



Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group  
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## Directors Corner

My fellow HOG MEMBERS

This year is rapidly approaching its end. The riding days are getting less with the approaching winter season. This is the last HOG PEN for the year. I want to thank everyone for letting me serve as your Director this year. It has been a rewarding experience and fun experience for me. Many thanks to my fellow officers who did an outstanding job of serving the club. Special mention goes to Michelle Poland, Activities; Dave Stockton, Head Road Captain; and Jim Ferguson, Membership for the extra special job they did in giving us a great year of events, etc.

The club just got back from an outstanding weekend at Barber Motorsports Park and Museum in Alabama. As a motorcyclist this was as good as it gets for watching a race and going down memory lane seeing all the motorcycles in the museum. All that went had a great time.

Thanks to everyone who participated and made our annual Hog Waller event so much fun. The weather was in our favor and the biker games as always were lots of fun. Special thanks to Vince for the music and sound system.

Our Chili cook off event is close at hand so bring your best batch and desert for all to taste. Please also sign up for our great Thanksgiving and Christmas events. We will be electing our new leader for next year at these events.

'Tis the season to be thankful for our friends, family and country. We are all blessed!  
Special thanks to the Bumpus family and employees for all their support.

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD TO ADVENTURE  
KEEP THE SHINY SIDE UP  
LARRY



## Assistant Director

The cold weather may be upon us and good riding days will become few and far between, but that doesn't mean the Memphis HOG chapter isn't still active. We have a number of events already on the schedule to bring us together and more to come.

This weekend is the Annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction. Cook up a pot of your favorite chili or whip up your best desert. Brian Bryant...this means your Banana Pudding. I'm not judging the contest, so I feel comfortable making requests. There's also still time to donate something to the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction is our biggest fund raiser for the year and helps support our activities.

We have the Thanksgiving dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Bumpus family is again graciously hosting us at the dealership. The Christmas dinner\party is on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Navy Lake. Both of these events are always a good time so make your reservation now. There are more details on both of these events on page 7 of this newsletter or check out our page on Facebook.

For the ladies, the Ladies Christmas party is on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Tammie Caldwell's house in Millington. I've never been, but I hear a good time is had by all.

We have one more planned ride for the year to Rusty's TV and Movie Car Museum in Jackson, TN. The General Lee, Starsky and Hutch and a time traveling DeLorean are sure to be spotted.

And as always, we will start off 2019 with the Polar Bear ride on January 1<sup>st</sup>. With any luck it will be a bit warmer than the 10 degrees last year. Join us in supporting the Dream Factory and helping a sick child's dream come true.

Keep an eye on Facebook for any new events or updates on existing ones. Who knows, if we get a random nice day during the winter season there just might be a pop up ride at the last minute.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride  
Robert



## Safety Officer

As I write this, October is nearly finished. November is knocking at the door. And around here in our area, November brings with it late fall and trees shedding their leaves. It usually becomes somewhat rainier here as well. And, as November marches past, we usually notice quite a change in temperatures. So with these things said, I have a few comments to hopefully help you stay a little safer as you ride in the month ahead.

First, watch for leaves on the roadway while you ride. The leaves can be a pleasant sight of fall, but they can also be very dangerous, especially if there is any moisture involved. Damp leaves on a roadway can be very slick. Pay close attention as you negotiate your way through them, especially in curves. It makes for a really bad day if the bike wants to slide out from under you.

Secondly, be aware that the weather is changing and the days are getting much shorter. This will be painfully obvious after November 4<sup>th</sup> when we lose daylight saving time and revert back to standard time. You should take more jacket/layers than you think you need when going out for those afternoon rides just in case you stray farther from home than you intended and end up riding home in the dark. It gets cold quickly this time of year. The wind chill factor is real. So, just take some extra layers with you to keep yourself warm if you happen to be out later than you originally planned.

Ride safe!

Jerry Hayes



## Memphis Chapter Membership Updates:

I'm excited to tell you that our current Chapter Membership is at 172 members for 2018. We would like to increase that number for 2019.

We currently have a Membership drive going for 2019. If you renew your membership on or before January 1st of 2019, you will be entered into a drawing to get your membership free for 2019. A winner will be announced at the February Chapter meeting.

