



Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group
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Who does this Punxsutawney Phil rodent think he is? Six more weeks of winter! Apparently, Phil (can I call you Phil) hasn't heard of heated gear or Hot Hand Toe Warmers (ask Tracy...she's a fan). The good news (at least for this year) is that Phil is only right 39% of the time. Did you know that Phil isn't the only groundhog in the weather business? A newer contender is Buckeye Chuck. Chuck is running around 50% and he says we are in for an early spring. Either way you look at it, you can toss a coin and still be as accurate. A good gig if you can get it.

Your officer group has been working diligently on the 2021 event calendar. The weekends are filling up. We have something for everyone. We have tried to plan our overnight trips out for the entire year. This should help with planning any needed vacation (or sick) days. Take a moment to check out the Chapter calendar at Memphishog.com and Roelant's event list later in this newsletter.



The beginning of a new year is also a great reminder to service your motorcycle. Whether you are a do-it-yourselfer or leave it to the professionals, take the time to make sure your bike is in tip top condition. Your safety (and those around you) depend on it. Our friends at Bumpus HD will be more than happy to handle your maintenance needs.

If you are one of our newer members or you have a new vest or jacket and you are looking for HOG and Memphis Chapter top rockers, we have them. Pictures and prices are detailed later in this newsletter. I try to bring a few with me to Chapter meetings. But you can always email us Memhog4928@gmail.com and we will make sure to get you what you are looking for. Also check out our new advertiser, Lakeland Leather, if you need someone to sew them on.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at a ride, social or Chapter meeting. Every ride is a great time. Make a point to join us for a great time.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride

Robert
2021 Memphis HOG Director

P.S. Look who's sitting at the top of the chapter mileage list. Can the Godfather repeat?



Amy & Roelant
Verbeek

Activities Corner

Already the second Activities Corner for the year 2021, and we are off to a good start. Cold(er) temperatures, but you can dress to stay warm. With a new year comes a new opportunity to earn rider patches and we are going to give you many opportunities to earn your points and miles.

We started the year off with the Polar Bear ride.

- On Thursday, January 14, we had our first mid-week ride of the year. Backerman on US 64 was the destination. A total of 9 riders found their way from Bumpus to Backerman's, always a good place to stop for some lunch.
- Our first monthly social of the year was at Coletta's, I had not been to the Appling location in forever. If you need a fun dinner for Valentine's Day, they make a heart shaped pizza that day. I had told the owners we'd probably had about 20-25 people that would show. Boy was I wrong, 37 folks showed up for dinner and good conversation.
- The Saturday after the social, we went to Friendship, TN, who knew that exists (by the way, the strangest city name I have ever heard of is Truth or Consequences in New Mexico, named after a gameshow, look the story up some time). Chris Taylor had suggested we pay a visit to Ms. Mac's BBQ and Grill, they were ready for us. Its fun visiting those small places in even smaller towns. We had 2 groups riding to Friendship for a total of 21 members.
- Carol Tactac has been sending me a bunch of ride suggestions, so we picked one for the last day of January. We went to Wolfe's Café and Market in Savannah. The owner had us set up in a separate room and came to talk to us on a few occasions, he was a nice guy. Food was good and some folks even consumed dessert, although nobody tried the Riesling bread pudding. We had 10 bikes and 13 members riding to Savannah.
- On February 6, Bumpus held their first GM ride of the year, it was called Colby's Frosty Butts ride. Colby being Colby Bennard the GM of the Memphis store, he used to be the GM in Collierville. A little less than 20 bikes went on the ride and about half of those came from our chapter, way to support our supporting dealer! We rode to Freddy T's in Counce, TN. The weather forecast had forecasted rain late in the afternoon and we made it all home before the rain started. These GM rides are supposed to be a monthly occurrence, so look for them on the Bumpus website or wait for a notification from me via email, Facebook, or memphishog.com.

We have a lot of good stuff planned for this coming year, we will beat last year's points and mileage opportunities. Below are the (tentative) overnight trips that we have scheduled so far

(with their tentative dates), there will be many more rides than these, so keep your eyes open for announcements:

- February 19-21: Oddities and Curiosities - Knoxville
- March 18-21: New Orleans
- April 9-11: Hot Springs (Arkansas Derby)
- May 14-16: Brushy Mountain - Devil's Triangle
- May 29-30: Southern Illinois/Walker's Bluff
- June 25-26: Tour of Duty - Lynchburg Frontier Days
- July 3-4: Mississippi's Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest - Canton, MS
- July 16-18: Whiskey Tour in KY
- August: 13-15: Chattanooga
- September 4-6: Mena, AR - Ouachita National Forest
- September 28 – October 2: 2021 Great Smoky Mountain HOG Rally, Maryville, TN
- November 6-7: Patti's Settlement

