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THIS MONTHS MEETING

Saturday, July 15th 2006

Hammond Harley Shop

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"Did You Know"

Did you know HOG events are announced as OPEN or CLOSED.?

Closed means members only, with a limit of one guest per member.

Open means guests may exceed the number of members.



Welcome to the Hammond Harley Owners Group! There are not enough words to describe how exciting it is to be part of a new HOG Chapter and to be a charter member. Thank you for the privilege of serving as Hammond HOG's first Director.

Your primary officers wanted this first newsletter to let you know a little more about us and that we are planning activities for our chapter. Many of our activities will fall in the category of "delightfully dangerous", so your officers will do our best to make sure that you understand guidelines established by Harley Owners Group for the safety and enjoyment of all chapter members.

A little about me: I have two Fatboys – one is my wonderful husband (LOL), Mike "Sarge" Downey and the other is a beautiful silver and teal '04 model. We will celebrate our 2nd anniversary of marriage this month. He is the person who encouraged and taught me to how to ride my own bike as well as taking me with him to Baton Rouge HOG functions. I started off on a 1990 Evo Sportster and while Mike was working out of town, I rode so much with the Baton Rouge HOG Chapter, I had to have a new bike. Mike rides a Dyna Superglide and is a life long resident of Hammond. I have called Hammond home for the last 23 years having moved here from Mobile, AL. During the week, I work for Laboratory Corporation of America as a Marketing Executive to physicians in southern Louisiana and the gulf coast. I am very active at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Hammond and have two wonderful children. My daughter Brienne Hall Threton is married to Joshua Threton and they reside in Springfield, LA. My son, Jim Hall, is a Senior at Southeastern and will be playing his final year of college football this fall. He is the punter and place kicker for the SLU Lions. Go Lions!

Questions? Sure there are many, but don't hesitate to ask. One question has been asked about Hammond HOG rockers, patches, T-Shirts and other identifying items. Once the final aspects of chapter formation are complete I will be working closely with the dealership to obtain these items. Cut off date for becoming a Charter Hammond HOG member is **July 15th meeting.**

The primary goal of Hammond HOG is to "Ride and Have Fun". What would you like to do? Where would you like to go? Our first planned activity as a Chapter will be a ride after the July meeting. Your officers are working on a place for a Christmas Party and the Hammond charity who will benefit from our Toy Run. This is your chapter and your input is essential to planning activities that you want to do. Volunteers are also essential to a successful Chapter. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help when asked - there is always room for more. I also want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Malcolm and Donna Zanca, our dealer sponsors. Their support of Hammond and Baton Rouge HOG has given all of us the opportunity to have instant friends and activities. Congratulations on your decision to be part of Hammond Harley Owners Group. *Angie Hall-Downey*

Could this be the first picture of Hammond HOG members riding? Well eating!!! Greg Peterman (taking picture), Carl Hill, Dan Schewe, Eddie Lamulle and Dwight Bradbury on 6/25 rode to Covington and had breakfast at "Another Broken Egg". Then a great ride on country back roads above Enon and dropped back into Bogalusa. Nice 150 mile day in the saddle!!!!

Greg



Assistant Director introduction. First off Hello to all and welcome to the new Hammond HOG. I look forward to meeting you all and even better riding with you all. A little background on me is that I am retired Navy. Completely retired now and ride as much as I can. I have an 03 Road King Classic and ride most every weekend (weekdays also) ,weather permitting, so if you are looking for a ride partner give me a call!!!! Plus I try to make Sturgis every year and sometimes Daytona if I am lucky. I also try to make a couple State HOG Rally's and even the National Hog Rally once in awhile. My wife Melody is a avid passenger and rides with me quite a bit. She still works so her saddle time is limited. The Officers are looking for volunteers to fill the many open positions so if you are interested just let us know. I am newsletter editor this month but sure could use someone to take it over!!!! We needs lots of input as what type of events, rides etc that everyone wants to do. Got a favorite ride then share it with all of us. My favorite ride is detailed below!!! Kickstand up and lets ride!!!! Greg Peterman

Treasurer introduction.

As your new Treasurer, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Barbara deMonsabert-Wilson, aka "B" or Barbara D. I have been an associate member of the N.O. chapter for a little over a year now. I don't have a bike at this time. When I do, hopefully in the next two years, I will be getting either a Dyna Street Bob or Low Rider. In the meantime, I ride with a very good friend who has an Electra Glide Classic. I have experience in handling money as I worked in accounts receivables for a number of years. As well as being an administrative assistant for more years than I care to admit. Barbara

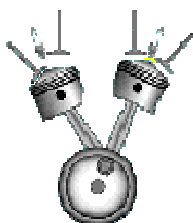
Secretary introduction.

Welcome to the Hammond H.O.G. Chapter. My name is Sherry B. Drude and I have been elected to be your Secretary. Just want to take this time to tell you a little about myself. I was introduced to Harley-Davidson when I met my husband, Ronnie, when I was 18 yrs old. Ronnie and I dated on his Panhead Chopper and that was the beginning. Ronnie, who is the Sales Manager at the Hammond Harley-Davidson Shop, still rides his 1948 Panhead. At the moment, I do not own a motorcycle, but I have been looking. I am interested in getting either a Road King Classic or a Deluxe. I consider myself a native of Hammond, since I have lived here since 1960. Ronnie was born and raised in Ponchatoula. We now live in Robert. Ronnie & I have one son, Justin, who is married to a wonderful girl, Stephanie. They live in Hammond. I work for Irwin Mortgage Corporation as an Underwriter in Baton Rouge. I have been in the mortgage business for almost 20 years. I am looking forward to serving the Chapter as its first Secretary. Hope to see you at the next meeting on July 15th if not before since I am always at the HHD Shop. Until then, RIDE SAFE! SHERRY



