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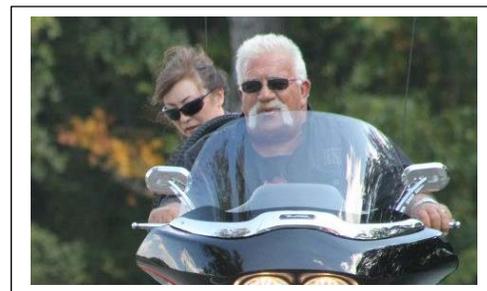
The Director Says... The Way I See It

Well, we had a great Polar Bear Ride and our first Chapter meeting. Just an FYI: It seems that our Chapter had the biggest donation from the bike community. Thanks for the help. It goes to a good cause. For those that missed the Chapter meeting, you did miss out. Some attendees were quite colorful.

We finalized all the plans for the Valentine's Dinner. It is going to be awesome! We encourage you to wear a costume, and maybe win a prize. We will also be playing the "Not so Newlywed Game". Our own Vince Vargas will be the DJ for the evening. If you have some requests, drop us a note and we will get them played for you.

I hope to see a lot of Poodle skirts and greased hair that night See you then.

Your 2017 HOG Director,
Joe D. Moscon



FEBRUARY CHAPTER EVENTS

- 4** Group Riding Class at Bumpus HD, 10am
- 11** Valentine's Day Party at Bumpus HD (tickets: \$30 per member), 6pm
- 22** Dinner Social: Eat Well Sushi & Grill, 2965 N Germantown Rd , 6pm



Bob Gasko

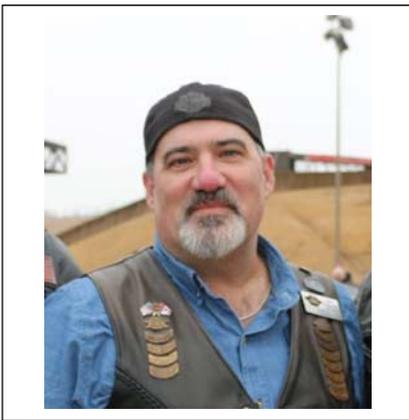
Assistant Director: Bob Gasko

Hello everyone. I hope you're enjoying winter. I must admit that the January temperatures being in the 60's has been quite enjoyable. Hopefully you have been able to get out ride and enjoy some of this nice weather.

I know we haven't had any scheduled rides yet but I can assure you we have quite a few planned when it starts to warm up. With everything from day rides to 1, 2 and even 5 nights, we should have a ride for you.

For those who made the Range USA date night, it was great seeing you. A good time was had by all. Our next event is our February 11th Valentines dinner and dance. Looking forward to seeing you there. It should be a fun time.

Ride Safe,
Bob



Jim Ferguson

Photographer: Jim Ferguson

I will be the Chapter Photographer for 2017. You will see me at the events and meetings, aside from riding doing what I enjoy most, capturing photos of you doing what you enjoy most, riding and having fun! I'm an amateur photographer (at best) but I love it just the same. It's not my first time as an officer. I have served as Photographer, Safety officer, and even Director after all you have more fun when you get involved in the Chapter!

I joined HOG in 1999-2000 after I bought my 1999 Softail Custom. Before that I rode mostly Honda and Yamaha, with a Harley FXR and Heritage thrown in there for a brief period. As is common, life got in the way and I dropped out of HOG for a number of years. Then I met my now wife Janice, who also likes to ride, and we started coming to the Chapter meetings and eventually joined HOG again. It's been a great decision for us as we have met some really great folks and been on some really fun rides! I now ride a 2016 Screaming Eagle Road Glide and wouldn't trade it for anything else!

