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

August Activities

Dam Ride	Aug 2nd
Chapter Meeting	Aug 7th
TN River Run	Aug 9th
Ice Cream Social	Aug 13th
Bike Night on Beale	Aug 13th
Balloon Fest	Aug 16th
LOH Meeting	Aug 19th
Dinner Social	Aug 26th

September Activities

Professional Bull Riding	Sep 6th
Professional Bull Riding	Sep 7th
Brunch Ride	Sep 13th
Chapter Meeting	Sep 13th
Bourbon Trail	Sep 26th
Bourbon Trail	Sep 27th
Bourbon Trail Return	Sep 28th

October Activities

Barber Festival	Oct 10th
Barber Festival	Oct 11th
Barber Festival Ends	Oct 12th
Halloween Hayride	Oct 25th

Happy August Birthdays
Bob Gasko
Deborah Gasko
Jeff Le Duc
Mary Ellen Parks
Curry Pruit
Nadine Pruit
Amanda Rhymer
Ken Stingley
John Trainor

http://www.memphishog.com
then select the Calendar button to see things for yourself.

Stephen Luciano Moscon
1988 ~ 2014

Luke, why are you
in such a hurry to go?

Oh, I'm beginning to understand.

You are now responsible
for leading the way
for others to follow.

May your journey be well.

Thank you for twenty-six brief years.

What, that's not enough?
Log in or sign up and request to be a friend of Memphis Hog Chapter on

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Women's lined H-D fringed chaps, size Large. These belonged to a friend of mine. She paid $250; asking $100. There's a little wear at the bottom and the H-D conchos are tarnished a bit. I'm 5'8" and 145 lbs and there are a couple inches of extra space in the inner thigh and about 2 inches too long on me. She's taller - 5'10". But they can be cut off. They're nice chaps!

Call Angie Printup at 901-647-6183

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None

'HAIL YES'

Or my Ride Around Texas (RAT)

The Motorcycle Tourer's Forum, (MTF, http://www.mctourer.com sponsors many Long Distance rides including the Border to Border (Laredo, TX to Emerson, Manitoba http://www.mctourer.com/rides/2013/B2B) which I did last year, the 50CC and the 100CCC (50 hours Coast to Coast or 100 hours Coast to Coast to Coast), and many others including the RAT (http://www.mctourer.com/rides/2014/RAT). The RAT is basically a ride around the perimeter of Texas starting and finishing in Childress, TX with 16 other mandatory stops to 'outline' the shape of Texas. See the route map at the end of this article.

BACKGROUND: There were two timeframes required to be considered a certificated finisher, 70 hours or 85 hours. Registration for either timeframe required the rider to be an Iron Butt Association (IBA) member, and you had to be a multi-day rally rider to be accepted for the 70 hours 'Insanity Gold' ride. I was lucky and was accepted for the 70 hour ride! With the registration out of the way the actual ride planning was quite simple, I eventually planned to sleep/stop and Van Horn, TX and Kingsville, TX. I emailed some friends to see if they wanted a wingman, you know I adhere to the safety in numbers theory whenever possible, and sure enough I had two riding buddies. Although one dropped out before the start because of his bike required a new engine, and I knew I was in trouble when the other rider was THE most IBA certificated rider. I actually lasted about a day and a half before he needed to 'ride his own ride'.

THE PRE-RIDE: On the way to the start in Childress I decide to put some finishing bonuses on my Big Money Rally (BMR) score, and created a serpentine route through Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas of about 1100 miles between Memphis and Childress. All in all, except for the Interstate construction in AR the roads were fun, sights were the type you normally wouldn't see, and the weather was good, if you like hot! I arrived at Childress a day early to rest up a bit, and meet the other riders as they came in. The camaraderie as usual was GREAT, we ate together and of course swapped stories. And of course everybody checked out everyone else's bike to see what Farkles they had on it. The coolest Farkle was our own Rally Master's bike with an infrared camera and a 7 or 8 inch marine GPS display screen. You could see the heat signature from anything in front of him, ie any critters. Got to get me one of those!

