



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

March Activities

Lunch Ride	Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Officer Meeting	Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>
Chapter Meeting	Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>
Road Captain Meeting	Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>
LOH Meeting	Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>
Dinner	Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>
Reelfoot Memorial Ride	Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>
Past Director Ride	Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>
MVP Ride 1	Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>
Movie Night	Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>

April Activities

Officer Meeting	Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dinner Ride	Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>
LOH Meeting	Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>
Chapter Meeting	Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>
MVP Ride 2	Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>
Poker Run	Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>
Dinner Ride	Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>
Road Captain Meeting	Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>
Running of the HOGs	Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>
MVP Ride 3	Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>
Crabshack Bike Night	Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>
MVP Ride 4	Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>

May Activities

Posse Kickoff Party	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Posse Ride	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Posse Ride	May 4 <sup>th</sup>
Posse Ride	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Posse Ride	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
Officer Meeting	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
Chapter Meeting	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Road Captain Meeting	May 17 <sup>th</sup>
Dinner	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Picnic Ride	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
TN State Rally	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
TN State Rally	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
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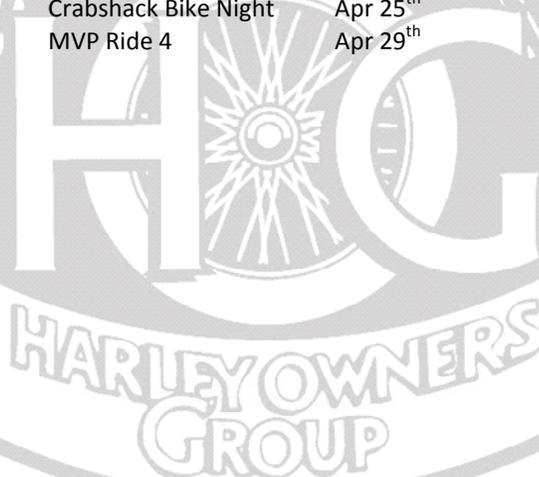
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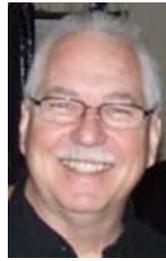
It has been an unusual winter we've had thus far. Usually at this time of the year, we yearn for warmer days for riding, but there have been many PERFECT riding days so far this year. Don't waste a single one.

The road captains, as always, are committed to creating a safe and fun group riding experience. On-going training throughout the year only reinforces the commitment. Planning and pre-riding the routes, training rides and classes, are just a portion of what they do. Thanks for stepping up Road Captains!

The upcoming Posse Ride promises to give many riding adventures and memories or tall tales, for years to come. Three nights on the road adventuring up the Natchez Trace at a "leisurely" pace, admiring the landscape and history that forged the old trail will be a treat. While the Natchez Trace dictates the main route, do not hesitate, to do your research when planning your route. There are many treasures to see off the beaten path. And, one of the best parts, could be your route(s) to the start of the Posse Ride. If you need any help at all with planning, or finding a posse to ride with, look me up.

Allen Rhymer

**Chaplain  
Doorley**



"Riding Thoughts"

This month may be too cold for an extended ride but our thoughts are certainly on warmer weather and the planning of that next long ride. Have you ever planned a trip to somewhere special, a place you've longed to go? Maybe you have meticulously planned and replanned that special trip but you haven't taken it yet. Let me coin a new word for that planning, you're doing a "**Gedankenride**." In chemistry we have thought experiments called "**Gedanken**experiments". These are thought experiments where the goal is to explore the potential consequences of the principle in question without actually conducting the experiment. For a **Gedankenride** we must consider all the parts of the ride. For example; do I have the necessary bike, accessories and maps, is the ride more fitting for a solo ride or a group ride? Is the ride planned for a destination, an event or the journey? Some gratifying destinations come to mind such as; North Carolina and the Cherohala Skyway, the desert south west, the northern plains, the Pacific Northwest, or the 7 mile bridge to Key West. If you want to take a long ride but sleep in your own bed at night, then plan a 24 hour iron butt ride. Whatever **Gedankenride** you take, you need a plan. For as they say if you don't have plan, any road will take you there.

