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*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

“Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

What are you thankful for?

Your family? Your friends? Your health? Your job? Your motorcycle? That 2020 is almost over?

The list goes on and on and varies from person to person. Take a few minutes to think about it and realize how rich all our lives are and how lucky we are. Aside from the fact that we ride motorcycles (which I know is at the top of everyone’s list), we all share a great group of friends. Friends that would do anything for you. Even help you trap raccoons (score is 3 to 1...I’m in the lead).

I am thankful that I made that decision a few years back to go to my second HOG meeting. The first one was a bit overwhelming. There must have been 75 to 100 people at the first meeting Laura and I attended. We arrived about 10 minutes early to get a seat and the restaurant full except for a couple seats at the last table. I think we attended every event and every ride that year. And I’m glad we did.

I’m thankful for my fantastic group of officers who make things run so smoothly. And I’m thankful for all of the chapter members who make this HOG Chapter a great HOG Chapter.

Funs Fact (may or may not be a trivia question)

It is generally believed that Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people. And it quite possible that turkey was not on the menu.

On October 3, 1863, during the Civil War, Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26. We haven’t missed a year since.

Since 1957 Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated in Canada on the second Monday in October. I don’t think the Pilgrims had anything to do with this.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride

Robert  
2020 HOG Chapter Director



Only two months left in 2020, can we make it? I've said it before and going to say it again...the only good thing to come out of 2020 is we had some great Chapter rides and participation this year! That's not exactly true there have been good things too this year, but they sure do get covered by all the other BS going on in the world! I do have a lot to be thankful for...but I won't give 2020 a pass it still a "sucky" year!

If you missed the Patti's Settlement ride you missed a real treat! I was looking forward to seeing the Christmas lights and they didn't disappoint. As with the 2017 ride up there were lights everywhere. Since they had the restaurant fire, I wasn't sure what to expect. They were missing some cool pieces that they had in 2017...they were like these metal moving art pieces kind of like you may have seen in the movie Twister. Cool pieces of mechanical genius, but the lights were great too!

I don't know about you, but I am ready for holidays to get here. But not too fast so I can soak it all up and doesn't just come and go. I enjoy Christmas, it's my favorite time of the year. It's not all about buying or giving but in a normal year it's about having parties and having some laughs with family and friends! I know covid is going to put a damper on some of those parties this year but still going to attend what I can, or can host!

I know we look forward to the riding and we do like to "ride and have fun" as we say! But when I step back from the riding aspect of the Chapter I see there is even more going on! I'm referring to the bond that many people have built with other members, people they have only met through the chapter. There is caring, praying, jokes, and laughs that go on in Messenger chats, meetings, and social gatherings. We are a family made up of many different backgrounds but find kinship in the love of riding our motorcycles. We support our fellow members when they need it and lift them up when they need a prayer or kind word! I love watching the Chapter grow in this way....you can add members to the group but it takes the members to grow the Chapter. I appreciate everyone for stepping up and out of their comfort zone to welcome new members in.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a season filled of peace and love! Take some time to enjoy the holidays, and even more take some time to help others enjoy it with you!

Ride Safe....

Jim Ferguson  
2020 Assistant Chapter Director



And there it is, Friday, November 13. As far as I am concerned, it didn't live up to its billing. Oh well, the rest of the year took care of things. What did we do this month and what are we about to embark on?

- Our first chapter event since the last newsletter was a visit to Bozo's Pit BBQ. Some of us took the bikes, but many went in cages. I bet the rain had something to do with that. They always take good care of us at Bozo's. We ended up with a little more than 20 people.
- The Saturday after, a group went to The Hillbilly's Wing Shack in Adamsville. Almost 20 members took the 240 mile ride (back and forth) to the restaurant. From what I heard, it was a great ride and a

great place for lunch.

- On October 24, the annual HOG Waller was held in Meeman Shelby Forest. I think everyone in attendance had a good time socializing and participating in the bike games and cheering on the participants. The fact that it was cold and wet did not really matter. We crowned a new HOG Waller champion, Paul Dunaway, and I bet Tammie Caldwell is ready for a ride off next year to take her championship back. Richard Cooley, the Godfather, seemed to be in his best position as the (not so) benevolent ruler of the rules of the game. The rules seem to change for every rider. Tim Backus had probably the shortest distance driven that day, since he couldn't get off the starting line in every competition. Robert was nominated to be director for another year and he graciously accepted the nomination.

