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The Director Says...

Happy New Year Memphis HOG Chapter Members!

Wow, here we are starting another new year full of excitement and new experiences. I'm excited are you? I sure hope so. We have a great bunch of officers ready to put some special things together for the Chapter this year! As part of your New Year resolutions, make a commitment to come out and support your Chapter in 2016. We have some new ideas planned and we hope you will find things that are fun and engaging.

We will soon be announcing a theme and contest for 2016. We are still working out the details and I don't want to spill any preliminary details until we have written details to share. But, I hope you read the newsletter and keep up on the details.

The newsletter is going to become more important in 2016 so please read it to stay up to date with the Chapter happenings. We may even have some contest using articles from the newsletter. Just giving you a heads up! I want you to know something about the officer team this year, so I asked all of the officers to write a short bio and place it in the newsletter.

Most of us know each other's names but not much more than that. Now is your opportunity to see just what else you may have in common with fellow members. If you are one to share, we will ask the membership to submit a short bio too so other members can get to know you besides just a name! Again, these may be important throughout the year so don't be shy or forget to read up each month!

For 2016, I am working to provide you with documentation of the Chapter policies and procedures. In this newsletter, you will find articles covering participation points and member newsletter advertisements and costs. If you have a business that you would like to advertise, stick an ad in the newsletter for the year. We have the lowest advertising cost possible and currently reach about 300 members. Members, if you are looking for someone to do work, please consider supporting your fellow HOG members. We don't have a list of what members do for a living but I do know we have a wealth of experience in the Chapter. So, if you want to advertise your expertise, give the Chapter newsletter a shot! We have a small one-time flat rate for advertising for the whole year.

You will notice some new meeting procedures starting with the January meeting. We will be using name tags for new members so we can not only identify them but know their name. I would also encourage all regular members to wear their HOG Name Tags or use one of the paper tags. We will use two colors, one for the new members and one for the regular members to quickly identify each other. Expect some changes to the meeting flow. I will say the January meeting will be longer than normal just because we have a lot to cover. Thanks to Nancy Moore we will have an idea box at each Chapter meeting so that members can provide feedback, event ideas, or solutions to improve the meetings or other issues. I value your constructive feedback, on any topic, but let's discuss ideas and solutions and not get caught up in the negative. Let's work towards positive!

In 2016, bring a friend, bring back an old member, bring an open mind, bring your ideas, but just bring something to the Chapter! This is your Chapter. I'm just managing the team doing the work. I want to see each of you at the meetings and as many events as your life will allow! Without you, there is no Memphis HOG Chapter!

Jim Ferguson
2016 Director

JANUARY CHAPTER EVENTS

- 1 Polar Bear Ride/ Chapter Meeting: Robillio's SideCar Café
- 7 Dinner Social: Kooky Canuck (Cordova)
- 14 Road Captain Meeting: Joe's Crabshack
- 28 Dinner Social: Colton's Steak House & Grill

2016 Leadership Team

Dealer Liaison: Tim Bumpus
Director: Jim Ferguson
Assistant Director: Nancy Moore
Treasurer: Robert Gantt
Secretary: Linda Gibson
Newsletter Editor: Leigh Williams
Website/FB/Twitter: Jim Ferguson
Activities: Lisa Patton, Laura Gantt,
Michele & Jeff Poland
Head Road Captain: Greg Patton
Membership: Rob & Leigh Williams
Ladies of Harley (LOH): Sue Anne Cobb
Photographer: John Grisham
Greeter: Richard Cooley
Safety Officer: Dave Stockton



2016 Road Captains

Head Road Captain: Greg Patton

Larry Allen	Joe Moscon
Brian Bryant	Michael O'Rourke
Gene Cofer	Denisce Paine
Richard Cooley	Jeff Poland
Peter Doorley	Burt Powell
Greg Easton	Curry Pruitt
Jim Ferguson	Allen Rhymer
Robert Gantt	Jerry Rice
Bob Gasko	Michael Smith
Jerry Hayes	Jim Stingley
Mac Hill	Dave Stockton
Robert Hunt	John Trainor
Laura LeDuc	Randy Wagley
David Lester	Dan White
David Leutwyler	Rob Williams

Get to know your 2016 Director, Jim Ferguson

Happy New Year to the Memphis Chapter members!

