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Director's Corner



by Joe Moscon

Well as usual lately for me I waited to the last minute to write my article. Another time I am glad I did.

Many of you out there rode to the Tennessee River Run last weekend at Pickwick. I didn't really want to go, since I couldn't ride yet. I fought the urge tooth and nail. I even asked Sue, if I do something you want to do, can we ride the bike. Being the wiser one, yet again she said NO.

Feet dragging all the way we drove the truck to Pickwick to the event. This event was put on by the Darryl Worley Foundation to fight cancer. Bumpus had put together something special for "MVP Gold Members." It was pretty basic. Come on—"It's Free."

One might think—From Bumpus? Free? What's the catch? The catch was easy. You had to be an MVP Gold member. We had the most awesome time. I heard things like—"Joe, I haven't taken my wallet out one time!" "Can you believe this?"

Well I believe it! "Because, as some of you might know, I am kind of an American Idol fan. Coincidentally, Danny Gokey was going to be there. I told Tim all I want to do is meet him. All Tim said was, "You let me know how close you get to him later. I think Laura LeDuc can show you a picture of me shaking hands with him. There were also people like Joe Diffe there, and a couple of other great lead in bands before Darryl Worley.

I left early, but I got texts and calls till about 11:00 on how awesome of a day it was.

I am not trying to be a paid endorsement of the MVP program here—but just to let you know----All of us that went, had one HELL of a time. So Thanks Bumpus!!!!

Now for the big news—

It is time again for HOG Waller. I hope to see all of you there. It is always a great time. Yes we will have the favorite sling a balloon at the Director and I hope "Tim", event. As usual it is to be a fundraising activity. Makes me wonder why Keith has said—"Memphis HOG is not a fundraising Chapter," but yet people can sling balloons at the Director to raise money??????

There will be other contests too, and the weather looks like it is going to be good to us, so come on out and have some fun.

It is the wind down of our season, and more important it is our annual---"Nominate a new Director" meeting. To remind you again, if you have any interest in being Director of the Chapter, in order to be nominated, you must have gone to see Keith or Tim first, to be on the ballot. There are no exceptions! Go see them with a plan. Take a list of possible officers that you plan to help you. Keith will let me know, who has come and can be nominated.

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Chapter Meeting

Saturday, October 2, 2010

10:00am til 3:00pm

HOG Waller at Freeman Park

E-Mail Drawing Contest

Watch your E-Mail

September 29th

Director's Corner (continued)

This year we are going to simplify it. Octobers meeting, there will be nominations. At the November meeting, ballots will be passed out. Right before you vote, the nominated people will have a few minutes to say a few words, or answer any questions you might have. That's it.

Just a note about being Director, of course it has had its' up's and downs. All things do that carry such a responsibility. For the most part though, it has been a good time. Now I confess, two times is a long time. Once is great though. It does take a lot of personal time. It takes dedication. Most of all, it takes a lot of support from your cabinet.

Best part though, it was very rewarding serving ya'll. I want to say thanks for being chosen twice to do that. Not a lot of people have served twice.

It is time to get new people involved. The Chapter needs to grow. I had a heart attack right before I became Director, then this year I had surgery, and Sue had some illness to deal with, and we wrecked our toy hauler. It is time for us to just, "Ride and have fun." So- "Screw it." I might have that backwards—lol

There are other great things to help out with. So I encourage everyone to see the new Director, and get involved. It is only as good as you make it.

Good luck--- and I will
See ya'll out there next year!

Joe D Moscon
Proud Director
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Ski Race
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Slow Race
Bike Balloon Toss
Dartboard

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October 2

Freeman-Smith Park
Brunswick Rd. Bartlett, TN

10-4

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Assistant Director's Article

J. Carolyn Rice

Motorcycle Wisdom

I was cleaning up old emails recently and ran across this one. Many of us have read it before but I felt it was worth sharing again. At best I hope it brings a smile to your face and rings sounds of truth in each line. See you at the HOG Waller, October 2nd. Ride, ride often, ride with friends, and always ride and have fun! Hope to see you on the road soon.

