



# North Shore Chapter

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## A Word From the Editor:

Howdy All,

The December/January newsletter is getting out in a nick of time! The Winter newsletters seem to be the most difficult for me to organize, since motorcycling is tucked far in the back of my mind, as my motorcycle is tucked far in the back of my garage.

The first newsletter of the year focuses on upcoming events/rides, the state wow-wow, as well as a timely windchill article that everyone can relate to, considering the temperatures we've been enduring!

Enjoy the newsletter, and as always, if anyone has any feedback and/or suggestions, please forward them to me at [ns\\_newsletter@prodigy.net](mailto:ns_newsletter@prodigy.net).

## Upcoming North Shore Chapter Rides/Events:

**February 8th\*** - North Shore Meeting

**February 8th** - Quilting Party at Denise Barton's house. (Quilt will be used to raise money for the Women on Wheel's® Breast Cancer Rally. For more information contact Denise at 978-686-6187)

**March 6th-7th** - State WOW-WOW weekend. (More information on page 6)

**March 14th\*** - North Shore Meeting

\* All meetings take place at the Majestic Dragon (route 1, Ipswich) unless otherwise noted. Social hour begins at 5pm, the meeting business begins at 6pm.

Complete 2004 North Shore calendar of events and rides can be located online by going to:

<http://my.calendars.net/northshorewow/>

The 2004 schedule is also listed out on page 5 of this newsletter, and is linked off of the North Shore WOW web page:

<http://www.haynesllc.com/wow/>

## The New year with North Shore WOW

2004 started off with a bang, as we co-hosted our first State event. After having our Holiday party postponed because of an untimely nor'easter, we finally had our overdue party on January 11th. Members from different chapters had a chance to mingle, while we ate from a fantastic pot luck dinner. A great time was had by all, and it's safe to say that the North Shore Chapter's first co-hosted event was a huge success. A big "thank you" goes out to all members who participated in this awesome event!

As we roll into 2004, we say "thank you" and "best wishes" to our former Director, Sue Comeau. Sue is no longer the director of the North Shore Chapter, however, she's still a North Shore member, and even better, she's now the Massachusetts state ambassador! Best of wishes to Sue as she takes on this new role, and the North Shore Chapter will support her in any way that we can. Sue did a wonderful job leading the North Shore Chapter through 2003, and I can only hope 2004 has the same success. Another "thank you" goes out to Joni Harris who's done a great job as the former state ambassador for the last several years!

Most importantly, as we continue into the new year, I'd like to thank all the members who volunteered to take on different positions with the North Shore Chapter! With everyone participating, 2004 should be a terrific success!

As this year's director, I'll do my best to keep the chapter thriving and fun! Our first meeting of the new year will take place in February, and we'll spend the meeting discussing the 2004 list of events and rides. We'll put out as many details as we can, as well as taking a look at the other chapter schedules. March's meeting will be completely focused on safety and group riding. This meeting will be extremely informative for everyone who enjoys riding as a group with the North Shore Chapter! In April, we are hoping to have a preventative maintenance meeting, with a guest speaker (TBD) to help everyone learn a little bit about their bikes. These are the ideas for the first few meetings of the year, however, if anyone has any other ideas or suggestions, please pass them along.

Best Wishes to Everyone for a Happy New Year and a Safe 2004! — Sue Poublon

## Wind Chill Information for the die hard motorcyclists of the North Shore:

The following information is offered as a public service guideline only and shared from another list:

A lot of us diehards think nothing of heading out and riding as long as the roads are in good shape. Before you get out there, read the information on windchill factors. You can even go to the website and calculate the wind chill, so you know how long you can "stay out there" before experiencing hypothermia:

So... what is wind chill? And why is it important to bikers?

Wind chill is the effect that wind, combined with the outside temperature, has on lowering the skin surface temperature of humans and animals. Because of the moisture content and organic nature of our bodies, wind chill can push your skin's surface temperature below the outside temperature.

Wind chill does not effect your engine or any other non-living objects. However, wind chill will effect the amount of time it takes your engine to cool to the outside temperature.

What the biker needs to be concerned about is how fast the thermal barrier of the body will be eliminated and freezing of the skin begins. And of course, fingers, toes, faces are the most vulnerable even if you are wearing heavy gloves.

Many bikers commute at speeds above 45 MPH for periods in excess of 15 minutes. This means they are exposed to a combined wind chill for an extended time. The current wind chill factor as issued by the weather service (standing still in the open) plus the factor of the bike's speed). So if the weather station says the temp is 10 and the wind chill is 1 (5 MPH wind) and you are traveling at 55 MPH, you are exposed to an overall wind chill factor of -19 and exposed skin will begin to freeze within 30 minutes.

