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March Activities

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| Past Director's Ride | Mar 8th |
| Chapter Meeting | Mar 8th |
| Dinner Social | Mar 11th |
| South African Visitors | Mar 18th |
| South African Visitors | Mar 19th |
| Ride to Lunch | Mar 22nd |
| CPR Class | Mar 23rd |
| LOH Chili Cook-Off | Mar 29th |

## March Birthdays

**Robert Baxter**

**Dana Easton**

**Cam Noel**

**David Palmer**

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*Dave Stockton*
*John Trainor*
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*Dan White*

*Tyro Captains*
*None*

Hello from Prague, dear friends,

2013 riding season is over. For us a reason to send you a few words and pictures about our passed roadtrips. The main issue, of course, was 110th Anniversary Harley Davidson party. For Europe it was organized in Marina Ostia right next to Rome and Vatican city. Our group has of course joined the party. But we have to say, the event itself did not meet the expectation. It was something like standard H-D organized festival, similar for instance to the one in St. Tropez, France. Despite of this we made of it the best and enjoyed the ride and Italian hospitality. City riding in Italy is very interesting experience. Cars, bikes, scooters, overtaking from all sides, where two traffic lines are, there is always place enough for three cars and some bikes. First minutes for are stranger are horrible. The, if you understand the specific rules, you discover, it is safe and fast. And on bike or scooter, you can do literally everything. For Harley rider, temperature is always in issue. Imagine historic center of Rome, heavy traffic, 100+F air temperature. With help of Dynojet PowerVision, we have detected 376K as peak temperature on rear cylinder head. Without any damage to bike or bikers!

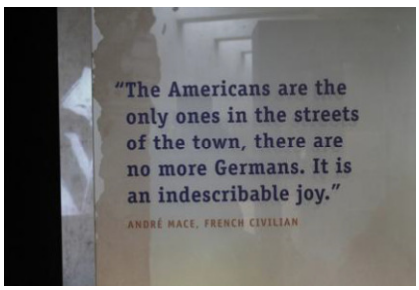
*Rome ancient colosseum*

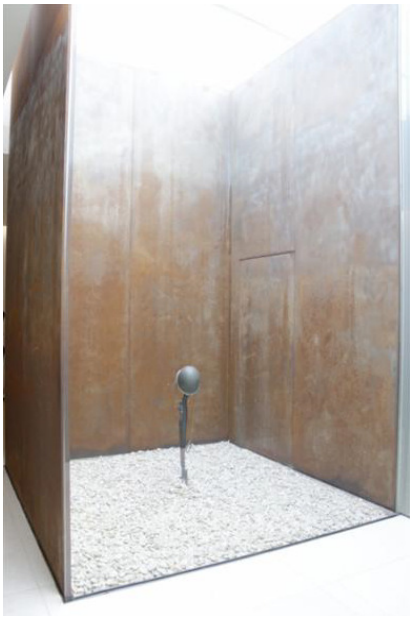
*Vatican City*

Second big trip we made to western – most part of France, called Brittany (Bretagne). Land differing from France in many ways. In fact, it is more likely to England. Historically it is a land of ancient Celtic tribes. You find there typical small stone houses, wild rocks on shore with nice sand beaches, oak woods and a lot of fresh seafood.

One the road to Brittany, we made one important stop to visit WWII D-Day memorial on Omaha beach. The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial is managed by American Battle Monuments Commission in Arlington. It was built around a place of hardest fight during operation Overlord. Some of you may remember "Saving private Ryan" movie. This is the real place. And the story is true, just names were changed. The feeling of this place is…. hard to describe with words.

The whole area is filled with WWII memories. All 5 beaches (Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword) have their own memorials. Several museums are inviting for visits.



In October we had another great reason for celebration. Our friend and member Rudolf Kraffer was 55. Enjoy some pictures from the garage party prepared for him in his own house and kept top secret to the last moment.