- The next day, a few brave people followed John McDowell to Brownsville where we grabbed a bite to eat at ZZs. We had never heard of it, couldn't find it, but ended up with a wonderful lunch, even the Rueben with ketchup seemed to be delicious.

- On Halloween, 16 members went to The Outpost at Pickwick Lake. Kenneth had put a fun ride together on some roads we had not traveled before. The Outpost is always a great place to visit and it is a pretty neat location.

- On November 7, we finally made our way to Patti's Settlement. This was my third try to get there and we finally did. We had almost 30 members going on this trip. The fall colors were beautiful, and it was a great ride getting there. Melissa Eskins realized that Robert was not joking when he said we could make a 170-mile distance into an 8-hour ride. At one of the stops we were able to witness some bald eagles, I thought that was really cool. The lights at Patti's Settlement didn't disappoint, it was neat to see the Christmas decorations. We had made a group reservation and they put us all in a private room which made the experience even better.

- On November 8, 8 riders went to Rafter's Music & Food in Oxford. Oxford is a fun place to visit and I am glad that a group of riders made it there. I understand that it is worth a repeat visit.

We still got quite some activities coming up before the end of the year (some of it will have happened before the newsletter is published). So, what's coming up?

- 11/14: Chapter ride to Natchez Trace Harley Davidson dealership and Florence, AL for lunch.
- 11/15: A visit to the Midsouth Ice House to cheer on Jim Tactac and have some dinner afterwards.
- 11/19: Thanksgiving Dinner at Bumpus
- 12/19: Christmas Party at Navy Lakes RV Park & Recreation Event Center
- 1/1: Ski Freeze on Mud Island
- 1/1: New Year's lunch (where? TBD)
- 1/12: Chapter Meeting (where? TBD)
- 1/21: Dinner Social at Colettas

And I am sure we will find some additional empty spots on the calendar to do some more riding and hanging out! If there are any activities/rides you would like me to schedule, just reach out to me. Thanks for supporting your chapter by participating in our activities/rides. It's my goal to have at a minimum 1 activity per weekend. We can meet this goal, because y'all participate and that is awesome!

Now that the current year is coming to a close, I have started planning for next year. Please help me out and let me know some of the places you'd like to visit, whether that's on an overnight ride or a day ride. All suggestions are welcome.

Roelant and Amy Verbeek  
Activities Officers



Hello Memphis Hog!!

It's hard to believe we're now only one month away from the end of the year!

This has been a different year, to say the least, with all the virus stuff going on. Despite that, we have had some great rides, great trips, and some great times!

With that, we have seen the membership rolls increase throughout the year. And with that, as I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we've seen some great turnouts, and with that "core" group increasing, despite getting a late start this year.

I wanted to thank all of you who have made this year, the best year yet, at least in the time that Carol and I have been here!! The Dragon Tail, Ozarks, and Patti's Settlement, were great times. The Ozarks.....well, that was just something else, and gorgeous too!

As we look toward the ending of 2020, we start looking at next year. With that, will come the process of renewing our memberships by completing a new form. You know the drill!!

I will provide more details on the renewal process in December's newsletter, but just wanted to give you a heads up that it's coming.

Thanks everyone and have a great Thanksgiving!!

"Every Ride A Memory"

Jim and Carol Tactac

Membership Officers



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# Membership

## 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 \$20 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 \$20 check made out to "**Memphis HOG Chapter**". Mail to:

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

To get to the Memphis Chapter Membership Form follow the following link:

<https://www.memphishog.com/membership>



## 2020 Officer Team

**Sponsor:** Tim Bumpus  
**Director:** Robert Gantt  
**Assistant Director:** Jim Ferguson  
**Treasurer:** Bob Browder  
**Secretary:** Tim Backus  
**Activities:** Amy & Roelant Verbeek  
**Head Road Captain:** Dave Stockton  
**Membership:** Carol & Jim Tactac  
**Safety Officer:** Larry Allen  
**Photographer:** Tony Crook  
**Web Master:** Tony Crook  
**Dealer Liaison:** Joe Moscon

