



Northshore HOG News

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 17, Chapter Overnite Ride to Vicksburg.
- Sept. 18, Chapter Ride to Back Door Café, Columbia, MS, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Oct. 2, Chapter Meeting & Ride, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Oct. 14-17, Biketoberfest, Dayton Beech, FL.
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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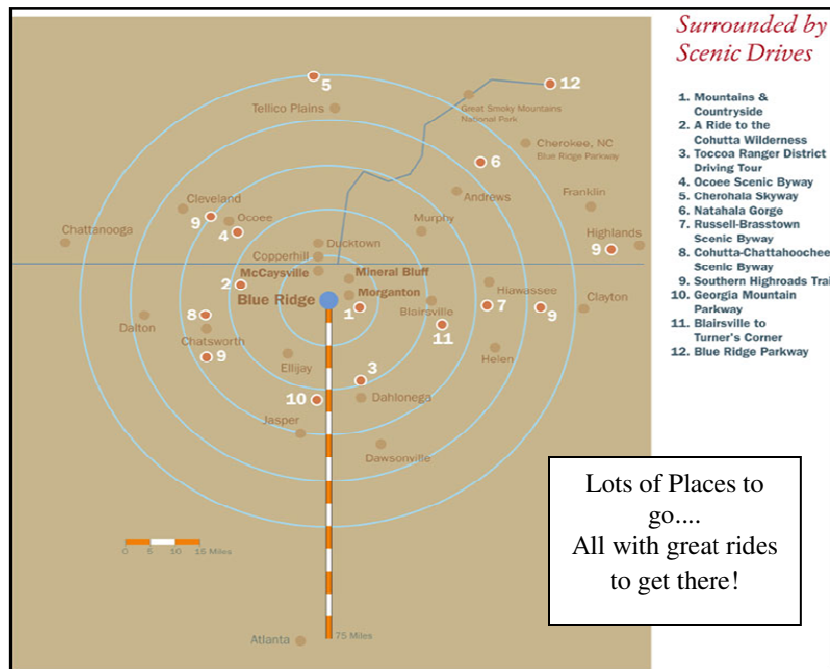
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“HORIZON VACATION,” BLUE RIDGE, GA.

BY WARD BLAKEMAN

I bought my first Harley about 10 years ago to scratch the itch that had become nearly unbearable. I had owned a dirt bike, and a street bike in my younger days, and wanted to own and ride what I felt was the ultimate—a Harley. My wife, Robin, came along for the ride without having any itch, or even feeling the least bit of compulsion to get on one as a passenger. Fast-forward to the present: We both have our own Harleys: I'm on my 3rd, and Robin has over 30,000 miles on her 2004 Road King Custom, purchased new in November of 2003. The rewards of owning Harleys have been plentiful. The feeling from twisting the throttle and going through the gears down a familiar road on a beautiful day is great. Further enhancing our experience, we have been fortunate to meet people that have become very important to us. Here at home, we have met lots of people in our Chapter and beyond that have become valued friends. (That commercial from years ago should have stated: “you meet the nicest people on a HARLEY”!) ‘Harley’ travels have also provided opportunities to meet new friends. Combine riding and friends—‘old and new’; and you’ve got our motorcycle utopia. This is what we like best: heading off with friends to enjoy the camaraderie, and new roads, new destinations and the people met along the way. In our opinion, there is no better way to enjoy both than renting a cabin, and spending time doing both. Robin and I have been doing this for about 6 or 7 years now. We have enjoyed Sevierville and that area—the roads are great. But, the area that surrounds Blue Ridge, Georgia, has become our favorite.



This past June, Blue Ridge ‘rookies’ Cybil and Johnny Pons, Johnny’s ‘little sister’ Yvonne, David Perez, and Bill Haynes joined Vick

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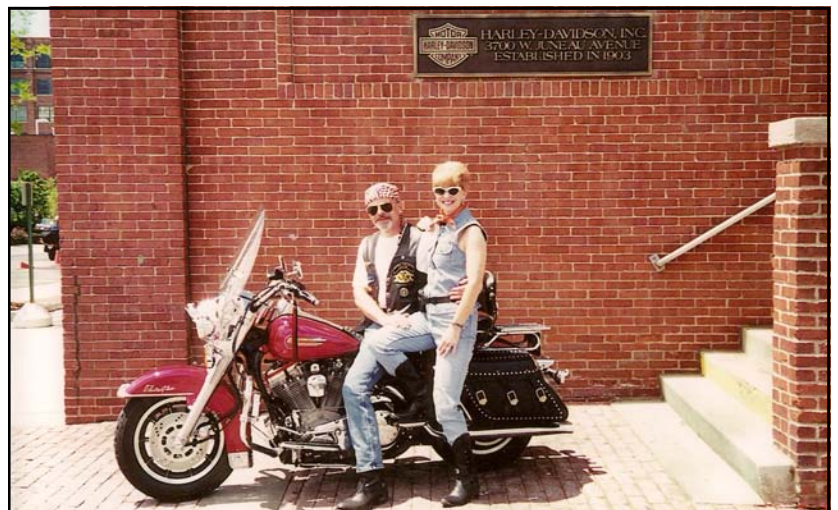
A RIDING COMPANION'S PASSING

I ordered my first Harley, a 1993 FLHS (Electra Glide Sport) in June, 1992. It was delivered to the Brunswick, New York dealership (I was living near Albany at the time) on July 6, 1993. The long waiting period was occasioned by the fact that Milwaukee was only producing 80,000 units per year — far less than the demand back then.