Other notable events to mark on your calendar are the following:

- Mardi Gras Party: February 13
- Experienced Rider Class: March 14 and 28
- Past Directors' Ride: April 3
- Iron Butt: June 12-13
- RC and MoonPie Festival, Bell Buckle, TN: June 19
- Beatles at the Ridge, Walnut Ridge, AR: September 18
- King Biscuit Blues Festival - Helena, AR: October 9
- HOG Waller: October 16
- Thanksgiving: November 18
- Christmas Party: December 11

Roelant and Amy Verbeek
Activities Officers

Don't have heated gear...you
can always go old school





Hello Memphis HOG!!

Hard to believe we are into February already!!

And with a new month, comes at least temporarily, a new home for our chapter meetings.

February will bring us together at Brendalay Grill in Arlington. We have been there before for an officer's meeting. I thought it was great. Very nice place, quite large, good food, and the service was good too.

I only bring this up because I want to encourage all our members to come out and at least give it a try. I know some will think it's too far, or maybe it's in the opposite direction of our "usual" places. And that may be true. Did you know that we have members that come from Mississippi for our meetings? I think it's safe to say we have members coming from all four corners of the area. If we could get the guys from the UK and the Czech Republic to come, I honestly think they would!

You have heard from Robert, Jim and Roelant, (and even Carol and I have spoken to some,) that finding a location that can, or would be willing, to accommodate an average crowd of forty can be quite challenging. Kudos to the three of you for making these monthly meetings happen!

I actually look forward to the monthly chapter meeting, our officer meetings, etc. Heck, I just enjoy it all. I have said in the past we have a great group of people. I was just telling that to a guy we ran into at the grocery store about Memphis HOG, and to check us out if he's interested. I've never let the drive keep us from coming out. It's a chance to see everybody, grab a bite to eat, and hear what's happening with the group.

So, please don't let a new location keep you from coming out! I think you'll really like the place, and it's an opportunity for the chapter members to provide feedback on it as well.

On to renewals. I am repeating the renewal information below, but the biggest point I'd like to make is this. If you plan on renewing, PLEASE get it done now. If we get to the point where you wanted to renew but we got to the cutoff date, it just makes it so much more time-consuming to add people back to our roster, the national roster, and the Facebook page.

We will have renewal forms at the chapter meeting on Thursday, 2/11, if you want to take care of it at that time.

With that said, here a few reminders for the renewal process.

1. EVERYONE is required to complete a new membership form. If you are a current member that is renewing, we need a new membership form. If you are taking advantage of the free membership from the purchase of a new or used bike, we need a new membership form.

2. ALL membership forms MUST be dated January 1, 2021 or later. This is very important! This is a National HOG requirement, as renewals are done on an annual basis. If you already submitted your renewal and it's dated prior to 1/1/21, you will be required to complete a new one. PLEASE do not make any changes to the membership form as National HOG considers it a contract.
3. If you are renewing your current membership, the dues are \$25.00 per member. We accept cash, or check made out to Memphis HOG Chapter #4928.
4. Please return the forms and dues as soon as possible. Your choices are:
 - a. Take your membership form and payment to the parts counter at Bumpus H-D on Whitten Rd.
 - b. Mail your membership form and dues to:
Memphis HOG #4928
Bumpus H-D
2160 Whitten Road
Memphis, TN 38133-6004
 - c. Pay via PayPal at memhog4928@gmail.com. When paying with PayPal, we ask that you please use the "friends & family" option AND please write "membership" in the comment section so we know what it is for.
 - d. **DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORMS IS FEBRUARY 28TH., 2021.**

Effective March 1, 2021, if we have not received your membership form or dues by this date, you will be removed from our roster, as well as the members only Facebook page...so please be sure to get everything turned in on a timely basis. We will also update the national HOG roster as well. This does not mean that you cannot still join, but it is a lot less work to keep you on all the rosters rather than removing you and then having to go back and re-add all your information.

As always, if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: memphishogmembership@gmail.com

Thanks everyone!!

Looking forward to seeing you at Brendalay!!

"Every Ride A Memory"

Jim and Carol Tactac

Membership Officers



From our Memphis HOG Webmaster

If you read the January Newsletter, you will know this is the second installment regarding the new memphishog.com website. If you have been on the site you will notice in the section at the bottom of the “Home” page, “Memphis Chapter Upcoming Events”. This month it features 2 February activities, the Mardi Gras Party on the 13th and Oddities & Curiosities Expo ride to Knoxville on the 19th. We’ve had several of our members use the RSVP feature, thank you. Everyone may continue to RSVP by email or Facebook or whatever method our Activities Officers request, the website is just an additional place to RSVP to events.

