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Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group
Chapter 4928 *Founded February 20, 1986*

May Activities

Chickasaw Ride	May 3rd
Chapter Meeting	May 3rd
LOH Meeting	May 6th
Ladies Garage Sale	May 8th
MVP Brunch & Ride	May 10th
Mothers Day	May 11th
Handlebars & Hotrods	May 17th
Huntsville Ride	May 17th
Huntsville Return	May 18th
Dinner Social	May 22nd
Parking Lot Party	May 24th
Women's Only Ride	May 25th
Memorial Day	May 26th
TN HOG Rally	May 27th
TN HOG Rally	May 28th
TN HOG Rally	May 29th
TN HOG Rally	May 30th
TN HOG Rally	May 31st

June Activities

Dinner Social	Jun 4th
Anna Pre-ride	Jun 7th
Anna Pre-ride	Jun 8th
LOH Meeting	Jun 9th
Kickoff Party	Jun 17th
Soul to Creole	Jun 19th
Soul to Creole	Jun 20th
Soul to Creole	Jun 21st
Soul to Creole	Jun 22nd

July Activities

Independence Day	Jul 4th
Overnight Ride	Jul 25th
Overnight Ride	Jul 26th
Overnight Return	Jul 27th

May Birthdays

Dwight Blankenship

Jeff Childress

David Croenne

Wanda Fretwell

Al Nelson

Cedric Plunkett

Jerry Rice

Wally Sisk

James Stingley

David Stockton

Randy Wagley

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then select the Calendar button to see things for yourself.

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MAY 17th BLAST OFF
TO THE SUMMER RIDING SEASON

Ride to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center
1 Tranquility Base
Huntsville, Alabama

- **Ride with your HOG Chapter**
- **Visit the Space Museum**
- **Experience the Exhibits**
- **Have Dinner at the Museum with other Bumpus HOG Chapters**

- **Roast Sirloin of Beef with mushroom sauce.**
- **Salad, Vegetables', Potatoes, and roll**
- **Tea, Water, Coffee included.**
  (Soda available for purchase)

Tickets only $42 per person
(Non-refundable)
Includes Museum admission and Dinner.

This is a <u>rain or shine</u> event!!

Hotel Room Information will be provided at a later date.

(I-Max and movie tickets may be purchased at the museum.)

Ladies Of Harley
Nancy Moore & Janice Falk

The "Jean Morrow Memorial Chili Cook-off and Men's Bake off Social" was held March 29. Everything was a big time under the big top, except the weather. Mother Nature did it to us again, made it cold and windy; too cold for a poker run. We still had 18 men's bake off entries, and 25 chili entries. The judges did a grand job tasting them all with the beat of the band, "Space Available".

The winners of the Chili contest were:
First place - Tammy Stingley
Second place - Dave Stockton
Third place - Charlie Wagley
The dessert winners were:
First place - Randy Wagley
Second place - Butch Moore
Third place - Peter Doorley

Toby Adkison won the 50/50, and Patti Romano won our Big Basket! The winners of the door prizes were Michele Poland (Harley Davidson purse and pen), Tammy Stingley ($25 gift certificate to Ozone), Linda Gibson ($100 permanent makeup from Elite-Elegance), Denisce Paine (Samsung Galaxy Phone & camera), Pam Powell ($140 value one month membership to Krav Maga and T-shirt).

Special thanks to all the volunteers and the Bumpus group that helped to put this together. We are truly blessed to have a bunch of wonderful people in our Hog World.

Hope to see everyone at our next LOH meeting this Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00. By the time this comes out we would have already met and eaten at the Hibachi Grill in Bartlett. We hope to have some activities, along with the final touches of the LOH sponsored ride to The Southern Illinois Wine Tour and Shawnee National Forest Tour.

Nancy and Janice

Assistant Director
Jim Stingley

Just a thought!

Making the most out of a great organization like HOG is very simple when you think about.

Think back to the day you joined HOG then think back to the day you joined the Memphis Chapter!

I'll bet most of us joined the Chapter to meet new people, make new friends and ride and have FUN.

I joined the Chapter and could care less about our destination or why we might be headed there, it's all about the ride and having fun with a great group of folks that are like minded. I would love to make all Memphis Hog events as I'm sure most of you would as well but unfortunately that is not always possible. But one should always show up with an open mind and prepared to have a good time. Now I'm not saying that we don't do that, I just think we get caught up in all the things that are going on around us that we sometimes forget the "all about fun" part.

