



Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group  
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### Director's Corner



by Joe Moscon

#### "So here's the Deal"

I want to be a weather man! Why not? You can't get in any trouble here, can you?

Let me try it, cloudy with a chance of rain. The sun could peek out, and hopefully we won't have any snow.

What kind of report is that? But you know what, it seems to work here! Either way, we can be disappointed if we want, but you can't be mad at Ron or Todd!

Well my friends, I didn't buy a bike to leave in the garage. I did buy warm gear and a rain suit though. It all works pretty good, too. I am sure of a couple of things though, it will get better! Second, there will be people that ride no matter what. That was proven last week when a few (17) people braved the ride to Reelfoot to lay Jim to rest. Those few people were blessed that day. There must have been a good reason, because all it did was mist on us a bit. Actually a pretty good ride!

There will be more soon, so watch the calendar. Get the bike cleaned up, after all, it's time to say, "Screw it, let's ride."

Joe D Moscon  
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## **Chapter Meeting**

**Thursday, April 1, 2010**

**6:00pm**

**Old Timers in Millington**

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## Assistant Director's Article

### J. Carolyn Rice

Daylight Savings Time is here! The time change ushers in the first signs of spring and promises an end to the long cold winter. Spring 2010 is here with opportunities for new beginnings, new roads, new friends, new experiences and new riding adventures.

Your motorcycle is probably already ready for your 2010 riding season. Now as you finalize your 2010-riding itinerary don't forget to incorporate the Memphis Chapter's Riders Contest, "Screw It, Let's Ride" within your riding plans. Chapter contests are created to give additional reasons to detour off familiar roads and experience even more American back roads. "Screw It, Let's Ride" can be found on our website [www.memphishog.com](http://www.memphishog.com). Click on the link and print your copy today.

For the last couple of years members have really enjoyed the "Spell It" portion of our local contests. Therefore "Spell It" is back by popular demand. The "Spell It" for 2010 is: Memphis HOGs: "Screw It, Let's Ride". There are 26 letters (photos) required for "Spell It"—(2-M's); (4-E's); (1-P); (2-H's); (3-I's); (4-S's); (1-C); (2-R's); (1-W); (2-T's); (1-L); (1-D); (1-O); and (1-G). The photos for this section may be taken from any state, country, city or county from your rides of 2010. The rules state that you need a photo with a 2010 HOG magazine logo, one bike and the official government sign or building for the "Spell It" letter. It is always interesting to see what members submit and where their journey has taken them.

The second part of this year's contest gives an added dimension and twist to the familiar ABCs of Touring national contest. To encourage members to explore our state of Tennessee, the chapter is challenging members to complete an ABCs of Touring of Tennessee cities. Tennessee is one of the few states that has a verified X city/town. Many of our members have made this 'X' journey the last couple of years. Xenophon was featured in *HOG Tales*- March/April 2008 edition. Donnie Williams of Jacksonville, Florida, reports on our TN X city he discovered. His article reads:

*"Year after year, "X" goes unchallenged as the most difficult letter to find in the HOG ABCs of Touring contest. After doing extensive research, I found another town starting with "X": Xenophon, TN. Its GPS coordinates are Latitude 36.489902 and Longitude - 83.326218. If you don't have a GPS, you can find it on TN 33, east of U.S. 25E. This town is so small it consists of only a gravel road, and if you aren't looking carefully you'll go right past the sign. Good luck!"*



Hint: A good time to pick up Xenophon would be perhaps as a side trip on your way to or from the TN Rally in Chattanooga in June.

With all this being said let's remember why we are members of a HOG chapter anyway. The purpose of joining a chapter is "To Ride and Have Fun". I end my article with a 'Rider's Motto' that I have recently penned and would like to share with you.

#### Rider's Motto

*When it's pouring rain and wet, we ride,  
When it's blazing hot and dry, we ride,  
When it's frigid freezing cold, we ride.*

*Whether daybreak, dawn or daylight strong, we ride,  
Whether dusk, sunset or darkness full, we ride,  
When the road calls we hear and ride,  
We riders do what riders must ....WE RIDE!*

*The rhythm of the road is the heartbeat of our soul.  
With every mile the beat grows louder and we ride.*

*We ride on. We ride proudly.  
We ride hard. We ride with purpose.  
We ride free. We ride spontaneously.  
We ride, ride, ride....then ride some more.*

So Happy Trails to you in 2010. See you on the road soon and often.