Another interesting feature that several of you have already discovered, is the “Log-In” to your personal account. Although this is NOT a requirement of our membership, it allows individuals to set-up a personal account with his or her profile which is password protected with YOUR password and only accessible by YOU. When you set-up a personal account it sends a message to the Webmaster to approve adding you as a member of the website, not the Chapter but the website. I will be exploring the feature more to determine if there is opportunity for us to utilize this. I want to point out that you will notice in the profile section it allows for the individual to set-up a credit card number (DO NOT ENTER A CREDIT CARD). At first pass I thought this would really be great for individuals to pay dues, purchase patches, pay for special events, etc., but WE CANNOT. The National Harley Owners Group PROHIBITS any commercial transactions through a chapter website. For the fun of it, set-up yourself a personal account. We may discover a use for it.

From the old website we moved the “Past Directors” off the Home Page to the Officers Page. “Past Directors” is located at the bottom of the page. If you click on it, you will see a display of all the past chapter directors going back to 1986. Although we no longer feature the monthly newsletter on the website, I am exploring archiving monthly newsletters for that year behind the Directors name for that year. As I looked into this, I discovered it will take a great deal of work to get all of the documents moved but it is something I have in mind to archive what happened that year in the Memphis HOG Chapter.

I encourage everyone to explore our memphishog.com website. If you have any suggestions, please let me know and I’ll see what we can do.

Tony Crook

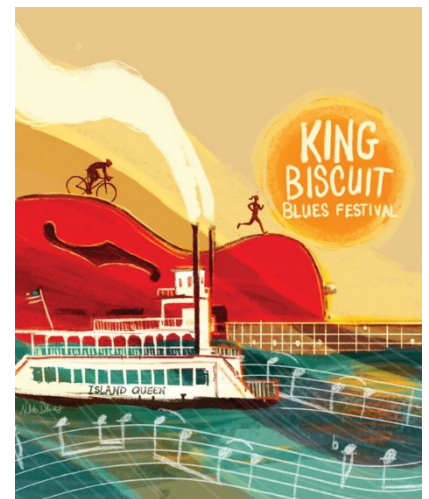
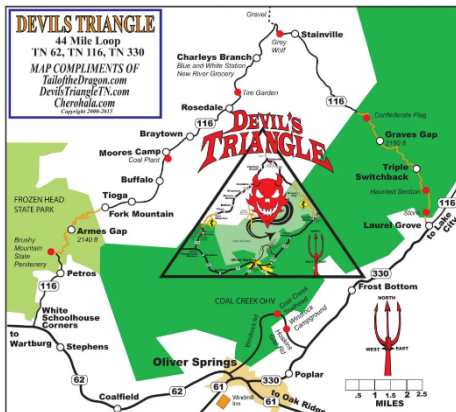
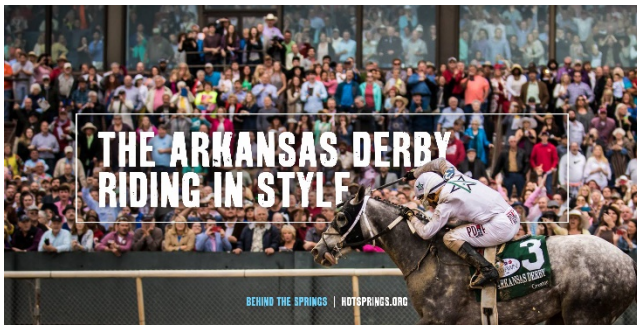
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EVENTS



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 \$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

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

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



Participation Points and Club Mileage through
February 8, 2021
Max Points = 13
Max Mileage = 747

2021 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

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Richard Cooley	12
2	Christopher Taylor	10
2	Frank Rector	10
2	John McDowell	10
2	Bradey Eskins	10
6	Roelant Verbeek	9
6	Dan Benson	9
8	Jordan Wells	8
8	Jim Tactac	8
8	Dave Stockton	8
8	Madisen McDowell	8
8	Timothy Harris	8
8	Kenneth Barbee	8
8	Timothy Backus	8
15	Yancy Wagner	7
16	Tracy Taylor	6
16	Pauline Rector	6
16	Deanna Jackson	6
16	Paul Dunaway	6
16	Kristi Dunaway	6

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Richard Cooley	747
2	Roelant Verbeek	702
2	Christopher Taylor	702
2	John McDowell	702
5	Yancy Wagner	622
6	Frank Rector	517
6	Bradey Eskins	517
6	Dan Benson	517
9	Jordan Wells	480
9	Timothy Harris	480
9	Timothy Backus	480
12	Madisen McDowell	472
13	Dave Klunk	392
14	Mike Zdanceylcz	310
15	Pauline Rector	302
15	Paul Dunaway	302
15	Kristi Dunaway	302
18	Jim Tactac	295
18	Dave Stockton	295
18	Kenneth Barbee	295

Chapter Events



2021

February

06 Bumpus Frosty Butts Ride

Ride lead by Bumpus GM Colby Bennard. Meet at Bumpus at 10:30am with KSU at 11am.