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Beside of these two long rides, of course we made a lot of shorter local rides, like every year. In 2014, we plan a big trip to Scotland and Orkney islands.

Ride safe.
Miloslav

*Fixing front tire valve in the middle of Italy*

*Few more pictures from France*

## *Ladies Of Harley*

### *Nancy Moore & Janice Falk*

We thank everyone that met us at Panchos for our February LOH meeting, and came out of hibernation for the evening. If you did not come, you missed some good Mexican food, conversation, and yummy Margaritas! We talked about the questionnaire that was collected from 11 of you. Got a lot of good ideas for restaurants and activities to try to do this year.

Michelle Poland won the Bumpus Bucks. We discussed the March 29, Jean Morrow Memorial Chili cook-off and Men's Bake off social. The next LOH meeting will be Tuesday, March 4 at Old Timers in Millington, at 6:00 to eat, meeting at 7:00. We will finalize what we have left to do. The volunteer list and the sign up for the chili and the men's bake off will be available for the chapter to add their names and pay their 5 dollars for each entry.

We are having a Chili/cold weather basket to sell at the cook off. We need everyone to donate an item related to chili, or cold weather riding to be brought to the parts counter at Bumpus, or any event by March 15. Don't forget to put your name on it, so you will get one free ticket in the drawing for a chance to win the whole basket. You must be present to win.

The LOH social is coming up Thursday, February 27 starting at 7:00 pm. The movie "Magic Mike" will be showing at "The Legend"; 8856 Bristol Park Dr., Bartlett, Tn. Please send an email if you are planning on attending to Janice (lillirose1957@yahoo.com) or Nancy (goldelox@bellsouth.net). We will also put it on Facebook so you can respond there too. We need to make sure we have enough seats and plenty of popcorn and soda. You can bring another beverage of choice, just remember to drink responsibly.

The LOH overnight trip to Anna, IL, July 25, 26, & 27 has been sent to the Chapter. If you didn't get the information, please let us know. We will gladly get it to you. The destination will be through a beautiful forest on the way and touring some wineries the next day. The Davies School Inn has 11 rooms, and can accommodate 28 people. There are some rooms still left there, and cabins, and a motel. There are more bed and breakfast places available in the area close by. We will have to communicate where everyone is staying so we can meet to eat and other activities that are planned. We need to know if you are going so we can make reservations at the restaurants. This is a rain or shine ride.

See everyone at The Legend!!!!

Nancy & Janice

## *Historian*
### *J. Carolyn Rice*

**First "Past Directors' Ride"**
**Braden Station, Tennessee**

To kick off the new riding season in 2008 the first annual "Past Directors Ride" was created. These Directors were in attendance to lead us to Braden Station for our 2008 March Chapter Meeting. Pictured above from left to right are: Tim Bumpus, our Dealer Sponsor; Dwight Blankenship (2008); Keith Gilooly (1990-1993); Bob Ward (2002); Doug Adams (2001); Johnny Jones (1996); Jerry Rice (2004); Bob Baxter (1997, 2000); Jon Shook (1998,1999); Larry Allen (2005); Ronnie Cobb (2006). This was the chapter's first chance to see this group of leaders assembled together. It gave chapter members a chance to say thank you in a special way to those who volunteered their time and talents while accepting the responsibility to lead us in our chapter events to —"Ride and Have Fun".

The "Perpetual Directors Plaque" was presented to the chapter at this 2008 meeting by Bumpus Harley-Davidson owner, Tim Bumpus. Tim added his words of appreciation to all past directors for their service and dedication to our Memphis HOG Chapter. This plaque hangs in the dealership at Whitten Road in the Customer Lounge for everyone to see. It is updated on a yearly basis.

