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Well, we have made it to May. Did you realize that May is motorcycle awareness month so spread the word to all that will listen, have them keep an eye out for us. I have been looking for all the flowers that the April rains have brought to bloom. Activities are getting hot and heavy. Wow I can see a lot of riding and great fun adventures in our future. I am Seeing some fun in the sun in Florida at the 25th thunder beach rally, to the Tennessee motorcycle and music festival at Loretta Lynn's. We have already had some exciting times so far in 2023 and we're just getting started. The first barbecue at Bumpus was awesome. The volunteer team never stopped. Chris, Tracy, and Wayne working the grill, Howard, cheesing up the buns, Susan, Ed, Logan and Cheyen filling orders. What can I say about Frank? He came prepared with chopped lettuce, onions, and sliced tomatoes and a his own homemade coleslaw, to make everybody's burgers taste so much better. Totally amazing. Volunteering is one of the great experiences In the organization, knowing that you are supporting all members with your actions. I cannot say thank you enough to all of you who jump in when we need solid volunteers. Thank you thank you thank you. Bumpus Harley allows us many opportunities to fund raise to support Memphis HOG Chapter. I must say I love to see our club members doing business at the dealership, either buying merchandise at Motorclothes or having their motorcycle serviced, or even picking up their new ride. I need to thank Dave Stockton, at this time of the year. He becomes a very busy man, creating all the great routes that we will be taking to our adventure's destinations. And thanks to the Road Captains that get us to that destination safely. Sometimes with a few wrong turns, but we eventually get there. Always remember it's never about the destination, It's always about the ride.

May is a great time to start thinking about kicking up your Harley-Davidson motorcycle into high gear. Roll right into Bumpus Harley. Straight into the service department and have them kick your engine up. Nothing like a stage 4 engine upgrade to let you know, and others you have the power. Along with some new Vans & Hines pipes on it you'll leave all of us in the dust when we're climbing those big hills here in Memphis. Motorclothes have endless new goodies in stock and on the shelves. Shirts, hats, belt buckles, and safety gear like rain suits, boot covers, fogless goggles and maybe even a one-off steering wheel cover four your truck. The parts department is always ready to assist you if you're one of those fancy do-it-yourselfers and don't mind getting your hands dirty. You just can't go wrong even if you're just browsing.

**“Always remember, friends don't let friends ride alone. Now get out there and put some miles on
Tim Backus 2023 Memphis HOG Director**





Carol's Conner

May 2023



LEGEND OF THE BELL

Many years ago, on a cold December night, a crusty old biker was returning from a trip to Mexico with his saddlebags filled with toys and other assorted trinkets for the kids at a group home near where he worked. As he rode along that night thinking how lucky he had been in life, having a loving riding partner that understood his need to roam the highways, and to his trusty old pan that hadn't let him down once in the many years they shared the road together.

Well, about 40 miles north of the border, in the high desert lurked a small group of those notorious little critters known as road gremlins, you know the ones that always leave little obstacles like one shoe, pieces of old tires, and dig the dreaded pot holes for bikers to run over and crash, thus giving the road gremlins a chance to rejoice over their acts of evil.

As the lone wolf of a biker rounded a curve that moonlit night, the gremlins ambushed him, causing him to crash on the asphalt and skid for always before coming to a stop next to one of his saddlebags that had broken free. As he lay there, unable to move, the road gremlins made their move towards him. Well, this biker not being one to give up started throwing things at the gremlins as they approached him. Finally, with nothing else to throw but a bell...he started ringing it in hopes to scare off the dirty little gremlins.

About a half a mile away camped in the desert, were two bikers sitting around the camp fire talking about their days ride, and the freedom of the wind blowing in their faces as they rode across this vast country. In the stillness of the night air, they heard what sounded to them like church bells ringing and upon investigating, found the old biker lying along the roadside with the gremlins about to get him. Needless to say, being part of the biker brotherhood, they proceeded to ward off the gremlins until the last of the gremlins ran off into the night.