I look back and think about the past events that the Chapter has had, from short dinner rides to big multi day rides. Always a great time and a great sense of pride to be a member of the Memphis Hog Chapter and the membership have never failed to show it. Once again, I'm not saying we don't do that now, I just think we are somewhat subdued in our attempts to do so. Don't you think it would be great to have a 10:00am ride from the Bumpus Memphis location and a non-member walks into the store to pick up a part or a can of oil and all they see are Memphis Hog vests everywhere they look? Twenty, thirty or even forty members talking with other customers in the store and telling them all about the Chapter and what we do. The question we should ask these visitors would be, "By the way, we have a ride this morning, would you like to join us?"

Think back to that day!
Just a Thought!

Thanks, Jim

Hospitality
Tammy Stingley

Hello, hope everyone is having fun. Just a reminder about the hot potato (poker chip) game, the game is to get everyone to meet and greet. When you say hello to someone pass the chip, so at the beginning of the meeting you are not holding the POTATO. So you are not the one having to read a poem, do a dance or sing a song. Here are poems from the last 3 meetings.

Good Times
Good times
Good friends
Hops and barley
Everyday's a good day
When you're ridin' a Harley

Ride On Angels Wings
Gone now but not forgotten
Forever in our dreams
Everyday the Sun shines for you
The straights go on forever
The bends are as you dream
There are no more pains
There are no more worries
You will be there at every party
You will take part in every race
You will stand there on the podium
You will race with the stars
You will ride upon Gods pillion
And if Angles ride on Harleys
Then you will surely travel far
On Earth You where My Brother
And now you are a Star
So glide on heavens highway
And lead the train up front
One day you will be waiting
And together we will ride
Once more again as Brothers
The white line side by side.

Dinosaurs
The difference between now and then, and us and them
Then we rode a Harley because it was about heart,
Now it's about appearance
Then, it was about brotherhood
Now, it's about posing
Then, it was help our own
Now, its' about find someone who cares
Then, you bought a friend
Now, they buy an acquaintance
Then you spent time making it your own
Now they spend money making it look like everyone else's
Then, if it broke, you fixed it,
Now, they trade up
So the question is,
Are we, of the then Dinosaurs
Or, do we understand?
Just a thought……

Having fun,
Thanks, Tammy

Chaplain
Peter Doorley

Greetings fellow HOG members,

When I opened the last issue of the HOG Magazine® (#024) I was pleasantly surprised by the great stories. One story was about a strange place in California, one was about a ride in New York City & New Jersey and one was a ride down to Cajun country. This reminded me of that classic folk song by Woody Guthrie. The first verse goes "This land is your land this land is my land, from California to the New York Island, from the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters this land was made for you and me." The second verse is a call to us riders as it starts out, "As I was walking that ribbon of highway, I saw above me that endless skyway, I saw below me that golden valley. This land was made for you and me." We don't walk much when we travel but we love to experience that ribbon of highway and the endless sky above it. There is something about riding on a motorcycle that completes the travel experience.

Woody Guthrie passed away in 1967 due to a little known illness called Huntington's disease. My connection to the story begins in 1978 when Mathilda and I were in grad school at the University of Kentucky. There I met Woody's wife, Marjorie, while I was doing research on the disease that killed Woody. Marjorie was a dancer and she encouraged our research team to work in a choreographed effort to help find the cause or cure for that terrible hereditary disease. Much later, other researchers found that it is caused by a gene mutation that leads to a toxic accumulation of protein in the brain. To date there is still no cure for the disease. It's interesting how the paths of people cross at certain times, and I sometimes think about Huntington when I see or hear Arlo Guthrie, one of Woody's many children, playing music.

We live in a wonderful land where our highway system can take us just about anywhere in it. God created this land and it seems that God likes to travel through the desert because in Psalm 68:4 we find "Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!" The desert area seems to call me and I love to ride there. A few years ago I traveled to Big Bend National Park in Texas which claims to be the darkest park in the nation at night for you can easily see the Milky Way. While riding in that hot, dry, empty park, I had the 23rd Psalm in mind as it says "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." No matter which part of this beautiful country you favor the most there is a song and psalm for you. Let me know about your experiences and which region tugs at your heart.

Remember, God loves you and so do I, Peter Doorley

DISCOUNTS

HOG Member Partner Discounts

Do you like to find ways to save money? I do too! As a HOG member are you getting the most from your HOG membership? Are you aware there are a number of benefits and discounts included with your full or Life HOG membership?