If you are new to the Chapter welcome, and to those of you I know, I hope to see you on the rides this year. I will be trying to capture as many of you as I can on the rides so the more you come the more photos of "you" that you can download and use for your personal use! :-)

Ride safe,
Jim Ferguson

Upcoming Events at Bumpus HD Memphis

Saturday 2/11: Kickstart Your Heart: Valentine's Day Shopping Event (11am – 3pm)

15% Off Men's and Women's In-Stock HD Jewelry

25% Off Men's and Women's In-Stock MOD Jewelry

20% Off In-Stock Wallets and Purses

Saturday 2/18: First Responder's Day (All Day)

The Memphis HOG chapter will be manning the grill, complements of the dealership.

The day includes the unveiling of the New First Responder's Only Parking Spaces, a Blood Drive, and a raffle benefitting First Responder's services in Memphis.

Show your Military ID or Emergency Services ID for 15% off motor clothes.

Saturday & Sunday 2/25 – 2/26: Daytona Bike Week Launch (All Day)

Lunch on the dealership while you shop.

15% off Boots, Socks, Eyewear, Leather Jackets, Rain Gear, Chaps and Jeans

Sunday 2/26: Carroll Strong Benefit Ride

Come support a Harley rider who is battling cancer.

Have breakfast at Bumpus HD prior to the ride.

Registration starts at 9am. KSU at 11am.

See flyer on next page.

Each month, check out the Bumpus calendar at <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com>

Have you renewed your Memphis HOG membership for 2017?

**Membership renewal forms are available at the
Bumpus HD Parts Counter.**

Pay by cash or check.

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

All local members must be a national member.

Membership lists will be purged in March.



#CarrollStrong

Benefit and Dice Run for Garrett Carroll

Registration
9:00 AM



HARLEY-DAVIDSON



Kickstands Up at 11:00 AM



Saturday February 25, 2017

\$5.00 Donation at the Door



Barrel Booze Of Raffle



Silent Auction



4:00 PM - 1:00 AM



.....And MORE!



Treasurer: Robert Gantt

Looks like I'm back for another round as Treasurer. I was asked reprise my role as part of the officer group. Because I know how hard it is to find volunteers willing to commit their valuable free time, I couldn't say no. The reason is not because I love carrying around a checkbook, but because I love riding. The HOG chapter has introduced my wife, Laura, and I to an eclectic group of people. No matter what type of ride you are feeling like, I bet there is someone in the chapter willing to join you. From a short ride for lunch to a 4000 mile trip that eats up all of your vacation time for the year.

This is only my third year as part of the local HOG family. My first year, I was looking to see what the chapter could give me. I liked what I found. I realized that it's not all about what I get from the chapter, but what I can give back to the chapter. It takes a lot of effort (and people) to make the events and rides happen. Ask how you can help and I know you will find that your HOG experience will be more rewarding. I know I have.



Larry Allen

Lee Bowling

Linda Sones



“To Mars and Back”

By Michele Poland

In May 2016, Jeff and I went to the Tennessee HOG Rally event at the Southland Greyhound Racetrack. We had a little free food, some good fellowship, watched the dogs race, and then went home. Who would have guessed a HOG event would change our family dynamic?

The next morning, Jeff is on the Southland Greyhound Dog Park’s website learning about the greyhounds. I said “We don’t need a hyper dog like that”. But, Jeff is a researcher, a little persistent and simply likes to learn. We had wanted another dog, but just could never find the right breed for our busy lifestyles.

Jeff starts to think that maybe a retired rescued greyhound might be something to think about. He says we should go to Mid-South Greyhound Adoption Center, located at Southland Greyhound Park, to look around and get some information. So a quick trip over the bridge, we go!

We met the director, Vickie, and took a tour. Neither of us had seen a greyhound before. I had to get used to the size of the dogs as big dogs kind of scare me a little. The adoption center houses about 20 dogs at a time. They come in so many different colors and they are just so gorgeous.

