



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Texas State HOG Rally, Wichita Falls, TX, 9/2-5.
- Labor Day Bike Party, Sandy Hook, MS, 9/3-6.
- 9/4, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Chautauqua Bike Rally, Crystal Springs, MS, 9/16-9/17.
- MS State HOG Rally, Natchez, 9/16-18.
- 9/17, Overnight Vicksburg Ride, NSHD @ 3:00 pm.
- Sept. 18, Chapter Ride, to Back Door Café, Columbia, MS, NSHD @ 9:00 am.

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In The End, Old Man Weather Always Wins

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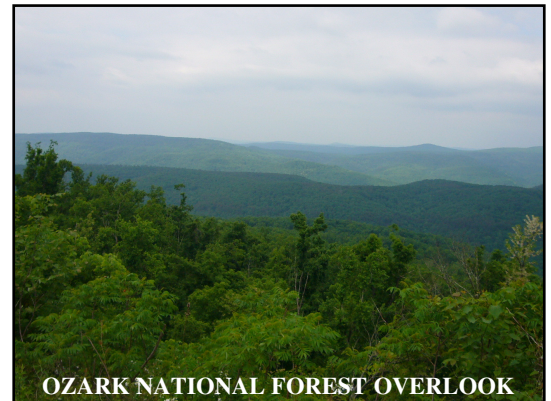
[Danno's article in the last issue of Northshore HOG News reminded me of a similar although not as serious situation that happened to me. Danno, hope you are feeling better!]

I was riding to see my wife, Linda, for Mother's Day. She was working out of town in Kansas City, MO and we had made plans to rendezvous in the Lake of the Ozarks that weekend.

My first night on the road was in Hot Springs Village, AR, where I stayed with my good friend Larry. He and his wife had moved there shortly after Katrina and I finally had the chance to take him up on his many invitations to visit them. Hot Springs Village is one of the first planned retirement towns in the United States. It sits on a 2,800 acre man-made lake just outside of Hot Springs. The land is beautiful up there and I enjoyed visiting with Larry and reminiscing about all the motorcycle trips we had taken together (He rides a Honda Valkyrie). After a hearty supper and a good night's sleep I was off on the fabled AR Highway 7. This is one terrific road that goes north through some very scenic parts of Arkansas. The weather was great with mild temperatures, low humidity and no threat of rain, yet!



OXBOW LAKE AT LAKE VILLAGE, AR



OZARK NATIONAL FOREST OVERLOOK

The winding road took me into the Quachita National Forest and then turning northwest I cut across the corner of the Ozark National Forest. At Russellville, AR, I crossed the Arkansas River and continued on Highway 7 towards the Missouri boarder. If you ever get the chance you should take this road, it will not disappoint you. It has something for every type of rider: tight corners, steep grades, abundant pull offs to view the mountain scenery and of course many small towns with some good local cooking. By mid-afternoon I was nearing Springfield, MO and getting close to the turn-off to the Lake of the Ozarks. The

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From the Editor

Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

CHAPTER OVERNIGHT RIDE TO VICKSBURG IN THE WORKS

Ray Gregg, our Activities Officer, and 'Vic' Vicknair, our Director, are in the process of putting together an overnight group ride to Vicksburg, Mississippi. It will take place on Friday, September 17th. As I understand it, you'll have a choice of two departure times. Vic will be leading a group on Friday morning (departure time and place to be announced), another group will be leaving the dealership shortly after 3:00 pm. The location for overnight lodging has not yet been determined, but a couple of local hotels are being considered. One of those is The Battlefield Inn.

I have stayed at this establishment many times and, while the facilities are somewhat dated, they are well maintained and clean. The management offers two bar drinks per person per night, and hosts an outstanding restaurant that serves breakfast and an evening meal. The food is outstanding, the rates are reasonable, and the Inn is located immediately south of the famed Civil War Battlefield. Obviously, I like the place. Whatever destination is chosen, I am sure all will enjoy the trip.

If you plan on going contact Vic or Ray as soon as possible in order that lodging reservations can be made.

This excursion coincides with the Mississippi State HOG Rally, Sept. 16th through the 18th, in Natchez. So, participants may want to take the opportunity to visit the rally's campus.