So I am going to start out by fully disclosing that I am an AT&T Employee. However, I am not in the retail side of the business and have nothing to do with consumer activations. I was recently surprised while having conversations with HOG members who were not aware there is an 18% discount on AT&T mobility phone service, just for being a National HOG member. You do not need to extend your contract to take advantage of this deal, just provide your HOG membership number and the HOG FAN (Foundation Account Number) 3224228. You can do this online or go to an AT&T retail store and have them apply the discount to your account. Some of you may already have a corporate discount greater than or equal to the 18%, and these discounts are not stackable, but if you don't have an existing discount you should take a look at this offer. You can find out more about this discount and others at http://members.hog.com or at the AT&T site: https://wireless.att.com/business/shop/index.jsp?_requestid=303

If you go to the HOG member website there are other partner offers from Motorcycle Insurance, HD Visa, Roadside Assistance, HD Museum, Motorcycle Rentals, Best Western, Motorcycle Shipping and the H-D Deck at Miller Park.

Jim Ferguson

Media Officer
Jim Ferguson

What is HOG? Not every Harley Rider knows!

Left Memphis at 6am for the 670 mile ride to Milwaukee WI, for the 2014 HOG Officers Training, and promptly arrived in Milwaukee at 4pm. Bob Gasko and I rode pretty hard just stopping for Gas and quick bio breaks. After a cool day of riding and fortunately missing any rain on the way we were cleaned up and sitting in the hotel bar by 5:30pm, just relaxing and ordering a little food.

Now the bar is packed with HOG members and Bob and I sat in the last couple of seats at the bar. I sat next to Todd, a 30 something year old that worked for Pfizer, in town from Colorado. Now Todd's wearing a Harley Davidson jacket and he turns and looks at me and asked, "what's up with all the bikers at the hotel?" It struck me a little odd because my first thought was he was just another Harley rider there for the HOT training. So Todd and I began to discuss HOG Officer Training and what it was about! Todd told me he had purchased a Sportster and has managed to put about 1000 miles on it, mostly riding around his hometown. Todd stated the obvious that he didn't have friends that rode and found it boring to just ride around town. I asked Todd, if he was a HOG member? To which he replied yeah I think I received a HOG membership with his bike purchase. I asked what about a local Chapter, and he looked at me puzzled, what do you mean? I explained the difference between National membership and the dealer sponsored local HOG Chapters. I told him how our Chapter has local, long-distance rides and social events pretty much year round, and how it was a great way to meet folks that want to ride. I recommended that when he gets home he should ask the dealership about how to get in touch with the local Chapter. You could tell by the look on his face that he couldn't wait until he got home to find out more.

Later that night I thought how ironic it was to go to Milwaukee for a HOG event and sit next to a Harley rider who wasn't familiar with HOG and its purpose, to Ride and Have Fun! My take away was, just because someone rides a Harley don't assume they know about HOG, or their local HOG Chapter. If you have an opportunity to talk to someone about HOG don't miss the opportunity! There are many Chapter members in Bumpus stores, all of the time, and we should be taking the time to meet and greet the folks there and especially those we don't recognize. After all this is our sponsoring dealership and, as Chapter members, we should play a role as greeter and when an opportunity arises as recruiter of new members! The next time you are in the store introduce yourself to one stranger, and ask them if they are a HOG member! Also, thank the Bumpus staff working there to support their families and our lifestyles. Many of these folks may not have the opportunity to ride, or own a Harley, but that never stops them from providing us great service and a friendly smile! Thank you to all of the Bumpus team members for the great service you provide!

Jim Ferguson

Historian
J. Carolyn Rice

Memphis HOG Chapter
Memphis HOG PEN
Reflections of 2004
Director: Jerry Rice
Assistant Director: Larry Allen

In January 2004 our starting membership for the Memphis HOG Chapter was 500. Quickly this number was increased to over 600. In the December 2004 HOG PEN, Director Jerry Rice gave a quick "State of our Chapter" retrospective of 2004.

"In 2004, we built on our great traditions and added a few new ones. We kept our membership at over 600 strong throughout the year. We had our most successful Chili Cook-Off to date, raising enough funds to enable us to fulfill the dreams of not one, but two children from the "Dream Factory." (Total raised over $6,000) Half of our meetings were "ride" meetings to specific destinations. We had our most successful chapter picnic ever with the largest attendance at a great facility –Wall Doxey State Park in Holly Springs, Mississippi. We instituted the first inter-chapter picnic for all three Bumpus sponsored chapters at Natchez Trace State Park. We had 45 chapter rides on various days of the week and to many new and interesting places. We visited some interesting restaurants-some repeats, some new, some great food, some-we may not go back there. We trained riders in the particulars of group riding and thanks to the efforts of our safety officer, Walt Czyrnik, and our dedicated road captains headed by Curry Pruit our chapter rides continue to improve. The knowledge, understanding and riding skills of you, our members, is superior and has contributed to a safe enjoyable riding year. We inaugurated our Participation Patch program. So far 35 dedicated members have earned this special recognition and have been awarded the beautiful patch. Thanks to Robert Shettlesworth for his wonderful design. In summary, we ride, we party, we have fun, and we care for and about each other. Most of us meet our nearest and dearest friends through Memphis HOG. And folks it didn't get that way by accident. See you at the New Year's Eve Party at Appling Manor. "

