

Harley University

First Class of 2000

Hello Hogsters,

Well, Gord, Jeanette, Stuart and myself just got back from Harley-Davidson University in New Orleans, Louisiana. WOW! What an incredible learning experience it was. New Orleans was nice and warm (70 degrees) which didn't hurt either. The Motor Co. provided a tremendous opportunity to all of us who attended by letting us learn from some of the best people in the business.

Don Tilley, Bill Davidson, Ron Hutchinson, Jerry Wilke, Eric Buell and even Willie G.! My head is still spinning! So much information to digest.

Of course, after a hard day in class we forced ourselves out onto Bourbon Street for some local colour and to sample some of New Orleans best eateries. The food was consistently excellent including all the local favorites like Gator, Catfish and Gumbo everywhere we went. Also, let me say that everything you have ever heard about Mardi Gras beads is true. Most of the French Quarter is very colourful to say the least. Gordon and Jeannette rented a car on the Sunday and Stu and I tagged along. We explored a "Nawlins" graveyard like the one in Easy Rider. Oddly enough none of the photos taken there turned out at all. We just got some foggy negatives, weird huh? We also checked out the swamps with their Spanish moss and we even traveled across the world's longest bridge (27 miles). Stuart wanted us to find an alligator for him to wrestle, but we never did. Better luck next time Stu. It was a great trip; I learned a lot and had a great time. Some of the new product we saw at the 2000 Dealer Expo is already arriving in the store. Ask Jason, Nick or myself to point out some of these cool new items to you next time you are in. Also, remind me to show you my photos of the custom bikes that were on display at the Dealer Expo.

See ya soon,

Robbie



Gord & Jeanette Wilkins will be leaving us the end of the month to relocate in Ontario. Good Luck from all of us, but we'll sure miss you both!

Kane's Harley dealership in Calgary recently burned to the ground. The tech's lost all their tools, which, unfortunately, were not insured. The Vancouver H.O.G. Chapter is donating \$100.00 to help them out.