**Memphis HOG Directors Hall of Fame**

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| **1986** | **Bill Cooper** |
| **1987** | **Bill Cooper** |
| **1988** | **Sam Bass** |
| **1989** | **Sam Bass (Jan-Jun)** |
| **1989** | **Gilbert Cagle (Jul-Dec)** |
| **1990** | **Gilbert Cagle (Jan-May)** |
| **1991** | **Keith Gilooly (Jun-Dec)** |
| **1992** | **Keith Gilooly** |
| **1993** | **Keith Gilooly** |
| **1994** | **Cliff Christensen (Jan-May)** |
| **1994** | **Don Chandler (Jun-Dec)** |
| **1995** | **Don Chandler** |
| **1996** | **Gary McClain (Jan-May)** |
| **1996** | **Johnny Jones (Jun-Dec)** |
| **1997** | **Bob Baxter** |
| **1998** | **Jon Shook** |
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| **2002** | **Bob Ward** |
| **2003** | **J.T. Norris** |
| **2004** | **Jerry Rice** |
| **2005** | **Larry Allen** |
| **2006** | **Ronnie Cobb** |
| **2007** | **Walt Czyrnik** |
| **2008** | **Dwight Blankenship** |
| **2009** | **Joe Moscon** |
| **2010** | **Joe Moscon** |
| **2011** | **J. Carolyn Rice** |
| **2012** | **Greg Patton** |
| **2013** | **Burt Powell** |
| **2014** | **Allen Rhymer** |

Traditionally the "Past Directors" form the first riding group (posse) that leads the chapter to its March Chapter Meeting. This ride symbolizes the official kickoff of the Memphis Chapter's new riding season. The first two "Past Director Rides" to Braden Station were ridden under our Memphis Chapter flag. Director Bob Ward, 2002, carried the flag for us on his Harley and led the "Director Posse" and chapter to Braden Station. This ride celebration is a small way for the Memphis Chapter to show her appreciation and thanks to our group of past chapter directors. This year the "Past Directors' Ride" will return to Braden Station on March 8, 2014. We will meet at Bumpus at 9 a.m. and enjoy a short ride that will end at Braden Station. There we will have our March Chapter Meeting and lunch. Hope to see all of you there. Wristbands are being sold for this event.

**Past Directors' Rides**

**March 1, 2008**
**Braden Station**
**Director Dwight Blankenship**

**March 7, 2009**
**Braden Station**
**Director Joe Moscon**

**March 5, 2011**
**Boyettes: Reelfoot**
**Director J. Carolyn Rice**
**First Annual "Roll Call of Honor"**

**March 24, 2012**
**Boyettes: Reelfoot**
**Director Greg Patton**
**"Roll Call of Honor"**

**April 13, 2013**
**Cotham's: Scott, AR**
**Director Burt Powell**
**"Roll Call of Honor"**

**March 8, 2014**
**Braden Station**
**Director Allen Rhymer**

## *Chaplain*
***Peter Doorley***

### The Pursuit of Chrome vs. Wanting What You Got

Greetings fellow HOG members,

Here's a question: how much motorcycle stuff is enough? Harley riders call it chrome or "adding your own personal style". Iron butt riders call it farkle. Sometimes we add stuff for performance and other times, for comfort. Let's face it - we just can't leave our Harleys pure stock. We have to do something to make it unique, to make it ours. We've all seen that tricked-out motorcycle at Bike Night, the one that has a crowd around it. In spite of the attention it was getting, we thought, "that's too much for my taste". But then again, something caught my eye, something that might fit on my Harley.

Most of us have a box of stock parts in our garage that we removed to allow the installation of some new parts. It's all part of the art of the acquisition - the pursuit of happiness through accessories. I have a file full of Harley Davidson Motor Company instructions for each part or accessory I've installed over the years. Browsing through them is like a trip down memory lane. Some were great additions and some were so-so. To prevent another addition to the "so-so" pile, I tend to watch for customizations on other similar Harleys and if possible, get the owner's opinion about it.