Being grateful to the two bikers, the old road dog offered to pay them for their help, but as all true bikers do, they refused to accept any type of payment from him. Not being one to let a good deed go unnoticed the old biker cut two pieces of leather from his saddle bag tassels and tied a bell to each one, then slowly placed them on each of the bikers' motorcycles, as near to the ground as possible. The tired, old road warrior then told the two travelers that with those bells placed on their bikes, they would be protected from the road gremlins and that if ever in trouble, just ring the bell and a fellow biker will come to their aid.

So, whenever you see a biker with a bell, you'll know that he has been blessed with the most important thing in life ~ friendship from a fellow biker. The good luck offered by the bells is then doubled when they are given by a friend.

Ride Bells (also known as Biker Bells or Guardian Bells) are a powerful symbol of friendship and biker brotherhood. Bumpus Harley Davidson has a wide assortment to choose from...give one to a friend today!

Every ride a memory!
Carol Tactac, Assistant Director





ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT May Newsletter 2023

May brings us Memorial Day on Monday, May 29. Memorial Day is a special day to honor men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. The day was originally known as Decoration Day and originated in the years following the Civil War. An act of Congress made its observation a national holiday in 1971. It is a day to pause (particularly at 3:00 pm), and be grateful for, give honor to, cherish the memory of and decorate the graves of the fallen heroes who have given the ultimate sacrifice to help preserve our freedom and keep us safe.

We had some crazy weather in April. On April 1, we had a group go to Blues Landing for the Past Directors ride. It was a blast. April 15 was the Dream Factory Poker Run. The dinner social at Wolf River Brisket on April 20 was delicious. Unfortunately, the Natchez Trace ride had to be postponed to September due to rain.

There have been a few revisions to the events list. Will you please take a minute to review it? Don't forget that you can always check out the events calendar (and other great stuff) at our chapter website: memphishog.com

Ride Safe and Have Fun!!!!



5/3-7/2023

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Fri-Sun 5/19-21/23

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Saturday, May 27, 2023

MAY BRINGS FLOWERS

25th Annual Thunder Beach Rally PCB

Lunch Ride to Longhorn Schooner

Chapter Meeting at Coletta's

Tennessee Motorcycles & Music Revival

Dinner Social Lost Pizza Co. Collierville

4th Thursday Beale St Bike Night

Lunch Ride to Taylor's Grocery OXFORD MS

JUNE AND IT'S SUMMER

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Lunch Ride to Livingston's

Chapter Meeting at Coletta's

Friday, 6/9-11/23
Thursday, June 15, 2023
Saturday, June 17, 2023
Saturday, June 24, 2023
Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Eureka Springs
Dinner Social
Iron Butt 1000 Miles 24 Hours
Lunch Ride to The Grind
Beale St Bike Night

Saturday, July 1, 2023
Thursday, July 13, 2023
Thursday, 7/13-16/2023
Thursday, July 20, 2023
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
Saturday, July 29, 2023

JULY DANG IT'S HOT
Lunch Ride to Boyette's Reelfoot
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's
HD Homecoming in Milwaukee
Dinner Social
Beale St Bike Night
Lunch Ride

Saturday, August 5, 2023
Thursday, August 10, 2023
Friday 8/11-14/23
Thursday, August 17, 2023
Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Saturday, August 26, 2023

AUGUST WATCH OUT FOR THE SCHOOL BUSES
Lunch Ride
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's
Copperhead Lodge and Resort
Dinner Social
Beale St Bike Night
Lunch Ride

Saturday 9/2-4/23
Saturday, September 2, 2023
Saturday, September 9, 2023
Thursday, September 14, 2023
9/20-23/2023
Wednesday, September 27, 23
Saturday, September 30, 2023

SEPTEMBER OH FALL WILL BE HERE SOON
The Springfield Mile, Springfield IL
Lunch Ride
Movie Night
Chapter Meeting
Bikes Blues BBQ Rogers AR Pig Trail HD
Dinner Social at Beale St Bike Night
Natchez Trace Lunch Ride

