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Directors Corner

Well Spring has officially arrived on the calendar but a taste of winter and rain continues in the air making comfortable riding conditions seem far away. However, we have continued to have several rides in spite of the weather. Our ride to the Blue and White Café in Tunica and the ride to Lamberts restaurant in Sikeston both had good turnouts and were fun rides. Many thanks to our HOG Club for supporting the Wild Pigs Poker Run. The Wild Pigs took notice our club was back participating in this annual event to support our law enforcement community.

Our activities committee lead by Michele is doing an outstanding job of having several weekly dinner events and a fun event at the River Kings Hockey Game. She has a whole host of great events for the rest of the year. Check the calendar for all the exciting events. Three special events I want to mention are the Springfield Mile Motorcycle Race on Memorial Day Weekend, Southeast Harley Rally in Marysville, TN the week after Memorial Day and the 115th Anniversary event the week before and through Labor Day weekend. These are outstanding events that only come around once in a while. They are what Harley Davidson get together events are all about and are outstanding values. These are bucket list type events so make an effort to attend to make a lifetime memory on your Harley.

Many thanks for all the support and turn out at our monthly club meetings at the Sidecar restaurant. Mr. Robillo and his Sidecar team are doing an outstanding job of providing us a place to meet and also providing great food service. Please tell them thank you before you leave each meeting and tip well. Please also go to the Bumpus web page for their event schedule. They have some great events coming up with the warm weather approaching. When our club has the day off for our events check out their events and give them your support because we know they are always there for our club and helping us out.

Dave Stockton and the road captains have done a great job on the rides this year's so give them a word of thanks also. If you have an interest in becoming a road captain give Dave a shout and let him know. We need to add a few more to our RC team. Don't be bashful or nervous we will provide the needed training.

Many thanks to our club officer TEAM who are making our club great. You deserve all the credit for making our club.

RIDE AND HAVE FUN.
KEEP THE SMILE IN YOUR MILES AND THE SHINY SIDE UP!
LARRY

Assistant Director

The Preamble of the HOG Charter states “The intent of the Chapter is to “Ride and Have Fun” with like-minded individuals who have a passion for riding Harley-Davidson® motorcycles and the Harley-Davidson® brand”. There it is in a nutshell, “individuals who have a passion for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles”. Is this not the main reason we purchased these American made iron horses? To ride them whenever possible and when possible to ride with our friends? That my friends is why the Harley Owners Group exists, to ride and to ride with our friends.

Either join us on an organized ride or call some friends and get your knees in the breeze.

See you out there,
Robert



Safety Officer

I think everyone is ready for the riding season to get here. Hopefully it will stop raining before long and we can all start riding again. Before you hit the road, and head off for the twisties, be sure to take care of some of those things you put off doing earlier. Now would be a good time to do a full inspection of your bike. Examine the tires carefully, looking for age cracks and nails and tread wear. Check the pressures. Tire pressure goes low in cooler weather, so you may need to add a few pounds. Also, if you have old tires, you may want to change them out for a fresh set, even though they still have sufficient tread on them. Check the drive belt for proper tension and check it closely for excessive wear or damage. Look over the fuel lines and brake lines for chafing, wear or leaks. What about your clutch and throttle cables? How long has it been since they were lubed? Is it time to change the fluids? How long has it been since you checked the horn to be sure it still works? What about bulbs – are they all still working? Be sure and check the stop lamp using both the front and rear brake. And don't forget to check the battery terminals. They should be clean and tight. Maybe now is the time to upgrade some things. For example, LED lights are wonderful additions for better visibility – both *for you* and *of you*. In short, be sure your bike is in good shape from front to rear for the coming season so you end up on the side of the road, or worse.

I want to remind you about the MSF TCLOC process. Use it as a quick checkout of your bike before every ride.

T – Tires and Wheels
C – Controls
L – Lights
O – Oil and other fluids
C – Chassis
S – Side stand

I'm including the MSF TCLOCK checklist in this newsletter for your use. You may want to print it out and keep it with your bike if it's something new to you until the process becomes more familiar and routine.

Ride safe,

Jerry

Offensive or Defensive

We all enjoy a ride through the countryside on a nearly deserted road free of other drivers and road distractions. However, all good things come to an end and the next thing you know, traffic happens.

While reading some motorcycle magazines during our recent rainy season I came across a few riding articles that I thought I could paraphrase and share about riding safely in traffic. I think you would agree that we use a different skill set while driving a car or truck than while riding a motorcycle. Most of the authors suggest that riding offensively is a better option for the motorcyclist. And riding defensively, or below the posted limit may cause us to develop a false sense of security which may lead us to drop our guard and put us at risk, or in a tight spot.

The authors seem to agree that riding at the edge of, or occasionally exceeding the speed limit is far less problematic than being laid-back and traveling under the speed limit. I do not propose that we should all break the law by always speeding 10 mph over the limit. However, riding safely at a slightly increased speed causes the rider to be more aware of his/her surroundings. My old football coach would frequently say that the best defense is a good offense. So, by riding in a politely aggressive manner, we are on the lookout for problems and issues past the hidden radar gun. The safe rider scans the road for threats and signs of trouble. By riding aggressively and respectfully, you can carefully adjust your speed and position in the flow of traffic to maintain an escape plan in case trouble arises.

