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2015 LOUISIANA HOG RALLY—WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA

By Ray Gregg

The plan was to travel by back roads all the way to West Monroe to attend the Louisiana State HOG rally. As the day to leave drew near however, the weather was not working in our favor. The day before our travel our lead, Karl Fox, made contact with everyone and said it would be best if we took the interstates so we could get to our destination as quickly as possible to spend as little time riding in the rain. The Slidell group consisted of Karl and Sonia Fox, David Perez, David Authement, Bob Saenz, Johnny Pons, Wanda St. Romain, Betty Cole, Frank Lay, Richard and Valerie Dillon and Dwight and Britta Bradbury. Their departure time was approximately 0745 hours. The first leg took them over Interstate 12 and then up Interstate 55.

They met with Lara and I in McComb, Mississippi where we all fueled up and had refreshments before continuing up Interstate 55 to Hwy 27 and through Utica to Vicksburg. Lunch and another fuel stop put us approximately an hour and a half from the rally site and on time to check into our hotels.

Note, we had absolutely no rain during the ride up to Monroe.

After unpacking, we all registered and checked in with the rally committee, and then headed to the Bleu Bayou Harley-Davidson dealership for the Early Bird Party. The attendance was unbelievable. There had to be at least 300 bikes at the dealership and another two hundred in adjacent parking lots. There was a band of course, free food, and Mountain Man from Duck Dynasty!!! Sonia managed to get a photo with Mountain Man and posted it immediately on Facebook. After a while we all headed for our rooms for much needed rest and to make sure we missed the thunderstorms predicted for that night.

It rained during the night but let up before breakfast the next day. The big event of the day was the Duck Commander Tour. Sound interesting? Not really. The tour consisted of a four minute ride to the Duck Commander store where we took pictures of the group. The second part of the tour took us on a very nice ride through the local area, over small country roads, and by several scenic places. From there most of the group split off for lunch while the rest visited friends in the area. Later that evening we all met up for the night's entertainment in the Expo Center. The band was decent (Road Dogs Rock).....loud.....but allowed many of us the chance to dance and have a great time on the "dirt" dance floor. Late night food at the hotel brought Friday to a close.

Saturday started with a great breakfast and for some, a trip to the Chenault Air Museum where we heard an oral recap of General Chenault's escapades in China, his military career and his final days in north Louisiana. The museum was packed with memorabilia from the Second World War through Desert Storm and well worth visiting if you're ever in the area.

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APRIL NEW MEMBER



JAY RHODES

LOUISIANA HOG RALLY (CONT)

After the group visited the museum they took time for a little shopping and then had lunch at an open air eatery where some had sandwiches and some had crawfish. Of course, then we needed to find the local ice cream place. By then it was time to head to the hotel to get ready for the big event of the rally,.....38 Special!!! Vickie Freeman had arrived by then and we were all glad to see that she made it.

The Expo Center was packed, and rightfully so. The band was great and most of our group were out on the floor, dancing up a storm. When the performance was over, we all headed for our rooms but not before another late night snack before retiring.

Sunday we all got up early to try and beat the rain predicted for the day. We left Monroe around 0810 in route to Vicksburg where we proceeded to fuel up and dawn our rain gear. Next stop McComb, Mississippi, and without a drop of rain. (Putting on our rain gear warded off the rain gods for a while.) Unfortunately our luck ran out shortly after Lara and I split off from the group. The main group headed south on I-55 and ran into rain shortly after leaving McComb. Except for the last hour of our four day adventure, we all managed to stay dry the entire time; we must be living right. So another pin and patch for our vests and another great Louisiana rally behind us, I am sure I speak for all that attended; was an enjoyable event.

Next year the rally is in Shreveport and I can personally say that the last time Shreveport hosted the rally, they put on a great event, and I'm sure they will do the same next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 02 May - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride**
10:45 am - Depart Bruno's For Taqueria La Noria
1931 Hwy 59, Mandeville, LA
- 14-17 May - TX State Rally, Tyler, TX**
Departure Times To be Announced
- 21-24 May - Talimena Rally, Arkansas, AR**
Departure Times To be Announced
- 31 May - Annual Crawfish Ride & Boil**
10:30 Depart Bruno's For Buccaneer State Park,
Waveland, MS
- 06 Jun - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride**
11:00 Depart Bruno's For Dempsey's Seafood
Kiln, MS
- 18-21 Jun - AR HOG Rally, Hot Springs, AR**
Departure Times To Be Announced
- 11 Jul - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride**
11:00 Depart Bruno's For Cascino's Italian Grill
1809 N. Causeway Blvd, Mandeville LA
- 30 Jun - Million Mike Monday**
Depart Bruno's For
- 25 Jul - 10 Aug - Sturgis & Badlands Ride**
Meeting and Departure Time TBD
- 1 Aug - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride**
11:00 Depart Bruno's For Aunt Jenny's
1217 Washington Ave, Ocean Springs, MS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact

- **Crawfish Committee**
Rick Dillon - (985) 788-2568
- **Christmas Committee**
Karl Fox - (985) 78640-1728

May Birthdays

Richard Dillon

Marty McCutcheon

MARCH 2015 LOH RIDE



APRIL 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 4, 2015

Location: Mike Bruno's Northshore Harley-Davidson Dealership, Slidell, LA

The following officer's were In attendance::

POSITION	NAME	STATUS
Director:	Anna Rinaldo	Present
Asst. Director:	John Clifford	Present
Secretary:	Carol Dussel	Present
Treasurer:	Ray Gregg	Present
Membership Officer:	Frank Lay	Present
Activities Officer:	Richard Dillon	Present
Ladies of Harley:	Sonia Fox	Present
Editor:	Richard Dillon	Present
Web Master:	Karl Fox	Present
Photographer:	Karl Fox	Present
Chaplain:	Russ Davis	Absent
Historian:	Dwight Bradbury	Absent
Safety Officer:	Russ Davis	Absent
Head Road Captain:	Simon Gonzales	Present

Meeting called to order: 9:45 am

Pledge of allegiance: Richard Dillon

Invocation: Carol Dussel

Secretary's Report: After opening the meeting Anna asked if everyone had read the minutes in the newsletter. Members responded to the affirmative and Richard Dillon made a motion for the minutes to be approved as published. Frank Lay seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Assistant Director's Report: John reminded everyone that the Louisiana State Rally was this weekend, and that a group of members would be meeting at the RaceTrac Thursday for a 7:30 am departure. He said the group would be taking back roads to the rally and estimated it would take about six to seven hours.

Next he explained that the Chapter HOG merchandise will now be sold through the dealership's registers.

John also told the membership the Chapter will now include a classified section in the newsletter for members to advertise items they'd like to dispose of and / or services they provide. He said he would prefer to hire a fellow member to provide the services he needs versus hiring someone he doesn't know and that he would like to compile a list of the services provided by Chapter members. To place an ad in the newsletter contact him or Richard Dillon.

Treasurer's Report: Ray reported that last month the Chapter had a balance of \$6,088.00 and that an additional \$636.00 was collected during the month from membership renewals and sales of water and cotton candy at Bayou Thunder.

Ladies of Harley Report: Karl Fox presented the LOH report since Sonia had not yet arrived. He explained the LOH ride would be on April 18th to the Italian Grill in Picayune, Mississippi with a scheduled departure from Bruno's at 11:30. After Sonia arrived, she told the Chapter that the Lafayette Chapter was planning a ride on May 3rd to celebrate Women's Riders Month. She explained that riders from around the state plan to meet at Exit 122 (Boutte/LaRose) at 10:30 and that the ride will be to Pat's Waterfront Restaurant in Henderson, La. She said that everyone should plan to wear something pink, but that if you forget, the Lafayette Chapter will provide a pink bandana to wear. Please let Sonia know if you plan on going on the ride.

Membership Officer's Report: Frank called out the April birthday's: Ray Gregg and Bob Saenz.

Activities Officer/Editor's Report: Richard reminded everyone about the Talimena Rally on May 21-24 and asked that anyone planning to attend to sign up for the event so we can get a headcount of who is going.

Next he reminded everyone that the Chapter crawfish boil is May 31st and that the price is \$15.00 per person. He said that anyone planning to attend must pay by the May meeting so we can get a head-count to determine how many pounds of crawfish we'll need to buy.

Richard ended his presentation by telling the Chapter that Anna had asked him to publish the newsletter at least a week before the next meeting. He said that if he didn't receive information by the 15th of the month that it might not be published until the next newsletter.

Ray commented on how great our newsletter looks and thanked Richard for all the hard work he puts into putting it together. Richard thanked him for his comments and said he enjoyed putting it together.