As many of you know, I will be the 2016 Director of the Chapter and I look forward to leading the Chapter. I have asked each of my 2016 officer team members to put together a short Bio so you can get to know them. We all show up to the meetings, but how much do you really know about your fellow members? Do they have kids and grandkids? Are they retired or still working away towards retirement? Just how much do you know?

I am happily engaged to Janice Falk who I have been dating for 7+ years. I have a daughter Samantha, who is married and lives in McComb, MS with her husband Jacob. They just had my first granddaughter Ellaina back in January of 2015. I am also close to Janice's two daughters: Taylor, who lives in St Louis and consider her just as much my daughter, and her oldest daughter Lisa and her family, who still live in Toronto, Canada.

I joined the Chapter when I purchased my first Softail Custom Harley in 1999, an 80 c.i. EVO which I still own. I was a HOG member from approximately 1999-2004 and had to leave the group for a few years around 2004. I joined the Chapter again around the time Janice and I started dating, because she had a love of riding too. I also own a 2010 Ultra Limited which I ride most often just because of the comfort, but it's still nice to jump on the Softail every now and then.

I have been in telecom and data networking since the early 1980's, spending 15 years working in the private sector for three different universities. Currently, my primary job is a Sr. Mobility Technical Engineer/2nd level Manager at AT&T. I have been there for over 8 years helping enterprise customers design mobile networks and solutions. I have the best job with getting to test devices and routers, before they are released to the public. I also do Armed Security for concerts, mainly there for the artist, or money, protection! I have worked concerts at the Pyramid, Mud Island, Minglewood Hall, and Snowden Grove (aka Bank Plus Amphitheater) as well as private parties and functions for local dignitaries. I am licensed by Tennessee to do Personal Private Protection so I am totally legit!

Besides motorcycles, I am into several other hobbies, like gun and knife collecting and photography. I enjoy going to the gun range and practicing! I have practiced Krav Maga martial arts for several years which taught me much about being prepared! I also enjoy amateur photography and have enjoyed capturing photos of many of you at events over the past couple of years!

So now you know just a little more about me!





Nancy Moore

Assistant Director: Nancy Moore

Happy New Year!!!

I want to thank Jim Stingley and his TEAM in 2015 for leading us in a memorable year. I am looking forward to another exciting 2016, with Director Jim Ferguson and being a part of his Team as the Assistant Director. I have been with the Memphis chapter since 2000, and I can't think of anything else I would rather be doing, but riding with my Hog family.

I have been a road captain, LOH Director, part of the activities, and whatever needs to be done to have fun. I now ride a 2015 Heritage Softail Classic, blue, nicknamed Stormy, my 5 Harley. I have worked for the Memphis City Employees Credit Union for 21 years and now manage a Call Center.

Joining the Hog Chapter for just \$20 a year gets you places you may never have gone to, new dining experiences, and different adventures you may have not even dreamed of, with a bunch of Great people that have something in common. Riding our Harley's with old friends and meeting new ones, and having a fun time doing it.

I invite you to come be part of it instead of sitting on the side lines and tell others about it too. Check out the www.Memphishog.com website, look for emails and tweets, and the bulletin board at Bumpus for events for the month. See you at our next activity.



Greg and Lisa Patton

Head Road Captain: Greg Patton

For those of you who may be wondering just who is Greg Patton 2016 Head Road Captain, just read along and you may end up knowing too much. I have served the Chapter in different capacities over the past few years: 2010 Head Road Captain, 2011 Assistant Director and Head Road Captain, 2012 Director, and 2015 Webmaster and Facebook.

My riding career began at age 6 with a Honda 50 mini trail. I rode this along with 3 wheelers and other dirt bikes until I got my first street bike, a Honda Twin Star, at age 14. I rode this back and forth to high school and work.

Well, like most of you, life happened and so there went my motorcycle career. In 2006 I was offered the opportunity to purchase my brother-in-law's new Sportster 883. Lisa and I rode that around for about a year, not really caring about how uncomfortable we were on such a small bike. But I had a Harley. I soon discovered that Lisa was interested in riding (which I didn't think she would be) and we got serious about searching for a bigger bike. We ended up purchasing a 2008 Heritage Softail that we put about 35,000 miles on. We traded up for our 2011 Ultra Limited, which is fast approaching 50,000 miles. We also have a 2014 Ultra Limited (Blu) that has about 15,000 miles on it.