Things my Motorcycle has Taught Me

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.

People ask us why we ride a motorcycle. For those who have experienced the joy, no explanation is necessary; for those who have not, no explanation is possible.

I'd rather be riding my motorcycle and thinking about God, than sitting in church thinking about my motorcycle.

Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Life may begin at 40, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 80 mph!

You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck.

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noontime bugs.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived, and still rides.

Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.

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There are drunk riders and there are old riders, but there are not many old, drunk riders.

Ride to work. Work to ride.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end; but you better believe it does!

Winter is nature's way of telling you to test the electrics.

Keep your bike in good repair. Motorcycle boots are not all that comfortable for walking.

People are like motorcycles; each is customized a bit differently.

Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 a.m. to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

Catching a yellow jacket in your helmet will triple that special vocabulary.

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious.

If you ride like there's no tomorrow, today will be a BLAST!

The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Keep the paint up, and the rubber down!

**There are two types of people in this world - people who ride
and people who wish they did.**



Activities and Happenings



Jeff LeDuc



Laura LeDuc

Wow! Where did the year go? Seems like it we were just starting to plan events for the year. One of our annual events, which will also be the Chapter meeting, is the Hog Waller. It will be at Freeman Park on Brunswick Road on October 2. Hope you picked up your wristband! There's going to be motorcycle games, the ski race, and of course, the fundraiser slingshot. The meal is going to be grilled by some of our master grillers - Jeff LeDuc, Jim Stingley, and Joe Moscon. The Ladies of Harley will be bringing the desserts – so those should all be good too!

The next weekend, October 9 -10, is our last overnight ride of the year – Barber's Antique Motorcycle Festival. I've been told there are motorcycle races – all bikes have to be antiques, a HUGE swap meet for parts and bikes, and of course, the museum. Having never been to a motorcycle swap meet, I am really looking forward to it. Also that weekend, on October 10th, there is a poker run benefitting Tails of Hope Dog Rescue, beginning at Starbuck's on Kirby-Whitten and ending at Maria's Cantina in Southaven, MS. If you can't come to the overnight ride, please come out and support this animal rescue group.

We've got a lot of dinner rides planned from Millington to Germantown to Nesbit – Fattie Mattie's, Happy Daze, Side Porch, and the Happy Mexican. Catfish to old fashioned burgers to steaks to fajitas – a little bit of everything! Well, that's about it for the month of October! Most of these are short rides, so with the days getting a little shorter, getting home before dark shouldn't be a problem. Hope to see you there!





From the Head Road Captain by Greg Patton

Well it's finally cooled off or so it seems to me anyway, so now our rides can be more enjoyable. Activities have planned us some new places to go have dinner. Lisa and I checked out Soul Fish Café, that is a must for everyone. The food was great! So come on out and join us for these dinner rides and lunch rides that are coming up. If you can't meet us to ride; come by car. The address of the restaurants is posted on the Calendar so just meet us there. Nobody has said that you have to ride, but it does make it more enjoyable to ride with the group.

Our next big ride will be to Barber Motorsports Vintage Bike Fest in Birmingham AL, the weekend of Oct 9-10. Here is a link to find out more about the event: www.barbermotorsports.com.

Congratulations to our members who have recently purchased new rides.

Brian and Michelle Bryant



Greg and Lisa Patton



Jerry Austin



Dave Leutwyler



Kelli's Korner



Memphis HOG Secretary

Thanks to everyone that came out to Fresh Slices for the September Chapter Meeting.

The September meeting winners were:

Dinner Ticket –Greg & Lisa Patton; Chris Murphy

Email Drawing-Laura Leduc, J. Carolyn Rice & Jim Stingley squared off in the Poker Chip Toss. Jim Stingley prevailed and won the \$50 Bumpus Bucks!

