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The Director Says...

I hope you were able to get out and enjoy the TN State HOG Rally. Despite the weather, there was some great riding to be enjoyed! A big thank you to Bob Baxter and the Rally coordination team, the Bumpus family, and to all of those who volunteered and participated in the rally!

The chapter has some more great riding coming up fast. The Moon Pie festival is one of the rides. If you missed the Past Directors Ride in June, you missed out on your free sample of Moon pies that we passed out. You may just get another chance at one of these treats on the upcoming ride. Nancy Moore has some surprises in store for those folks that attend the ride Saturday June 18th and Sunday 19th. For those that have signed up to go, we will be meeting at the Teague Store in Somerville, TN at 6:30am. We plan to arrive in Bell Buckle approximately noon in time for lunch. We will plan on attending the Moon Pie festival. If that isn't your thing, there are several other things to see like the George Dickle Distillery. I hope you already signed up for this ride event!

Another exciting ride is the four day Cave ride and Makers Mark tour up to the Cave City and Louisville area of Kentucky. This ride will take place Thursday September 22 to Sunday September 25th. This will be some fun riding and a chance to see some beautiful scenery. I plan on taking my camera because I anticipate on getting some very cool bike shots. Make your plans soon to go on this ride. You will kick yourself if you don't...just saying.

The June Chapter meeting was supposed to be a movie night at Bumpus this Friday, but we needed to postpone it to give the Bumpus employees a break after working some really long days during the rally! We will try and reschedule this for later in the year, before it gets too cold. The chapter meeting is now scheduled for Saturday June 11th at the Paradise Grill, 9234 Hwy 51 S, Atoka, TN 38004. It looks like it will be a good day for riding. There will not be a formal ride; just create your own route and we will see you there at 11:30am. They have a good menu (<http://www.theparadisegrill.com/menu.html>) and reasonable prices so come join us for a lunch meeting.

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JUNE CHAPTER EVENTS

9	Road Captain Meeting, Brendalay Grill (Arlington), 6:30pm	18	Moon Pie Festival Overnight Trip, KSU 6:30am
11	Chapter Meeting, Paradise Grill (Atoka), 11:30am	23	Shakes at 8 (Sonic in Bartlett), KSU 6:30pm Bumpus
14	LOH meeting, 6:30pm	25	Breakfast Ride: Holiday Lodge (Como, MS)
15	Bike Night at Bozo's BBQ (Mason, TN), 6:30pm		

Not that I should have to remind anyone, but please be safe while riding. It's no secret that people are more distracted than ever, with cell phones and such, and just don't pay enough attention to bikers on the road. To prove the point, below are recent wireless usage numbers from CTIA, an International Wireless Organization.

American mobile users ate through 9.6 trillion MB of data last year, more than doubling the 4.1 trillion MB of data they consumed in 2014, according CTIA's latest annual report on the wireless industry. The wireless consortium said 228.3 million users in the U.S. owned a smartphone in 2015, up nearly 10 percent from the previous year. Americans spent 2.8 million minutes on their mobile devices, up 17.4 percent year over year, and SMS and MMS traffic combined was up 17 percent.

As bikers, we see people in their cars all of the time using their phones talking, texting, or surfing, and some even oblivious to what's going on around them. Please just be aware of these folks, when you notice them, and get away from them. We all want to enjoy our ride and make it home in one piece, so please tell your friends and family to not text and drive...as we say at AT&T "It Can Wait!"

We will not have a Chapter meeting in July. With the holiday, vacations, and prime riding season, enjoy the break and take the time to get out and ride. We will resume with a meeting in August.

Regards,

Jim Ferguson
2016 Memphis HOG Chapter Director



PICTURES FROM EVENTS IN MAY

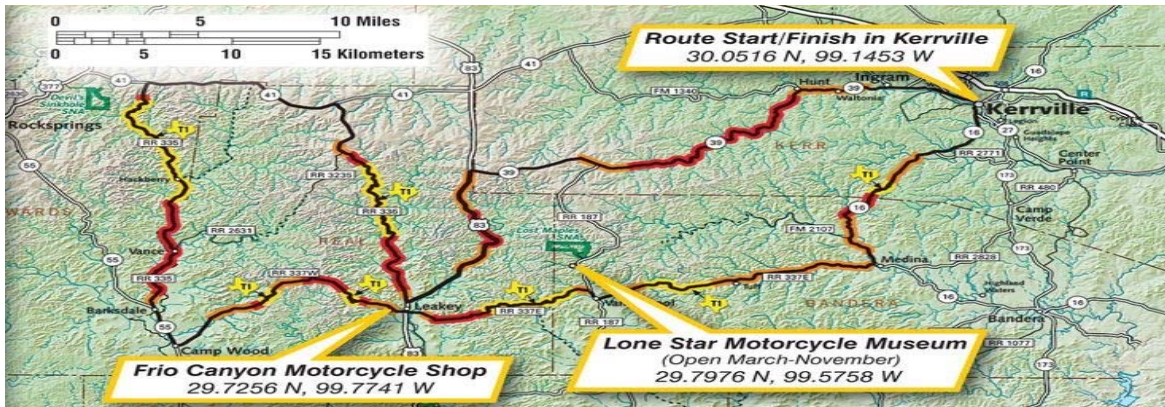
Left: Past Directors Ride to Ole Sawmill Cafe
Bottom: Sunday Afternoon Ride to Safari Park



A FIVE'FER

Robert Rehkopf

These days we all seem to be combining our tasks, juggling as many balls as we can. Well I did what I call a five'fer, a 5 ride combo more or less. The goal was to ride to the Texas Hill Country, and meet up with the I-BMW group in Hunt, TX and a least ride the 'Three Sisters', 335, 336 & 337.