## ***Activities and Happenings***



***Jeff LeDuc***



***Laura Acree***

Bet ya'll think writing monthly articles are easy? Well, you get to write about three things - what happened in the previous month before the 15th, what goes on between the 15th of the month and the 1st of the next month, hoping that those events happen, and about what's going on the next month. The next month part is fairly easy - it's still in the future! So, for next month, the April meeting is going to be on April 1 at Old Timer's - arriving at 6:00 pm to eat and 7:00 pm for the meeting. Also during the month of April, we've dinner rides to The Bald Butcher in Covington, Wiseguy's Pizza, and Brad's BBQ. Also going on is the LOH Chili Cook-off but let's hope (and pray) chili isn't the weather! There are weekend activities in Tunica with the "Running of the Hogs" and the Wild Hog Music Fest in West Helena.

Thanks to those that braved the weather and rode to Boyette's at Reelfoot. Jim would have loved it! He would have made a good argument about moving it from Saturday to Sunday because of the weather - that's what rain suits are for! But, as it ended up, we had a few sprinkles, good roads, good friends, and good food. We had a small get together after we ate, down at one of the boat ramps, to burn the memory slips and give them to Reelfoot Lake. Jimmy had wanted his ashes spread over the water, so this was our way of completing his wish.

We hope there is a good turnout for the dinner ride to Seafood Junction. There's also the Louisiana State Rally the last weekend of March - we'll be down there and hope to see some of you.

# April 2010

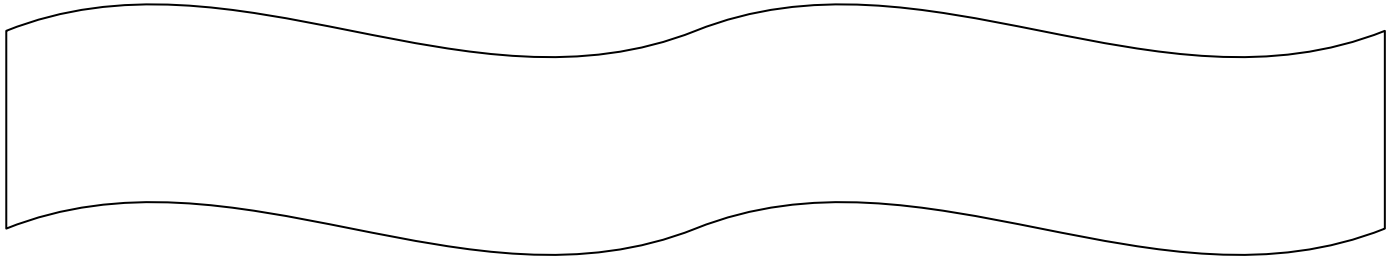
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Mar	29	30	31	1 Apr	2	3
				6:00p (C) Chapter Meeting @ Old Timers		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		6:30p (C) LOH Meeting at Fresh Slices		7:00p (C) Dinner Ride To The Bald Butcher		10:00a-3:00p (C) Chili Cook-Off Social
						Susan G. Komen Poker Run
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				6:30 (C) Road Captains Meeting Old Timers Millington		(C) "Running of the HOGS"
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		7:00p (C) Dinner Ride To Wise Guys Chicago Pizza				(C) Ride to Wild Hog Music Fest
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 May
9:00a Missing Fish Poker Run				7:00p (C) Dinner Ride To Brad's BBQ		7:00p (C) Chapter Meeting @ Fresh Slices



## ***Road Captain's Gas Tank by Greg Patton***

Thanks to all the Road Captains who attended the GPS training that was presented over the past 2 months. A big thank you to David Chadwick for teaching the classes and sharing his knowledge of the GPS. I hope that this was informative and you got a better working knowledge of the GPS. I hope to have more educational classes coming in the future.

I thought it would be a great idea to feature some of our newer Road Captains. Read below for a little info on Jim Stingley.



Hey Everyone. Jim Stingley here. Greg asked, if I would write a little something about my riding history. So hang on for the short ride. I am a self taught rider. As a kid I played around with mini bikes, but was never on a road bike until 1982. It was a Suzuki 650 that I road for two years. I never really got hooked and decided it was best to raise my family first. Finally, in October of 2006 the kids were raised and I bought my first real bike, a 2007 Softail Custom. So we have been riding steady for the past 3 1/2 years and now you can say I am hooked. In January Greg Patton, Dave Stockton and I attended an Accident Scene Management Class. I am working hard and looking forward to becoming a road captain for our group. So let's all grab life by the handle bars and enjoy the ride.