Of course, once we were home, we jumped on the website to look at all the dogs that were available. But, it was not up to us which dog we got, it was actually up to our French Bulldog Louie to decide! On our second trip to Mid-South Greyhound Adoption, we brought Louie to help pick out our new family member. They bring out dogs one by one to see if they are compatible with small dogs. Some are and, we learned, some are not. The first few dogs came out and looked at Louie like he was the lure, “Rusty” and they just wanted to get him. This was quite discouraging. Then the director suggested we take a look at Mars. Mars came out and he did not think Louie was the lure. We walked both of them for about an hour and they got along just fine. This was a little like the story of the three bears. One dog was too hot, one dog was too cold but Mars was juuuuuust right. He was warm and friendly and seemed to take an interest in us and Louie. So, with a lot of discussion and many questions for the director, we decided on Mars Awaken!! We began preparations as if we were adopting a baby. We got his food and bed and began greyhound-proofing the house.

There was one problem. We had a trip to Florida already planned and had to wait a few weeks before we could take him home. We were so excited that we cut the trip short a few days so we could take him home.

We learned a lot. The first thing was that we knew very little about Greyhounds. What we did know was wrong. They are an ancient breed that has existed since the time before the Pharaohs. They are the only dogs referred to by name in the Bible: Proverbs 30:31 in King James. They were once only permitted to be owned by royalty, and if caught with one, there were severe penalties. George Custer used to have several. In the Poland House, they needed to fit our lives and we needed to fit his. This brings us to the most important point we came to understand... They are gentle giants who like to sleep. Not nap, SLEEP! One quick walk around the block and they are worn out. They are gentle and sweet, and when they are awake, they just want to be loved.

But if you are lucky, you will get to see them do what they are bred to do, and that is run. I know many of you have been to the track, and many have big dogs of your own that you think are quite fast... you have NO idea. I cannot put the experience into words that will convey what it is like when he sprints. It transcends the soul, as if you are watching a dream unfold and you left speechless. I think the best way to describe how it affects you is to tell you what happened to me when Mars first let loose. It happened... and I was shocked. I had no idea how much it shocked until I went to work the next day. Another coworker of mine had adopted a Greyhound named Cash. I could not wait to tell Shane how awesome an experience I had seeing that dog let loose all the speed that he could produce. As I walked into work, I approached Shane, and he looked at my face and said, “He ran on you, didn’t he?” Folks, you have to see it, and still you might not believe it.

The dogs at Mid-South Greyhound Adoption are usually between 2 to 4 years old. They were either not good racers or may have gotten injured. They have spent their life racing. When you take them home, everything is new. They have never seen a TV, a ceiling fan, or a vacuum. But they adjust very quickly.

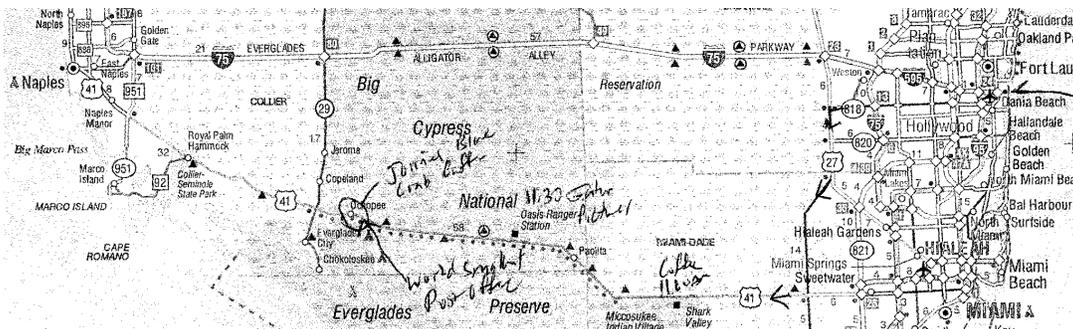
Make Fast Friends and give one of these dogs the only thing they love more than running... A FOREVER home.

My First Fly and Ride By Dan White

My first fly and ride started when I became aware that at the end of a three week business trip that the last two days would be in Pompano, Florida on Thursday and Friday November 16 and 17th. Being the good employee, I researched the flights for that leg of my travels. Not to my amazement, if I stayed over until Sunday, I would save my company roughly \$300.00 in flight and hotel fares. It was a no brainer. I booked the flights and hotel to have me leaving Fort Lauderdale on Sunday and immediately started searching the web for the nearest Harley Davidson dealer with rental bikes.