Lisa and I have ridden with the club for several years and have enjoyed all our trips and the great new friends that we have meet through riding. We have ridden cross country a couple of times, to California, Oregon and Washington State and visited most of the national parks between those states and home.

I hope to bring some of my knowledge of riding to the club and encourage all club members to get more involved in riding no matter their skill level. We can all learn from each other by practicing safe riding skills.

Head Safety Officer: Dave Stockton

Hi everyone, I'm Dave Stockton and will be your Safety Officer this year. I've been a HOG member since 2003 and joined the Memphis chapter in 2004. I've been a Road Captain for the last six years.

My first Harley was a used Sportster I bought in 1989 and kept for a couple of years. In 2003 I bought a Heritage Softail which came with a National HOG membership. Shortly after that I started riding with the chapter. I currently own a 2012 Dyna Switchback, a 2014 Ultra Limited, and a 2013 BMW F800GT sport touring bike that I ride with a couple of other groups I belong to.

Those who know me already know that I am passionate about motorcycles and riding. My mom eventually accepted that, but always blamed my dad. He was career Navy and stationed at Pearl Harbor when I was young. We didn't have a car but my dad bought a used Harley Duo Glide from another sailor who was shipping back stateside shortly after we got there. When I turned six years old he decided, over my mom's objections, that I was old enough to ride around the island with him, something he loved to do. He only had the bike a couple of years and sold it when we moved back to the mainland. Unfortunately, as there were now four kids, he purchased a car and never got to ride again. Ten years later he convinced my mom that I was mature enough to own a motorcycle. They took out a loan for me to buy a used Suzuki X6 Hustler, a pocket rocket in its day, which of course they didn't know and I didn't tell. I've always had at least one motorcycle on my carport or in my garage since that time.

I've been at AutoZone for 35 years starting in the stores and currently working as a Senior Analyst\DBA at the office downtown. I like my job but it does get in the way of my real passion, touring or sport touring anywhere in the country. I've ridden to and in every continental state with the exception of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington State and they're definitely on my list. That's why if you don't see me on one of our great overnight rides, it's because I've already gone somewhere else.



Jennie Allen	Jason Kyle
David Chadwick	Lisa Patton
Teresa Crook	Michele Poland
John Grisham	Leigh Williams
John Jennings	Rob Williams

A graphic for the Tennessee Rally. It features a map of Tennessee in the background. In the center is a circular emblem with an eagle perched on top. The emblem contains the text "HOG HARLEY OWNERS GROUP" and "TENNESSEE RALLY". Below the emblem, it says "MEMPHIS, MAY 31 - JUNE 4, 2016" and "ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI". A star is at the bottom of the emblem.

Register at <http://www.tnstatehogrally.com/registration.php>

Secretary: Linda Gibson

I've been married to Dave Stockton for the past 26 years. We have one daughter, Mairi, who graduated from college a couple of years ago. We've lived in Bartlett (5 minutes from Bumpus) ever since we got married.

I received an undergraduate degree in English from Vanderbilt and a graduate degree in Library Science from Peabody more years ago than I care to remember. I worked in the public library field for over 30 years. I retired from the Memphis Public Library as the Youth Services Coordinator after also having worked as a children's librarian, agency manager and regional manager. These were all positions that involved organizing activities, working with the public, and helping children, teens and adults get the information they needed.

Ten years ago, I started working at Rhodes College as an administrative assistant, overseeing the day-to-day operations for the Department of Commerce and Business and the Department of Economics. My initial intent was to take advantage of their free tuition for employees' kids, but I've ended up loving the daily interaction with professors and students and helping them get the information they need (see a pattern there?!). I plan to continue working for at least another couple of years or so.

In my personal life, I'm active in my church and choir. I'm also an avid reader (mystery and suspense fiction), movie-watcher and traveler. I joined the Memphis HOG chapter about 10 years ago and am starting my third year as Secretary. Being in the chapter and participating in organized activities/rides has been a lot of fun. It has also led to developing friendships with other members and going on rides/trips that are in addition to chapter activities. I've seen parts of the country on the back of a motorcycle that I never imagined I'd see!

Have you renewed your Memphis HOG membership for 2016?

