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Robert Gantt

Has Spring sprung? We've had a few lucky weekends where we could get a ride in, but then the temperature drops or it rains (or both!). My monther-in-law used to tell us not to plant anything until April 15th. I'm not sure how one can pick a specific date to make this decision, but it always seems to work. (Truth be told, I stuck a couple Lilac bushes in the ground

a few weeks back when I had a moment. Haven't checked on them for the fear that I might have jumped the gun and I'll have to tell my Lovely Bride that something came along and ate them). Anyway, I think we are turning the corner and the warmer days will be here to stay for a while. We just have to navigate around the rain storms for a bit.

Now that we have determined riding weather is upon us, are you "ready" for riding weather? By "you" I mean you, your bike and your protective gear. I know we are all mentally ready to get back in the saddle. Sitting around all winter makes sure of that. Is your bike ready? Remember T-CLOCS? Tires (and Brakes), Lights, Oil (fluids), Chasis, Stand. These are the items you should be checking before every ride anyway. Did you keep your battery on an tender? I have no doubt our friends at Bumpus Memphis would be happy to check everything out for you. And rememer, as a HOG member you get priority attention from the Service Department. Simply put, regardless of who does it, make sure your bike is ready for the road.

The same goes for your protective gear. Is your helmet in good shape? What about your gloves, boots, etc. No, I'm not trying to sell you anything (that's Michelle and Brets' job). Your protective gear is all you have between you and the road. Make sure it's in good shape. I picked up a new pair of boots this year. It appears I drag my left foot a bit too much.

Now that we are all ready to ride. Where are we going to ride? Your Officer team has been working hard on a ride schedule and I think we have a great year coming our way. This month we will be participating in the Wild Pigs Poker Run on April 6th and we have the Past Director's Ride on April 13th. We have our first overnight ride to Mobile, AL in May (5/3 to 5/5). And in June, we will take our second overnight ride as part of the Bumpus Tour of Duty (6/8 to 6/9). I have no doubt we will add more weekend day ride(s) when weather permits. And don't forget about Bikes on Beale. Please check the calendar at <https://www.memphishog.com> or Facebook for ride and social updates.

If you feel like riding and the chapter does not have a planned ride (or maybe you are skipping work), you can always post an "Anyone want to ride" post on the Memphis HOG Facebook page. That's why the chapter is here.....to ride.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on an upcoming ride.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride

Robert
2019 Director

P.S. Don't forget about Ride 365. If you haven't taken your bike to Bumpus to record your current odometer reading, please do so.



Can you believe its April, and spring, already? This year seems to be moving right along. While I'm looking forward to some warmer days, with some sunshine, I'm not a fan of the yellow pollen on everything! Oh well, welcome to Memphis and the "unofficial" allergy capital of the country! If you are like me you spend much of spring around here stuffed up and sneezing! :-)

If you are coming to the Chapter meetings, events, and the few rides we've been able to squeeze in then I would like to personally thank you! It's disappointing when all we see are the STP (Same Ten People) folks turn out for the Chapter events. We have had some pretty well attended rides here lately, including some new members showing up. It's always great to have new members' turnout and even better when we see the members getting to know each other! If I've said it once I've said it a hundred times some of the best riding buddies I've ever had I met right here in the Memphis Chapter. So don't be shy get in there and introduce yourself and make a new friend!

While on the topic of friends, how do you greet your biker friends? Are you a hugger, hand shaker, or prefer to just say hi?

Have you ever noticed at rallies or poker runs how bikers will hug each other? Bikers have always been known to be a "hugging" group, men hug their brother riders, women greet each other with a hug, men and women greet each other with hugs! You would think they were family and in many ways they are. I attribute hugging as a sign of respect to fellow brothers and sisters who you know, and know are like minded.



Many Chapter members I've known for a long time and are like family and think nothing to greet them with a hug. But if I don't know you well yet, or I sense you are uncomfortable with someone invading your space, I might opt for the backup handshake or hi! :-) After all, not everyone likes someone in their personal space, and that's ok! Me I like to hug, I like being hugged, maybe I'm just needy that way! If you like to be hugged, or just need one sometime come find me! Everyone needs a good biker hug every now and then... :-)

Look forward to seeing you on the upcoming rides and events!