Monday 10/2-8/2023
Saturday, 10/7-9/2023
Saturday, October 7, 2023
Saturday, October 14, 2023
Thursday, October 19, 2023
Saturday, October 21, 2023
Saturday, October 28, 2023

OCTOBER AND YES IT IS FALL AROUND THE CORNER
Myrtle Beach Bike Week Fall Rally
Scenic Riding Weekend TBA
Lunch Ride
36th Annual HOG Waller and Chapter Meeting
Dinner Social
Lunch Ride
Chili and Dessert Cook Off

11/4/23-11/5/23
Saturday, November 4, 2023 [\[1\]](#)
Thursday, November 16, 2023

NOVEMBER REMINDING US TO GIVE THANKS

Patti's Settlement
Lunch Ride
Thanksgiving Dinner and Chapter Meeting

**DECEMBER DON'T RUN OVER SANTA CLAUS
B66**

Christmas Dinner and Chapter Meeting



MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER **HOG Safety Article May 2023**



MOTORCYCLE TIRE SAFETY

Finally riding season is upon us. In my opinion the most important safety part of your bike is the tires. Our lives depend on those tires. Some of us ride a lot and wear out a set of tires every one or two years. Others ride occasionally and tires seem to last forever. Below is some guidelines about tires.

Of all the parts of your motorcycle that deteriorate from literally existing, tires are the most talked about. Ask a dozen folks how long should the last and you will get almost 12 different opinions. Tire life is a legitimate Safety Concern for motorcycles. Generally the most common thought is that motorcycle tires should be replaced after five years even if they have good tread. The concern is that motorcycle tires get hard and lose their grip on the road.

A guy named Ari Henning did a scientific study about this issue. First he called all the motorcycle tire manufactures and asked them what they considered the lifespan of their tires. Avon said they recommended 7 years. However, Dunlop, Michelin, Bridgestone and Continental agreed that 10 years is the maximum lifespan for their tires when properly maintained. Tires have a date code molded into the sidewall that tells you the month and year they were made. Go to tire manufactures website for date codes or ask your dealer to show you.

What is proper maintenance for a set of tires?

1. Keep them properly inflated to the bike manufactures specification. There is a label on the bike that tells you this and it's also in the owner's manual. Check the inflation pressure first thing in the morning after it has been sitting overnight. Checking hot tires will distort the number. They must be cold tires.
2. Tires must be stored in a cool place. Heat make the oil in the rubber compound rise out and makes them turn hard faster.
3. Tires stored in darkness last longer, such as in a garage so they are not constantly exposed to the sun.
4. Say no to ozone. Ozone is a byproduct of oxygen exposed to electrical current. This is the leading cause of dry rot in tires.
5. In winter time when you are not riding jack your bike up to keep tires off the ground and developing flat spots.

Ari Henning races motorcycles so he did a live test on his track bike a GSXR1000. He got two identical new sets of tires. One set was current manufacture and the other was 7 years old. He put them to the test on the race track to see if they would stick or slide around. Surprisingly to him both sets of tires behaved the same on the track at speed. Go to his YouTube video call **DEBUNKING THE TIRE AGE MYTH** for more details.

Keep the Chrome side up- Larry Allen , HOG Safety Officer

**BE SAFE OUT THERE AS SOMETHING IS ALWAYS OUT THERE
TO RUN INTO KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP
SAFETY LARRY**



Membership Alley 2023



Happy May! Our current chapter membership sits at 110 active members. Looking forward to seeing everyone on all the great rides we have coming up.

We love new members and word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract attention to our group. If you know someone who is interested, please give us their contact information and we'll handle it from there.

As always, we are excited about warmer weather and the upcoming riding season, and we want to enjoy it with you.

If you have any questions, give us a shout.

Now, let's go ride!

Chris and Tracy Taylor

2023 Membership Officers





The Treasurer's Corner

May Susan Miller 2023

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our April account balance started at \$7,648.86, and we ended the month with \$8,507.19.

We had expenses in the amount of \$162.16 which was for April Mtg Door Prize (dinner) and Past Director's lunch for the past directors.