THE RIDE: I believe we started with 16 riders and 15 were going for the 70 hour timeframe. At the end we only had one DNF and several finished in the 85 hours, because of flat tires. etc., and their wingman staying with them until they were back on the road and finished. We had no accidents, just mechanical problems. A true credit to the experience of the riders.

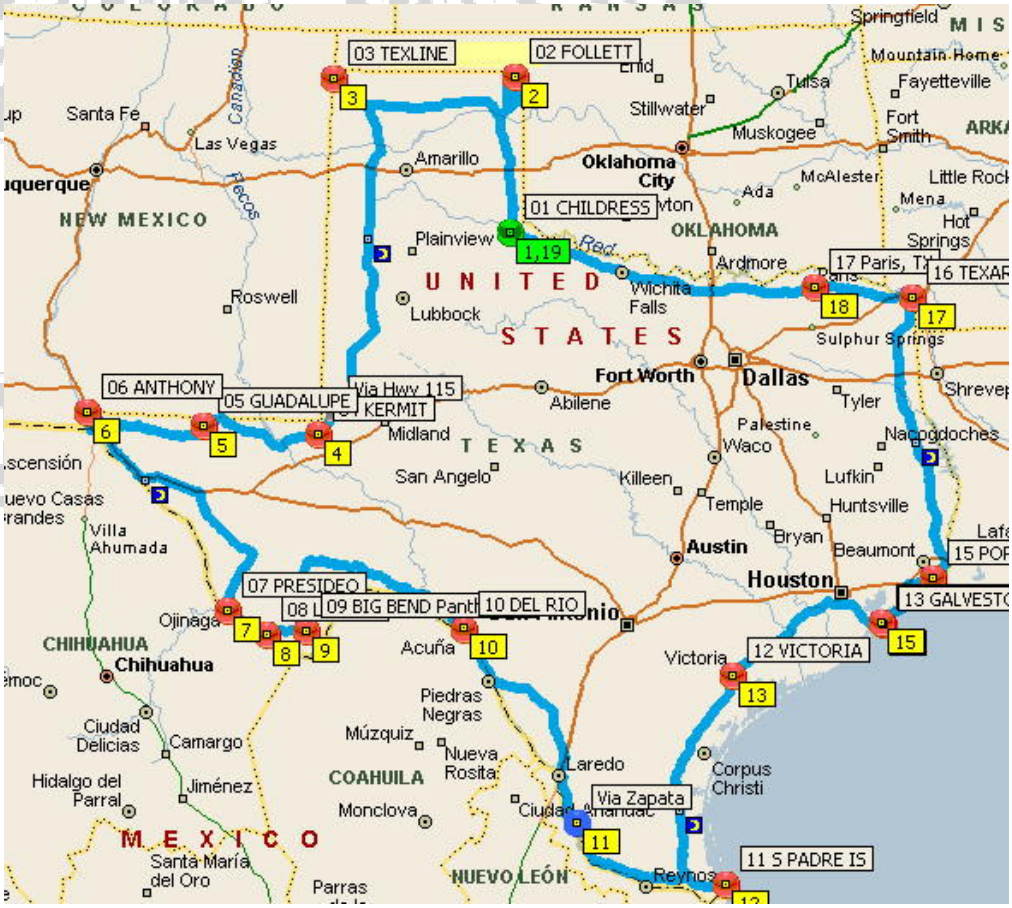
DAY ONE: We all started at 05:00 CDT and headed counterclockwise around Texas. The ride was going very smoothly, and I had time to reminisce about one of my first LD trips on my 1996 Dyna Convertible, especially going up the mountains near Guadalupe Mountains National Park. The last time I was there I WAS USING PAPER MAPS! How times have changed. The ride up the mountains was beautiful and the roads were great, I would recommend it and a visit to Carlsbad Caverns NP. Remember the bats leave the caves in the morning and return in the evening, so no bats in the middle of the day! Don't ask me how I know that. Arrived at Van Horn, and the first day was in the books and we were an hour ahead of schedule, total mileage 1088 miles, hotel check in at 22:28. The plan was to rest 6 hours every night so that is exactly what we did so the next morning 05:30 we left Van Horn headed for some great riding.