Members Drawing- \$50 Carol Keith; \$50 Curry Pruit; \$50 Nadine Pruit

The 50-50 drawing...was won by Denisce Paine. Niesce won \$53!

Ladies of Harley (LOH) basket – Kelli Werkmeister
A big THANKS to all of the ladies that donate every month for these baskets.

Tickets are sold for the 50-50 and the LOH basket at each chapter meeting. Prices are \$1.00 each, 7 for \$5.00 and 15 for \$10.

Hope to see you all at the October Chapter meeting (HOG Waller)!





Chaplain Larry Allen

What would we do without caller ID? It has been around so long now it is hard to even remember telephone communication without it. Do you know anyone who doesn't look at their cell phone screen to see who is calling before they answer? I always check our home phone caller ID to see if it is a number I recognize or an 800 number that is likely a sales call. Heck, our television even displays the caller ID on the screen so I don't even have to get out of the chair to see who is calling.

We want to know who is calling so we can plan our response before we pick up the phone or decide if we will answer it at all. 800 number sales call – don't answer; long-winded relative – let them leave a message on the machine; AC Neilson – who has time to answer a survey; best friend or sweetheart– pick it up quickly. What did we do 20 years ago before we had caller ID? We just answered the phone with no idea of who was calling, what they wanted or how we might need to respond. We likely answered it every time it rang, especially if we did not have an answering machine. We answered it with some amount of curiosity and anticipation but always not knowing who was calling. When we missed a call we wondered who might have been calling and why.

What if God called you and your caller ID did not recognize the caller? What if you did not even have caller ID? You would not know who was calling or why. You would have to decide whether to answer or let the machine pick it up (assuming you have an answering machine). Could you step out in blind faith and answer the call assuming that whoever is on the line is calling you for a specific purpose and needs your help? Have you listened to Him enough to recognize His voice when you answer the phone?

We all get calls throughout the year to serve community organizations, HOG Club events, Charity events, Church events. You might recognize the caller from your caller ID and wonder why they are calling. It might be a HOG member calling to ask your help in serving as an officer next year for the club. Will you enlist your personal caller ID before you answer? You might get a call asking to serve in a Bumpus charity event – long-winded relative (no time, let the machine pick it up, maybe call back later); asked for input (who has time for that); asked to serve in an area you love – pick up the line and answer with an enthusiastic yes. Maybe some of you will return to the time before caller ID and always answer the call because you don't want to miss an opportunity and you want to be a part of what is going on. I really hope you will recognize Gods voice when He calls for your service. And don't forget the phone line works both ways. You can always pick up the phone and make an outgoing call to tell Him how you would like to serve your community and make it a better place.

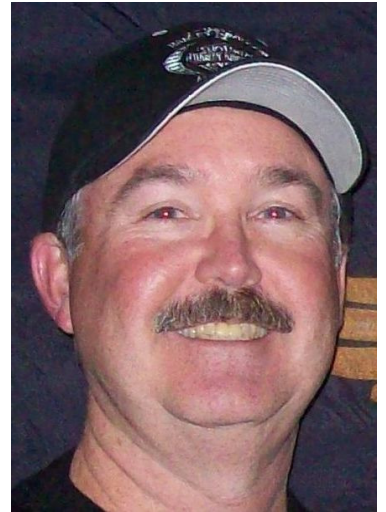
How did we ever get along before caller ID? I know how much I depend on it but maybe I will learn to sometimes step out on blind faith and just answer the phone. Who knows who might be calling?



HOG Safety by Larry Allen

Fewer Daylight Hours Don't go down with the sun

By: Cash Anthony



A number of area riders had the experience recently of having to ride for quite a few miles directly into a setting sun. The glare was not only a strain on tired eyes but also a very real safety issue, as it effectively blocked all visual detail in the landscape and made scanning for hazards almost impossible. Our lead bike saved several riders a bad spill by warning us of a large dog in the road: our thanks to him was heartfelt, because although the dog was roughly the size and shape of an adult Wolfhound (not a small critter!) and came completely into the lane, it was in shadow and couldn't be seen against the brilliant sun until we were all but on top of it.