People have been chasing the "how much is enough" desire from the beginning of time, ever since cave man #2 saw cave man #1 wielding a stick with a round rock tied to it. Soon after, cave man #2 was holding up a stick with a pointed rock tied to it, and the race was on.

When asked, "How much is enough?" some say, "just a little bit more". In contrast to the "little bit more group" is the more mature group that holds to the old adage, "enough is as good as a feast". And we all have to admire Sheryl Crow for her splendid rhyme in Soak up the Sun, which goes, "I don't have digital, I don't have diddly squat. It's not having what you want; it's wanting what you've got."

Memphis HOG members have the accessory balance mostly under control. We're a safety, comfort and performance group and we have the experience of long road trips to appreciate well-made accessories. But we should be wary of chasing after that 'one more thing' to be complete.

So as you consider your next accessory ask yourself, "do I need it or do I want it?" Jesus said don't worry about your life or about food or about clothes. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. Look at the birds of the air, they don't plant or harvest but God feeds them. Why worry about clothing? Look at the lilies of the field, see how they grow. King Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these. To God you are more valuable.

The apostle Paul addressed the stuff issue by saying that he knew how to live in need or in plenty, and, he said that the secret of being content was knowing that God would give him the strength to continue. God will give us strength if we ask and trust. Then send up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for keeping an eye on you.

That's my view from behind my (stock) windshield.

Remember God loves you and so do I.

Peter Doorley

## *Activities*

***Tammie Caldwell***
***Dana Easton***
***Amanda Rhymer***

Your HOG club has a lot going on in the month of March! We'll start the month off on the 8th with our traditional ride to **Braden Station** for a lunch/chapter meeting. On this ride we will be honoring past directors of the HOG club, we have 12+ past directors already committed to attending! You still have time to purchase a wristband for the awesome seafood buffet lunch at Braden Station; they are available at the Parts Counter at Bumpus Whitten. Even if you don't plan to eat lunch, come join us on March 8 to honor our past directors and hear what the club has planned for you in the coming months.

Michael O'Rourke has planned a great overnight ride for us to the **Huntsville Space Museum** on May 17. The outing will include a tour of the museum and dinner on the grounds. We must have a minimum of 50 people commit to the ride by March 17 in order for us to go. Again, the list to sign up and pay is at the Parts Counter.

The Memphis Harley Owners Group is expecting special guests from **South Africa** this month, around the 18th-19th. Keep those nights open on your calendar and watch for email blasts. Jim Stingley will let us know more details as he gets the information.

We have two **dinner socials** planned for this month, March 11 and March 25. Watch for details in an email blast or on the HOG calendar. As the weather warms up, keep your eyes open for **impromptu day rides**! We had 30+ people ride to Gilt Edge Café for lunch on February 16, and a good time was had by all!

Upcoming dates to remember:

TN HOG Rally: May 27-31

Soul to Creole Ride: June 19-22

Anna Illinois Ride: July 25-27

If you haven't already done so, please visit the new and improved website: www.memphishog.com and check out the new activities page! If you have any ideas or suggestions, email us at:

memphishogactivities@gmail.com

## *Director*
### *Allen Rhymer*

Many of us are ready for the "Polar Vortex" to go away and not return. The spring season is just around the corner and bringing with it, more riding opportunities. Bring them on!

March is a busy month for the chapter each year. The Past Directors Ride and Chapter Meeting will bring together former directors from 28 years of chapter history. And at the end of the month, is the Chili-cook-off at Bumpus HD. In between, the Activities team has some great events planned. Check the calendar http://www.memphishog.com/#!calendar/c1nf7 often, rides and events are added or updated periodically, including impromptu rides lead by Jim Stingley.

One other date to not miss is March 17th. Chapter member, Michael O'Rourke has put together a great overnight ride to the Space and Rocket Museum in Huntsville, AL. It is a rain or shine event, and other chapters sponsored by the Bumpus family of dealerships have been invited as well. The 17th deadline is needed because of the 50 attendees needed to make reservations at the museum.