Now that we have thought about the ride, let's consider who is thinking about us. Family and friends will remember we are on a trip and think about us a few times a day while we are gone but in Psalms 139:18 it says that God has more thoughts about us than all the grains of sand on earth. I did some calculations and found that there are about 4 million grains of sand per pound of typical dry sand. Try counting it yourself if you don't believe me. Beach sand or desert

sand, there's plenty of it all around the world. I estimated that for 1 acre of sand 1 foot deep God would have 17 trillion (17,000,000,000,000) thoughts about you. This means if you live to be 100 years old you will be in God's thoughts 5,400 times per second each day of your life. The creator of all that is seen and unseen is constantly thinking about you, and because He loves you, these are good thoughts. Now then, how often do you think about Him; once an hour, once a day, once a week? No matter how much or how little you think about Him he is always thinking about you. He never stops thinking about you, because that's the way He is. Remember back to January's chaplain article, it's a balance and there's a plan and it all ties together. There is more out there than we know about, a truth that's bigger than us, and we need to take comfort in that God loves us and we are always in His thoughts.

Sincerely, Peter Doorley

## Safety Topic

### “Safe Braking”



Anyone having withdrawals? As I write this, it is 36 degrees outside, it just snowed and the wind is blowing. I have not been riding! So here I sit thinking about riding. Waiting for that electronic fuel pump to do its thing so I can crank on the twin cams, turn up the stereo, roll on the throttle and hit some nice winding roads! That’s what it is all about. Hopefully that’s not all we think about though. There are so many FUN things about riding but there are also very IMPORTANT things about riding. At the risk of creating a debate over priorities, let’s agree for arguments sake that braking tops that list.

I’m sure that everyone is familiar with the fundamentals of braking. We all know things like the mechanical formula for speed under acceleration ( $v = u + f * t$ ) and braking time ( $t_b = -u / f$ ) and all the others that go into safe braking so I won’t bore you with that. Let’s just get to the facts.

I was looking at a study on brake reaction time and brake decelerative force recently – I know, get a life! But the studies provided the data I was really after; stopping times and distances. Now, these studies were done in dry conditions, on well-paved roads, with mechanically sound (and adjusted) bikes, by experienced riders. Sounds just like our everyday riding conditions! So here are some of the findings:

With NON ABS brakes:			
Speed (MPH)	Braking Time (Seconds)	Braking & Reaction Time	Distance To Stop (FT)
15	0.88	1.5	23.36
40	2.36	2.98	105.48
70	4.12	4.74	275.29
With ABS brakes:			
Speed (MPH)	Braking Time (Seconds)	Braking & Reaction Time	Distance To Stop (FT)
15	0.79	1.41	22.3
40	2.1	2.72	97.92
70	3.67	4.29	252.15

So what does all that mean? Well, aside from the test we will have at the next Chapter meeting, it means we need to PRACTICE safe braking. The time to do that is not when you need to brake; especially in an emergency braking situation. Take time a find a nice big parking lot (no not Wal-Mart). Churches during the week or on a Saturday are generally great options. Hit some different speeds and try some different braking maneuvers. Find out how you and the bike react. Then, if you are a frequent 2 up rider, put Betty Boop on the back and practice for real world riding. Imagine you practicing alone, feeling comfortable and confident and then having to do it with your beautiful spouse behind you who is totally surprised, shocked and REACTING to the unexpected. Think that will have an impact on your control of the bike???

Make the days you are out enjoying great rides count. Don’t find out then that you needed to do some more practice before. Ride hard, ride safe and ride often!

Dave Leutwyler

## New Faces

By Brian & Michele



We have three new members this month.

Everyone please give a big HOG welcome to:

Glenn and Janie Kinney  
Julie Sere  
Tanya Stingley

Looking forward to some great rides with you.

Now if we could just get some nice riding weather to start hunting for those Civil War historical sites for our club contest.

The Bryants

## Historian

On March 24<sup>th</sup> we will be riding the Reelfoot

Memorial Ride and remembering

all of the Memphis HOG chapter members who have left the mortal plane, but live on in our hearts and minds. This will be combined with the Past Directors Ride, the first of which was held in March 2008. (J.C.Rice, Mar '08).



Know Your Officers:  
Director – Greg Patton

It was December 2007 when Greg joined the Memphis HOG chapter and his first ride was the 2008 New Year's Day Polar Bear ride. Greg is a native of Memphis growing up in the Frayser area. At the age of 6 he started riding a Honda Mini Trail 50. After waiting 8 years he received his motorcycle endorsement and became street legal. Greg kept riding until about he was 19 and then joined the ranks of the occasional rider. In May of 1986 he married Lisa and a few years later Wes (now 23) was born followed by April (now 19). When not riding, Greg is an operations manager and holds a Master Electrician license in TN and MS. He enjoys hiking, camping and backpacking as a Boy Scout leader.