Dealership Liaison: Lisa Marie thanked our members for all our help with Bayou Thunder. She said our cotton candy machine was a hit. She said she never realized how many people brought their families to Bayou Thunder and that she thought even more families might attend future events. She reminded us the Dealership is hosting a crawfish boil on April 11th.

MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

Lisa said Elvis visited the dealership this past week and that it was really good to see him. She said he had to go in the following week to treat his cancer.

One of the members asked Lisa what the status was on the new construction. She said she thought the electrical concerns had been resolved and that the only concern left had to do with drainage. She explained how the dealership will be expanded in phases. She said a second floor is being added with a large Conference room the Chapter will be able to use for meetings.

Lastly, Lisa asked anyone that purchased a bike from the dealership to complete the online satisfaction survey. She emphasized the importance of the dealership receiving good scores and said the survey can even be completed using a smart phone.

Director's Report: Anna thanked everyone that helped with Bayou Thunder. She said that since most of us will either be at the Louisiana State Rally in Monroe, LA or Harley Owners Training (HOT) in Atlanta, GA, that Kyle Farley will represent the Chapter at the dealership crawfish boil.

50/50: \$30.00 won by Karl Fox.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:18 am

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APRIL 2015 HOG MEETING RIDE



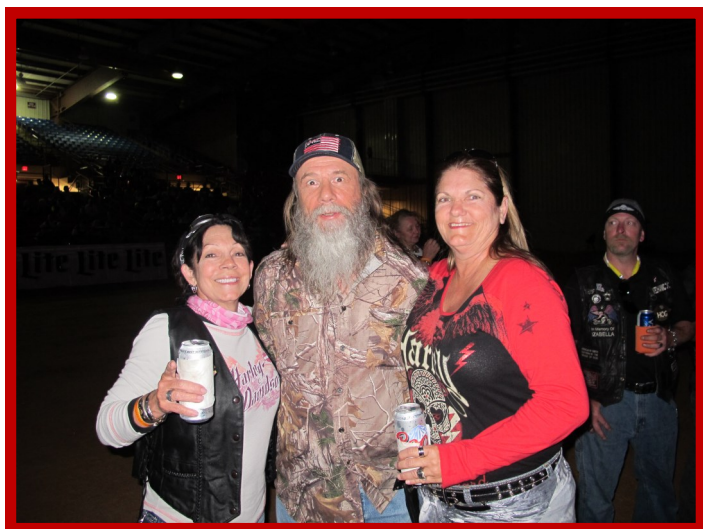
2015 BENEFIT RIDE FOR ELVIS



2015 LOUISIANA HOG RALLY, MONROE, LA



DUCK COMMANDER'S MOUNTAIN MAN



DUCK COMMANDER'S 2015 LA HOG RALLY



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STATE POLICE RIDING DEMONSTRATION, 2015 LA HOG RALLY



2015 LA HOG RALLY CLOSING CEREMONY



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LUNCH ON THE WAY HOME FROM 2015 LA HOG RALLY





May 16, 2015

11 am-9 pm

Northshore Harbor Center

Veterans \$5 ★ General Admission \$8 ★ 12 and under Free

★ Veterans Tribute to America ★

Opening Ceremony 2:00-3:00 pm

★ **STAND.DOWN**
Onsite Veterans Services

★ **Car & Truck Exhibition**
9:00 am-5:00 pm,

★ **Arts & Crafts**

★ **Louisiana Cuisine
& Beverages**

★ **Children's Activities**

★ **East St. Tammany
Habitat for Humanity's
Inaugural Children's Build**



Live Entertainment
Witness ★

12:00-1:00 pm



Bag of Donuts ★
4:00-5:30 pm



The TopCats ★
5:45-7:15 pm



The Molly Ringwalds ★
7:30-9:00 pm

**and many more
surprises!**

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Let the Good Times Roll

NORTHSHORE HOG CRAWFISH BOIL

DEALER EMPLOYEES INVITED

POC: LISA MARIE HAMBLETON

★ **Sunday, 31 May~12:00 pm – 4:00 pm** ★

**BUCCANEER
State Park**

Pavillion # 3

**1150 S. Beach Blvd.
Waveland, MS**

\$15.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES CRAWFISH, WATER & SODAS

**PAYMENT DUE BY
2 MAY HOG MEETING**