

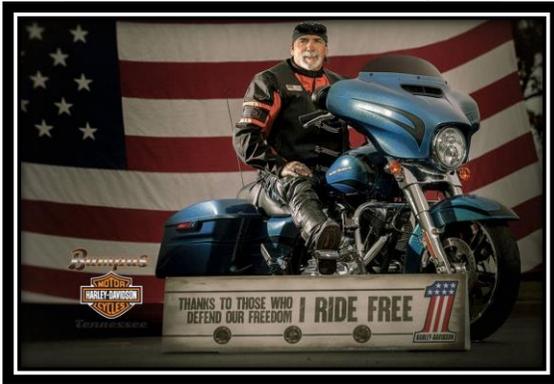


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## Director~Jim Stingley



Well, looks like summer is here and so is the heat and humidity.

We had a great trip to Eureka Springs, thanks Michael O'Rourke for planning it for us! Great Roads, Great Food and A Great Group of Hog members.

I was not the only one that noticed something a little different on this trip, and I would like to share my thoughts on this.

With temperatures on the rise, we see more and more

Road Gators and I would like to talk about that.

We pass Big trucks, trailers behind pickup trucks and cars and sometimes never think about a tire exploding when it is cool or raining outside but with the rise in temperatures we need to pay attention!

No one wants to be next to a Big Truck when a tire blows this could be very detrimental to a safe ride and to your wellbeing!

Let's remember when we pass vehicles with trailers or any vehicle for that matter, we need to get past them and give room for the next bike to do the same! I always expect a tire to blow when passing!

Remember the lane you are in is your lane and you should always put some space between you and the vehicle you are passing so move over and give as much room as you can.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, and Ride often and watch out for Road Gators!

Expect the unexpected!

Jim

## JULY CHAPTER EVENTS

- 9** Road Captain Meeting
- 11** Chapter Meeting-Breakfast Bald Butcher
- 15** Bike Night-Jerry's Sno Cone Ride
- 19** Lunch Ride-Top of the River-Michie TN
- 23** Dinner Ride-Margarita's Oakland TN
- 28** Dinner Ride-Soul Fish Café-Germantown



## **LOH-Denisce Paine/Tammy Stingley**



Well folks, we are smack dab in the middle of a Memphis summer. It's Hot as a firecracker, but vacation riding, chapter overnights, day rides and ABC point routes are what we plan for all winter. I'm not sure about the rest of you, but saddling up on a Harley always makes my day.

In June, we had a really nice ride and nice route, Thanks for that Jeff, to Chickasaw State Park. I will say I hope Dave Stockton and Linda Gibson headed straight to Tunica after the chapter meeting was over. They came ready for a chapter meeting, but left with everything we give away each month. Linda won the birthday drawing and she was also the 50/50 winner for the month. Dave won the monthly RSVP and membership drawing. I think they found the lucky table this month.

Chris Butler won the meal drawing for his buffet lunch.

Tammy and I are working on what LOH will do this month. If you have some ideas that we can fit in our schedule and the majority can afford Tammy and I will try to set it up. Keep watching the LOH Facebook page and we will try to get it posted in plenty of time for all the ladies to make plans. We both hope to see all of you soon at a meeting, event or ride. Be Safe and Keep Riding.

Tammy and Denisce





***Eureka Springs June***



***Pancho's Dinner Ride***



***Eureka Springs Arkansas June 14***



***Ashflat Arkansas June 20***



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## Mellow Mushroom Dinner Ride



### **Motorcycle Safety:**

We are well aware of the risks that we take every time we pull our motorcycle out of the driveway! We try and prepare for the road ahead by wearing the appropriate riding apparel like leather jackets, boot, and gloves, besides the State required DOT motorcycle helmet. But there are a new batch of devices that are starting to roll out to help keep motorcyclist safer. I'm not talking about the neon color vest or bright LED lamps but personal devices that can inflate in 2/10th's of a second when an impact is detected, much like an airbag in a vehicle does.

These are "Life Vest" for riders that can inflate around the helmet and protect the riders head and neck in a crash. One such device, is the SpidiNeck DPS device, which has two airbags connected to a CO2 canister and a tether which causes the airbag to inflate when the rider falls off of the bike. The airbag is made to absorb the blow to the head and neck and basically protects the spinal region from the impact. Although, different from an airbag, found in a cage, the DPS bag can be repacked into the vest, the CO2 replaced and the vest is ready to use again. Originally designed for racing suits the technology has been adopted for the street rider and at a MSRP cost of \$599 it could be considered a reasonable investment. If you are interested in learning more you can find it here at the following URL [http://www.spidi.com/eu/eu\\_en/motorcycle-protective-gear/neckdps-1.html](http://www.spidi.com/eu/eu_en/motorcycle-protective-gear/neckdps-1.html).