This photo ran in the Commercial Appeal in October, 2003. It was taken after our HOG Waller that was held Sunday, September 28th, 11:00 am till 3:00 pm at the Cordova Bowling Center in Cordova. Thanks to Jim Ferguson for sharing this photo from his files with us.

Top Hogs

At its December meeting, the Memphis chapter of the Harley Owners Group (HOG) elected officers for 2004, including Jerry Rice as new director. Other officers are Larry Allen, assistant director; Al Nelson, treasurer; Lee Nelson, secretary; Joe York, Bruce Denton and Lynn Hull, photographers; Brad Lackey, activities officer; Walt Czrynik, safety officer; Les Hughey, editor; Curry Pruit, head road captain; Bettie Scheuerman, ladies Harley officer; Pam Cobb, legal assistant; Sharon Shute and Albert Campbell, good Samaritans; Joey Fili, Web master; Albert Campbell, chaplain; Waldo Norris and Ronnie Williams, membership officers. The Memphis chapter has more than 600 members and supports Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Dream Factory.

Activities

Tammie Caldwell
Dana Easton
Amanda Rhymer

Riding season is upon us, and the month of May is fast filling up with things for you to do with your HOG chapter!

We will begin the month by riding out to Chickasaw State Park for our monthly chapter meeting. The lodge there will have a buffet lunch for us for $9.99.

LOH will be meeting at Jim'N Nick's BarBQ on Germantown Parkway on the 6th of May. Dinner at 6pm, meeting to follow.

Our first overnight ride is May 17th! Chapter members will be riding to Huntsville, AL to tour the Space Museum and eat a fine dinner afterwards catered at the museum.

On May 22nd we will be having a dinner social at Wyatt Earp's in Munford. Dinner at 7pm, rain or shine.

Don't forget, the Tennessee HOG Rally is May 27-31 in Cookeville, TN. Many members of our chapter will be attending. If you're looking for a group to ride up with, ask around at the chapter meeting.

As always, check the HOG Calendar, pay attention to announcements on Facebook and Tweeted updates!

There are many "non-chapter" activities to fill out the rest of the month. Our sponsoring dealership has planned a full month of activities; please remember to include them when you are making plans this month!

- Saturday May 3rd- Cinco de Mayo Harley Style (Memphis & Collierville) Food & Cervezas 10AM-2PM
- Tuesday May 6th-Ride to Trophy Room Bike Night (Memphis & Collierville) KSU @ 6:30
- Thursday May 8th- Ladies Garage Party (Memphis) 6:30-8:30PM
- Saturday May 10th- Mother's Day Brunch & Ride (Memphis Only) 10AM-12PM Brunch; KSU @ 12:30PM for Mother's Day Ride to Jerry's Snow Cones (Mothers get triple MVP points)
- Tuesday May 13th- Ladies Garage Party (Collierville) 6:30-8:30PM
- Wednesday May 14th-Ride to Beale Street Bike Night (Memphis) KSU @ 6:30
- Saturday May 17th- 6th annual Handlebars & Hotrods (Memphis) Car Show, Bike Show (Proceeds to benefit Bartlett Exchange Family Center)
- Wednesday May 21th-Ride to SideCar Café & Joe's Crab Shack Bike Night (Memphis) KSU @ 6:30
- Saturday May 24th- Memorial Day Parking Lot Party & Project Rushmore Open House (Memphis & Collierville)
- Sunday May 25th- Women's Only Ride With The Bumpus Ladies (Memphis) KSU @ 11AM and Ride with the Women of Bumpus
- Wednesday May 14th-Ride to Beale Street Bike Night (Memphis) KSU @ 6:30
- Saturday May 31st- Collierville 3PM $500 Bumpus Gift Card Giveaway! Must be present to win!

Director
Allen Rhymer

Wow! The month of April was awesome for the chapter.

We had a ride to Lake Tiak-O'Khata Lodge suggested by fellow chapter member, Robert Rehkopf, what a beautiful day and ride. Thank you Robert! The month ended with "Why We Ride" weekend of activities at the dealership. Some members got a chance to train with one of the best there is, J.P. McArdle at Memphis Raceway and at the dealership's training facility. Many of you have expressed your regret in not attending. Well, be sure and not miss out next time the opportunity presents itself.