Just a reminder that at the end of February, the membership roster was purged of those that haven't renewed for 2014. If you know a former member that perhaps hasn't renewed their chapter membership, let them know they don't want to miss out on all the events and rides planned for this year. If they ask, "What kinds of rides and events?", point them to the website, http://www.memphishog.com/

Some members may have overlooked renewing their spouses for this year. While members may bring a "guest", don't let them miss out on the benefits of being a Memphis HOG chapter member. Members who bring a former member for renewal or invite a new member who joins, will receive an extra ticket at the chapter meeting for the membership drawing.

The chapter membership form is located at:

http://media.wix.com/ugd/34e2bc_ad63cd8d720f4145a1c0f067e75092a3.pdf

You must be a current member of HOG. You can renew your national membership online at :

http://www.harley-davidson.com/en_US/Content/Pages/HOG/HOG.html?locale=en_US&bmLocale=en_US

OR call

1-800-CLUBHOG (1-800-258-2464)

Print and fill out the chapter enrollment form, drop it off at the parts counter at Bumpus , OR you can mail it to:

Memphis HOG Chapter # 4928

Bumpus Harley Davidson

2160 Whitten Road

Memphis, TN 38133-6004

## *Memphis HOG Twitter*

***Jim Ferguson***

The Memphis HOG Chapter has yet another way to receive communications about rides, ride status, and upcoming events.

What is Twitter? Twitter is a free communication service that is capable of sending short (140 character) messages known as "Tweets" and uses your mobile phone Short Message Service (SMS) to receive and send messages to other subscribers, known as "followers." You do not have to have a twitter account to use the twitter service. The ability to "Fast Follow" is a way to follow twitter topics without having a twitter account.

To Fast Follow: In your SMS app on your mobile phone send an SMS to ***40404***, and in the body of the message type ***Follow MEMHOG4928***. That is all there is to it.

If you are a Twitter user, in your twitter application click on follow and then type ***MEMHOG4928***.

Why use Twitter? Once you subscribe (follow) the MEMHOG4928 group, ride updates and other info is automatically delivered to you via SMS, no more having to check your email, Facebook, or making a phone call. However, more details could be posted or distributed via one or all of those methods.

What to Know:

Be aware that if you send a tweet to the @MEMHOG4928 account, everyone who is a follower will see that message.

If you are using your mobile phone to receive tweets you will be using your SMS mobile plan. Before you subscribe please be aware of your SMS plan, and SMS usage, so you don't get surprised by your mobile phone bill. Initially, I would not expect more than 5 - 10 SMS messages a month, from MEMHOG4928 but this could vary as we evaluate the usefulness.

For now, this is a open group so you do not have to request to join, just follow the group as described above. Because the group is open It is possible that we may get "rogue" messages from followers outside the HOG Chapter we will monitor this and may have to close the group if this practice becomes an annoyance!

I hope you follow the Chapter Twitter account and find it a useful tool. If you have any questions please reach out to me at a meeting or at tnharley@bellsouth.net.

If life is a highway let your Harley get you there, be safe!

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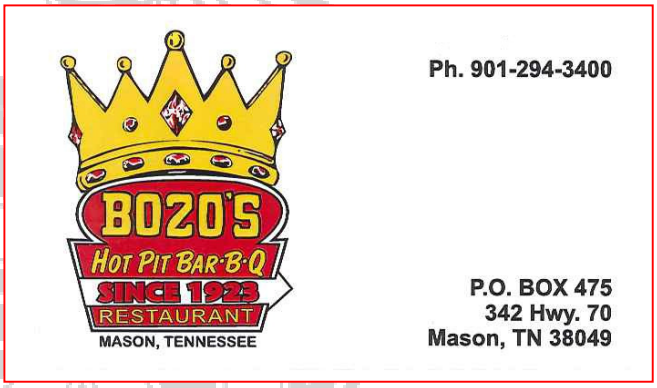