Here's a thought about seasonal trip planning. During our long summer days, a group of motorcyclists can make good time and cover plenty of miles by getting an early start, when the temperatures are still cool. Even after taking a break in the hottest part of the day, many summer riders are already checked into their night's lodging and enjoying the pool by sunset. By the time the sun drops to the horizon and starts causing problems with visibility, their bikes are put to bed. As the daylight hours grow shorter, however, it becomes normal or even necessary to keep riding until twilight in order to make the day's destination.

Those who are planning rides can save themselves and their riding buddies headaches (literally) and worse by giving some thought to the sun's position relative to routing. If you're riding eastward, try to do so in the afternoon or evening so that the sun will be behind you. If westward bound, set off in the morning and keep the sun to your back. If neither of these scenarios is possible on your route, plan to take the north or south legs of a trip late in the afternoon, and do your east-west travel according to the sun's positioning earlier in the day.

While all of us who tour become familiar with riding toward the sun and that "tipped head" position it can take (to permit a helmet edge, visor, or sunglasses frame to block the brightest light), this should be an occasional remedy and not one regularly used. It shouldn't be done for miles on top of miles, either, as this adds considerably to a rider's fatigue and stress. When it's become too painful or really impossible to see where you're going and what's on the road, the best choice is not to ride. Take a break, wait for the glare to diminish, and then go on. Otherwise you may be taking a chance that tearful admonitions to "Go to the Light!" will be the last thing you hear!

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Ladies Of Harley by Pam Powell

The holidays are approaching quickly. It is time to begin working on our ornaments for the Enchanted Forest Christmas Tree. Our theme this year is "Finnegan's Travels." The tree will be decorated with ornaments the ladies make out of pictures you have submitted of you and Finnegan. We will be getting the pictures from our Walgreen's account from the pictures you have downloaded. If you have not done this, please download your photos ASAP. Watch your email for dates we will be working on the ornaments. Our tree last year looked fantastic and it was the first time we had our tree sponsored! We really want our tree to be sponsored again this year and maybe even win an award! I know with your help that is a definite possibility! The preview party will be held on Friday, November 19th, from 7:30pm-11:30pm. If you are interested in going, please The Enchanted Forest Festival of Trees at 901-287-6308.

We are planning our quilt and we are getting ready to begin the assembly process. If you are interested in helping us please email me at pamela.powell754@att.net and I will let you know when and where we will be meeting. I would like to thank all the members who have helped us collect chapter rockers for our "Quilt of Memories." I cannot wait to see the finished product, it is going to be beautiful!

LOH Choppers will meet Monday, October 18th at 6:00 pm. We will meet at Archiver's. Come join us to work on your albums or just to visit with fellow friends.

Our October LOH meeting will be Tuesday, October 19th at 6:30 pm. We will have our meeting at Newk's located at 2200 N. Germantown PKWY. The phone number is 377-8796.

We will have a trip to the Memphis Zoo Saturday, October 23rd. Watch your email for more information.

The ladies will be going to Charlene's Tea Room in Halls, TN on Saturday, November 13th. Lunch is scheduled for 11:00. Watch your email and the Chapter Calendar for our departure time. If the weather is nice, we will ride our bikes like we did last year. They will be decorated for Christmas, and you can do some shopping while we are there. If you plan on going with us, I need you to please RSVP by November 5th. I need to let the tearoom know how many to expect for lunch.

See you on the road!



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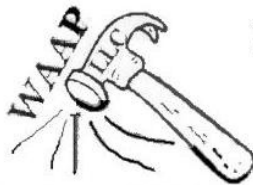
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