There were actually three dealerships in the area: Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Pompano. Naturally I logged onto the Pompano dealer web site and found that they rented 13 different models. Since I ride a 2006 Dyna Super Glide, I chose the closest bike which was a 2007 Dyna Low Rider with the new twin 96's and the six-speed transmission. My 2006 has the six-speed but I was curious as to how the twin 96's would perform.

I called Jack at the rental counter in Pompano. He was very helpful and in no time we had my bike reserved. "Tito" at the Fort Lauderdale H-D dealership faxed me some suggested rides to the Keys and the Everglades to review.



Now that I had everything done to prepare for my South Florida Ride, all I had to do was work until I picked up the Low Rider on Friday night. When my co-worker dropped me off at the Pompano dealership, he spent a couple hours checking out all the new bikes and informed me that he use to ride. He didn't have a bike anymore since he got married and still has pre-teen kids, but he wants to someday get back on a bike. I didn't realize it but he actually grew up there in Pompano and had since moved to Washington DC (my employer's home office). He then proceeded to remind me to look out for the "Q-tips". These are the 70 years and older retirees driving around the area. I had witnessed their lack of driving abilities many times in the two days prior to picking up the bike. Four times I witnessed cars with what looked like just two hands on the steering wheel and a "white Q-tip of hair" on top of the seat go from the far right or left lane across two to five lanes of traffic to make a turn they didn't see. Believe you me, I watched for them the whole time I rode the Harley. It was a good thing too. A couple of times on the interstate, I watched them almost take out a couple vehicles in front of me.

Well, so much for the "Q-Tip" road hazards. When I picked up my bike Friday afternoon, the dealership hooked me up with the new Low Rider (only 1,200 miles on the speedometer), a rental helmet, and the huge cable and lock for the bike. After we went over all the paperwork and checked the bike out, I was on my way. My plan was to ride the bike back to my hotel, park it go to dinner, and get a good night sleep in preparation for my ride. After dinner, I finally decided that I wanted to ride to the Everglades and the Big Cypress National Parks. I have been to Miami before and I'm not much for the tourist attractions that the Keys had in store.

After a good breakfast at a local diner that I'd been eating in for the past three days, I was off. I hadn't gotten 10 miles when I realized that I couldn't see the road from the tears pouring out of my eye from the wind. My personal helmet has a half face screen to protect me from the wind and bugs and my bike has a detachable windshield. The Low rider had no Wind shield and the helmet was just a basic top with no face shield. I immediately drove to the dealer in Pompano. After drying off the tears pouring down the side of my face, Jack called the Fort Lauderdale dealership to see if they had some "slip-overs" for glasses. They did so I was given directions to get there using side streets, of course.

When I arrived at the dealership, they were waiting for me and a young lady who could have been "Elvira's" younger twin helped me out. I went to the rental department to get the last minute details from "Tito" who had faxed me the ride information. He wasn't there but the guys in the service department were more than glad to help me finalize my route for the ride.

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At 9:00 am, I was finally on my way. It was a cold morning according to the locals – 62 degrees. I took the I-95 south to the Griffin Rd exit (HWY 818) west. After about 10 miles, the condos and suburbs eventually opened up to a lot of wide open homesteads and horse ranches. I eventually ran into HWY 27 south which took me to the Saw Grass Highway (HWY 997 south). Both of these highways were literally on the edge of civilization. Homes on one side and swamps and grasslands as far as the eye could see on the other. I eventually arrived at HWY 41 east that would take you all the way the Naples, Florida on the Gulf Coast. My farthest point was just short of that, which I'll cover in a while.



For most of the trip, me and the other vehicles on the road were going the posted speed limits and maybe 2-3 mph over. When I got on HWY 41, it was a two lane road that had a posted 60 MPH limit. I soon discovered that if I didn't go 65 to 70, I was going to be honked at and continuously passed. I decided to see how the Low Rider with the Twin 96's and six-speed would handle. To my delight, the bike rode great with all kinds of power and torque when needed. In fact, when I needed to pass other vehicles, I passed them in seconds with the motor hardly having to break a sweat.