Participation Points and Club Mileage through  
 November 12, 2020  
 Max Points = 111  
 Max Mileage = 11126

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Roelant Verbeek	95
2	Richard Cooley	89
3	John McDowell	81
4	Jim Tactac	78
5	Paul Dunaway	73
6	Frank Rector	71
7	Kristi Dunaway	63
8	Timothy Backus	62
9	Kenneth Barbee	60
10	Madisen McDowell	54
11	Jim Ferguson	53
11	Michael Becker	53
13	Carol Tactac	52
14	Ed Lowe	50
15	Bob Browder	49
16	Dave Stockton	48
16	Robert Gantt	48
18	Pauline Rector	45
18	Mark Jones	45
20	Dan Benson	44

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Richard Cooley	10885
2	Roelant Verbeek	9952
3	Paul Dunaway	9405
4	John McDowell	9175
5	Kenneth Barbee	6480
6	Kristi Dunaway	6366
7	Frank Rector	6231
8	Jim Tactac	5866
9	Ed Lowe	5587
10	Bob Browder	5465
11	Jordan Wells	5334
12	Timothy Backus	5271
13	Pauline Rector	4959
14	Madisen McDowell	4596
15	Mark Jones	4174
16	Carol Tactac	4100
17	Robert Gantt	3971
18	Jim Ferguson	3837
19	Tommy Caldwell	3727
20	Michael Becker	3725

# Chapter Events



## November

**05** **Memphis HOG Officers Meeting**  
6:30pm.

**07** **HOG Overnight Ride**  
Patti's Settlement. Oct 7-8. We'll meet at Bumpus at 8:00 with KSU at 8:30. Dinner at Patti's Settlement Saturday night.

**12** **HOG Road Captain Meeting**  
6:30pm.

**19** **HOG Chapter Thanksgiving Dinner**  
Thanksgiving dinner at Bumpus HD. This will also serve as the November chapter meeting. We will have turkey, ham, green bean casserole, cornbread dressing, potatoes, gravy and sweet potato casserole. We are asking for \$16 per person to offset the cost of the meal. There is a sign up sheet at the parts counter at Bumpus so you can sign up there. You can also sign up via email and when you see any of the officers at upcoming events. Payments can be made by putting a check in the envelope at the parts

counter, paying one of the officers, or use PayPal (memhog4928@gmail.com).

**21** **HOG Day Ride**  
Come ride Crowley's Ridge in Arkansas and have lunch at Ricki's Diner in Harrisburg, Arkansas. Meet at 8 at Bumpus on Whitten, KSU at 830.

## December

**03** **Memphis HOG Officers Meeting**  
6:30pm.

**12** **HOG Chapter Christmas Dinner and Party Meeting**

It will be held on 12/19 at the Navy Lakes RV Park & Recreation Event Center (6231 Kerrville Rosemark Rd, Millington, TN 38053). The menu consists of a shrimp cocktail appetizer and your choice of entree, you can make your choice from the following 3 items: smoked brisket, poached salmon or chicken marsala (with spinach fettuccine). There will be scalloped potatoes, vegetable medley, rolls, dinner salad, and apple cobbler a la mode for dessert. There will be a cash bar which opens around 6. Dinner will be served at 7:30. Vince will be there spinning some records and looking

for some folks to hit the dance floor. Participation costs \$30 per person.

## January

**01** **Polar Bear Ride**  
TBD

**01** **New Years Day Lunch**  
12:00 pm. More details coming

**07** **Memphis HOG Officers Meeting**  
6:30pm. More details coming

**12** **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**  
6:30pm. More details coming

## INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

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 Robert Gantt to set up your ad.



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- Get text alerts or follow us on Twitter  
To get texts: Text a message to 40404 with the following information:  
*Follow memhog4928*  
You should receive an instant confirmation.



- 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>

The chapter calendar is compatible with Google Calendar and iPhones.  
Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email: [memphishogactivities@gmail.com](mailto:memphishogactivities@gmail.com)

- Special Note to AOL mail users  
Please add [memphishogactivities@gmail.com](mailto:memphishogactivities@gmail.com) to your email contacts. This will help insure chapter emails don't end up in your trash/spam folder

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

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

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