

*Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group
Chapter 4928 Founded February 20, 1986*

March Activities

Spanish HOGS	Mar 2 nd
Officers Meeting	Mar 3 rd
Blessing of Bikes	Mar 5 th
Reelfoot MVP Ride	Mar 5 th
Chapter Meeting	Mar 5 th
Rides of March	Mar 12 th
Road Capt Training	Mar 13 th
LOH Meeting	Mar 15 th
Dessert Ride	Mar 20 th
Arcade Breakfast Ride	Mar 27 th
Zoo Trip	Mar 27 th
LOH Choppers	Mar 28 th
LA State Rally	Mar 31 st

Detailed information about these activities can be found throughout the HOG Pen so, dig in deeper.

For activity updates or if, unfortunately, an event is cancelled please check the 24 hour HOG Line at

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April Activities

LA State Rally	Apr 1 st
LA State Rally	Apr 2 nd
Dinner Ride	Apr 5 th
Officers Meeting	Apr 6 th
Chapter Meeting	Apr 9 th
Road Captains Meeting	Apr 14 th
Running of the HOGS	Apr 16 th
MVP Mystery Ride	Apr 16 th
LOH Meeting	Apr 19 th
Dinner Ride	Apr 21 st
MVP Emileigh's Table Ride	Apr 23 rd
LOH Choppers	Apr 25 th



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2011 Chapter Meetings

March 5 th
April 9 th
May 7 th
June 11 th
July 9 th
August 6 th
September 10 th
October 1 st
November 5 th
December 3 rd

May Activities

Officers Meeting	May 4 th
MVP Ride	May 7 th
Chapter Meeting	May 7 th
Road Captains Meeting	May 12 th
Como Steak House Ride	May 14 th
LOH Meeting	May 17 th
Dinner Ride	May 19 th
AL State Rally	May 19 th
AL State Rally	May 20 th
AL State Rally	May 21 st
Ride With The Dealer	May 21 st
MVP Dessert Ride	May 22 nd
LOH Choppers	May 23 rd
TN Overnight Ride	May 28 th
TN Overnight Ride	May 29 th
Loveless Breakfast	May 30 th

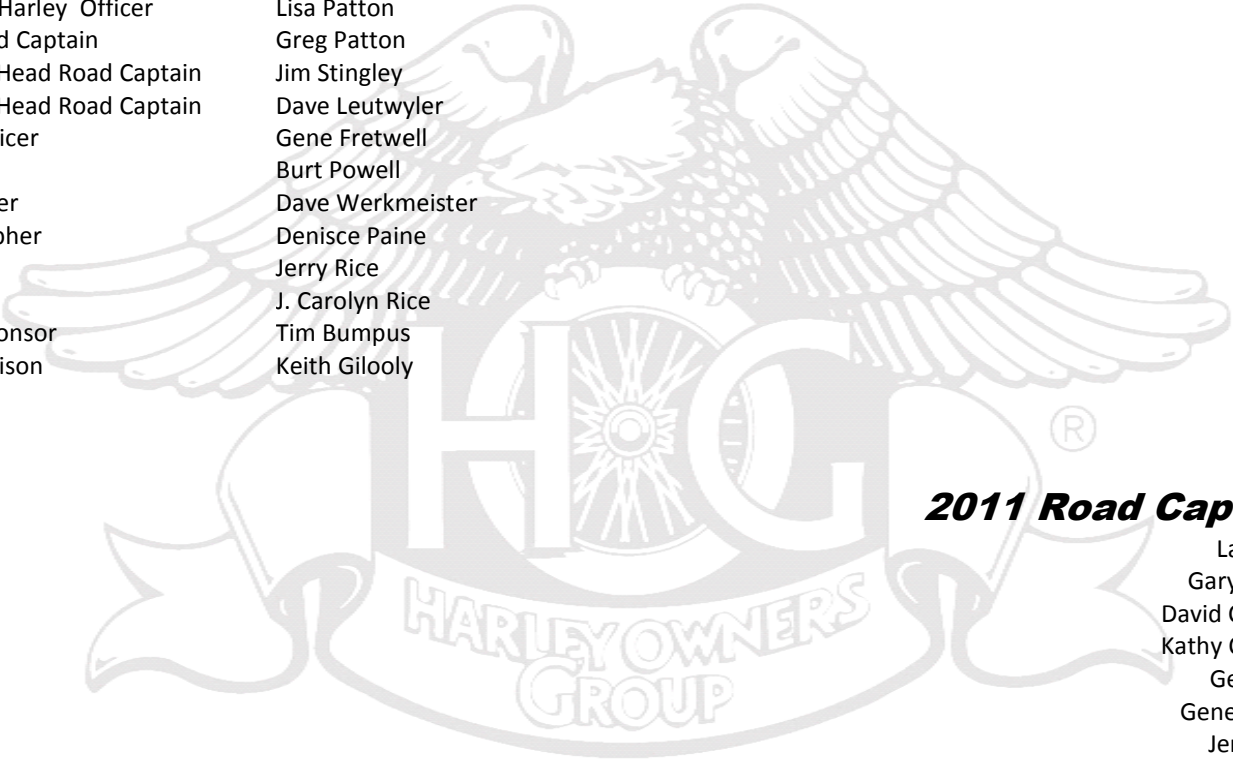
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Attending a Chapter meeting might win you a door prize! Next meeting March 5th