The month of May is shaping up to be another month of varied rides, events and opportunities put on by Bumpus H-D and the chapter's activities team. Chapter member, Michael O'Rourke suggested and has done all the planning for the ride to the Space Museum in Huntsville, AL. The month of May concludes with the TN State HOG rally in Cookeville. Hope to see you all there! Don't forget the chapter's Soul to Creole ride on June 19th-22nd. The deadline to register is **May 8th**. Room blocks will expire and t-shirts and patches must be ordered for those registered.

Communicating dates and times is very important to us. We rely on email blasts, "tweets" or messaging, Facebook announcements and the website to get the "word" out. Be sure and bookmark the Memphis HOG website:
http://www.memphishog.com/
The dealership's website, if you weren't aware is at:
http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/
There you will also find their events calendar and sign up for email notifications so you don't miss out. The marketing team of Lisa and Candida has been working their tails off planning events.

If you haven't noticed, there are many new businesses that have purchased ads in our newsletter. Please keep them in mind should you ever need their services. And don't forget to mention where you saw their ad.

If you know a former member that perhaps hasn't renewed their chapter membership, let them know they don't want to miss out on all the events and rides planned for this year. If they ask, "What kinds of rides and events?" point them to the website, http://www.memphishog.com/

Some members may have overlooked renewing their spouses for this year. While members may bring a "guest", don't let them miss out on the benefits of being a Memphis HOG chapter member. Members who bring a former member for renewal or invite a new member who joins will receive an extra ticket at the chapter meeting for the membership drawing.
The chapter membership form is located at:
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You must be a current member of HOG. You can renew your national membership online at:
http://www.harley-davidson.com/en_US/Content/Pages/HOG/HOG.html?locale=en_US&bmLocale=en_US
OR call 1-800-CLUBHOG
(1-800-258-2464)
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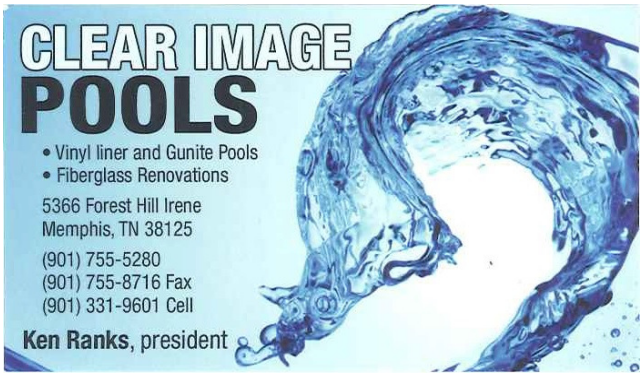

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Braden Station, LLC is located in the C.T. McCraw building located on Highway 59, between I-40 and Highway 70 (Summer Avenue) in Braden, Tennessee. Braden Station, LLC is a restaurant featuring catfish and seafood while providing a "folksy" atmosphere.

The C.T. McCraw Company began operation in 1881 and was located across the road from where Braden Station is now. As the C.T. McCraw business grew, a cotton gin and sawmill was added. In 1908, the C.T. McCraw building was built and served as the community's general store, hardware store, post office and bank. The C.T. McCraw Company was a cotton merchant business, as well.

The first floor of the building housed the general store, the local post office and the bank while cotton grading and buying operations took place on the second floor. The bank was located in the mezzanine area of the building where the original safe is still in place. Also, the C.T. McCraw building boasts the first elevator in Fayette County which goes from the basement to the second floor.

A small brick building located behind the main building was used to produce acetylene gas used to illuminate the building in place of electricity. In addition, a cemetery that pre-dates the civil war is located on the grounds.

In 1994, the general store closed operation and auctioned its inventory. The C.T. McCraw Company is still in business today, in its original location across the street from Braden Station. The C.T. McCraw Company is no longer cotton merchants but continues operations in property management and land rental. The C.T. McCraw Company and family owns approximately 13,000 acres in Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

In 2002, the building was purchased by its current owners and in March of that year, renovation of the building began. The shelves and the floors are original to the building.

To dispel myths, the C.T. McCraw building was neither a hotel nor a train depot. The train depot was located across the tracks from the C.T. McCraw building. The name Braden Station was provided by a passerby that suggested the name during the building's renovation.

We invite you to enjoy our food and atmosphere and hope that your dining experience is memorable. Braden Station is a smoke free environment.

Be safe. Spay or neuter your animals.