Another problem a biker faces is that wind chill calculations become much less accurate above 60 MPH. But, if the current temp is 0 and the wind speed is 15 and they travel at 55, it can be ESTIMATED that they will be exposed to a wind chill of -35 and exposed skin will freeze in less than 10 minutes.

But most importantly, is making the mistake of thinking you are safe, because the combined wind chill of 5 MPH and you're traveling at 55 MPH with a temp of 35 is within the "safe zone." The reality is, that you are experiencing the chilling effect of 17 degrees and depending on your health and size, will in time begin to experience hypothermia, where the "core temperature" of your body begins to drop, even though your skin is not yet freezing.

Always consider how long you will be on the bike and current wind chill + your travel speed. Below is some "official" information about wind chill that is offered by the U.S. National Weather Service and the Environment Canada service. Or jump to some charts and calculators from here.

This information is combined from the Environment Canada pages:

<http://www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca/windchill/>

and the U.S. National Weather Service:

<http://205.156.54.206/om/windchill/index.shtml>

## Chapter Classifieds:

### Apartment for rent by North Shore WOW Member:

Apartment available for rent February 1, 2004. Accommodations for single person only. Efficiency, semi furnished, all utilities included, must have cell phone, off street parking in winter and storage available for motorcycle year round. In old Victorian home Peabody/Salem line. \$175.00 per week. First and last month required. Contact Karen at 978-265-4207 or E-mail at [booster883@aol.com](mailto:booster883@aol.com).

### Bikes for Sale:

**1983 Gold Wing** 1100 ccs, maroon, 99,700 miles, Corbin seat with rider's backrest, new tires, brakes, needs shocks. Kept in heated garage. \$1,500 or BO. Call or e-mail Pat Robinson, Women On Wheels® member: (978) 273-8479 or [rainbow-riderpr2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rainbow-riderpr2000@yahoo.com). Reason for selling: buying a new bike.

**1998 Vulcan Classic**, 1500 cc, single carb Black, 33K (mostly highway miles), always garaged, one-owner. 25 inches, low profile seat (stock) Vance and Hines pipes (bought year ago) Easy-off windshield (bought less than year ago) with lower-wind deflectors. Custom handmade leather bags, tool pouch in front and leather tank pocket. Crash bars and passenger foot boards (chrome) New tires and brakes, oil changed recently. All original parts go with bike, including pipes and a set of carb jets. Asking \$6K Jimmy Joe at 978-681-6122 or [Jimeshort@comcast.net](mailto:Jimeshort@comcast.net)

## Web Pages of Interest:

North Shore Wow Chapter web page:  
<http://www.haynesllc.com/wow/>

Boston Biker—Complete motorcycle resource for the Boston Area:

[Http://www.bostonbiker.com](http://www.bostonbiker.com)

A Web site setup by Woman Bikers:

I Ride My Own

<http://www.ridemyourown.com/>

Biker Dogs Motorcycle Club

[Http://www.bikerdogsmc.org](http://www.bikerdogsmc.org)

## Announcements:

Want to be interviewed for Motorcycle Magic radio show? By Jeanne Cousens

I will be doing a new radio show called *Motorcycle Magic*. I am looking for people who would like to be interviewed. I am looking for fun-loving motorcyclists to share their motorcycling experiences. The studio is located at 10 Brookline Place West in Brookline Village, Mass., but I would be willing to do telephone interviews. I would like to start setting up interviews as soon as next week.

I would like to talk about having fun on a motorcycle, experiences, favorite trips, best things that have happen. Also, worst things, overcoming being in an accident and getting back on the bike. We can also discuss instructor experience, politics, insurance issues, motorcycle issues, and the Registry's point of view, and how things have changed over the years. All the discussions will involve motorcycles. The only thing you can't do on my show is say the "f" word. If you are interested, please contact me at [jeannec8688@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannec8688@hotmail.com)

### Bike Shows:

February 7-8 Salem, NH  
Northeast Motorcycle Expo

<http://www.nemotorcycleexpo.com/> Kev-Marv

Rockingham Park Salem, NH

Sat 10-6

Sun 10-5

February 07-08

New England Motorcycle Extravaganza

Bayside Expo Center

<http://www.cycleprousa.com/>

February 2004

Saturday 07, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.

Sunday 08, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Admission: Adult Ticket: \$ 15.00

## Sturgis Rally Information: (Pennie is a member of Women On Wheels® Member)

Well here it is finally! Pricing for this year's Sturgis rally.

Dates: Saturday Aug. 7, 2004 to Saturday Aug. 14, 2004

Hauling your bike: \$600.00 Your bike must be available for loading (1) week before rally week and will be returned to the point of origin (1) week after rally week. You are responsible for dropping off and picking up your own bike.