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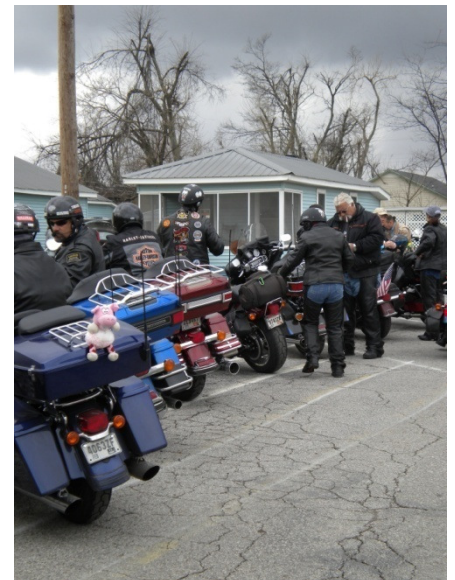
2011 Riding Season



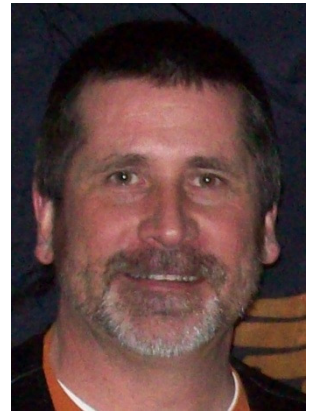
The winter has made all of us so thankful for the promise of spring, warmer temperatures and new opportunities to ride with our friends while enjoying HOG fellowship, new roads and new opportunities for having fun. March is right around the corner so pull out your Chapter Riding Calendar and make some plans to join us on some of our 2011 rides from the very start. If you are new to the chapter, this is a great time to make a commitment to show up for our activities so you can get to know us better and we can get to know you as well. All of our members were new at one time. Every member has found new friends and new riding buddies by stepping outside their comfort zone and reaching out to meet new folks in the Memphis HOG Chapter. Ask around and you will find that most all of us have developed friendships with people we would have never had the opportunity to meet if it had not been for the common interest of riding our Harleys.

Top Priority: Chapter Ride To Reelfoot Lake- March 5th

The first Saturday of March has been the Memphis Chapter's official kickoff to our riding season for the last few years. This year we are doing it up right. We are planning an action filled day of activities and riding for everyone going on the adventure. We will begin with coffee and donuts at Bumpus Whitten and a "Group Bike Blessing" for all interested members. The 'First Posse' will be made up of our past directors who will lead this ride for us. The second group will be lead by our Head Road Captain/Assistant Director Greg Patton. Greg will arrange for all additional lead and sweep road captains for the groups going to Reelfoot. If you have not been to Reelfoot Lake and had lunch at Boyettes, you are in for a treat. Boyettes has been one of west Tennessee's top restaurants since 1921. According to their website, "People from all over a four state area make the drive every week to experience the true flavor of the south. Just make sure you're hungry, because their specialty is serving up generous portions of **Catfish, Country Ham, Fried Chicken and more.** Put it together with some **homemade hushpuppies, onion rings and country vegetables** and it's not just a meal it's an experience." We will be taking our Chapter Flag to take a group photo in front of the Boyette's sign. This has become a tradition for our chapter as well. After lunch those members who would like to participate in our first "Roll Call of Honor" will go over to the lake to remember chapter members who have passed away but left us with their riding legacies. All in all, it promises to be a great way to start our 2011 riding season. Hope you will make every effort to join us for this one. See you on the road soon and often riding with friends and having fun. "Let the Good Times Roll in 2011".