DAY TWO: What can I say about the Big Bend area, except go there! HWY 170 between Presidio and Terlingua and then onward through the Big Bend National Park is worth the trip without anything else. It has its own rough beauty and the roads, depending on your choice of speed can be whatever you want to make them. However, remember the signage isn't the best and there are blind curves over hill crests. I also didn't realize what a tourist area South Padre Island is and how refreshing the Gulf breeze is along the island road. I forgot to mention Day One temps were about 104! Before long day two was in the books, and I was still ahead of schedule, again! Total mileage 2074, hotel check in at 22:33.

DAY THREE: Finish Day-Hotel check out 05:14 and no more resting until Childress. I knew I still had a long way to go but I was feeling good and the ride had been totally uneventful! Although I had an uneasy feeling about thinking that uneventful so far stuff. I shook off that feeling, and rode the Gulf coast of Texas, took the ferry from Galveston to Port Bolivar. Riding the ferry was a great time to rest, snack, hydrate, and use the facilities. When I got off I was heading for 'home' and nothing was going to stop me. I was on the move, and my next bonus/gas stop was Port Author about 75 miles away. I filled up with gas and looked at my receipt (our RAT documentation requirement) and the time on it was wrong! No problem, I said I'll just go inside and get a cash register receipt and I'll be on my way. Went inside the cashier didn't speak 'southern' and we couldn't communicate very well, but what I gathered was his entire electronic time system was wrong and there was no better receipt that I was going to get. I started thinking about my 'uneventful' thinking, and said to myself no problem I'll just go down the road and get another receipt and

sure enough right down the road, still in Port Author, was a CVS Pharmacy, receipt for gum, and all was again right with the world of RAT riding. Next stop Texarkana. I was uneventfully riding along when the traffic stopped. It appeared to be stopped in both directions, ah, I thought another good chance to hydrate and relax, but I had to keep in mind 'you're still on the rally clock', and the 70 hours is still the deadline regardless of traffic, ***weather***, etc. After what seemed like a long time I began to worry so I started conversations with the cage drivers around me asking about any detour alternatives. End result was yes there was, but it required about 55 turns, 70-80 miles and you'd surely get lost answer. Well, I was stuck and the cause on the stoppage was a ready mix truck that blew one of its steer tires (first time I ever heard that expression) and wrecked on the two lane bridge ahead of us. After the fire department was able to get the concrete off the bridge, it took two wreckers to move the truck and replace several tires so it could be hauled away, we were back moving after about a two hour delay. Well it had turned out to be a not so uneventful day after all, but I was fine and headed for the finish. I just had to fuel up in Paris and Wichita Falls, TX then ease into Childress and the finish. I would be later than my scheduled time, but I still had plenty of time to make the 70 hour deadline. Fueled up in Paris and onto Wichita Falls, fueled up in Wichita Falls (at 21:36 ie DARK), and easy peezy cool ride onto Childress, I thought. Let me tell you something very, very ***eventful*** happened between Wichita Falls and Childress. It is called HAIL, WIND, RAIN, and other bad things you can think of including semi-trucks passing me and kicking up tons of spray. I believe they were trying to beat the high winds that could have blown them over. The storm started with the entire horizon becoming a lightning show/storm. And when I looked down at my GPSMAP478 the NEXRAD weather radar image I saw a bubbled shaped burgundy rain cell. There was nowhere to run and nowhere to hide in the flat Texas plains, so I aimed for the thinnest part of the bulb. I almost made it but the NEXRAD image must have been about 5 minutes behind, and I got caught in the storm for about 5 miles. Let's just say I never want to do that again, that 5 miles was the worst weather I have ever ridden in, and I have got to quit thinking about uneventful, because it seems there is always something eventful, either good or bad that happens on a ride, so just come to expect it. There were several riders behind me, and by the time they arrived at the storm it was simply too strong for them to continue, so they waited several hours for it to pass and some riders spent the night in Wichita Falls.

