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Director's Corner



by Joe Moscon

Even though it has been beyond what could be called reasonably hot I, of course, get worried when I don't see a lot of participation. Then people remind me it is summer vacation time, the economy is tough on some. Some are riding more with smaller groups. There is a long list of why people do or don't ride all the time with a club.

When I opened my HOG magazine, there was an article by a friend of mine at HOG, Chris Schoonover, or Schooney as he likes to be called. He is quoted as saying what he likes most about HOG Chapters is that people can choose to be as involved as they want to or not want to.

That sounds good until you have to put on events though. Who can you count on? How many should we plan on coming to this event? Now the answer to the first one is easy. You have the same die hards that do most of the work all the time anyway. It is awesome that they are here and we can count on them. I don't have to name them because you always see those same faces. So, thanks ya'!!!

This is kind of a two part article. I promised I was going to do this so here goes. One thing I like about riding is some things we get to do on the open road. One of my favorites is just making people smile or making them happy. You know how it is when you go by a car and the kids are looking at the bikes saying, look dad or mom! Then you give them a special little biker wave and you knew you made a kid feel special. Maybe the old guys' sitting on a porch or mowing his yard when you go by. They wave and feel like there is a

connection.

Well a couple of months ago some of us made another connection. When we were coming back from Milwaukee we were getting rained on for what seemed like forever. So when it stopped we pulled in at a Cracker Barrel. We got all of our gear off and put away and our big biker group walked into this place.

Well as we walked in someone said, "Hi." I had to look down to see this cute little old lady with a big smile on her face. She was all excited to see all of the bikers come in. She stopped us and was sharing with us about her and her husband used to be riders. So you are thinking at first OK another person that used to own a bike, right? Not this time. She goes into her purse and pulls out this little tiny plastic folder with 2 pictures in it. They were of her and her husband. He was dressed in a uniform and they were both standing behind their 1935 pan head. She said the longest ride they ever made was 60 miles on a dirt road; I doubt it was quite like the ride of my Ultra.

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Director's Corner (continued)

The best part is this. Being the kind of guy I am, I couldn't let this one lie. So I told everyone eating, "Be right back." I went and found a manager and asked if I could take our waitress, "Lorraine" outside for a minute. She quickly said, "NO!" Well you got to know that was the wrong thing to say to me at that time. So I nicely asked her if she had a boss. She said, "Yes". I said, "Please get him." or something like that. When he came out I explained what I wanted to do and he thought it was awesome.

I went to Lorraine, put my arm around her and said, "Come with me for a minute." She asked where we were going and I said, "We are going for a ride." You should have seen her light up. I attached a picture so you can see. First, she is 85 years old, and second, she is like 4'8" tall. When we got to my new Ultra Limited, you should have seen her light up again. I helped her on and off we went. Not too far. Just around the lot a few times, did a couple of figure eights, and then stopped. But not before she waved at all the other workers inside.

Wouldn't it be great to feel how she felt just for a second? Something that we take for granted brought so much joy and memories back to her. We didn't stop there as the picture shows. We brought Kathy's Deluxe around and we all got together for a group picture with our new biker friend.

I shared this before with ya'll. I love the ride and the breeze in my face, the freedom I feel when I am on our bike. I of course love it most when Sue is with me. For me, that is 99% of what it is about and "Riding with Friends" of course. But that other 1%, it's about things like meeting Lorraine! It is about the wave to the kid staring at our big motorcycles with all the chrome. It is even walking into a restaurant looking all scary with all the leather on and a big group of people with you. After the banjos have quit playing for the locals, we make sure they have a great time with us. We make them laugh, we even make them dream, and of course we let them know the HOG members are really just pretty much like them and they can be just like us.

That's it for now, see ya out there.

Joe D Moscon
Director
Memphis HOG



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Assistant Director's Article

J. Carolyn Rice

Ride and Have Fun!

