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TALIMENA 2015

By Ray Gregg

Our original plan heading for the Talimena Rally was to ride the back roads most of the way to Texarkana, Arkansas. After starting out on Interstate 12 and then 55, Karl and Sonia Fox, Bob Saenz and Vickie Freeman and Frank Lay met up with me at Arcola, Louisiana. From there we headed west on Highway 10 to St Francisville and on to Highway 1. Somewhere near the Morganza Spillway the dark clouds and Karl's weather app told us we needed to dawn the raingear. Although it was threatening the entire time, we managed to make it all the way to Marksville.....and lunch without any serious rain. Nanny's (which doesn't look like much) has been in business for almost forty years and a place that Lara and I have stopped at, always has a great menu with blue plate specials that some of us took advantage of. You do not leave hungry when you leave Nanny's. However, while there, the skies opened up big time. Since we realized that we could not avoid the rain, we all suited up again and left after a one hour wait. It was decided that because of the rain we would discard our plan to continue on back roads. Once we hit Alexandria, we would take Interstate 49 the rest of the way.

In Alexandria, we stopped at Renegade Harley for a quick break from battling the rain, but found that Bob's trike had some issues. It was found that two bolts holding the exhaust had broken off and required the drilling and tapping out the broken pieces. Two hours and a half hours later we were on our way as Renegade pushed Bob's trike to the front of the line and brought it in for service immediately. The wait proved costly to the rest of us as most of us spent our time buying Harley clothing, helmets, and other items. From there we jumped back on I-49 and headed for Texarkana.

It was late when we arrived at the hotel (around 10 PM), so we registered quickly, dumped our bags and went looking for a place to eat. I think most of us were still up at midnight. The next morning was the first guided/escorted ride of the rally. At breakfast we met up with the Mississippi group (the William's, Sammon's, Ross's). Since it was a repeat of the previous year's ride only a few of us went with the group while others stayed and took optional rides.



More pictures are at: <http://northshorehog.com/talimena-rally22-23-may-2015/>

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TALIMENA 2015 (CONT)

After a couple of hours, Frank and I were tired of playing catch up with the group (we were on the very end of the group) and decided to take a more leisurely trip back to the hotel. We found some very nice farm roads with hardly any traffic and made it back in time for the evening meal and events of the evening. As before the band for that night was a little too loud for our group and we vegetated to the outside veranda for a quiet evening of drinks, jokes and BS stories.

On Saturday it was obvious that Sunday was going to be 90% rain for the whole day according to all the weather apps and weathermen on TV. As not to inconvenient Vickie, Bob decided to head back home that day in order to miss the rain. Johnny Ross from the Mississippi group decided the same thing. Karl, Sonia, Frank and I agreed we would take our chances with the weather and headed to Hot Springs for lunch. Having been through Hot Springs for the Bike, Blues and Bar-B-Que rally, we remembered a great Italian Restaurant that we wanted to try again. The food was excellent. Then it was back to Texarkana for the evening auction, dinner and another band.

In case some of you are unfamiliar with the Talimena Rally, in addition to having a registration fee (100% goes to the hospital), there are a number of raffles to raise as much money for St Jude Children's Hospital as possible. With the registration fees, auctions and the raffles, there was over \$26,000 raised for the hospital in 2014. I am unsure how much was collected this year but will find out when we ride to Memphis to present the check.

Now, the ride back on Sunday. Remember it was 90% chance of rain for Texarkana, for Shreveport, for Monroe, for Vicksburg and all of Louisiana. Well.....we made it to Shreveport, no problem, Monroe.....no problem; we even made it to Vicksburg with no rain. From Vicksburg to McComb, Mississippi we encountered not more than 60 seconds of rain. At McComb we separated, me heading for Bogalusa, and the rest of the group continuing on to Slidell with no one seeing any more rain. Don't get me wrong, the rain was there. It was on our left or on our right or right in front of us. We saw wet roads where it had rained not more than ten to fifteen minute before we got there, but we managed to stay away from all of it our entire return trip. It was decided that we all just live right!

So that was it for this year's Talimena Rally. A good ride, a good cause and great company.