THE END:
Total mileage 3066, Total time 65:20, and final gas receipt Childress, TX 22:20 CDT.
Certificates earned: IBA Ride Around Texas Insanity Gold, SS2000 and SS3000.
Would I do it again HAIL YES!
Ride Safe,
Robert Rehkopf



Ladies Of Harley
Nancy Moore & Janice Falk

Greetings

The LOH ride to Robinwood Retirement community was canceled due to Flooding Rains. They still want us to make a visit, so in the next few months look for a date to reschedule our visit.

The plans are ready for our trip to the Wineries and the National Forest in Illinois. The road captains are getting the route together and by the time you read this we will be there and back. We will share our pictures we take, so look for them on Facebook and our Hog website.

We realize there are a lot of rides and trips on our calendar, and you can't make them all, but you are missing out if you haven't been on any this year. Riding is what we like to do, and the journey to different places makes life memorable. Share the experience with your hog friends, and meeting new ones is worth a million dollars, but it only costs you $20.00 a year to be a part of it. Sharing the motel rooms, or cabin rooms, and splitting meals is another way to get more bang for your buck.

Come join us on the next event and see what it is all about, and feel the JOY!!!

Our LOH meeting in August will be Tuesday the 19 at 6PM, at 'Off The Hoof' in Arlington. They have fish, chicken and other items.

See you there
Janice and Nancy

Chaplain
Peter Doorley

Greetings fellow HOG members,

During all that rain we had back in June, I got to thinking about Noah. You remember the biblical figure who built the Ark? It seems that way back in the early days of history they didn't have standard tape measures and rulers to measure stuff, so how did they do it? Well, when God told Noah to build the Ark, the unit of measure God prescribed was the cubit. A cubit is the distance from a person's elbow to the tip of the middle finger. You can find out your own personal cubit length by placing your elbow and bicep on a table and forming a right angle with your forearm and bicep, and then measuring from the table to the tip of your middle finger. This distance differs from person to person, and since Noah got the instructions, it was his cubit that was used to build the Ark. For me, a cubit is 19 ¼ inches (489 mm). For a shorter person it's less and for a taller person it's more. In the book of Genesis, God designated the Ark to be 300 cubits long by 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high. This converts to about 481 feet long by 80 feet wide and 48 feet high in Doorley cubit units (DCUs).

Presently the USA uses the standard system of units while the rest of the world has gone metric. But there is one part on every car, truck, and motorcycle made that is always designated in U.S. standard units. Tires are always sized in inches, even when the side walls and tread width are given in millimeters. We can thank Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford for that legacy. Everyone knows it's cool to be cruising with 22s on your ride. It just wouldn't be as impressive boasting about your 1.14 cubit or 559 mm rims.

The Bible lesson here comes from the 6th chapter of the book of Luke. In it Jesus tells us to "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, will be the measure returned to you." This means that when we set the unit of measure with which we give we are also setting the unit of measure by which we receive. We can give our time, talents or resources, large or small. We choose how much we receive by choosing how much we give. God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, along with the hills and the mineral rights so He can easily match what we are willing to give. Let's not limit God by setting our own restrictions.

Remember God loves you and so do I,
Peter Doorley

Activities Team
Amanda, Dana & Tammie

We hope everyone is enjoying the mild summer weather we've been having!

The overnight ride to Natchez, MS has been canceled. Looks like we have too much going on in the next few weeks to make that ride work out. Instead, we'll be having a day ride on August 2. This ride will be a combination "Dam" ride and lunch ride to the Crystal Grille in Greenwood, MS. We'd like to have a large turn out for this ride. More details will be coming in the next few weeks.