**Assistant Director
Greg Patton**



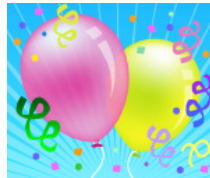
Who's tired of the Cold, Snow and Ice? I know I am.

We had a great turn out for the Group Riding Class, thanks to all that came out to have a better understanding of group riding. We also had the New Member Orientation class. Thanks to those new Chapter Members that attended and the Officers that came out to introduce themselves.

The Tennessee HOG Rally site is <http://www.tnstatehogrally.com/> and registration is open. Join us in Jackson June 2 – 4. The rally folks will be needing volunteers from our Chapter to help out, so if you have the time, please do so. As I get more details I will pass them along.

Happy March Birthdays

Jeremy Briggs Ronnie Cobb Danny Doyle Dana Easton Shelbie Hunt
Joseph Noel David Palmer Angie Printup Michele White



**Activities Action
Jerry Rice**



A fellow H.O.G. member from Fresno, California is leading a group of about forty riders from Spain on a Hwy 61 Blues Tour. They will start in New Orleans and come through Memphis on Wednesday, March 2nd. They are interested in meeting and partying with fellow H.O.G. members so I encourage you to come on down to Beale Street that evening. Dinner is at B. B. King's Blues Club at 6:30 p.m. and then partying until who knows when.

The day before, they will be stopping in Clarksdale, Mississippi and having a private dinner and party. We are invited so if you are interested get in touch with me for complete details. Then on the 2nd when they get to Memphis they will tour Sun Studios and yes, you guessed it – Graceland before heading to Beale Street that evening.

We have a chance to meet some interesting dedicated riders and show them good ole Southern hospitality. I know you will have a great time.

See you on the road.

Ladies Of Harley

Lisa Patton



Spring is in the air!!



I hope that everyone enjoyed the Chili Cook-off and Men's Dessert Bake-off. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this event and also the ones who entered a chili and dessert. The Pam Cobb Scholarship Fund is certainly feeling your wonderful generosity.

Our next basket will be an Easter/Spring theme. Please start finding those bargains and goodies. You may bring them to any Chapter event. Please make sure your name is on the item so you will get the volunteer/participation point. This is open to any Chapter member; male or female. What an easy way to get those volunteer points out of the way. Our Valentine basket brought in quite a bundle for the Pam Cobb Scholarship Fund. Our February basket winner was Pam Boswell. The Easter/Spring basket will be available at the April Chapter meeting.

The next LOH sponsored event will be a trip to the Memphis Zoo! This is opened to all Chapter members and will be held on March 27th. This will be a Chapter ride leaving Bumpus at 9:00am with our first stop at the Arcade Restaurant downtown for breakfast, then onto the Zoo. Our rain date is March 26th. Nothing like a rain date before the event. We were rained out last year. Watch for more information in email blasts.





Assistant Head Road Captain Dave Leutwyler

It is Sunday night as I sit and reflect on the Road Captain article for the HOG newsletter. Last weekend we were all enjoying 60 and 70 degree weather and lots of riding with friends and family. This weekend we were all sharing in fellowship, celebration and memories of our friend and past director, Bob Ward. Our lives and our passion take us from one extreme to the other. Bob's service was honorable, full of dignity and life. I suspect the only thing he wouldn't have liked was that he couldn't be the lead escort.

As you read this article, riding season will be just around the corner. Our club has a full calendar of events, rides and opportunities to enjoy. At the beginning of March we have an opportunity to meet with fellow riders from Spain. A few days later we have our Chapter meeting and a great ride to Reelfoot. As road captains, March brings us the opportunity to enjoy our first training ride and hone our skills in leading our friends and fellow HOG members.

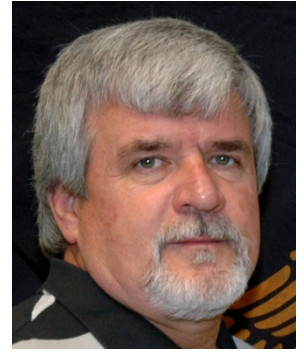
Soon all spring cleaning, detailing and prepping for the riding season will be in full gear. As you clean your ride and prep your gear, don't forget to update your GPS. If you are a Garmin user, the latest update (as of Feb 6) is City Navigator® North America NT 2010 2011.31. If you have not downloaded the latest version, now is a great time. If you have not obtained a lifetime update you can do it for just \$89 and be sure to always have the latest map updates when you hit the road.