JUNE 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 6, 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	Absent
Secretary:	Carol Dussel	Present
Treasurer:	Ray Gregg	Present
Membership Officer:	Frank Lay	Present
Ladies of Harley:	Sonia Fox	Present
Activities Officer:	Richard Dillon	Absent
Editor:	Richard Dillon	Absent
Web Master:	Karl Fox	Present
Photographer:	Karl Fox	Present
Chaplain:	Russ Davis	Present
Historian:	Dwight Bradbury	Present
Safety Officer:	Russ Davis	Present
Head Road Captain:	Simon Gonzales	Absent

Meeting called to order: Anna called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

Pledge of allegiance: Ray Gregg
Invocation: Russ Davis

Director's Report: Anna introduced Alisha from the dealership who advised the dealership received a large shipment of bikes, to include eight Triglides. She said the dealership is slashing prices a minimum of \$2,000 and that Harley Davidson is offering special financing as low as 1.99% for 60 months. Alisha also said that if anyone is interested in purchasing a new motorcycle that the dealership will provide a quote without running a credit report. Next she reminded us of the Lagniappe Loyalty Rewards Program and recommended we check to see when our points expire since they only last a year. Lisa Marie then talked about the 20 June Father's Day celebration that included a wet tee shirt contest and live entertainment. Lisa then introduced Rachael, the new dealership web-master. Rachael said she'd work with Karl to ensure he receives current information to post on our web site and social media. Lisa Marie then reminded us about the importance of completing customer experience surveys (CSI index) and to notify her if we experience any issues with service. She also said it is important to check our tires now that it's getting hot and that the service department will check them for free. Lisa then said the dealership was having a special during June

on their detail service. She said the price had been reduced from \$200 to only \$100 during the month. She then said the dealership was offering a 15% discount off oil changes and / or the purchase of oil. She concluded by saying the dealership has events scheduled on June 27th, July 4th and July 25th and that additional information about them can be found on the dealership website.

Next, Anna introduced Rich from Mississippi. He said he came to the meeting to tell us about the Dixie Thunder Run "Soldiers Helping Soldiers". He said the event will be held Labor Day weekend in Natchez, Mississippi beginning 4 September. Registration is \$30.00 per person which includes the entry fee, free food and drink, entertainment, and T-Shirt. He concluded a brochure will be posted at the dealership, and that 100% of the proceeds will go to "Soldiers Helping Soldiers."

Treasurer's Report: Ray advised that at the end of last month the balance of our account \$6,517. He said he issued checks totally \$618.00 to pay for the crawfish boil. Ray also said the crawfish were delicious and that everyone that attended seemed to have a great time. He then said the chapter financial records are always available to see. He concluded by advising that a meeting was being held on 13 June for anyone going to Sturgis this year, and to see him after the meeting for more information.

Ladies of Harley Report: Sonia said the next LOH ride would be to Fernando's in Walker, LA. She said the ride would be on 20 June , and that we'd be leaving the dealership at 11:00.

Web Master/Photographer's Report: Karl said he would be updating our web site in the near future and asked if we had any new members at the meeting. None were present, although we received an application from a new member that could not stay for the meeting. We also had a visitor, Harland, that we welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Carol shared how we are planning to put a quilt together as a fund raiser for our chapter. She asked that anyone with Harley Davidson tee shirts they'd like to donate to please bring them to the next meeting. She said the quilt will be made from the logo's on the back and that if we get enough tee shirts, that we'll make as many quilts as possible. She said raffle tickets will be sold and that the winning ticket will be "pulled" at just before Christmas so the quilt can be given as a Christmas present.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11 Jul - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

11:00am Depart Bruno's For Cascino's Italian Grill
1809 N. Causeway Blvd, Mandeville LA

18 Jul - LOH Ride to Bass Pro Shop

KSU @ 10:00am
175 Bass Pro Blvd, Denham Springs, LA

25 Jul - 10 Aug - Sturgis Ride

Departure Time TBD

1 Aug - Dealer Sponsored

Blue Knights MS II Poker Run

10:30am - First Bike Out
3:00pm - Last Bike Out

8 Aug - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

11:00am Depart Bruno's For Aunt Jenny's
1217 Washington Ave, Ocean Springs, MS

29 Aug - LOH Ride to Papi's

KSU @ 10:00
1775 S. Range Ave, Denham Springs, LA

5 Sep - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

11:00am Depart Bruno's For Rimal Lebanese Restaurant & Grill
1703 N Causeway Blvd, Mandeville, LA