Airfare: Airfare prices are subject to airline changes. Prices are based on a ten (10) person minimum, all persons on the SAME flight. Right now single airfare is running around \$650.00. If we can get (10) people who need air fare I can get a group rate- with taxes and all the fees, my ESTIMATE is around \$575.00. The airline will be determined by the lowest fare available and will leave from Logan OR Manchester NH, which ever is cheaper and has the best flight times. Plan on leaving on the 7th in the morning, MAYBE early-6-7 AM arriving in Rapid City SD in the Afternoon.

Leaving Rapid City On the 14th, late morning or early afternoon arriving back at point of origin the NIGHT- of the 14th- 10-11 PM.

We will include airport pick up for all of our guests that travel in the group flight. We will provide ONE pick up at the airport when you arrive, and ONE drop off at the airport when you ALL leave. No other non motorcycle transportation will be provided.

Lodgings: Housing is contracted Private homes. The homes are all modern. Prices range from \$550.00 to \$850.00 per person DOUBLE Occupancy. The definition of Double Occupancy pricing is as follows: Two persons per room. One room for a single person is \$1,100 to \$1,750. All rooms have Queen or King beds. All homes have complete kitchens, multiple baths, all linens, towels etc, as well as gas grills. You DO NOT need to bring anything! All homes are in locations with easy access to grocery shopping. We have found that stocking the fridge and taking turns cooking can save you HUGE amounts of money.

All houses are PRIVATELY owned. THE TERMS are as follows:

1) ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING IN ANY UNIT- Any evidence of smoking inside any unit is grounds for eviction. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. These homes are private property and we are there as guests. All property is to be treated with respect for the owners. Smoking is permitted outside the unit. All smoking material must be extinguished in metal containers that will be provided. The Black Hills are very dry at this time of year and the DANGER of forest fires is GREAT. You must be very careful with any smoking materials OUTSIDE the unit. They must be disposed of properly.

2) All units are to be left at LEAST as good as you found it. The home will be clean and in good condition when you arrive and it is to be in the same condition when you leave. All linens are to be removed from each bed and stacked in front on the washing machine. All dishes are to be washed and put away. All debris picked up and placed in the trash, ECT. I will provide a list of what must be done in each house before you leave. Patrick and I will check each home at departure. Failure to leave the home in good condition will result in the forfeiture of your security deposit, and you will not be invited back.

3) Each home has a phone line, long distance calls must be made with a calling card. Long distance service is not provided.

4) There will be a \$150.00 security deposit per person for housing. This deposit will be fully refundable after the unit is found in good condition at the end of your stay. It will be mailed to your home address.

5) Please enjoy your home and the beautiful Black Hills, but the parties STAY in Sturgis. One of our vendors had problems with bikers last year because of adding non-paying persons and loud parties that disturbed the neighbors. This party was evicted by the Sheriff. Because of this we have all been subjected to more stringent terms and higher prices.

Our expectations are that: We are all Adults and will be able to respect others property and still have a good time.

Please be advised that most of the \$550.00 housing is already booked from our last years clients.

We have a 1-2 rooms available in Rapid City, the rest of the available units are for parties of 6-8 persons in Custer SD. These units are more expensive, but the locations are the best. They are close to all of the attractions and Custer State park, which is where you will want to do a lot of your riding.

Anyone purchasing all three items on the menu will receive a National parks pass with their package. This is a \$50.00 value and is good for (1) year at any National Park or Monument that charges a fee in the United States. Even if you don't buy a package we encourage you to purchase a National Parks pass. It helps to support our National parks and Monuments. We will do this for you if you need help. You can use your pass at the following locations in the Sturgis area, Devils Tower, and The Badlands. It does NOT cover admission to Custer State Park. Your parks pass will come with maps and information for all of the National Parks and Monuments in the US.

Please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/> for more information.

Rides will be held daily to various locations. we will visit The Badlands, Devils Tower, Custer State Park, Crazy Horse, Downtown Sturgis, Rapid City, (for the Harley Show), and Mount Rushmore.

No one is set to a rigid itinerary. This is your vacation and we want you to have a good time. Anyone is welcome on whatever ride is happening on any given day, but if you would prefer to do something on your own, you can do that too. We will help you find your way to anything you would like to see or do, and we will provide you with a list of activities and events in the area.

For example the famous "Buffalo Chip" camp ground has concerts and activities all week, there are hill climbs, bike shows, races and so on.

Anyone booking all or part of the above menu will have to provide the following:

\$250 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit.

\$150 Per person Security Deposit on housing- refundable per above conditions.

All menu items are on a first come first serve basis.