Don't let the person in the picture be you missing all of the Chapter fun in 2019. Go ahead and Sign-up for your 2019 membership and another exciting year of rides and fellowship with other Chapter members.



2019 Dues are \$20/person for the year! What other organization do you belong to where you get planned rides, annual Chapter events, some free food and games, and much more for only \$20 a year? Just remember, to qualify to be a local Memphis Chapter member, HOG requires that you maintain your National HOG membership too. For more information on membership you can go to the Memphis Chapter website <https://www.memphishog.com/membership> and link to HOG National site or print out a local membership form. Forms and dues may be turned into the parts counter at Bumpus H-D on Whitten Road, Memphis, or bring to the monthly Chapter meeting or events. Everyone MUST fill out a new Membership waiver each year, HOG requirements.

If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to reach out to me at [tnharley@bellsouth.net](mailto:tnharley@bellsouth.net) or (901) 413-0188.

Ride safe,

Jim Ferguson  
2018 Membership Officer



## **TECH 101: To GPS or Not to GPS, that is the Question!**

**Jim Ferguson**

“I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.”

— **douglas adams**

I'm sure you remember the days of going on road trips, with your parents. Those were the days of sleeping on the rear dash of the car, or maybe the back seat if you had a small family. The days before mandatory seat belts, and child car seats.

Usually as part of that trip planning you might recall seeing the Auto Club flip maps, one of those collapsible folding maps, or the oversized Rand McNally map book. Someone drove while someone else in the car navigated using one of the aforementioned maps. Back then everybody learned to read a map if they were expected to drive or navigate, from one place to another. The only commands to turn here or there came from the navigating passenger in the car.

Fast forward to today, and our cars and motorcycles, have more tech than the space shuttles. Gone are the folding maps, those are replaced by in-dash navigation systems, Boom Infotainment systems, or the trusty handlebar mounted Garmin systems. But should paper maps really be gone from our trips? Personally, I still carry current maps in my vehicles. I guess I just can't let go of the old school maps...I need something to back up the tech I also depend on too much so sometimes! When I am not familiar with the roads to my destination, I will take some time and Google the route. I may also print the route and check it against my map book, just so I have some idea of the route to my destination. Just as a precaution mind you!

But what happens when count on our GPS systems too much?

When the Chapter plans a ride usually the head Road Captain, or someone in the club, uses an application like Garmin's Basecamp, or the Harley Ride planner, to map out the route to the ride destination. We share the routes and load them into our navigation devices. Then we schedule the Kicks Stand Up (KSU) time and prepare to meet and head out for the ride.

But anyone who has built a route, or been on rides know even the best route builders can run into direction challenges.

Back over the week leading up to the Labor Day holiday a handful of Chapter members headed off to Milwaukee for the 115th Harley-Davidson Anniversary celebration. Two different groups headed to Milwaukee, mostly using pre-made routes leading to Milwaukee from different directions. Once we all linked up at the hotel we rode to scheduled events trying to use our navigation units. However, the entire time we were in Milwaukee we all had GPS issues. It never failed that the nav system would tell you to keep moving left, and the next moment tell you to turn right.

Milwaukee is a unique town where you may come up to an intersection on the Interstate and there could be many roads that split into separate directions. The Boom nav units were constantly recalculating and it didn't take long to realize that we had to not depend on the Nav system so much and just follow the highway signs. Once we studied the city maps and figured out the roads the navigation units mostly played a backup roll.

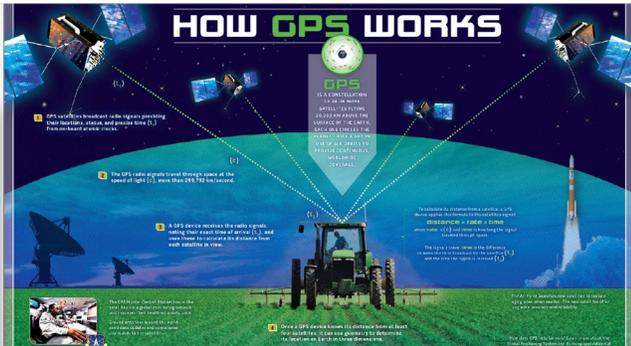
When touring you should always have a backup plan. On the way home from Milwaukee my Boom Nav system kept going out. I was riding alone and if I hadn't been on a road I was familiar with I might have been in trouble! Knowing the route I was taking was my backup plan and I was able to get home without the navigation system. But in the case where you are not familiar, with the route, have a printed map handy.