I have been to the Hill Country many times and the local eat and drink places are legendary, especially Cooper's in Llano, TX. It's grills are huge and you can buy any part of anything they are grilling, down to which rib you want off and which end and how much sausage, chicken, etc.



My plate above was a rib with jalapeno sausage which came with all the bread, beans, jalapenos and other 'stuff' you could eat. It was delicious as always. If you're in the area don't pass up Cooper's.

After a quick 'rally' with a great group of riders, I was off to my second of my five'fer. The Motorcycle Tourers Forum Flower Sniffin in Patagonia, AZ. I took the long route to AZ, via the Big Bend and NM, and saw some interesting sites. The first was the Radar Blimp in the middle of nowhere NM. If you remember this was the blimp that became untethered and did millions of dollars in damages. It is supposed to locate approaching aircraft, etc. in Washington DC and protect the POTUS. But evidently from what I read it doesn't work! Billions more wasted dollars.



In my meandering route I crossed the Continental Divide many times. Not very high this far south, but the coolness was welcomed.

One of the 'things' riders have to get used to out West is the 'WINDY' conditions. I have a new more visual description of the wind: 'when a bicyclist has to get off their bike and walk it' you know the wind is blowing. In Deming, NM, walking against the wind back to the hotel from dinner, I could jump up and be blown back. There were many, many, many signs warning about blowing and zero visibility. I did not know in the zero visibility sand storms the signs said 'move to shoulder of the road and TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS!' Now that's pretty drastic, but I remember reading about a 20 car pileup recently. Best advice I can think of is don't ride your bike in zero visibility!

Arriving in Patagonia, AZ, I was pleasantly surprised by the town. As described by the local tourist info guy, it is a town where you can walk to anything you need, and doesn't have a MacDonald's! It is an art and craft type community, with a great hotel, and the restaurants have 4 star food, IMHO! I would certainly go back.

The rides are great from Patagonia, especially the Observatories and Museums in the area. You can spend 3 or 4 days including the Pima Aircraft Museum. Regardless, I went to Tombstone and watched the reenactment of the OK Corral gunfight. Well worth the money.



After the Flower Sniffin, the ride got serious. Heading to San Diego, the wind got high. Although it was 470 miles, they were tough miles with blowing sands and some tumbleweeds! Arriving on Friday night for a 0330 Sunday departure, my riding buddy (Bill Campbell) and I took time Saturday, our rest day, to take care of the 50CC starting witness paper work and to collect Pacific Ocean water and sand.

THE 50CC goals included a BBG riding 1500 miles/24 hours, SS2000GOLD riding 2000 miles/36 hours and the 50CC ending in Jacksonville Beach, FL in less than 50 hours. Sunday night weather said 75+ MPH wind gusts in NM on Tuesday! So I knew we were on the cusp of the weather coming from the West. We left on time and road the route as planned with 3 stops to the exact minute. End result is we made all the goals finishing the 50CC in a few seconds less than 41 hours. We had near perfect riding weather: relatively mild winds for the West, some heat around the 90's, a rain shower in FL which actually cooled us off, and NO animals. We were blessed.

Rested a day in Jax and rode a single leg back to Memphis. The trip was 6,700 miles in total.

Links to the rides: Texas Hill Country Rally (THCR) sponsored by I-BMW Internet Group <http://www.i-bmw.com/showthread.php?t=56050>

MTF Patagonia AZ Flower Sniffin Rides <http://www.mctourer.com/rides/2016/Arizona/index.htm>

Iron Butt Association (IBA) 50CC <http://www.ironbutt.com/ridecerts/getdocument.cfm?DocID=4>

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- Join our members-only Facebook group

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282199048513345/>

To join: Go to the page and click "Join"
One of the officers will add you to the FB group.

Note: There is a public FB page but it DOES NOT have event information.
<https://www.facebook.com/MemphisHogChapter/>

- Check out our webpage and online calendar

<http://www.memphishog.com/>

<http://www.memphishog.com/#!/calendar/c1nf7>

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Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email:
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Ladies Only Overnight Trip to Chickasaw State Park July 16th and 17th

Cabins at the park sleep 6. The cabins are complete with fireplaces and televisions and nestled among tall pines and located within easy access to Lake Placid.

****Contact me ASAP so cabin reservations can be made. We can get two cabins if there is enough interest. ****

State park website: <http://tnstateparks.com/parks/about/chickasaw>



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