Membership renewal forms are available at the Bumpus HD Parts Counter AND our January chapter meeting.

Pay by cash or check at either location.

**RENEW BY JANUARY 1 TO BE ENTERED INTO "EARLY RENEWAL" PRIZE DRAWING
TO BE HELD AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.**

Don't forget to renew your National HOG membership too.

2016 PARTICIPATION POINTS UPDATE

There are no real changes to the participation points program for 2016. However, we want to document the points process and procedures. This is very simple. If you attend an event and sign the sign-in sheet you will receive one point for each event you do this for. There will be events and Contest Challenges throughout the year where you will have a chance to receive additional points but you must sign-in, or register, that you participated so we can keep track of your points.

1. For the Chapter Participation points system, 25 points per year will earn the participation patch or year rocker.
2. Only one point will be awarded per event, unless other opportunities for additional points are offered. You must register for the points by signing in or turning in any required proof that you participated. Any additional bonus points will be clearly outlined before the event.
3. This year the chapter will have a Total Points Contest, which will include accumulated participation points and bonus points. Participation points are earned by participating in chapter events. Bonus points will include Chapter Challenge Contest points and even helping with the HOG State Rally or Bumpus events. Prizes will be awarded to the top three point earners at the 2016 Christmas Party. All points earned throughout the year will be counted towards your Total points!

The only person keeping you from winning is you! So come out and support the Chapter and be one of the three that take home a nice gift!

Activities: Michele Poland

This is my first officer role in the club. This year my husband, Jeff Poland, and I will be helping out with activities. Jeff and I have been married for over 11 years and got married on the anniversary of our first date.

I am the fine china and bridal manager at Bed Bath and Beyond at Wolfchase. If you are ever there, I am in the very back of the store and I love when folks stop by and say hi. In the past, I have managed several jewelry stores and I was a leasing manager at Gables Stonebridge, where I rented an apartment to a customer named Jeff Poland and the rest is history!

I have one son, Dustin, 28, who lives in Dallas. I have one older brother, a younger sister, and twin brothers! I have lived all over the country, including California, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Maine, South Carolina and, of course, Tennessee since 1997. But I claim to be from Dallas, Texas. We have the cutest French bulldog named Louie. I absolutely love the color purple!!

In April 2011, Jeff and I took a long adventurous ride from Memphis to Las Vegas on the bike. Be sure to ask about it sometime! I love riding on the bike. I call myself a professional passenger.

LOH: Sue Anne Cobb

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Not real sure where to start. I love God, my family and my country. As my husband Ronnie says, "she is just a little Mississippi Redneck". Born and raised in Meridian, MS. Attending Meridian Community College and MS State University. Studied engineering and worked in the engineering field for 15 years.

I have been in real estate for the past 16 years. For almost 12 years, I have been managing broker/owner of Five Star Real Estate Services.

Ronnie and I have 6 sons, 2 daughter-in-laws, 8 granddaughters and 1 grandson. We attend Millington First Baptist Church.

I have been riding motorcycles since I was a teenager. Took a motherhood break until 1996, and joined Memphis HOG. I have been riding my old 1997 heritage soft tail since 1998. Been so many places, and seen so much that would not have happened, had it not been for my Harley.

Besides spending time with family and friends and riding our bikes, we love to fish, work in the yard, and just hang out together. Looking so forward to riding and having fun this year. That's what it's all about.



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Treasurer: Robert Gantt

The most important thing to know about me (other than what kind of bike I ride) is that I've been married to my lovely wife, Laura, for 17 years. We have a son, Phillip (married to Courtney), and two wonderful grandsons; Grayson and Parker. I spend my days at FedEx designing and building the package sort systems and associated facilities.

Our riding career started without a motorcycle. We thought we wanted a motorcycle so we decided to take a riding class at Bumpus in 2008. We didn't purchase our first motorcycle, a 2004 Honda VTX, until 2009. We found that we really enjoyed riding together and decided to get a bike that was actually meant for riding two up. In 2014, we upgraded to a 2014 Ultra Limited. It wasn't until January 2015 that Laura and I decided it was time to see what HOG was all about. Through the Memphis HOG chapter, we have found a great group of people with whom to ride and socialize.

In addition to serving as the Treasurer, I am a Road Captain and Laura helps with the activities committee.

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For Sale by Member



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