Ride Safe,

Jim Ferguson
2019 Assistant Director
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Amy & Roelant
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Activities Corner

Every time Robert sends the officers a reminder that the articles for the newsletter are due, I freak out about how fast this year has been going so far. It's already April, what happened to the other months? Let me tell you a little bit about what happened in March.

believe I can speak for many when I say that the Mardi Gras party on March 2 was a blast. Part of the Bumpus showroom had been turned into a New Orleans style dining hall complete with a street scene to take your picture in front of. The food was excellent and so were the hurricanes.



March started off with a bang.....I

all how to line dance and that worked a little better for some than others; the number of hurricanes consumed may have had something to do with that. Some came dressed in Mardi Gras garb and even one member was seen wearing shorts. The fact that the hurricanes were having an impact was witnessed by the impromptu organization of a game of *butt darts*. Janice Ferguson ended up the lucky winner of the Mardi Gras basket.



The monthly chapter meeting provided us all an opportunity to learn a bit more about the upcoming activities as well as an opportunity to just hang out with our friends. I always look forward to seeing everyone during these meetings. This month's birthday game was a repeat of the January game and it looks like Theresa Crook is not the only one who knows her way around a HOG's rear end. This time, the younger generation came out on top.



The Sunday after the chapter meeting provided an opportunity to visit the Blue and White Restaurant in Tunica. The weather was fantastic and we had quite a few folks showing up for the ride. Less than a week later, another chapter ride. This time to Boyette's in Tiptonville, right across from Reelfoot Lake. The plan was to go to Ms. Vickie's in Trimble, TN, but thank goodness for Dave Stockton who pointed out that Ms. Vickie's may actually be closed. Shame on your activities director (whose name I have forgotten) for not calling ahead of time. Right before we arrived at Tiptonville, I noticed a white something flying ahead of us and I couldn't figure out what it was. It turned out to

be a crop-duster. I always like seeing those at work. All but 2 riders took a good whiff of the chemicals; although it's probably not as harmful as the old mosquito fog cars we all ran behind in our younger days.

The Thursday prior to the ride to Tiptonville, we had the monthly social. This time it was at the Cordova bowling alley. We occupied 3 lanes and found out that we have some serious bowlers in the chapter. The challenge to most of us was to beat Emily Hayes, she was phenomenal and it wouldn't surprise me if she bowled professionally before. Jim Tactac had to show off and I believe he was the only bowler scoring over 200 (or did Jerry Hayes reach that too), that's beast mode.



So, March turned out to be a pretty good month and a good warmup for the remainder of the year. April will be busy: Wild Pigs, ERC, Chapter meeting, Past Directors Ride, Dinner at Sling Shot Charlies, Bikes on Beale, and hopefully some "pop up" rides during the rest of the month.

I hope to see many of you during these chapter events!



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Carol & Jim Tactac

Hello from your membership officers!!

For those of you who missed the March chapter meeting, we wanted to give you a summary of what we presented. We are working hard to ensure we have an accurate and current membership roster as well as looking for ways to grow the membership.

We began the year with the current 2018/2019 membership roster to get an accurate membership count. That involved two mass e-mailings, and for those without e-mail, about 35-40, we called them directly.

On January 26th, Bumpus had a riding academy graduation party. We set up a chapter table with a chapter banner, a tri-fold information sheet about the chapter and a membership application, and a display that Carol put together, listing the benefits and activities of the chapter. There was a steady stream that day of potential customers for the dealer, and members for us, in the three hours we were there. Carol did a great job of actually getting out on the floor and talking to people. (She has that great gift of gab!!) A few other chapter members were there, and we did have one new person join!!

After two or three weeks of contacting and coordinating with the beginner riding academy instructors, on March 3rd, we did our first presentation to the class! Our goal was to not take too much time, and we spent 10-15 minutes talking about the chapter, some of the rides (past and planned,) giving them information about the chapter, and really just promoting the dealer, chapter, and riding in general. We did our second one on March 17th; at 7:00 a.m.!! We have committed to at least one class per month, on Sundays, which was the best day for the instructors. If anyone would like to go out and give a little talk, that would be great! Please contact either one of us.