Unfortunately, as I am still convalescing my fractured right ankle, yours truly will be sitting at home enviously wishing he could participate in this two-wheeled adventure.

Hopefully, one of the fortunate who ride on this trip will take some pictures and scribble down a short article for this publication.

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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"Lake" was formed in 1920 by impounding the Osage River. It is a large development with several small towns built up around a bustling tourist trade. My wife's sister has a condominium on one of the lakes and it was a perfect place for all of us to meet and kick back. After several days of enjoying the scenery and spending time with Linda it was time to leave.


My original plans were to travel north into Minnesota and visit my brother who lives in Duluth. While there I had made plans to visit the Aerostich factory and check out some of their new riding gear. For those of you who are not familiar with Aerostich they make some of the best riding suits you will every find and also carry a large assortment of touring gear. Following a visit with my brother I wanted to head south towards my old home town of Madison Wisconsin to visit some old friends. The entire trip would be around 3K miles and I planned to be on the road for about 10 days depending on the weather. Well as the old saying goes, *"you can run from old man weather but you can't hide"* and that is exactly what I ended up doing.

On my last day at the "Lake," I started to check the weather for northern Minnesota and Wisconsin. To my dismay, snow was predicted for Duluth and there was a heavy band of rain that would linger across the entire mid-west for the next several days. As much as I like to ride, and I am slouch when it comes to riding in the rain, I learned a lesson about riding in the snow many years ago. Avoid it at all costs. So it was time to try plan B. I decided to head home early and travel east towards Memphis. The first day I only made it as far as Thayer, MO before the rain got so heavy I had pull off and find a room. That evening I scanned the weather reports and found that no matter which direction I took there was a 90% chance of rain. Deciding to stick to my original plan I got up early for the 130 mile trip to Memphis where, if I got lucky, it would not be raining. I awoke to thunder and lightening, temperatures in the low 50's. After waiting for 2 hours for the rain to let up, which it didn't, I loaded up the Glide and picked my way gingerly down U.S. Highway 63. As I mentioned the temperature was around 50 degrees, the rain was coming down in sheets and the wind was gusting to around 25 mph, not the best of times to be on the road no matter what you're driving. Fortunately traffic was light; my waterproof gear was in good repair and with no reason to push it, I made it slowly into Memphis. What should have been a 3 hours trip took me all most 5 hours.

Once in Memphis the sky started to clear up and by the time I was north of Jackson Mississippi the temperature was in the 70's. It was now almost 1900 and I had been on the road since 0900 that morning with 3 hours left to go before I got home. I usually avoid long days like this in the saddle and would have normally stopped and gotten a room for the night. The thought of my own warm bed spurred me on and before I knew it was pulling the Glide into Mandeville.

For those who say they can battle any type of weather my hat is off to them. But for me I have come to realize that in the end it is Old Man Weather who usually wins.

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Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

August 7, 2010

The monthly HOG Chapter social breakfast gathering/meeting began a little after 9:30AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Vick, our Chapter Director, reminded everyone about The Texas State H.O.G. Rally in

Wichita Falls, Texas 2-5 which will take place from September 2 through 5, and The Mississippi State HOG Rally in Natchez, September 16th through the 18th.

He also reminded everyone to ensure that they stay hydrated when out riding during the dog days of summer.

Last year's Chapter member participation computerized record hiccup is finally resolved and will be turned in to Mike, to acknowledge participation points. By the next meeting those who qualify may get their points added to Loyalty Cards.

Ray, our Activities Officer, briefed on the day's scheduled Mississippi Coast ride. Ray has updated this quarter's activity schedule and posted it on the bulletin board. The overnight ride to Vicksburg, MS is scheduled for the same weekend as the Mississippi State Rally, to permit member Rally participation. A group will be leaving the Harley store sometime between 3-4:00 PM Friday the 17th of September. Vick will be leaving Friday morning, if any can leave that early and wants to join him, give him a call.

Dwight, our Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$2703.00 in the account.

Bill, our Web Master briefed on web site issues and mentioned a desire for ride photos to post.

There being no further business and it being a good day to ride; the meeting was adjourned to get ready for the Chapter ride before any bad weather could arrive.



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