Bad drivers are everywhere. In Australia they have the term SMIDSY, “Sorry Mate I Didn’t See You”, when a car driver hits a motorcyclist. And closer to home our Local TV 24 News reported that Memphis was ranked #1 for gun-related road rage in 2017. Either case is bad, but when it comes to road rage you may be right but you don’t want to be dead right. We should always watch out for the distracted driver, the impatient driver, the driver who could be responsible for your trouble if you let your guard down. Just like in baseball, the goal of every ride is to finish safe at home.

That’s my view from behind the handlebars, Peter Doorley

Safety Note

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Provided by Robert Rehkoph

Tech 101

It's no secret to those of you that know me I'm kind of a "techno geek" but why not, it does pay the bills! All of the years I've been involved in the Chapter I've always wanted to have a newsletter article about technology, new tech, old tech, good tech, and even bad tech! So, I am purposely calling this "tech" as it may not always be specific to motorcycling but I hope it will be useful knowledge as you are out and about on your motorcycle.

In this first "Tech 101" article, I want to start off the year with some info around a topic I would say most of us take for granted, but could save our life while out on the road. You know that little device many of us can't put down, or in some cases tied to because of work! Guess what it is yet? If you said the Smartphone then you are correct!

That Smartphone is nothing more than a portable computer with voice capability. We buy it, slap a case on it, and then toss it around like a frisbee, at least I do. But this isn't the only abuse we put our devices through. Many of us abuse our devices every day and may not even realize it. Smartphones and tablets are sensitive to extreme cold and heat. If you leave your devices in your vehicle, or on you bike in cold and/or hot months then you are reducing the life of that device.

In cold months, and here locally we have had some excessively cold days already this year, you could be causing damage to your device(s) by leaving them in your car, or on your motorcycle. Exposing your devices to extreme cold temperatures for too long can:

- Drain your battery
- Make your phone's hardware more brittle leading to cracked screen or motherboards.
- Cause condensation to form inside your screen and inside the electronics.
- Lead to permanent damage if your device is left in "sleep mode."

So, in the cold months make an effort to keep your devices out of the cold. Keep them in a coat pocket or bag but away from your body. Having the device close to your skin could cause internal condensation and over time ruin the electronics. If the device is kept in the cold for a long period allow the device to warm up before turning it back on. Also, use a Bluetooth headset so you don't have to take your Smartphone in and out of your pocket. If you're going to use your device outside in cold temperatures, get yourself a pair of touchscreen gloves. You can leave them on while using your device.

If you must expose your Smartphone, or tablet, to the cold for an extended period then turn them off and don't turn them back on until they reach room temperatures - this will prevent condensation from accumulating inside the device.

In hot months, the temps inside your car can rise 20 degrees or more in just 10 minutes. Although I don't have specific numbers about motorcycles, based on personal experience I would say tour packs can become just as hot. If you keep your phone, tablet, or even a camera on your bike, or in your car, for long periods leave it turned off and when you bring it inside, allow it to cool to room temperature before turning it back on. Overheated electronics can be a fire risk or just plain not work until they cool down, and if then! I recently had an expensive camera go belly up because I didn't follow my own advice.

One last piece of advice, if you have an old mobile phone carry it with you on your extended trips. You can use a phone that is no longer activated to make 911 calls. Be aware that the phone GPS capability won't work but if you can tell the 911 dispatcher where you are they will be able to get to you. Keep it charged as a backup too. If you damage your new phone you can swap the SIM to the old phone and can be back in business. If the SIM is a different size find a Carrier (AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, Sprint, etc.) and they can do a simple SIM swap to the correct size SIM.

If you have a piece of "tech" you would like to share let me know! This could be your favorite gadget, in case of emergency idea, phone application, etc....

Be Safe and Have Fun,

Jim Ferguson
tnharley@bellsouth.net

Membership

If you haven't renewed your National and Local Hog Chapter Membership you need to do so by February 28, 2018. We will be purging the membership roster and the closed Chapter Facebook page on March 1st, 2018.

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>



2017 Officer Team

Dealer Liaison: Tim Bumpus
Director: Larry Allen
Assistant Director: Robert Gantt
Treasurer: Michael Smith
Secretary: Linda Gibson
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Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton
Membership: Jim Ferguson
Safety Officer: Jerry Hayes
Photographer: Tony Crook
Newsletter Editor: Robert Gantt
Web Master: Tony Crook
Chaplain: Chip Hurdle

Up Coming Rides

We are still working out the details, but mark your calendars for these upcoming overnight Chapter rides

May 25-28	Springfield Mile, Springfield, IL
May 29-June 2	Regional Rally, Maryville, TN
Aug 17-19	Balloon Fest, Centralia, IL
Aug 29-Sept 2	Ride Home – HD 115 th
Oct 5-7	Barber Vintage Days
Nov 10-11	Patty's Settlement (TBD)





CHAPTER EVENTS

May Events		June Events	
3 th	Officer & Road Captain Meeting	7 th	Officer & Road Captain Meeting
6 th	Century Farm Winery Ride	12 th	Chapter Meeting at SideCar (6:30pm)
8 th	Chapter Meeting at SideCar (6:30pm)	22 nd -24 th	ARK Encounter
15 th	Rizzi's Dinner Social (6:30pm)	25 th -28 th	Springfield Mile
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It was a tough winter.
Watch out for Potholes.



Bumpus is collecting toys for Toys for Tots. If you would like to help support this, we are going to collect toys for Toys for Tots all year long for Bumpus. If you bring toys to any Chapter Meeting you will receive one free 50/50 ticket. One ticket per donation, not per toy.

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- Get text alerts or follow us on Twitter
To get texts: Text a message to 40404 with the following informat
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 memphishog2017@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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