## ***A History Lesson by Lisa Patton***

Reelfoot Lake is a shallow natural lake located in the northwest portion of Tennessee, United States of America. Much of it is really more of a swamp, with bayou-like ditches (some natural, some man-made) connecting more open bodies of water called basins, the largest of which is called Blue Basin. Reelfoot Lake is noted for its bald cypress trees and its nesting pairs of bald eagles.

Since 1930 water levels in the lake have been somewhat regulated by the construction and operation of a spillway at the southern end of the lake where the Running Reelfoot Bayou flows out of it; this structure was controversial and an abortive attempt was made to blow it up by area residents in 1939 but it was not seriously damaged. The 1930 structure is now regarded as obsolete by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Army Corps of Engineers and plans are being made to replace it.

Until 2003, Reelfoot was the world's only legal commercial fishery for crappie, which was served in restaurants located near the shore. It is the only large natural lake in Tennessee, and is the namesake of Lake County, Tennessee, in which it is primarily located.

Eagle watching has become a very popular thing on Reelfoot Lake. Every year thousand come to view the majestic bird. They are so beautiful to watch in the mornings when they are sitting on top of a tree waiting to catch a fish. When it is time for them to go for it they will swoop down and grab their lunch and take it to the bank to another tree top to eat.

The bald eagle was officially declared the national emblem of the United States in 1782 because of its uniqueness as a species. Actually, the name "bald" does not mean these magnificent birds have no feathers on their heads. The word "bald" comes from the Welsh word "balde", which means white. The American bald eagle's scientific name, *haliaeetus leucocphalus*, literally means "white-headed sea eagle."

Young birds, called eaglets, are a uniform brown in color. As they mature, their feathers become mottled, and they generally have a white head and tail feathers by the time they are 5 years old. These majestic birds are one of the largest birds of prey found in North America. Females are slightly larger than males reaching 15 pounds, standing proud at 3 feet tall and spreading up to 8 feet in wingspan.

Looking for open water in which to fish, hundreds of bald eagles migrate south to the Reelfoot lake area each year from their nesting territories in the northern U.S. and Canada. An eagle's diet is primarily fish, and they consume 1 to 2 pounds of food a day. During the winter, eagles will also feed on dead or injured wildlife. During duck season at Reelfoot Lake they especially like a crippled duck. A bald eagle can carry prey weighing up to half of their body weight. So, stories of eagles carrying off babies or livestock are probably exaggerated.

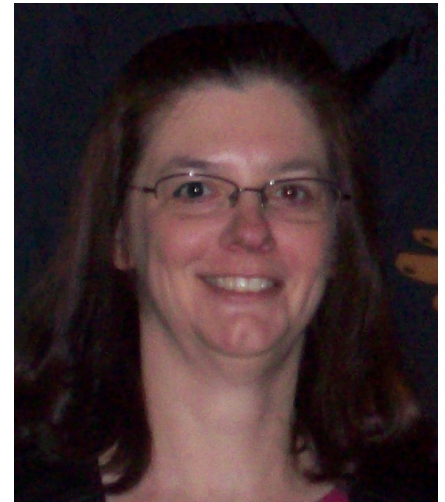
Like most birds of prey, bald eagles have a poor sense of smell; therefore, they rely heavily on their eyesight for finding their next meal. The bald eagle has excellent vision and can see up to ten times better than a human. On a clear day, they can see fish from nearly 2 miles away. Once spotted, eagles use their razor sharp talons to catch their prey. Then, the bird's hooked beak is used for tearing flesh off their catch.

As of 1995, the bald eagle is no longer considered an endangered species. Through the restriction of agricultural pesticides, such as DDT, and conservation efforts all across North America, the population has been growing at a steady pace. There are approximately 4,500 nesting pairs and 20,000 total birds in the lower 48 states.

Though they are no longer endangered, it is still a felony to harm an eagle. Initial convictions carry a one-year jail sentence and \$5,000 in fines. It is also illegal to possess an eagle, dead or alive, or any eagle parts without a permit. If you find a feather, look at it, take a picture, but do not pick it up!