11 Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting

The chapter meeting will be held at Brendalay Grill, 6259 Quintard St, Arlington, TN 38002. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

13 Mardi Gras Carnival

Join us for Mardi Gras festivities and Cajun food at Bumpus HD, located at 2160 Whitten Rd at 6:30pm.

18 Memphis HOG Dinner Social

More details coming

19 Oddities and Curiosities Expo

Long weekend ride to Knoxville

March

04 Memphis HOG Officers Meeting

6:30pm. More details coming

11 Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting

6:30pm. More details coming

14 Memphis HOG ERC Class

More details coming

18 Memphis HOG Dinner Social

More details coming

27 Reelfoot Lake – Eagle Watch

More details coming

28 Memphis HOG ERC Class

More details coming

April

01 Memphis HOG Officers Meeting

6:30pm. More details coming

03 Memphis HOG Past Director's Ride

More details coming

08 Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting

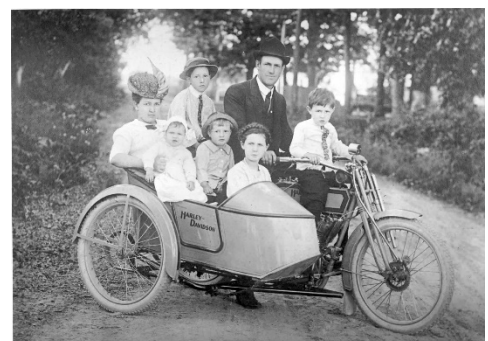
6:30pm. More details coming

09 HOG Weekend Ride Arkansas Derby

Hot Springs, AR. More details coming

22 Memphis HOG Dinner Social

More details coming



Memphis HDG Patches



*Memphis Chapter Top Rocker
Available in Gold and Silver
Small \$13.00
Large \$24.00*



*HDG Logo
Available in Full Color and Silver
Small \$5.00
Large \$14.00*



*HDG Heritage Logo
Small \$5.00
Large \$14.00*

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.



Bumpus

**MAINTENANCE 101:
BRAKE & CLUTCH FLUID FLUSH**

**WATCH, LEARN
& ASK QUESTIONS!**

**SATURDAY
FEB. 13TH
STARTING AT 1PM**



Lakeland Leatherworks

10305 Monroe Road, Lakeland, TN
 Shop: 901.290.5726 Cell: 901.484.5725
 @LakeLandLeatherwork



Yes we sew on patches!

Top & Bottom Rockers - \$10
 Large Center Patches - \$15
 Pocket Size Patches - \$7.00
 (\$14 to keep pocket open)

Drop off and pick up, or for small simple patches, call for an appointment and we'll sew them on while you wait.



Custom Saddle Bags

Traditional styles and designs or ones to complement your bike

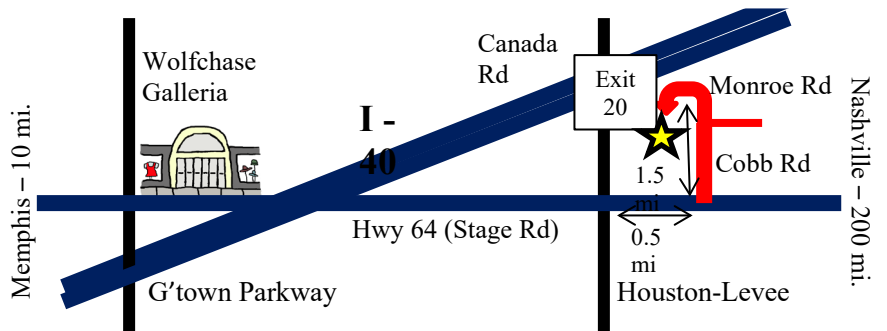
Call us for an e-copy of our 60-page color catalog to see more of the leather products we make in our shop.



Custom Chaps

In your Choice of Styles

slide on or attached to a separate belt, sewn on jeans, or "cowboy-style"



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

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE MEMPHIS HOG CHAPTER?

- 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

- 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

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

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

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

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

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

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