



# Northshore HOG News

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 6, Chapter Meeting & Ride, Nomination of 2011 Officers, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Nov. 20, Chapter Ride to Whistle Stop Café, Wiggins, MS, NSHD @ 9:00 am
- Dec. 4, Chapter Meeting & Ride, Election of Officers, NSHD @ 9:30 am.
- Dec. 18, Chapter Ride to Beef O'Grady's, NSHD @ 9:00 am
- See the web site for a complete listing of events

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## Bourbon Tour 2010

BY GREG PETERMAN

Jim Carothers, Chris Engelbracht, Dan Schewe and I met at 6AM 9/7/2010 at the TA Truck Stop in Slidell for a quick breakfast before our trip. Over breakfast it became clear that something was missing. Dan Wehr was not with us. This was the first ride and the only long ride we have done as a group without him. He was missed and we look forward to riding with him when he can get back on his bike. So we dedicated the ride to him and headed out for the Bourbon country in Kentucky.

We routed ourselves up through the Talladega National Forest to enjoy the winding roads and miss the interstate traffic. We stopped for lunch at a great place for fried chicken just as you exit the forest. We traveled on to Guntersville, AL for the night. Really nice motel (The Holiday Inn), right on the lake, and a great view.

The next morning we loaded up and headed for our first distillery. The George Dickel distillery in Normandy, TN. The only way we found our way is that I had a Harley Road Tech 660 GPS and it got us there. This place was way out in the back country. Important note here is that George Dickel is whiskey not bourbon as there are Federal laws as to what can be called Bourbon. We learned all of this during the trip and tours. We had a great tour of the place. During the tour we were invited to wave our hands over a fermenting vat to smell the process. What a wake up that was! Our noses were not the same the rest of the day. Once we finished up the tour and hit the distillery store we headed off for a nice ride through the back country of Tennessee and Kentucky to our destination for the night of Nicholasville, Ky. On Hwy 127 near Albany, KY a car made a aborted turn/abrupt stop in front of Chris and he laid his bike down. He made a valiant effort to keep it up but it bucked him off during a skid. He and his bike were only slightly damaged and after a quick look over by EMT's on the scene and a accident report we were on our way. Chris was a little sore the next couple of days but finished the ride. We made it to our destination for the night and made plans for the next day. We planned to visit 3 distilleries in a 40 mile area the next day.

The next morning we headed out for our first bourbon distillery tour, the Wild Turkey Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Ky. Again, without a GPS, we would



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## From the Editor

### Random Thoughts and Road Hazards

#### TIME TO NOMINATE & ELECT OFFICERS

Our Director, Vick Vicnair, and our Activities Officer, Ray Gregg, have announced that they will not be serving in the upcoming year. Our current Treasurer, Dwight Bradbury, is willing to assume the duties of Director, **IF** someone will take on the responsibilities of his current position. Our Asst. Director, Mike Werda, our current Secretary, Pat Schaefer, and our current Editor, yours truly, are willing to serve another year. The bottom line is this: if you want your local HOG Chapter to function next year, at a minimum, we will need to identify riders who are willing to assume the duties of Activities Officer and Treasurer.

Whether the remaining officers, listed to the left of this column, are willing to serve is unknown.

Nominations will take place at our next Chapter meeting, November 6th. Elections will occur during the December Chapter meeting on 12/4/2010.

If we fail to fill all of the primary officer vacancies, (Director, Asst. Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Officer), our HOG Chapter will cease to exist, unless the Sponsoring Dealer exercises his authority under our National Charter to appoint replacements.

If you know of anyone willing to take on these leadership rolls (including yourself), please nominate them (self-nominations are permitted).

#### LAID-UP AND FRUSTRATED!

As I am still laboring with a fractured right ankle that is not healing properly, my scooter continues to collect dust in my garage during some of the best riding weather of the year. Hopefully, within the next month or so I will be able to join the rest of our membership in the joys of our two-wheeled sport.

Ride Safe & 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").**

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have never found this place nestled in the foothills west of Lexington, KY. Actually, you could find it without a GPS, but you would have to stop every 2 miles to look at a map or have a very detailed local map on your gas tank! These places lend a new meaning to rural. There also are no signs leading you to these distilleries. Our guess is that since they are in dry counties (no alcohol) that no signs are allowed. Anyway we found the Wild Turkey distillery and went on a guided tour. The distillery was not in operation as they were building a new one up the road to double their production. It seems Wild Turkey is very popular overseas. The tour was still entertaining with lots of history dating back to the 1800's. Once we finished up the tour and hit the distillery store again, we headed off for the Woodford Reserve Distillery.