We have set up at the dealer in the customer waiting area a small display, again with a list of membership benefits, the tri-fold information sheet and a membership application. Carol typically goes to the dealer on Fridays to pick up any new forms in the chapter drawer, and restocking that display if necessary.

Thanks to Jim Ferguson for putting the tri-fold together. If you haven't seen it, it's really pretty slick!!

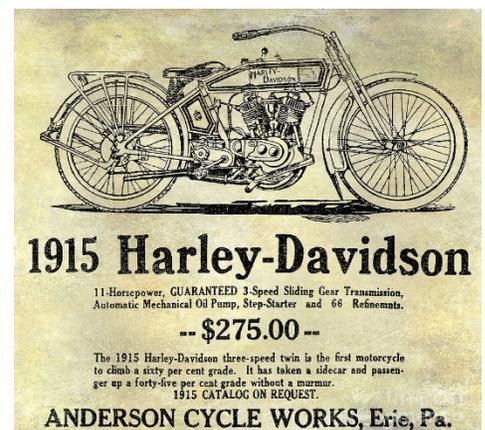
We are in the process of purging the national HOG membership to match our current paid membership rolls.

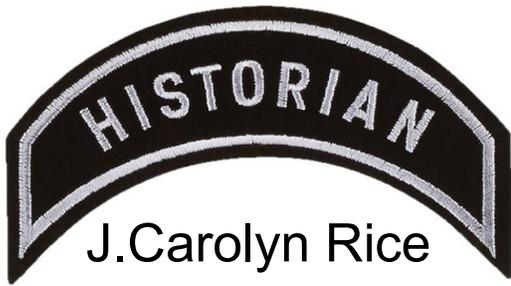
We are looking into other volunteer opportunities at the dealer where we could possibly set up a table and display similar to what we did at the riding academy party.

I think that's it for now. If you have an idea or suggestion on how or where we could promote the chapter and membership, please let us know.

Thanks very much!

Carol & Jim





The Archive Vault
J. Carolyn Rice, Historian

Past Directors Ride: How It All Began

When I searched our archives for the history of the “Past Directors Ride” the following information was found. Enjoy your read down memory lane. Our chapter has been and is rich with many traditions and meaningful events that were created to highlight our ever growing legacy as a chapter.

First “Past Directors’ Ride”: March 1, 2008 Braden Station, Tennessee

To kick off the new riding season in 2008 the first annual “Past Directors Ride” was created. These Directors were in attendance to lead us to Braden Station for our 2008 March Chapter Meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Tim Bumpus, our Dealer Sponsor; Dwight Blankenship (2008); Keith Gilooly (1990-1993); Bob Ward (2002); Doug Adams (2001); Johnnie Jones (1996); Jerry Rice (2004); Bob Baxter (1997, 2000); Jon Shook (1998,1999); Larry Allen (2005); Ronnie Cobb (2006). This was the chapter’s first chance to see this group of leaders assembled together. It gave chapter members a chance to say thank you in a special way to those who volunteered their time and talents while accepting the responsibility to lead us in our chapter events to —“Ride and Have Fun”



The “Perpetual Directors Plaque” was presented to the chapter at this first Past Directors Ride in 2008. Tim Bumpus, our dealer, added his words of appreciation to all past directors for their service and dedication to our Memphis HOG Chapter. This plaque hangs in the dealership at Whitten Road in the Customer Lounge. It is updated on a yearly basis.

Traditionally the “Past Directors” form the first riding group (posse) that leads the chapter to its spring chapter meeting. This ride symbolizes the official kickoff of the Memphis Chapter’s new riding season. The first two “Past Director Rides” to Braden Station were ridden under our Memphis Chapter flag. Director Bob Ward, 2002, carried the flag for us on his Harley and led the “Director Posse” and chapter to Braden Station. This ride celebration is a small way for the Memphis Chapter to show her appreciation and thanks to our group of past chapter directors.