You still have time to purchase your deeply discounted tickets for the Professional Bull Riders Event in Nashville on September 6. There is an envelope at the Parts Counter in the Bumpus Whitten store, tickets are $45 a piece. We do have a room block at the Comfort Inn downtown, the price is $199 per night, and the hotel is within walking distance of many of the main downtown attractions. Contact Dana Easton about the hotel, she is issuing reservations and confirmation numbers.

The Kentucky Bourbon Trail weekend is September 26-28. You want to make your reservations at the Best Western Shelbyville as soon as possible. We got a terrific room rate of $62.95 per night! This is going to be a great fall weekend in the Kentucky Bluegrass country.

Finally, we're looking at the 10th Annual Barber Vintage Festival October 10-12 in Birmingham. The event schedule has not been posted yet, but there will be plenty to do! Events include the Vintage Motorcycle race and the Vintage Museum. Tickets are on sale now! We have a block of rooms reserved at the Springhill Suites Colonnade in Birmingham under the "Memphis HOG" group.

As always, keep watching your email and the Facebook page. We also work hard to keep the memphishog.com website updated. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at: memphishogactivities@gmail.com

The Activities Team

Director
Allen Rhymer

Each chapter activity that we attend, a few things or words come to mind. Astonishment and thankful, that so many members get enjoyment, and better yet, are willing to step up and get involved.

Case in point, the joint July chapter meeting. So many things happened leading up to, and even just minutes before the meeting that made it a success. And I would be remiss without mentioning and thanking Bruce Crane and the members of the Ghost River Chapter.

For those that attended that meeting, the 2016 TN state rally coordinator, Bob Baxter had a presentation and mentioned that anyone wishing to be involved in a committee or volunteer to just drop me an email, and I'll forward it on.

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The chapter's webmaster has made some subtle changes and additions to the website, http://www.memphishog.com/ . One of those additions you will find on the Safety page, http://media.wix.com/ugd/34e2bc_5a53a21988094a708515c6be15fa63a5.pdf . It is a medical information card for you to fill out and carry on your bike. One of the suggested places to store the card is on the interior lid of a tour pack, or in your wallet.

One other thing you may have noticed is the chapter's calendar has a new host. It is much faster and stable. It also has a new feature where you can add events to your iCalendar.

If you were not aware, the chapter has a "closed" Facebook page for members, **Memphis HOG Chapter** . To join, send a request at https://www.facebook.com/groups/282199048513345/

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Several members have requested chapter name badges. For us to place an order, there is a minimum of 12 and they are offered in 2 styles. The "military style" has 2 pins with clasps and the other is magnetic, which works well on cloth. The caveat is that all of the order of 12 must be of 1 type. The cost for each name badge is $ 8.75 . If you want a name badge, please send an email to Jim Stingley at softtail2011js@gmail.com . Specify magnetic or military style in your email, and the name or nickname you wish to be engraved. Once we receive at least 12 requests, we will collect the funds. **UPDATE: We have reached the minimum order of 12, so if you wish to order one, do it now. Let Jim Stingley or myself know ASAP.**

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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 have been working their tails off planning events.

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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.

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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/. 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:
http://media.wix.com/ugd/34e2bc_ad63cd8d720f4145a1c0f067e75092a3.pdf

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
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Print and fill out the chapter enrollment form, drop it off at the parts counter at Bumpus , OR you can mail it to:
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Barret's Chapel alumni

2nd Annual Community Day Festival

DATE: Saturday, September 20, 2014 - **TIME:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

LOCATION:

Barret's Chapel Elementary School

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10:00-11:00 AM - Gymnasium

Shelby County Community Health and Safety Teams

Shelby County Sheriff (Safety with Peer Selections)

Emergency Preparedness

11:05 AM-12 Noon - Parking Lot & Playground Area

Face Painting! Clown! Children & Adult Competitive Activities!

12:05 – 2PM (Entry must be completed before 11:30AM) – East Field Area

Bike & Car Show

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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.