Let me know if you have a favorite piece of riding safety equipment or a favorite safety tip to share?

**Jim Ferguson**  
Chapter Safety Officer

## Red Boiling Springs



The Patton's and the Gantt's recently took a long weekend trip and headed east. We stayed our first night at The Armour Hotel in Red Boiling Springs Tennessee. Dennis and Debbie Emery always offer the best hospitality and home cooking. It is a great get a way spot. The following day we rode through Kentucky and ended up Patti's Settlement in Grand Rivers Kentucky. The chapter has been a couple of times and we have always missed the ride. I see why the chapter enjoys this event. The Restaurant has great ambiance and food. On our way home we passed through Possum Trot and of course had to stop for a picture. We also stopped at a local winery outside Paducah, The Purple Toad. We did some tasting and came home with several bottles of their local wine. Lots of riding, eating and of course ABC points. A fun time had by all.

~Lisa~



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## Four Wheeling in Colorado

Recently we along with the Doorleys (Pete and Tillie) and the Krolls (WrongWay and PitStop) attended the SW CVO GTG (translation: southwest custom vehicle operation get together, an excuse to ride and have fun and party) in southwest Colorado in Ouray. This is a primo location and we have been through here several times riding the Million Dollar Highway (Hwy 550) between Durango, Silverton and Ouray, as well as the north rim of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison on Hwy 92. But we have never stayed in the area and the week we spent there was extraordinary.

One day was designated as 'four wheeling day' and about 25 or 30 of us in about 10 Jeeps took part. Because of the extraordinarily heavy snowfall this winter several of the mountain passes had not been cleared. Until I saw some of the passes for myself I had no idea what was involved in 'clearing' them but I soon learned and appreciated the herculean effort required to do so. Some of the passes have over twenty feet of snow which has to be removed with heavy machinery taken up very, very narrow rocky mountain trails. The snow banks that have been cleared look like they have been gnawed on by a giant beaver!

We rented our Jeeps the night before the big day and since it was still daylight the guys (and PitStop) decided to test our tires on a couple hours jaunt. Now WrongWay has done some four wheeling and knew of several trails from his readings and video watching so he took us there and we tested not only the road worthiness of our Jeeps but also their water attributes. They passed with flying colors and we returned full of anticipation and excitement for the real adventure the next day.

One of the CVOers, 'San Juan Ron' (named for the San Juan mountain range in the area) has a summer home nearby and volunteered as our tour guide / historian for the trek and we are oh so glad he did as his knowledge contributed immeasurably to our enjoyment.



We took part of the Alpine Loop going to the tops of Engineer Pass and Cinnamon Pass, both almost 13,000 feet in elevation. Some of the other passes were still not open and required us to double back on parts of the trail.

It was rocky, bumpy and VERY steep much of the way. If I'd not had a Jeep in front of me to blaze the trail I might have said to myself there is no way we are going to make it up THERE! And the girls were all wishing for off-roading bras they were being jostled about so.

One of the group, Lou, aka 'grandpa doc' brought his personal Jeep Cherokee to the rally and elected to drive it on the trails. Even though

it was 'Trail Rated' we all saw that it had much less ground clearance than our 'real' Jeeps and sure enough he encountered a problem very shortly. A big rock caught his muffler and very nearly ripped it and his exhaust pipe off the car. A quick roadside repair involving his and a passenger's Harley belts kept the muffler and exhaust in place well enough to complete the trip. I told him he was a brave man – very foolish but brave!

After we completed the ride to the tops of both passes Ron lead us to his house where his wife, Kathy, and her friend had prepared a scrumptious lunch for us. Talk about going 'above and beyond' this topped it all.

This is what I love about the friends we've made on the CVO Harley website. Like all Harley riders they are wonderful down to earth people who will do anything for you and are a hoot to be with.

After lunch we took assessment and discovered one female with car/motion sickness and two females who had 'had enough' so we took the easy way back on paved roads, much longer but much smoother. As for me, I LOVED it and can't wait to do it again.

Jerry Rice

## Future Happenings:

Bumpus Bike Night on Beale	July 8
Tour of Duty drawing-Mousetail State Park	July 26
Bumpus Bike Night on Beale	July 29
Breast Cancer Awareness Ride	Aug 8

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