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## TECH 101: To GPS or Not to GPS, that is the Question! Continued

So the moral of my story is don't always rely on the navigation units. It's a good idea to go "old school" and carry a paper copy of the route with you. You should always review your route and know the roads that you are taking to your destination and back again.

How many times have you "really" counted on your GPS, either the Garmin or the Boom Infotainment system to get you to where you were going?



It cost \$12 Billion to get the 24 GPS satellites up into orbit and another \$1 Billion a year to maintain the US GPS system. This is the satellite system that not only navigates us around but also manages the world's time clocks. These satellites circle the Earth twice a day, at 14k km/hr and at an altitude of 12,550 miles above the earth's surface. GPS satellites are not in geosynchronous or geostationary orbits, meaning they are not in synch with the earth's orbit. If you would like to really understand how GPS works follow this link. <https://www.gps.gov/systems/gps/> also <https://www.gps.gov/multimedia/poster/> for the poster in the picture above.

The UNITED STATES owns the most complete GPS system in the world. However, other countries do own some GPS satellites or are in the process of developing their own GPS satellite systems.

### What happens if GPS Fails:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2016/06/what-happens-if-gps-fails/486824/>

### Other Non-GPS Useful Sites:

AAA TripTik website: [http://www.aaa.com/AAA\\_Travel/AAAMaps/travel\\_directions.htm](http://www.aaa.com/AAA_Travel/AAAMaps/travel_directions.htm) and <https://ttp.aaa.com/TripTik/#>

Rand McNally: <https://www.randmcnally.com/publishing#the-road-atlas>

For best GPS reception...maybe a larger satellite dish will help



## Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday Nov 15th will be our Thanksgiving Dinner at Bumpus at 6:30 pm. This year it will be catered again by Ty's BBQ. The menu will be Turkey, Ham, dressing, mac and cheese, green beans, cranberry sauce and rolls. We are asking all members to provide dessert. Homemade or store bought is fine. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$11.00 per person. We will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots and you will receive one free 50/50 ticket for donating. This will be our final time to donate for the year, so let's get lots of toys for the kids!!

## Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be at Navy Lake in Millington 6231 Kerr - Rosemark Rd (same place as last year) on Saturday Dec 8th at 7:00 pm. We will have dinner, DJ, door prizes and cash bar. Dress code is very casual, jeans are just fine. Cost is \$25.00 per person and must be purchased in advance.

Dinner choices are:

Chicken Marsala with spinach fettuccine

Brisket with scalloped potatoes or

Salmon with scalloped potatoes

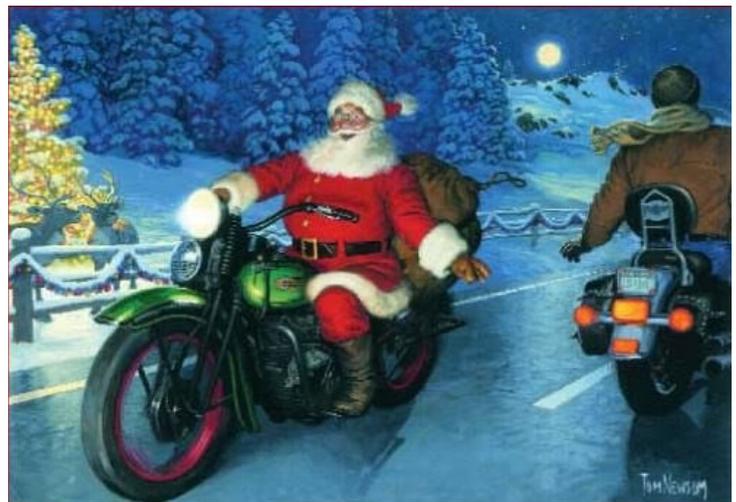
All meals include:

shrimp appetizer, squash and zucchini veg mix, salad, rolls and apple cobbler with ice cream.