Our year is very promising and more and more members are coming out to join in the fun. We have many very experienced riders and some new riders as well as everything in between. If you have any questions or ideas concerning our rides, please don't hesitate to ask any of the road captains or chapter officers. If you have an interest in becoming a road captain, please let us know as well.

Ride hard, ride safe and ride often.



Safety Officer Gene Fretwell



Chapter members, January and February are behind us and hopefully the cold weather also. There's still time to get your bikes ready for the upcoming riding season. This month's article will look at motorcycle riding from a different point of view. The following information was taken from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Quick Tips section.

Quick Tips: Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles.

1. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.
2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc.). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
4. Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.
5. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
6. Turn signals on a motorcycle may not be self-canceling, thus some riders, (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
7. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
8. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
9. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."
10. When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as motorcycle; think of it as a person.

Please feel free to pass these tips along to family members and friends especially those who don't ride.

Remember to ride safe and have fun. Looking forward to riding with all of you.



Chaplain Jerry Rice

Philosophy of Life – according to Leo Buscaglia, Ph.D. and Bob Ward

While Dr. Leo Buscaglia may never have ridden a motorcycle he had the heart of a true biker. Leo was a remarkable man in many ways. An author and motivational speaker he was also a professor in the Department of Special Education at the University of Southern California (USC) for many years. On campus he was famous for his course (non-credit by the way) called 'Love 1A.' Affectionately called the 'Doctor of Hugs,' Leo would have fit right in with our Memphis H.O.G. Chapter and the late Bob Ward, our own expert on hugs.

If you have ever watched Public Television during their fund raising campaigns back in the 80s and early 90s you may have seen some of Leo's presentations. He was a perennial favorite and top fundraiser for PBS. Unfortunately he (like Bob) left us too early at the age of 74 in 1998. I would like to share with you some of his philosophy and how it relates to our passion for motorcycling.

This is from his 1973 book, 'The Way of the Bull.'

'During the years of my life I have been schooled by our society in many things. Mostly, I learned and never questioned. Surely my teachers, who purported to love me, would not lead me down false paths into dead ends, away from myself into loneliness and despair.

For example, my society had taught me that one's worth was to be measured by the things one possessed. If one owned a "big" car, a "lavish" house and an "impressive" bank balance, that person must be important and worthy, and was to be emulated. I was never told that one "possesses" nothing, only one's self. I began to wonder: If one is his or her "things," what happens when they are lost or they are taken away?

I was also taught that life had no meaning unless it was goal-oriented and that my life, to be meaningful, had to be spent in creating goals, making decisions about those goals and charging toward them, through mud and muck if necessary, to achieve them.

Time and experience revealed to me that life was a trip, not a goal. That often one became so fixed on the end that he totally missed life along the way, and found, only too late, that when he had scaled the mountain there was only another mountain, and another, and another. What a pity that he had never stopped long enough to breath the new, clean, fresh air and admire the spectacular view. I had to question: If life is a continual trip, does it matter if one ever "gets" anywhere?'

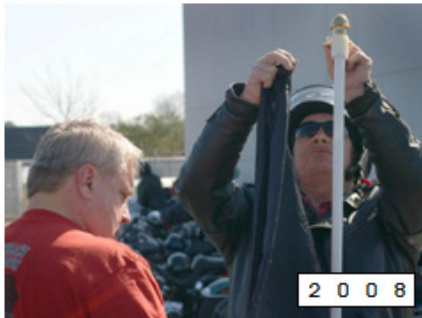
We like to say of our motorcycling adventures that *"It's the journey, not the destination."* Isn't that exactly what Leo is saying to us? And just how does this relate to our recently departed friend Bob Ward? Well, those who knew Bob would say that the way he lived his life was in complete alignment with what Leo speaks to. Perhaps better than anyone I have ever known, Bob knew exactly who he was and what he was about. He had no pretension and was passionate about his interests. *"Ride to eat and eat to ride"* was one of Bob's favorite sayings. I think he had his priorities straight.

So, while we certainly do have to plan for our tomorrows, just do not lose sight of the fact that as Leo says, *"Life lived for tomorrow will always be just a day away from being realized."* I know our friend Bob realized his life goals in a most spectacular way. God bless, Bob. Rest in peace dear friend. We miss you.

God loves you and so do I.



Robert Ward
May 15, 1943
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