Not everyone can or wants to take a long road trip. There are many responsibilities that must be met to pick up and ride off into the sunset for weeks on end. Vacation times must be scheduled. Destinations must be determined. The extensive planning for long trips include: How many days to get there, how many days to stay in the area, how many days to get back home. What roads to take – Interstate or highways? What will we do while we are there? And long trips are expensive. The good news is that to ride and have fun you do not have to take a long extended road trip. Some of the best trips and riding memories I have occurred right here in the Mid-South.

The length of the trip has little to do with the memory of the adventure. Last year our chapter sponsored the “*Haunted Hog*” contest. Members who participated located specific “haunted” sites around Memphis. We learned history about our city that we never knew and probably would have never known if we had not chosen to participate in the contest. What great memories we all made riding and exploring Memphis, Tennessee!

This year the *Tennessee ABCs Contest* offers members a challenge to visit Tennessee cities, towns, and communities A – Z for completion. Who knew it would be so challenging to find the Tennessee “Z” town for the contest? The local contests give us additional incentives to ride locally. It gives direction to the weekend ride. In 2010 when all the photos are submitted we will share new rides and destinations discovered through our contest participation.

“Riding and Having Fun” is contagious. In our world filled with stress, anxiety, and worry it is great to know there is some relief at hand. Crank up the engine, throw your leg over the saddle and hear the words from Willie singing through your head.... *“On the road again, just got to get on the road again...”*

It has been a brutal hot summer but we can beat the heat one ride at a time. See you on the road soon and often. *“Let’s Roll!”*

Activities and Happenings



Jeff LeDuc



Laura LeDuc

Do you realize it's already September? And the heat wave we've had! I don't know about ya'll, but I'm already wishing for fall and COOLER weather! Usually we list all of the rides and events that are coming up this month but, since the weather in August caused some rides to be rescheduled or moved around, we're not doing that in this month's article. Just be sure to check the calendar on the website and watch your email.

Several people braved the heat, going on the overnight ride to Cahoot's last month. We have two more overnight rides coming up – Foglight Foodhouse in Walling, Tennessee (Labor Day Weekend) and the Barber Motorcycle Museum Antique Motorcycle Festival outside of Birmingham, Alabama (October 9-10). Be sure to make your reservations for both! The information is listed on the calendar website.

The Foglight Foodhouse ride is a two or three day overnight ride to the Cookeville, Tennessee area over the Labor Day weekend. So many places to ride to – Fall Creek Falls State Park, Rock Island State Park, Standing Stone State Park, and a little further ride, Daniel Boone National Park (for those that are ABC'ing). For a little riding challenge (if you don't mind riding a little bit), you can ride the Devil's Triangle area. This is near the Crab Orchard Mountains and Frozen Head State Park. There are many state wildlife management areas to explore also.

Now, I'm going to tell a little bit on myself. This past month, we've had some really high heat index numbers. Several months ago we planned a vacation week to the Branson, Missouri area, not knowing the heat was going to be severe, 100+ temperature and 105-115 heat index. We made sure to leave early in the mornings when riding distances – finding the three state marker where Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri touch and the Harley Davidson plant at Kansas City. We took plenty of water, Gatorade, and Propel mix to stay hydrated. However, on the way home, I didn't drink as much liquid as I should have. We stopped at Marion, Arkansas for a final gas stop and to eat lunch. I drank plenty of lemonade with lunch and thought I was okay. We made it home fine. However, I got off the bike, walked out of the garage and around the front walk toward the door, and fell, hitting a raised brick border. Jeff helped me up and got me in the house. By that time, I had the "shakes" and was really weak. I asked Jeff did I trip over something or what – he said I tripped because I didn't pick my foot up high enough and my boot caught the sidewalk. I realized then I had not stayed hydrated enough during the day. Point of the story is, be sure to stay hydrated from the beginning of the ride to the end – the fall could have been me and the bike, catching my boot on the running board when coming to a stop and really getting injured.

So, stay safe and ride lots!

History 101 by Lisa Patton

Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum

6030 Barber Motorsports Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama

The Memphis HOG chapter will be riding to the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum on October 9. Here is a little background information to wet your appetite to ride.

