



# Northshore HOG News

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 29-31,  
Arkansas State  
HOG Rally, Hot  
Springs, AR.
- Aug. 7, Chapter  
Meeting & Ride,  
NSHD @ 9:30  
am.
- Aug. 21, Chapter  
Ride to Knee  
Deep Bar and  
Grill, NSHD @  
9:00 am.
- Sept. 4, Chapter  
Meeting and  
Ride, NSHD @  
9:30 am.
- See the web site  
for a complete  
listing of events

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## WHEN GREAT PLANS GO BAD

By Dan Wehr

Greg Peterman, Dan Schewe, Kevin Smith, and I started planning our 5,000-mile tour of the southwest (southern Colorado, southern Utah, northern Arizona, and northern New Mexico) about six months ago. We finalized our respective points of interest, made preliminary lodging reservations, and got our bikes serviced in preparation for a two-week ride starting Sunday, June 20, 2010.

On that date, Dan, Greg and I meet in the wee hours of the morning at the Exxon Station on east Gause at Military road (Kevin, who lives in Denton, TX, would meet up with us the following day). While we were blessed with clear skies, the temperature was near 80 degrees promising a blisteringly hot ride for the rest of the day. We motored west on I-12 through Baton Rouge, then west on I-10 to I-49. We continued north to Route 3132 west, to I-20 west. When we hit Marshall, Texas, we departed the super slab taking US 59 north to Texas 49, to US 271, and arrived at our first night's destination, Paris, TX. It was a relatively long ride (over 550 miles), with temps nearing 100 degrees for most of the day. That evening we enjoyed a fine meal followed by the obligatory cigars and libations at the hotel.

The next morning we made a bee-line for US82 west. Our plans for the day included connecting up with Kevin in Sherman, Texas, and continuing on to Amarillo for the night. Near the intersection of US75 and US82 we met up with Kevin, who was riding his brand new Screaming Eagle Road Glide.

We continued our trek west on US 82 for another hour or so when disaster struck near Nocona, Texas. We stopped there for gas and rehydration. After I gassed up, I dropped my scooter while walking it in the parking lot. I had lost my footing on some gravel on the paved surface and the bike tipped over onto my right foot, pinning it under the right saddlebag guard. While the impact was quite painful, after being extracted with the help of my comrades, I felt well enough to continue on.

However, after riding 40 miles or so, the pain intensified, and I requested that we detour to the ER of a hospital in Wichita Falls. After 3 hours of waiting, I

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# From the Editor

## Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

### MANY ACTIVITIES PLANS FOR THE SUMMER

Aside from the typical trip to Sturgis, there are many opportunities for you to enjoy the two-wheeled sport nearer to home.

Following our Chapter meeting on August 7th, there will be a ride to Pleasant's Bar-B-Q in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

On August 21st, there will be a ride departing the Dealership at 9:00 am, to the Knee Deep Bar and Grill in Springfield, Louisiana.

The Texas State HOG Rally will be conducted at Wichita Falls, Texas, from September 2nd through September 5th.

If you choose to bypass the Texas HOG Rally, there will be another opportunity for you at Sandy Hook, Mississippi, where the "Labor Day Bike Party" will be held September 3rd through September 6th.

Our next Chapter meeting will occur on September 4th, at 9:30 am, at the Dealership, followed by a ride to "Tony's" in Chalmette.

The Chautauqua Bike Rally will take place at Crystal Springs, Mississippi, on September 16 and 17.

The Mississippi State HOG Rally will be hosted at Natchez, MS, from September 16th through the 18th.

On September 18th, our Chapter will sponsor a ride from the Dealership to the Back Door Café in Columbia, MS. The ride departs Northshore Harley-Davidson, at 9:00 am.

Stay connected and ride with your fellow chapter members.

**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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was admitted. X-Rays revealed I had fractured my right ankle, and that I could not ride or walk without canes and a splint.

After discussing many alternatives, it was decided that we would book rooms at the Ramada Express, a few miles from the hospital. Greg rode my scooter to the hotel, I took a cab. Greg took the same cab back to the hospital to pick up his bike.

That night, after researching the alternatives, we decided to terminate the trip. Among the alternatives we considered were shipping my bike back home and arranging for me to fly to Slidell. The cost of this choice was over \$1,600. The bottom line, we determined that the best course was for Greg and Dan to return to Slidell. I was to stay at the hotel until Greg could return with his trailer to pick up my scooter and me and bring us back home.


Greg, Dan, and Kevin left the next day, June 22nd. I stayed at the hotel nursing my wounds until Greg returned on Thursday, June 24th, with his truck and trailer.


On June 25th, at Wichita Falls, Greg loaded my scooter onto his trailer, and me into his pick-up. We spent the rest of the day traveling over 750 miles back home. It was not an easy ride, the particulars of which I will not go into here. Suffice it to say that I owe a great deal to my riding buddies for their support in my time of need and their flexibility in foregoing their vacation plans in the face of unforeseen circumstances.

This sorry tale has a number of lessons in it. First, watch where you're walking. Second, expect the unexpected. And last, but, not least, you'll not go far without good friends.

For the next two months, I will be unable to ride or drive myself anywhere, being preoccupied with recovery and rehabilitation. Consequently, it will be incumbent on you, our chapter members, to provide me with written accounts of your riding experiences. Please take the time to do so for the benefit of your fellow chapter members. I will publish any and all articles and accompanying pictures submitted to me.

Regards,  
Danno

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# Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

July 10, 2010

The monthly HOG Chapter social breakfast gathering/meeting began a little after 9:00AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Vick, our Chapter Director, reminded everyone about upcoming State H.O.G. Rallies. He also briefed

the members about traffic flow lights being installed on freeway on ramps to safely smooth out merging traffic. So until all the folks in cages learn how to use these alternate green and red lights on the ramp; everyone should be especially careful on the ramps and when entering the Interstate.

Ray our Activities Officer, noted that Chapter rides are posted on the Chapter Bulletin Board. Ray is also exploring overnight rides to Vicksburg and other locations; projecting September as a good time. Member input is desired. Where would you like to ride to? Tentative planning is to depart Friday late afternoon for a 3 hour ride to the destination, to allow a full Saturday at the destination and return on Sunday. If anyone prefers to start Saturday morning; that is also possible. When and where do you want to ride to? Let Ray know your desires and ideas.

Vic briefed on the change to the Chapter Bylaws required for next year's dues increase. It has been signed by the Chapter Officers and will go to our dealer sponsor for signature.

Dwight gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$2623 in our account; after paying for last month's breakfast meeting/social get together.

Russ Davis briefed about an ABATE Poker Run on Sunday July 18.

Ward Blakeman suggested a "Wild Hogs" type ride for October maybe to Beale Street in Memphis, TN?. Anyone having any other suggestions about a destination; contact Ward.

Chris Engelbracht won the Secret Greeter gift certificate. Everyone is reminded that you can't win if you aren't at the meeting.

There being no further business and it being a good day to ride; the meeting was adjourned to get ready for a Chapter ride to Deanie's Restaurant near the Lakefront airport.



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