We had income in the amount of \$1,020.49, mostly due to 2023 membership renewals, Grilling Tips (THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!), Mardi Gras fees from members, HD Museum payment and patch sales.

Reminder, please use PayPal or leave your payment in the drawer at the parts counter at Bumpus if you need to pay for anything.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions (email preferred - susan_miller@outlook.com).

Susan





The Webmaster
Photographer



Memphis Harley Owners Group

Chapter Mission Statement & Purpose
"To Ride and Have Fun."

It's not the destination, "it is the journey." Finding interesting places and riding our Harleys to get there with a bunch of great folks.







To Join HOG National

In order to join the Memphis HOG Chapter, you must first be a national or associate HOG member in good standing. Click the link for the Harley Owners Group website to read about HOG Events, Membership Types and Membership Benefits. Once you join, you receive a membership number. Use this number to join Memphis HOG.

Join the local Memphis HOG Chapter

Download the Memphis HOG form and fill it out. There are three ways to submit the form;

1. Drop off the form along with \$25 cash or check at the Bumpus HD Memphis parts counter.
2. Bring it to the next Memphis H.O.G. activity. Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events.
3. Mail the form and a \$25 check made out to "**Memphis HOG Chapter**". Mail to:

Memphis HOG Chapter # 4928
 Bumpus Harley Davidson
 2160 Whitten Road
 Memphis, TN 38133-6004



2023 Officer Team

Sponsor: Tim Bumpus

Director: Tim Backus

Assistant Director: Carol Tactac

Treasurer: Susan Miller

Secretary: Jim Tactac

Activities: Cathy Coats

Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton

Membership: Tracy & Chris Taylor

Safety Officer: Larry Allen

Photographer: Tony Crook

Web Master: Tony Crook

2023

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Tammie Caldwell	29
6	Tommy Caldwell	27
11	Jim Tactac	21
16	Larry Allen	20
21	Roelant Verbeek	19
21	Dave Stockton	19
21	Ed Lowe	19
36	Mike Farina	18
36	Rick Barbee	18
36	Timothy Backus	18
51	Susan Miller	17
56	Christopher Taylor	16
56	Frank Rector	16
56	Jim Ferguson	16
56	Bill Clemmons	16
76	Tracy Taylor	15
76	Jerry Hayes	15
76	Bradley Eskins	15
91	James Coats	14
91	Dan Benson	14

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Tammie Caldwell	2502
6	Tommy Caldwell	2388
11	Bill Clemmons	1660
16	Ed Lowe	1140
21	Dave Carlson	1104
26	Robert Rehkopf	1026
26	Susan Miller	1026
36	Bradley Eskins	938
41	Mike Farina	840
46	Al Torres	737
51	Larry Allen	708
56	James Coats	619
61	Frank Rector	595
61	Dan Benson	595
71	Roelant Verbeek	550
76	Rick Barbee	533
81	Kenneth Barbee	481
86	Jim Ferguson	454
91	Tim Mitchell	446
96	Dave Stockton	434

Participation Points and Club Mileage through
 May 9,2023
 Max Points = 49
 Max Mileage = 4023



Memphis HOG Patches



*Memphis Chapter Top Rocker
Available in Gold and Silver
Small \$25.00
Large \$40.00*



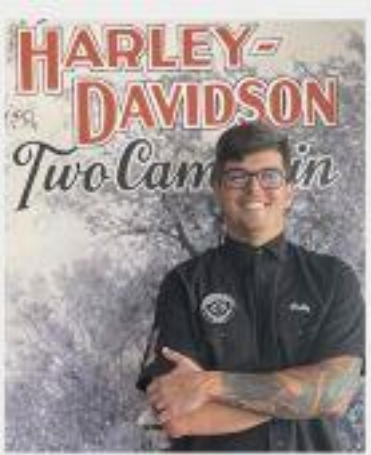
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Available in Full Color and Silver
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Large \$15.00*