The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum officially opened its doors for public viewing on March 14, 1995 with the collection of George Barber's extensive collection of motorcycles. Barber recognized that there was not a museum which reflected the history of motorcycles from a global perspective. He wanted to preserve motorcycle history in the United States in a way that represents an international aspect and to supply an example of motorcycles that until then could only have been seen in books and magazines.

The collection now has over 1200 vintage and modern motorcycles and as well as a substantial collection of Lotus and other racecars. It is considered the largest collection of its type in North American and possibly the world.

The collection began as a car collection and then took on the role of motorcycle collection. Cars were never forgotten. The Museum has focused primarily on Lotus racecars, although other cars are exhibited.

Barber's first motorcycles were acquired in 1989. There are currently 84 Harley's in the collection. 99% of these motorcycles are in running condition.

At any one time, more than 600 motorcycles are on display in the museum. The total collection numbers over 1200. Others are stored, and the museum exhibits regularly rotate.

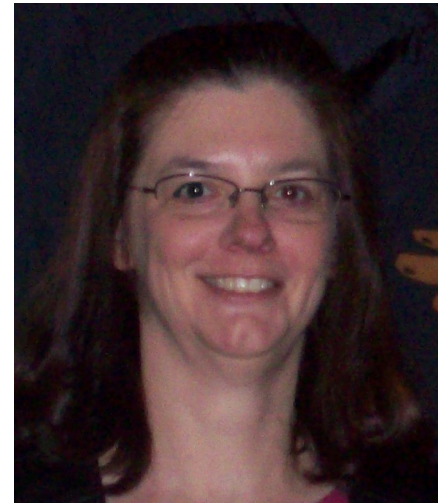
The museum has 200 different manufacturers represented from 20 different countries.

The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum has partnerships with local and national charities including the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation ® (PBTF) Birmingham Ride for Kids ® program sponsored by HONDA manufacturing of Alabama; Camp Smile-a-Mile's Camp SAM Motorcycle Ride; and with the Boy Scouts of America Birmingham.

The Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum is located at the 740 acre Barber Motorsports Park that includes a world class 2.38 mile racetrack.

The 6th Annual Barber Vintage Festival, presented by Michelin, will be held the weekend of October 8-10, 2010.

The Barber Vintage Festival is a great way to celebrate the motorcycle and the motorcycle enthusiasm that we all share. The festival offers access to motorcycles and the legends that made the sport what it is today. Also available is the motorcycle parts swap meet that can help you locate that part needed to get your latest project back on the road. Several special programs take place in the museum during this event.



On your next visit to Chicago by Burt Powell

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Any of you bad-assed bikers want to try this ?



From the Head Road Captain by Greg Patton

Unfortunately this past month or so the weather has not cooperated for many of our rides. As you know we have had a very unusual hot summer. It will cool off soon and our rides can be more enjoyable without melting or at least seem like it. Our upcoming Labor Day ride to Foglight should be an enjoyable ride with the extra day to relax or ride.

I want to welcome our newest Road Captains: Niesce Paine, Dave Leutwyler, Jim Stingley and Gary Brawley. They have fulfilled the obligations per our road captain manual. Please give them your continued support as with all the other seasoned Road Captains.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Road Captain or just curious about what is expected of the Road Captains, a road captain manual is located on the Chapter Web site for your viewing.

Kelli's Korner



Memphis HOG Secretary



Thanks to everyone that came out to Fresh Slices for the August Chapter Meeting.

The August meeting winners were:

Dinner Ticket –Denisce Paine

Email Drawing-We had an electric car race-First Heat was Mike Latham & Tony Crook won by Tony Crook... The second heat was Michelle Bryant against Jennie Allen and Tony Crook won overall-\$50 in Bumpus Bucks! (Be sure to print your email that is blasted prior to each Chapter meeting and bring it to the meetings to be entered in this drawing.)

Be sure you make it to the September meeting,,where we'll draw three members names for the quarterly membership drawing...you could win \$150 total if you attended all three meetings this quarter!