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## Memphis HOG and Reelfoot Lake

Traditionally the Reelfoot Ride has always taken place in February or early March. This has allowed the chapter the chance to catch a glimpse of the eagles before they leave the area and head north. Last year the chapter did not ride to Reelfoot. This year we return to the tradition. Listed below are ride dates for the chapter:

- ✓ March 10, 2002—Jerry Rice lead the ride with 13 bikes and 16 members. He recalls that it was cold and windy. *The high for that date was 48.*
- ✓ 2003—no ride to Reelfoot—the Chapter rode to Lambert's in Sikeston
- ✓ February 21, 2004 *The high for that date was 50*
- ✓ February 19, 2005 *The high for that date was 51*
- ✓ March 18, 2006 *The high for that date was 53*
- ✓ March 10, 2007 *The high for that date was 71*
- ✓ March 15, 2008 *The high for that date was 57*
- ✓ 2009—no ride
- ✓ March 14, 2010—Greg Patton lead the ride with 10 bikes and 16 members. Neisce's family and friends also joined us. *The high for the day was 57.* It was cold, wet, and windy.

**This ride to Reelfoot was dedicated to our fallen Brother, Jim Thompson.**





## ***Ladies Of Harley by Pam Powell***

Spring has finally arrived! People are coming out of hibernation and socializing outside again. Many of my non-Harley friends are calling and saying, "I saw a lot of bikes out today and thought of you & Burt!" They wonder if any of the groups were us. One did see Burt and the group that did the pre-ride after the March Chapter Meeting. I had one friend say that they never really paid attention to what type of motorcycles they saw or the people on them until Burt & I started riding.

Now that riding season is upon us, many of you are planning personal trips, rides you can make with the chapter, plotting routes for ABC's, etc. This year LOH is sponsoring a program called "Road Stories." Both men and women are eligible to earn our patch designed by Larry White. There are a total of 6 components to the program. The men must fulfill the first 2 and the women must complete all 6. This program is designed to promote riding, documenting your adventures, participating in chapter activities & rides, and supporting our mascot program.

As many of you are aware we received a message from a family in Northern Ireland asking for any extra pins or patches we might have for their two young children, Nathan & Ashley. We gathered some items for them and sent the package off. They were thrilled and overwhelmed with our generosity. In return, they sent us Finnegan, the king of the Leprechauns to ride with our chapter. We have sent them some pictures already and they are so excited about our support! Part of the Road Stories program is supporting Finnegan and the Irish children.

The first two components of this program are required for both the men and women who would like to participate. First, when you are on your travels and know you will be stopping at a Harley Dealership, purchase a dealer pin and/or patch for us to send to the Irish children for their waistcoats and vests. I will have a list of dealer pins and patches we have so you can view what we have so far. The second component is supporting our Quilt of Memories. The ladies will be making a quilt to document our travels as a chapter and personal travels. The quilt will be made out of the small chapter rockers and dealer patches. On the website, [www.memphishog.com](http://www.memphishog.com), you will find the guidelines and the form which must be submitted on the LOH page. We will accept dealer patches if they will not let you purchase a rocker. There is also a letter you may print out and take with you which may help obtain a rocker. Someone had a problem at some dealerships because they did not want to allow non-chapter members purchasing rockers. I will also keep a list of dealerships visited by those who are participating.

The next 4 components must be completed by the women who are participating in the Road Stories program as well as the previous 2 mentioned. First, contribute to our monthly LOH Baskets for the chapter meetings. Please make sure you sign the sheet at the LOH Meetings when you donate items or if you drop them off at Bumpus, please write your name on a piece of paper and place in your bag so I know who left the item. Next, ride with Finnegan on a chapter ride or a trip of your own. You must submit a photo and complete a form, which you can print from the LOH webpage. Third, ride with your own mascot. You will need to submit a picture of your mascot on your bike. An adoption record of your mascot also must be on record. If you are using the same mascot as you had last year, you do not need to fill out another adoption record. Adoption records can also be found on the LOH webpage. The last component is completing the LOH Passport. You will receive stamps for your activities and rides at the monthly LOH Meetings. You do not need to bring your passport to each event. If you have any questions please email me at [pamela.powell754@att.net](mailto:pamela.powell754@att.net) or catch me at a chapter meeting or event.

Don't forget our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off Social is Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. A big thank you to all the volunteers and cooks! If you would still like to enter a chili or dessert, please let me know! All proceeds will go towards the Skeeter Ray Benefit.

Our April LOH Meeting is Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Fresh Slices in Bartlett. Please bring your item for the May Basket. The theme is Mother's Day.

Happy Easter!



# MEMPHIS CHAPTER 2010



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