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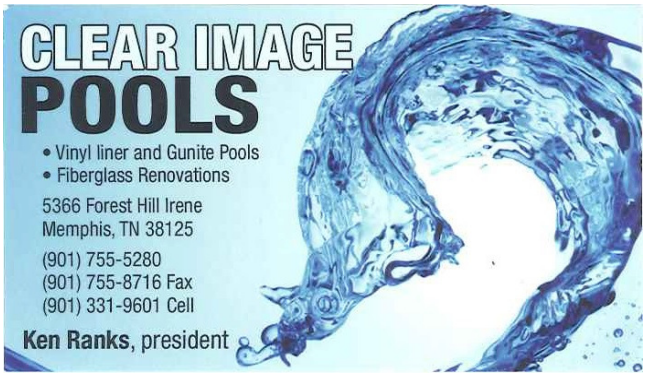

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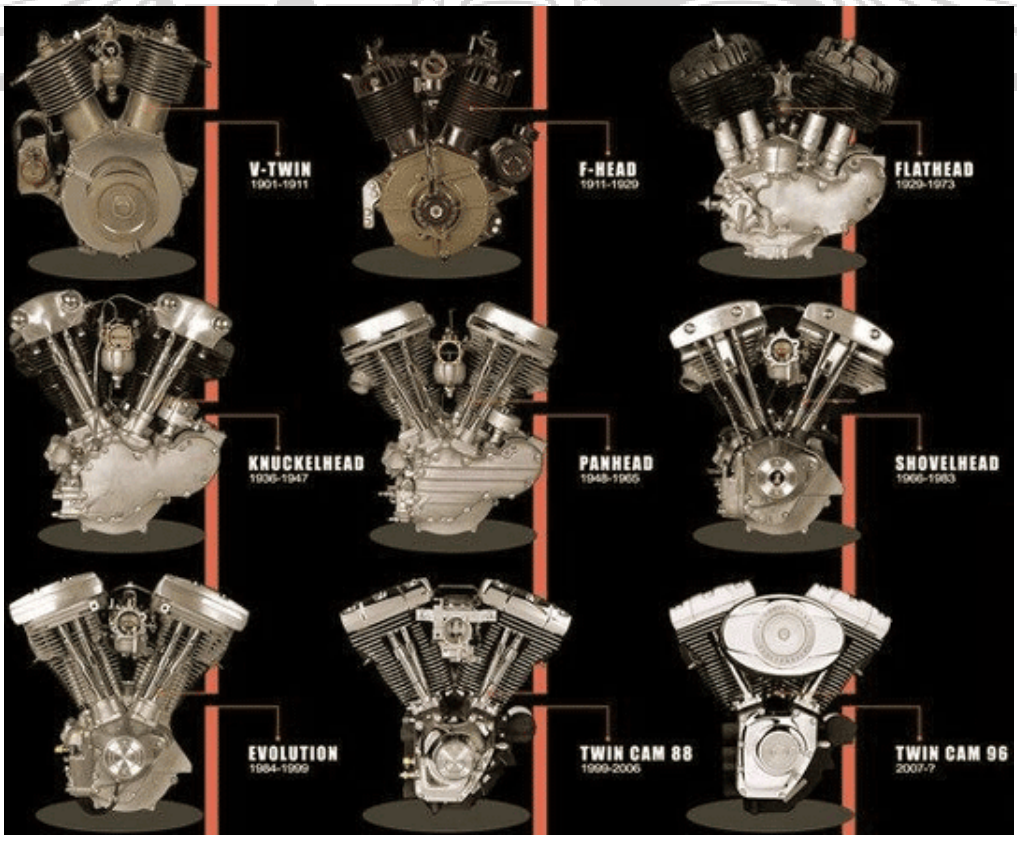
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