The 50-50 drawing...was won by Nadine Pruit. Nadine won \$55!

Ladies of Harley (LOH) basket will be combined with the September basket so there was no August winner! A big THANKS to all of the ladies that donate every month for these baskets.

Tickets are sold for the 50-50 and the LOH basket at each chapter meeting. Prices are \$1.00 each, 7 for \$5.00 and 15 for \$10.

Hope to see you all at the September Chapter meeting!



Chaplain Larry Allen

My wife Jennie writes a monthly article for our church so I thought I would use her message this month.

Heart Beat – From Jennie Allen, Heart Mission Coordinator

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:34

Maybe I am naïve but I am convinced that most people do not offend others intentionally. I think the offenders have no idea that another person has even noted something they have said or not said, done or not done. I think it is likely that most people go through their lives blissfully ignorant of the damage that their behavior or words might have on others. They are simply incapable of seeing the cause and effect.

Jesus’ words on the cross are well known to us and frankly they sound good on paper but how often are we willing to forgive in the same manner? From those who ordered Jesus’ execution to those who hammered the nails, they had no idea how the story would end. They were carrying out orders and Jesus’ was just another rabble-rouser that needed to go away. Yet Jesus forgave them all even as he was suffering on the cross because of them. He suffered, they did not.

This verse brought new meaning for me during a Beth Moore study we did a few months ago. Beth Moore suffered some type of childhood abuse and as an adult had the chance to face her abuser and tell him the damage he had caused. He did not deny the act, but she was astonished to find that he had no idea that what he had done to her had caused such great damage. She had suffered her entire life while her abuser remained ignorant – “they do not know what they are doing”. She suffered, he did not.

I try to remember this verse when I find myself holding a grudge against someone whom I feel has offended me. I try to remember that while I am gnawing the offense to the bone, the offender is likely completely ignorant. I am suffering, he is not.

The only way to stop my own gnawing and move on is to forgive, because he does not know what he is doing.

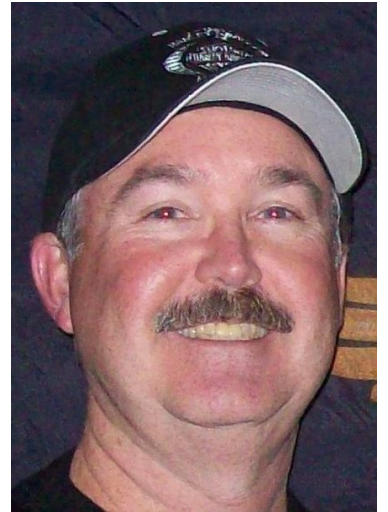
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***HOG Safety* by Larry Allen**

Control In A Turn Is it Balance or Trust when leaned over?

By: James R. Davis



It seems to me that even the most experienced motorcyclists believe that their sense of balance is what allows them to maintain control of their bikes, particularly in a turn. I maintain that balance is almost an insignificant aspect of controlling a motorcycle.

Regardless of where you are sitting on your seat (or off it) you can cause the bike to turn in the direction you want it to go - indeed, counter-steering is steering input that tells the bike how far to lean and how fast to adopt that posture and 'balance' is hardly a part of the equation.

The front-end design of your motorcycle allows the bike to exhibit self-correcting behaviors. Without any steering input whatever, a bike that is moving faster than you can run will attempt to find vertical and drive in a straight line. When in a turn your only steering input is maintenance of pressure on the inside grip in order to continue (without any wobble at all) your course. The bike 'finds' the perfect balance point between centrifugal and gravity forces and you are merely along for the ride.

Indeed, any additional steering input from you is what accounts for 'going wide' or 'fighting' the bike. Shifting your weight to 'help' the turn invariably results in having to make additional adjustments and is fairly described as 'over-correcting.'

Rather than balance, I maintain, the proper input to support counter-steering is Trust. The only time that balance plays a significant part in the control of your motorcycle is when you are traveling at slow speeds (about as fast as you can walk.)

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