning candidate shall be selected from the pool of candidates receiving an equal number of votes, through a majority voice vote of Chapter members attending the election meeting, conducted after the conclusion of the vote tally.

The term of each annually elected officer shall commence on January 1, and terminate on December 31 of each year.

It shall be the duty of each retiring officer to instruct his/her successor regarding the powers, duties, responsibilities and reporting requirements of his or her office, and to provide assistance in the performance of his/her successor's functions.

**III. MEMBERSHIP:** Article VI of the ANNUAL CHARTER is incorporated by reference. In order to qualify for full (rider) membership in the Chapter, applicants must fill out the appropriate membership application/waiver form, be a current member of the national H.O.G., and pay an annual fee (dues) of \$20.00. In order to qualify for associate (passenger) membership in the Chapter, applicants must fill out the appropriate membership/waiver form, be a current associate member of the national H.O.G., and pay an annual fee (dues) of \$20.00. The term of each Chapter member is one year and runs from January through December of each year. It is intended that membership in the Chapter must be renewed annually, during the month of January. New applicants seeking membership in the Chapter during the last quarter of the year will pay a first-time fee of \$30.00 representing dues for the remainder of that year and for the succeeding year. Thereafter, those members will pay dues of \$20.00 per year, payable during the month of January.

The amount of dues for full and associate Chapter memberships may be amended by the approval of the Sponsoring Dealer and the majority vote of all current Chapter members attending a regular membership meeting after said approval. In no event shall the dues exceed the amount(s) specified in the ANNUAL CHARTER.

**IV. MEETINGS:** Regular Chapter membership meetings will take place at the location of the Sponsoring Dealer on the first Saturday of each month. Regular Chapter meetings may be conducted at other locations provided that the Chapter membership and the Sponsoring Dealer are given 30-days prior notice of the location of such meetings. Regular meetings will be commenced and administered by the Chapter Director or his/her alternate.

**V. OFFICER EXPENSES:** Reasonable and necessary expenses (to be determined by the Chapter Treasurer, with the approval of the Chapter Director, consistent with the ANNUAL CHARTER and these Bylaws), not exceeding \$500, incurred by any Chapter officer in the performance of his/her duties will be paid to the officer incurring such expenses from the Chapter's treasury. The reimbursement of expenses exceeding \$500 shall require the approval of, or ratification by the majority of Chapter members attending a regular Chapter membership meeting.


**VI. AMENDMENTS:** These Bylaws may be amended by submission of proposed amendments or revised Bylaws to the Sponsoring Dealer and the Chapter's Director, their approval of the same, publication of the proposed amendments/revisions to the Chapter members, and the approval of those amendments or revisions by majority vote of Chapter members attending a regular Chapter membership meeting after the dates of the approvals/certifications of the Sponsoring Dealer and the Chapter's Director (see Paragraph VII, below. The amendment/revision process is intended to be the same as the process by which these Bylaws were implemented). The effective date of the amended or revised Bylaws will be the date of the Chapter Secretary's signature.

**VII. APPROVALS AND CERTIFICATIONS:** By their signatures appearing below, the Sponsoring Dealer and the

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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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*Chapter Director certify that they have thoroughly reviewed the forgoing Bylaws and approved the same on the date indicated. Signature by the Chapter Secretary certifies that these Bylaws have been published to the Chapter membership and have been approved by a majority of the Chapter members attending a regular Chapter meeting convened after the dates of the signatures of the Sponsoring Dealer and Chapter Director.*

*Approved/Certified:*

***Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson***

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By:*

***Northshore Chapter***

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By: 'Vick' Vicnair, Director*

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By: Pat Schaefer, Secretary*

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