Over the years, she was my faithful two-wheeled companion on countless short and long-distance adventures. One of the most memorable occurred in 2000, when my wife, Sissy, and I took an 18-day cross-country trip with "Flip" and Marie Young (old riding buds from Little Rock). We managed to travel through every state west of the Mississippi on mostly 2-lane roads — a total of 6,800 miles. A few of the more spectacular sights were the Pacific Coast Highway, the Redwood Forest, crossing the Narrows Bridge over the Columbia River from Oregon into Washington, Big Sky Montana, the Custer Game Trail, Yellowstone, and going over the continental divide from Yellowstone Lake to Cody Wyoming.

While I've owned other Harleys over the years, I could not part with my first ... until last month.

After paying my insurance bill, I noticed that I had ridden 'Old Red' only 750 miles last year. This meant it was costing me about 75 cents per mile for insurance alone! It was time to give her a new home. Two months after the bike was posted on the internet, she was purchased by an enthusiast in California. It was a sad day when they loaded her onto a semi for her second trip to the west coast. She will be missed.



SISSY AND I ASTRIDE 'OLD RED' CIRCA 1996, AT MILWAUKEE

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and Sonia Vicknair, Robin and I for a vacation in Blue Ridge at the “Blue Horizon” Cabin. We met in May to cover off on the logistical and supply pieces. We discussed menus, special diets, etc. A list was made, and divided up. “I can do this... I’ll take care of that...etc.” Teamwork and harmony began with preparation, and grew as this trip came to its conclusion. It was about a 9 hour trip to Blue Ridge from Slidell. We hauled the bikes: Robin and mine in our trailer, Johnny and Dave’s in Sal Fontana’s borrowed trailer, and Vick and Bill’s in Bill’s.



We left at around 7 a.m. on hazy Saturday morning, June 6th (camera date incorrect) from the Mc Donald’s on Gause. (Robin missing from shot, as is Yvonne, who would meet us there.)

Due to a blow-out on Dave’s car, we took an unplanned break around 2 p.m. somewhere this side of Atlanta. Despite the delay, we arrived safe and sound at about 6 p.m. at our cabin.



The Cabin was a 3 story. 2 floors were above the ground-level view, and one below. Decks were on the bottom two. The covered carport area in front was perfect for the bikes.

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Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

11 September 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, briefed everyone about next weekend's Vicksburg Chapter overnight ride

and the Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally that same weekend.

Vick also reminded everyone about the neat safety information provided every month in the National H.O.G. HogTales magazine. He also reminded everyone of the bad cage driving that he witnesses everyday near the Northshore Square as shopping mall shoppers re-enter the I-12 highway. For this meeting, he emphasized using the T-CLOCK checklist to pre-flight your bike before each ride. T-tires C-Controls L-lights O-oil C-chassis K-kickstand.

Vick also discussed the developing plan for the Chapter Christmas Party and that he is looking for Member input for a Christmas Chapter project; perhaps a visit to an old folks home as opposed to finding one needy family as we did last year. If anyone has any specific ideas or desires in this regard please send your thoughts to Vick.

Dwight, our Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$2723.00 in the Chapter account.

Ray, our Activities Officer, provided some additional detail regarding the Chapter's Vicksburg overnight ride. Next Quarter's activity schedule is not yet posted on the web site.

Our Chapter resident-author, Terry Forrette, will be having a book signing for his recently published book detailing his 16,500 mile bike ride around the rim of the country to call national attention to our vanishing wetlands. The date of the book signing isn't firm yet. It will occur at the Mandeville Barnes and Noble. We have been reliably informed that B&N is biker friendly. For those who can't wait or won't be able to ride to the signing, autographed copies are available at Mike Bruno's.

There being no further business and it being a good day to Ride and Have Fun; the meeting was adjourned to get ready for the Chapter ride to Tony's in Chalmette.



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A second bathing suit helped with a practical joke on Sonia.....could it have been THAT bad?




We enjoyed each evening playing pool, listening to music, and talking. Each morning the 'bear' would scratch on our door with our wake-up growl. (Dave displayed his 'wild side'.)

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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.

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We spent the week enjoying the comradarie, rides, food, drinks, and laughs.



**Bill and
Vick be-
came the
ladies' fa-
vorites.
Those boys
can cook!
Ok,--
I confess...I
liked them
too!**



**Planning the
next day's
ride!**

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Evenings were a time to put your feet up, and relax!



**No worries.....only
good company and
pleasant conversa-
tion!**

We rode each day, capably led by Vick (and his new Garmin GPS!) Destinations included the Cherahola Skyway, The Dragon's Tail, Dalton, Helen, Blue Ridge/McCaysville.



**Gearing up to ride!
Does it look like Robin is
having a good time?
(Cybil and Johnny in the
background.)**

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Our group, (minus Yvonne who had not yet joined us) in front of a waterfall during a 'side trip' along the Skyway ride.

From left: Ward, Robin, Johnny, Cybil, Dave, Sonia, Vick, and Bill.



David (bottom right) studying the "Tree of Shame" prior to his first ride on the Dragon— Anyone who has ridden the Dragon can relate to the moments before the first time!

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Proud new 'Dragon Slayers'.

(Dave, Johnny, and Bill)

Is there a special patch for riding in a torrential downpour?

(It came out of nowhere three-quarters of the way up!)



Ward being serenaded by
"Johnny Bobby" under the
Helen, Ga, Bridge, aside the
tubing river.




All good things come to an end.

Vick, Bill Dave, Yvonne, Cybil, Ward, and Johnny posing for a 'good-bye' photo on Saturday Morning, June 12th prior to departing. However, plans are in the works for another trip!

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