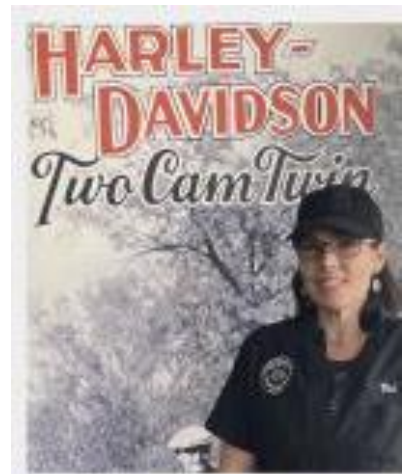
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MEMPHIS HOG'S
May Employee of the Month
Gregg Bailey
Service Technician



COLBY BENNARD
General Manager



VAL BRADLEY
Motorclothes Manager



Reggie Butler
Chrome Specialist



Tim Bumpus
Director of Operations



Ryan Kilby
service manager



DILLON CAIN
Parts Manager

Yes, we sew on patches!

Top & Bottom Rockers - \$10
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EXTENDERS

We also make vest extenders, Indian Head, skull, and other designs for the snap top are available.



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Custom Saddle Bags

Traditional styles and designs or ones to complement your bike



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BTW...The ride on Monroe Road from Canada Road to Chambers Chapel is amazing.

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FOR SALE
Motorcycle



**Harley Davidson
Nylon Jacket Size XL \$30
Dave Stockton
378-1466**

For Sale

1- Harley Davidson indoor/outdoor waterproof motorcycle cover. Part# 98721-90 fits Sportster or Dyna. Very good condition. Cost new \$110 Asking \$50

For Sale

2- Harley Davidson indoor/outdoor waterproof motorcycle cover. Part# 98724-92B fits Dyna, Softail models, and V-Rod Cost new \$115 Asking \$50

CALL LARRY 378-7318

**New Jean Jacket
Perfect for spring riding season
Size Large asking \$50
Call Larry 378-7318**



**Harley Davidson Chrome Motorcycle Wheel
For 2000 and up Touring Bike Like New
Size 16+3 For Rear Wheel
Larry 378-7318**



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**Motorcycle Center Stand
Asking \$125
Call Larry Allen
378-7318**





Mini Ape Hanger – 9 Inch Black 1-1/2 Inch Fat. These are the Harley Davidson Chisel for the Road Glide. New Harley retail price is \$319.95. I'm asking half price at \$160.00. No Cables. These bars raise your hands/arms up about 2 inches from stock with your hands a little closer together.
 Contact Tony Crook at 481-0730



Ape Hangers for Sale 18" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for Crusier, Standard Harley, I used these on a Softail. Purchased from J&P Cycles \$724. I'm selling these at half the retail value.
 Contact Tony Crook at 481-0730



Ape Hangers for Sale 10" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for a Crusier, Standard Harley - I used these on a Softail. Purchased new from J&P Cycles \$724. I'm selling these at half the retail price. \$360.
 Contact Tony Crook at 481-0730

**HD FXGR Leather Jacket
 Waterproof w/Body Armor
 Size L \$200**



Call James Coats

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH BUMPUS HARLEY DAVIDSON (MEMPHIS)?

*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

<https://www.facebook.com/MemphisHogChapter/>

* Check out our webpage and online calendar

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

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

The chapter calendar is compatible with Google Calendar and iPhones.

Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email:

memphishogactivities@gmail.com

* Special Note to AOL mail users

Please add memphishogactivities@gmail.com to your email contacts. This will help ensure chapter emails don't end up in your trash\spam folder



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Website: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/>

Event calendar: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/check-out-our-events--calendar>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BumpusHarleyMemphis/>

Twitter: [@BumpusHDMem](https://twitter.com/BumpusHDMem)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/bumpusmphs/videos>

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Ads are free to current members selling personal items, e.g., bikes, bike parts, garage sale items, etc.

Business ads run for \$50/yr. for a business card, \$75/yr. for a ½ page, and \$100/yr. for a full-page ad. Please contact Tim Backus to set up your ad.