For Greg the draw of the motorcycle was always there - owning seven different bikes over 40 years. His Harley era started in 2006 with the purchase of the first Harley. This led to his second Harley in the fall of 2007, and Greg & Lisa joined the Memphis chapter soon thereafter. In 2010 he was selected to be the Head Road Captain, and again in 2011 when he was Head Road Captain / Assistant Director.

The longest ride Greg made was from Memphis to California via the southwestern states route and back home via the middle of the country. Among his favorite HOG club rides are the overnigher to Evansville, IN and the overnigher to the Armor Hotel in

Red Boiling Springs, TN up near the Kentucky border. As Director and fellow rider, his advice to new Memphis HOG riders is "Keep coming around."

Trivia Bits from the Red Boiling Springs Ride, Oct. 2011 – Some notes from that ride – see below.

1. What county in TN is known as "the pearl capitol of the U.S.A.?"
2. Heard on this trip... "Did you see the dinosaur back there with the three horns?" "Yeah, hey, what's the name of that dinosaur?"
3. We rode to a nearby National Park and were intrigued to find that it is an international Biosphere Reserve, not to mention a World Heritage Site. What is the name of this park?
4. What is a Biosphere Reserve?
5. HOG members were SHOCKED to see two people in a Kentucky diner doing this !!! What were they doing?
6. On what TN highway can you find Pee Wee Super Tight Barber Shop (which is now reportedly closed)?

( answers appear on page 6 )

Mathilda Doorley

HARLEY OWNERS  
GROUP



Robert Baxter  
Danny Doyle  
Dana Easton  
Shelbie Hunt  
David Palmer  
Angie Printup  
Charlotte Wagner

## Assistant Director

Hello Memphis Hog members, I would like to pass on some information about the 2012 Tennessee State Hog Rally, May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Online registration is now open, pre-registration is \$35 and on-site registration will be \$45.

This year, for the first time, the rally will open on a Tuesday. This is due to the fact that there is so much to see in the area and miles and miles of great roads to ride, they would like for everyone to have plenty of time to see and do as much as you can and have Fun.



On Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> pre-registered attendees will ride to Cumberland Caverns for lunch and attend a Bluegrass Concert. This is a \$30 value and absolutely free for those who have pre-registered and are at the rally on May 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the rally schedule, please visit [www.tnstatehogrally.com](http://www.tnstatehogrally.com)

Ride Hard, Stay Safe

Jim Stingley

## Director's Corner



Riding weather is fast approaching.

Mark you

calendars for some upcoming dates: Our first ride will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> to Brendalay Restaurant in Arlington for lunch. March chapter meeting on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and then "Off the Hoof" dinner social. This will be a dinner ride if weather permits.

Our official riding season will kickoff on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> with our Reelfoot Memorial Ride of Honor/Past Director lunch ride to Boyettes and then the Roll Call of Honor after lunch on the board walk across from Boyettes.

Posse Ride registration deadline (March 10<sup>th</sup>) is fast approaching. You may download a registration form on the memphishog.com website or pick one up from the parts counter at Bumpus Whitten.

The Blue and Gray riding contest is also available for printing on the memphishog.com website. If you need a brochure of Civil War sites, please see me or visit the Memphis Welcome center.

Please keep some of your fellow members in your thoughts and prayers as during the month of February:

Lee Bowling's father passed away. (Michael Bowling)

Michele Bryant's Father passed away (Charles T. Harris)

Michele Poland's father passed away. (Karl "Bud" Vigil)

Greg Patton

## Ladies Of Harley



March is here and with it comes the beginning of the riding season. So let's get ready to ride!!

The March basket is Snacks for your Ride. We are looking for snacks that you would take with you or anything that would make your ride more comfortable. So let's think outside the box. You may bring items to any social event or leave them at the Bumpus parts counter.

The next meeting is March 13th 6:30 p.m. at Sweet Pea's Table located at 5824 Stage Road, Bartlett.

Congratulations to Keith Duren, the winner of the fantastic Valentine's basket. Thank you to those who donated.

Don't forget about "Drop Your Drawers", if you know of a service member overseas. We would love to send them a care package.

Thank you,  
Tammy Stingley



Answers To The Trivia Questions

1. Benton County
2. The Triceratops.
3. Mammoth Cave National Park
4. "Learnings ites for Sustainable Development" (Don't ask me.)
5. Smoking cigarettes.
6. Hwy 70, Mason TN.



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