At around 11:00 am, I stopped at an Indian village that had swamp boat rides and a restaurant. I went in for a cup of coffee and to relax for 15 minutes. Besides a couple of waiters, there was a local Indian sitting at the coffee bar so I pulled up a seat next to him. He gave me a look and said "So, are you a biker?" I said "So, are you an Indian?" After we both laughed for a good couple of minutes, we proceeded to talk about what I would expect to see on my ride. I asked him why I was seeing so many blown eighteen wheeler tire caps along the side of the road. He laughed and said that those aren't tires. They are the tails from the alligators that had been road kill. The tails were the only things not eaten by the buzzards and other scavengers. He had to get back to his village and I had finished my cup of coffee. So off I went, laughing and smiling about the encounter.

My next stop was at the Oasis Ranger Station at around 11:30 am. There were some other Harley riders from Miami with some friends down from Ohio. They were a friendly group. We all went over to check out the alligator and gars in the waterway between the HWY and the Ranger station. These were some big gators. Some were as large as 15 feet in length.



The other riders were going back the way I had just come from so we said good-bye. I headed towards my farthest destination. I arrived at the smallest U.S. Post Office in the continental US in Ochopee, FL at around 12:30 PM.



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I sat outside on the screened in patio/bar area and listened to the locals talking about their day. The restaurant had an inside eating area that was nice but the now 73 degree day was not to be wasted inside. Since I had been seeing so many live alligators along the side of the road all morning, I had developed a craving for some alligator for lunch. Sure enough, it was on the menu. While I waited for my lunch to arrive, I admired and then took some pictures of the photographs (70's & 80's vintage) of the "scantily clad local talent" on Boats, Swamp Buggies and Harleys that were on the wall of the area where I was going to eat.



The alligator arrived and it was DELICIOUS. It was sautéed in some "special" sauce and it was accompanied by a local version of pita bread with some cheese and spices baked in.

Now that my appetite for alligator had been quenched, it was time to make a quick pit stop and retrace my path back to the dealer to turn the bike in. Ladies, you won't believe how nice the restrooms at this restaurant were. They were so nice that I had to take a picture just for you to see them. They were nicer than most people's homes. Wouldn't it be nice to have these accommodations at all the places we stop back home?



Not far from the restaurant on the way back, I saw a sign that I hadn't noticed on the way there. I had seen the "Beware of Alligators" signs but not this one. The sign said "Panther Crossing next 5 miles". Now I have been to almost every State of the union, but this was a first. Luckily I didn't see any of the panthers, but I did ride a little slower just in case there was one or two around to see. Alas, I saw none. I did see plenty more live alligators, buzzards, white and gray cranes and quite a few fishermen catching some Black fish that looked like some kind of crappie or bluegill.

The ride back retracing my original path was even more enjoyable with the sun out and the warmer air blowing past me as I cruised down the Highway. I was running a little behind schedule so I decide to take the I-95 interstate off of HWY 818 (about a ¼ mile from the Ft. Lauderdale airport. Wow, what an experience. I felt like I was back in my native Southern California the way everyone was driving. I was extremely careful and could hardly wait for the exit I needed to get back onto the side streets in Fort Lauderdale. Well, I made it safely to my exit and got onto HWY 1 for the last leg of the ride.

I returned to the Pompano dealership on time (per the rental agreement) with a sense of accomplishment and relaxation that's hard to describe. The rental person was kind enough to take a picture of me and the Dyna Low Rider for me.

I took a taxi back to a restaurant/bar near my hotel. I proceeded to drink a couple cold ones and call some of my family and friends to share the experience I had just had. They all said they wished they could have been there and could hardly wait to see the pictures.

As you sit and read this, I hope you caught yourself smiling and that subconsciously you felt the warm breeze from the Florida everglades. I'm now hooked and will look for other potential Fly and Ride opportunities in the future.

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