Pat & Pennie

## North Shore 2004 Riding Schedule (Including State Events):

Day	Date	Ride/Event	Place	Contact/Phone
Sunday	2/8	Quilting Bee	"N. Andover, MA"	Denise Barton 978-686-6187
Fri-Sun	3/5-3/6	WOW WOW Weekend (State)	"Gardner, MA"	Poet 978-688-0144
Sunday	4/25	Ride/Lunch/Shopping	"Rockport, MA"	
Saturday	5/8	Parkers Maple Farm	"Mason, NH"	
Sunday	5/16	Quabbin Resorvior Ride	"Central, MA"	
Thursday	6/3	Weekly Dinner Ride		
Saturday	6/5	Ironhorse Press	"N. Conway, NH"	
Sunday	6/6	Breast Cancer Rally (State)		
Thursday	6/17	Weekly Dinner Ride		
Sat/Sun	6/19-6/20	Hot Air Balloon Weekend	"Quechee, VT "	
Thursday	7/1	Weekly Dinner Ride		
Tue-Thu	7/6-7/9	WOW Ride-In	West Virginia	
Thursday	7/15	Weekly Dinner Ride		
Saturday	7/17	"Sunapee, NH Ride"	"Sunapee, NH"	
Sunday	7/25	Kancamagus Highway	"Conway, NH"	
Thursday	7/29	Weekly Dinner Ride		
Thursday	8/12	Weekly Dinner Ride		
Saturday	8/21	Northeast Motorcycle Rally	New Hampshire	
Thursday	8/26	Weekly Dinner Ride		
Sunday	8/29	Rolling Dinner-Three Stops	"Atkinson, NH, Boxford, MA and Merrimac MA, Swimming"	
Fri-Sun	9/10-9/11	Oqunquit Weekend-2nd Annual	"Oqunquit, ME"	
Fri-Sun	10/2-10-4	Fall Foliage Tour (State)		
Sunday	10/10	Lobster Dinner Ride	"Seabrook, NH"	

### A New Rally Announcement:

[Waitsfield motorcycle rally gets green light](#) - *Barre Montpelier Times Argus, VT*

WAITSFIELD --- A three-day summer motorcycle rally has won approval, despite a last-minute attempt by two town residents to scale back the plans.

Brian Carten and Ruth Brothers of Warren received a festival permit for the First Annual Mad River Run and Rally after weeks of deliberating with the selectboard. Selectman Sal Spinosa, who has been scrutinizing the application and has had numerous questions for the rally organizers, was the sole board member voting against the event at a Monday meeting. The other four members voted in favor.

The rally will run from July 9-11 and is expected to draw roughly 2,000 motorcyclists and spectators to the Mad River Valley for the weekend. Organizers say the amount of beds in the area's hotels and inns - roughly 3,000 - will limit the attendance, but that they will contract security for 10,000. The location is at Kenyon's field, on Route 100 at the north end of town.

(Source: *Biker Bits*, January 15, 2004)

# WOW-WOW

WHEN: March 5-7, 2004  
(This year, some WOWers are staying two nights. Join us!)

WHERE: Colonial Hotel & Conference Center  
625 Betty Spring Rd., Gardner, Mass.

RESERVATIONS: 978-630-2500, or 888-214-4991, or [www.colonial-hotel.com](http://www.colonial-hotel.com)

## When calling to make a reservation:

Mention Women On Wheels®.

If you are sharing a room, only one person should call to make reservations.

Give your name and credit card number.

Ask for smoking or nonsmoking.

Reserve for one or two nights

(Extra charge if you request microwave and/or refrigerator)

Make reservations before Feb. 5. (A block of rooms is being saved for us.)

## CANCELLATION:

No charge on your credit card, if you cancel up to 48 hours before March 5.

COST: \$109 per room (one or two people)

\$177 (four people)

This includes dinner and breakfast.

Check-in time: 3 p.m.

Checkout time: 11 a.m. on Sunday

Each room includes color TV, radio alarm clock, hairdryer, ice bucket, ironing board and iron, coffeemaker, voice mail, and computer dataport capability.

Abigail's Restaurant and Jack Russell's Pub are in the hotel. Bring your dancing shoes for the live band at the pub and bathing suit for the indoor pool and Jacuzzi.

## DIRECTIONS:

Traveling east on Route 2, take Exit 24 and turn left onto Route 140 North. Take the third left onto Betty Spring Road (approx. 1 mile). The Colonial Hotel is the first left on Betty Spring Road.

Traveling west on Route 2, take Exit 24B and merge right onto Route 140 North. Take the third left onto Betty Spring Road (approx. 1 mile). The colonial hotel is the first left on Betty Spring Road.

If you have any questions, contact [Poet883@aol.com](mailto:Poet883@aol.com)