WOODFORD RESERVE DISTILLERY

Again without a GPS we would have never found this place. The scenery during the ride there was really great. This is in horse country with huge horse farms everywhere. Also the home of the Kentucky Derby. The Woodford Reserve Distillery was the best tour of the trip. Oh, by the way, the same company that owns Jack Daniels Distillery owns Woodford. They built a old style distillery but with modern technology. Instead of the huge production facility like the other distilleries, Woodford has the old original copper stills (except really big) just like the ones people did in their backyards in the early 1920's during Prohibition. Woodford has a low production of 22 barrels/day compared to 1000's of barrels Jack Daniels does per day. They do make some great bourbon and it is the official bourbon of the Kentucky

Derby. Once we finished up the tour and hit the distillery store again, (notice the trend?) we headed off for the Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort, KY. Again the ride was beautiful through the horse country.

It was getting late and we had to push it to make the last tour of the day at Buffalo Trace. We grabbed a quick late lunch and just made the final tour. Buffalo Trace is a huge facility that makes many brands of bourbon and other spirits. Another great tour and of course a visit to the distillery store again. Our saddle bags and strap on bags were getting full by now. Most of the tours were similar in content but presented in different ways by the different characters leading the tours. It kept it interesting. We found out that going to these tours during the week has a real plus side. All of our tours were personal tours. We were the only ones on them. Made it just that much better. Just smelling the insides of the buildings where the bourbon ages for 12 years or more is worth the trip.

Well, we were nearing the end of the third day and we needed to make it to Bardstown, KY for the night. We had big plans for the next day to visit three more distilleries. After more great riding through Kentucky back country, we made it to Bardstown and found that our hotel had a neat set of steel sculptures of young horses in the parking lot. It was a great photo op for our steel ponies and the sculptures. Looked pretty good!!! We had dinner at a very unique place called the Talbot Tavern. It was a traveling stop-over point for 18th-century travelers, and it was a western



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# Last Month's Minutes By PAT SCHAEFER

October 2, 2010

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

Vick, our Chapter Director, reminded everyone about nominations for Chapter

Officers, as part of the November meeting. Anyone wishing to become more active can nominate themselves for any position. Vick will step down from the Director's position. Dwight may be available to step up to Director. If we have another nominee to take on the Treasurer's responsibility. Mike, Danno and Pat are agreeable to remaining in their current positions, if that is the Chapter's desire. Ray will step down from Activities. We will need a minimum of new nominations during our November meeting: for Director, Activities Officer and possibly Treasurer. Anyone in the Chapter is free to nominate candidates for any or all positions. Current officers would assist their replacements to achieve a smooth transition.

Vick also discussed Christmas Party plans; details to be provided later.

Guests, Jeff Addeson and Mary Hayes, from the Shreveport H.O.G. Chapter discussed plans for next year's Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally, March 31-April 2, 2011 in Shreveport.

The Chapter's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Activity schedule is posted on the web site.

Dwight, our Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. We have a little over \$2700.00 in the Chapter account.

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 La Carretta's in Hammond.

Ride and Have Fun.



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stage coach stop. It seems that some famous people stayed there. Jesse James, George Patton, and Abe Lincoln's family. There are 6 rooms that can be rented upstairs. The place burned in 1998 and was rebuilt. It was named the Best Whiskey Bar in the WORLD in 2006.

After a great day and meal, we headed back to the hotel to plan the next day. We always check the weather first so we know what to expect. Well to our surprise the remnants of tropical storm Hermine had come out of Texas and turned to the east. Hmmm ... and coming right at us! We calculated we could spend the night and leave early in the AM and MAYBE miss the worst of it. Our original plans were to visit Makers Mark, Jim Beam and Heaven Hills distilleries then ride the Natchez Trace back down to Tupelo, MS but, due to the impending weather, going west was not a option. We left at 6am the next morning, heading southeast back towards Guntersville, AL. About an hour down the road we hit rain. Nothing severe, but just a constant light rain. For the next 3 hours we road in the rain making our way south. We made it back to Guntersville and our favorite hotel on the Lake. We had some great fried catfish and fried dill pickles at local eatery for dinner.

That evening we had another planning meeting for the next day's ride home. After consulting the weather channel, we observed low chances of rain to the south in Alabama. We also noted that some of the areas we had rode through during the day had flooded not long after we rode through. Guess we timed that well!!!!

The next morning we bid 'so long' to the Guntersville Holiday Inn, and headed south into Alabama. Wanting to miss the interstates and big cities, we ended up running some back roads none of us had been on. Needless to say we got lost and the GPS was not really much help other than to find gas when we got low. We got rained on numerous times by pop up storms, but made it home in the late afternoon. We had traveled almost 1,800 miles in 5 days. We didn't get to see all the places we wanted, but that just means another "ROAD TRIP" back to the area. Next time we hope to have our good buddy Dan Wehr along. It was just not the same without "Danno"!!!!

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