## Ladies Christmas Party

The ladies Christmas party will be on Sunday Dec 16th from 1-4 pm at Tammie Caldwell's house in Millington (address available upon request). Bring a wrapped gift around \$20.00 for Dirty Santa. Also bring your favorite side dish, appetizer or dessert

This is always a great holiday event, hope to see all the ladies there.



# Membership

## To Join HOG National

In order to join the Memphis HOG Chapter, you must first be a national or associate HOG member in good standing. Click the link for the Harley Owners Group website to read about HOG Events, Membership Types and Membership Benefits.

Once you join, you receive a membership number. Use this number to join Memphis HOG.

## Join the local Memphis HOG Chapter

Download the Memphis HOG form and fill it out. There are three ways to submit the form;

1. Drop off the form along with \$20 cash or check at the Bumpus HD Memphis parts counter.
2. Bring it to the next Memphis H.O.G. activity. Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events.
3. Mail the form and a \$20 check made out to "**Memphis HOG Chapter**". Mail to:

Memphis HOG Chapter # 4928  
Bumpus Harley Davidson  
2160 Whitten Road  
Memphis, TN 38133-6004

To get to the Memphis Chapter Membership Form follow the following link:

<https://www.memphishog.com/membership>



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## CHAPTER EVENTS

November Events		December Events	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Officer & Road Captain Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup>	Officer & Road Captain Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chili Cook-off/Silent Auction @ Bumpus	8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party (7:00pm)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Rusty's TV and Movie Car Museum	16 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Christmas Party
15 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Dinner @ Bumpus		



Bumpus is collecting toys for Toys for Tots. If you would like to help support this, we are going to collect toys for Toys for Tots all year long for Bumpus. If you bring toys to any Chapter Meeting you will receive one free 50/50 ticket. One ticket per donation, not per toy.

## INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

Ads are free to current members selling personal items, e.g. bikes, bike parts, garage sale items, etc.

Business ads run for \$50/yr. for a business card, \$75/yr. for a ½ page, and \$100/yr. for a full page ad. Please contact Robert Gantt to set up your ad.



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Dave Stockton 901.378.1466

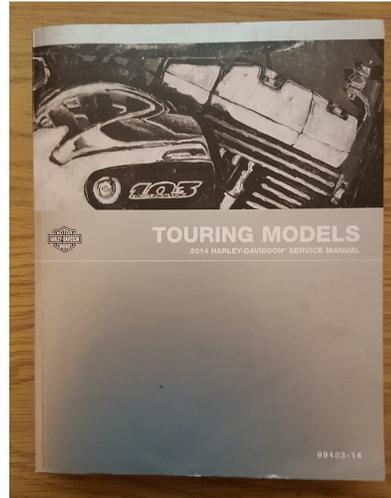
Saddleman Back Seat Bag \$50  
Saddleman Luggage Rack Bag \$20  
or both for \$60



## For Sale

Dave Stockton 901.378.1466

2014-2016 Touring Models Service Manual \$10



## For Sale

Dave Stockton 901.378.1466

HD Mesh Jacket 2X has body armor pockets along with pockets for cooling paks.  
Cooling paks are included. \$40



## DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE MEMPHIS HOG CHAPTER?

- Get text alerts or follow us on Twitter  
To get texts: Text a message to 40404 with the following informat  
*Follow memhog4928*  
You should receive an instant confirmation.



- Join our members-only Facebook group  
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282199048513345/>

To join: Go to the page and click "Join"  
One of the officers will add you to the FB group.

Note: There is a public FB page but it DOES NOT have event information.  
<https://www.facebook.com/MemphisHogChapter/>

- Check out our webpage and online calendar  
<http://www.memphishog.com/>  
<http://www.memphishog.com/#!calendar/c1nf7>

The chapter calendar is compatible with Google Calendar and iPhones.  
Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email: [memphishogactivities@gmail.com](mailto:memphishogactivities@gmail.com)

- Special Note to AOL mail users  
Please add [memphishog2017@gmail.com](mailto:memphishog2017@gmail.com) to your email contacts. This will help insure chapter emails don't end up in your trash\spam folder

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