2014: Past Directors Ride Returns to Braden Station



Left to right: Top Row- Allen Rhymer (2014), Ronnie Cobb (2006), Burt Powell (2013), Greg Patton (2012), Larry Allen (2005, 2018), Joe Moscon, (2009, 2010, 2017), Bob Baxter (1997, 2000)
Bottom Row- Dwight Blakenship (2008), Jerry Rice (2004), J. Carolyn Rice (2011). Walt Czynnik (2007), Johnnie Jones, (1996)

This tradition for our Memphis Chapter has continued throughout the years. Be sure to attend this year's event. Enjoy the ride to Covington with the chapter and the food at Wyatt Earps!

When: Saturday, April 13th, 10:15am-2:15pm

Where: Wyatt Earps Steak House, 124 TN-54, Covington, TN

Description: On April 13, we will be honoring and thanking the past directors of our chapter with a ride/lunch in their honor. We will be riding to Wyatt Earp's steakhouse in Covington. (<http://wyattearpssteakhouse.com/>).

Let's meet at our favorite Harley dealership, Bumpus on Whitten around 10:15, Saturday, April 13th, so we can have KSU at 10:30.

Happy Trails!

See you on the road soon and often always riding and having fun with friends!

J. Carolyn



In the Spotlight

The second installment of our *Get to Know* section of the HOG newsletter where we put some of our members in the spotlight. In this installment, Cindy Smith answers the questions she was sent and if you'd like to know more about her, find her at one of our HOG events and ask away.

- If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?
 - Spend time with family and friends and do volunteer work.
- What skill would you like to master?
 - Playing guitar.
- What state or country do you never want to go back to and why?
 - I haven't had that bad of an experience anywhere.
- What do you wish you knew more about?
 - Scuba Diving.
- What would be your ideal way to spend the weekend?
 - Sleep past 4:45 AM, take a motorcycle ride, have Michael grill steaks and spend time with friends and family.
- What's the best single day on the calendar?
 - Christmas.
- What are you interested in that most people haven't heard of?
 - I like shooting guns.
- What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?
 - Scuba diving, snorkeling and/or parasailing.
- Where is the most interesting place you've been?
 - Yellowstone.
- What is the luckiest thing that has happened to you?
 - Marrying my wonderful husband.
- What is the most impressive thing you know how to do?
 - Ride my motorcycle.
- What kind of motorcycle(s) do you own?
 - Heritage Softail and Yamaha V-star 950 Cruiser.
- Where were you born?
 - Poplar Bluff, MO.
- How long have you been riding motorcycles?
 - 7 years.
- Married? Single? Children? Grandchildren?
 - Married (2) fur babies.



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

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Join HOG for a weekend in Mobile, May 3-5. We will stay at the Malaga Inn (<https://malagainn.com/>). Please call the hotel (1-251-438-4701) to reserve your room. Let them know you are with the Memphis Harley Owners Group when you make your reservation.



Chapter Events



2019

April

04 **Memphis HOG Officer Meeting**
Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm.

09 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
The chapter meeting will be held at SideCar Café, located at 2194 Whitten Rd. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

13 **Past Directors Ride**
Join us as we honor the past Directors of the Memphis HOG Chapter. This will be a lunch ride to Wyatt Earp's Sterakhouse in Covington, TN. Meet at Bumpus HD at 10am, KSU at 10:30am.

14 **Wild Pigs Poker Run**
SideCar Café, located at 2194 Whitten Rd. KSU 10:30AM

18 **Dinner Social**
Join us for a dinner and activity social at Sling Shot Charlies located at 1790 US-70, Arlington, TN 38002 at 6:30pm.

24 **Bikes on Beale**
Meet at Bumpus on Whitten. KSU 6:00pm

May

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22 **Bikes on Beale**
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30 **Dinner Social**
TBD

June

06 **Memphis HOG Officer Meeting**
Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm.

08 **Tour of Duty Overnight Ride**
The Chapter will heading out of town on the Bumpus Tour of Duty. Jackson, Lynchburg and Murfreesboro. KSU TBD

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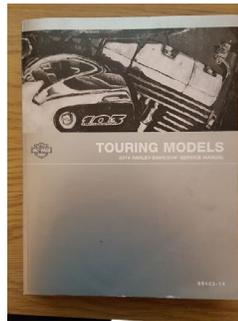


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