3 Oct - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

11:00am Depart Bruno's For Frenier Landing
113 Lane, LaPlace, LA

7 Nov - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

11:00am Depart Bruno's For Hokies
17227 MS 26, Lucedale, MS

5 Dec - 09:30 am - Membership Mtg & Ride

11:00am Depart Bruno's For Blow Fly Inn
1201 Washington Ave, Gulfport, MS

12 Dec - Christmas Party

Time & Place TBD

1 Jan - 09:30 am - Annual Cold Butt Ride

11:00am Depart Bruno's For Hollywood Casino
711 Hollywood Blvd, Bay St. Louis, MS

JUNE 2015 MEETING MINUTES (CONT)

Membership Officer: Frank announced the birthday's for June: Harley Battiest, Bradley Errington, Catherine Newman and Johnny Pons. He also asked that anyone that is not a member that plans to go on the ride today to please remember to sign the insurance waiver.

50/50: \$36.00 was won by Joy Mehrtens.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:36 am



ALL ROADS ARE NOT ALIKE

Tourers Take Note

By: James R. Davis

Those of us that tour with our motorcycles have learned something about the roads across the country that might not be obvious - they are all different.

I mean that they are made of different materials, the quality of their surfaces varies considerably, they might be pristine and immaculate in one place only to become potholed war zones a few miles farther along.

The curves in one section of a road can be well lighted, perfectly banked, and of consistent radius while only a mile away a similar curve can be dark, decreasing radius, covered with 'tar snakes', and have roadside weeds higher than your head.

Why?

It seems to me that what we are seeing is simply a manifestation of the very real differences in County and State wealth and quality of their various maintenance personnel.

The Interstates are consistent in quality and design. The various State and County roads are not.

So, the message here should be obvious: As you cross a County line be sure to be ready for changes in road surface and quality. Slow down and experience the workmanship and care of the roads in a new County for a few miles before believing that you can take that next blind curve as fast as you are used to driving.

CHRISTMAS PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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MY FIRST CHAPTER RIDE

By Carol Dussell

It still amazes me that in my later years of life that I could find the strength from deep within me to start over. In April of this year I took the State of Louisiana Motorcycle Training Course and passed it, completing my first hurdle to ride a motorcycle on my own. I had hoped that one day I would be able to purchase a motorcycle and start the new phase of my life's journey to ride with the Slidell HOG Chapter. On May 5th while visiting the Harley Davidson Dealership with friends in Panama City I found my "Ginny," and when I sat down on her I just knew she was for me.



On May 31st my friend Teri Farmer came over and rode with me to Mike Bruno's where we joined other Chapter members to ride to Buccaneer State Park in Mississippi to attend the crawfish boil. Ray put me second in the line-up, just behind him so all my awesome friends could keep an eye out for me. I had an almost perfect ride there, although I killed the engine at a red light, but she started back up immediately. Remember I've barely ridden 100 miles on my own so I'm still not exactly relaxed riding "Ginny" yet.

Now for the crawfish; delicious, delicious. I couldn't eat as much as normal, but what I did eat was so enjoyable. We had a really good crowd. Lot's of new faces and a few of the old. Richard's son-in-law, Eric DeLaughter, boiled some really good crawfish for us, and Richard, his wife, Valerie, daughter, Lindsey, and son-in-law, Eric, did a really great job of pulling everything together.

There were games to play, but let's tell it like it is. When there is a choice between eating and playing games, eating will win every time; especially when it's crawfish. Next year we plan on getting to the park earlier so we can play games before eating.

Now it was time to get "Ginny" and I back home. A smaller group escorted me home, and we thought we would avoid the traffic jam on I-10 due to road work by going the back way. Unfortunately traffic wasn't much better, so I learned how to just barely move in heavy traffic. Poor "Ginny" got really hot, but we made it.

When I was just two turns away from home "Ginny" got away from me. I had a left hand turn at the red light onto Hwy 11, and when the light turned green I didn't turn properly and wound up in the ditch. The oncoming traffic waited until I got it together and then I made the right hand turn and then a left into my driveway. That part seemed to be easy for me. When I parked "Ginny," I noticed that in addition to Anna, Karl had followed me home in his truck.

I rode with Anna to the June meeting and then with the Chapter to Dempsey's for lunch. I can not begin to thank all of my great friends in this wonderful chapter for helping me along this journey. "Ginny" and I hope to ride and ride with all of you for years to come.

2015 NORTSHORE HOG CRAWFISH BOIL



Additional pictures are can be seen at: <http://northshorehog.com/chapter-crawfish-boil-may-312015/>