Mississippi's Little Grand Canyon

It is commonly called the Red Bluff Road, Mississippi Highway 587 from Columbia to Monticello. There is a place everyone stops. Red Bluff, the road's namesake. It is where a creek has found soft clays to fall from its heights to the valley of the Pearl River below. The colors are striking. The view of the Valley is beautiful. The quietness augmented by the common breeze is relaxing. It is a great place to take a break, eat a picnic lunch or just enjoy. The road has a 20 miles stretch of sharp turns, rises and descents. Sure to test the most seasoned rider and a great place for newbies to learn. Great place to eat in Columbia, MS is "The Round Table". 15 people to a round table with a huge lazy susan in the middle. Lot's of great home cooked delicacies. It is about 100 miles from Hammond Harley to Monticello. So it would be a two tank full trip. So when are we going as a group? Greg



Rules of the Road Review

Since this is a new group that has not ridden together as of yet let's review **Hand Signals** and **Formation Riding**. Some of you may be very familiar with this and others it may be a first exposure but for all it is a good review. **Safety is always the first and foremost consideration!** **ALL traffic and speed laws must be observed at all times.**

COMMON HAND SIGNALS

Hand signals should be kept simple, easy to learn and understand, and few in number. As soon as you see a signal given, you and/or your passenger should repeat the same signal so the rider behind can see it and have the maximum amount of time to react. There really are no standard rider hand signals. The following signals may not be consistent with those used by your normal riding partners. They are offered only as a suggestion and are in addition to the normal DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) approved hand signals. Also note that for safety reasons all signals are given with the left hand so as to allow the right hand to have full control of the throttle and front brake.

Start Your Engine - The Sweep Rider waves his hand in a circle high over his or her head in a "wind them up motion".

I'm Ready To Go - When your bike is running, place either your left or right hand on top of your windshield. If you do not have a windshield, raise your hand high enough for the Sweep Rider to be able to see and gauge when everyone is ready to depart.

Slow Down - Left arm straight down and palm towards the back. Move your arm back forth at the elbow for emphasis.

Speed Up - Left arm straight out with the palm up. Raise and lower the arm.

Hazard In The Road - Point with left hand at the object or situation.

Turn - Use your turn signals whenever possible in addition to the DMV approved hand signals.

Need Gas - Point at gas tank.

Need Food/Drink - Point at you mouth.

Comfort Stop - Pat the top of your head.

Turn On Lights - Left arm bent at the elbow, hand facing forward and open and close your hand rapidly.

Turn Signals are On - Left arm bent at the elbow, hand facing rear and open and close your hand rapidly.

Form Single File - Left arm bent at the elbow and hold up one finger.

Form Double File - Left arm bent at the elbow and hold up two fingers.

Form Staggered Formation - Left arm bent at the elbow and hold up three fingers.



FORMATION RIDING

Staggered Riding - The lead motorcycle (Road Captain) should be in the left 1/3 lane, the second motorcycle should be in the right 1/3 lane, and so on. Each rider should leave enough room for the motorcycle in front of them to make a left or right maneuver without danger of hitting the next motorcycle in line. Typically, you should leave a minimum of about a motorcycle and a half length between you and the next motorcycle in your (1/3) lane whenever possible. Another way of stating this is that at slow speeds you should have at least a three second interval between you and the next bike directly in front of you and at least a two second interval between you and the bike to your left or right front. This time or distance interval is of course adjusted for speed.

Always stay in line with the bike in front of you and do not switch between left and right side of the lane. The objective is to keep as tight a group as possible and yet have enough separation so as to allow for required safe maneuvering room.

Passing Other Vehicles - Pre-position yourself for the pass by being far enough behind the vehicle you are going to pass to be able to see clearly down the road for an "oncoming traffic check". Signal, and if you have a passenger, have the passenger signal as well. Do a mirror check, then a head check of your blind spot, to make sure no one is passing you. Accelerate and change lanes. Remember, you legally cannot exceed the speed limit. Before returning to your lane, make a mirror check and a head check, to be sure there is space between you and the vehicle you are passing, and anyone else that is also making a pass. Return to your lane riding position and turn off your blinker. To be safe, no more than one motorcycle should pass at the same time. Never have the last motorcycle pull out and slow traffic so that the group can pass as a unit.

When Being Passed - Allow the vehicle to pass you safely by slowing down and if need be, creating a gap so that they can pass the whole group in segments rather than trying to make it all at one jump. Passing or getting passed anytime can be hazardous so use common sense and a safe approach.

Just a quick look into the future. We will fill this in as we schedule events!!!!

July Sat 15th **Chapter Meeting/Ride at Hammond dealership**
Thu 13th -16th 14th Little Sturgis Rally & Races Sturgis, KY

August Wed 2nd -5th HOG National Round Up Port St. Lucie, FL
Sat 19th **Chapter Meeting at Hammond dealership**
Chapter Ride: Chapter Picnic TBD
Mon 7th -13th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Sturgis, SD
Thu 24th -27th Arkansas State HOG Rally Fort Smith

September Sat 16th **Chapter Meeting at Hammond dealership**
Hammond Harley Grand Opening TBD
Chapter Ride TBD

October Sat 21th **Chapter Meeting at Hammond dealership**
Thu 19th - 22nd Biketoberfest Motorcycle Rally Daytona Beach, FL
Chapter Ride TBD

November Sat 18th **Chapter Meeting/Ride at Hammond dealership**
Chapter Ride TBD

December Sat 16th **Chapter Meeting/Ride at Hammond dealership**
Sat 2nd or 9th **Chapter Christmas Party TBD**
Chapter Ride: Toy Run TBD

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