

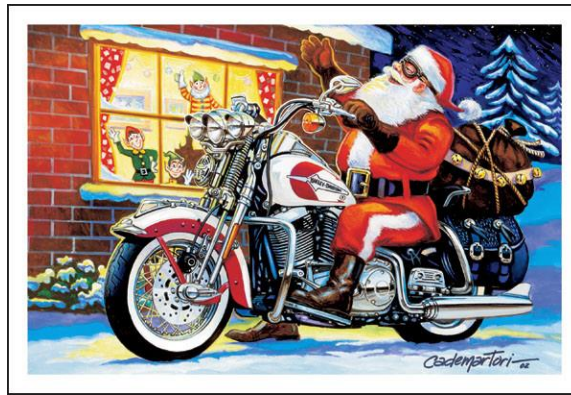


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'Tis the season for celebration, it seems so crazy this time of the year, everything seems to go into fast forward, trying to get ready for the upcoming holidays making sure the gifts are bought the decorations are up and the plans for Christmas dinner are made. I have always found it funny that in the past my Christmas presents may have been a new tool a new pair of boots or something for the car. But ever since I bought a Harley Davison motorcycle my Christmas presents have been Harley themed gifts, everything from an ornament to a new shirt, even a part for the bike or gift cards with Harley Davidson on it. Not that I'm complaining I appreciate everything that I receive. And what might be crazier we have some friends back in New York that are having a baby and we are here at Bumpus Harley looking for a newborn Harley Davidson onesie to send them. We have had some great times this past year traveling all around the great state of Tennessee and even venturing into a couple other ones. The chapter enjoyed the HOG rally in mid Tennessee and visiting the east coast Myrtle Beach Memphis Hog Chapter affiliate. Cathy Coats has already been hard of work planning some great adventures for us in 2023. One will even take us till Milwaukee to enjoy the 120th anniversary of Harley Davidson, I am definitely looking forward to that. We have a few more activities to finish off this year maybe one ride still squeezed in, and our Christmas party. January 1st, 2023, bring us The Ski Freeze fundraiser ride and lunch. Our chapter relies heavily on volunteers, I'd like to personally thank the officers that supported me this year what a great job you all did. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that supported us at all the different activities this year from being a Road Captain to flipping burgers and putting up decorations at our parties this is all greatly appreciated, and you all make this organization great. I'd like to wish everyone the happiest and safest holiday season and may Santa bring you everything that is on your wish list, and if he doesn't there's always next year.

Please don't forget to stop in at Bumpus Harley. They have been stocking up on those Christmas gifts that are on your list for a fellow Harley Davidson owner. It's also a great time to plan that service during this chillier weather. The service department has a little more time to spend on taking your engine up a few notches or your handlebars up a couple inches. And don't forget those heated handgrips especially if you're riding to work and the thermometer says it's 41 out, you'll appreciate them

**"Always remember, friends don't let friends ride alone. Now get out there and put some miles on
Tim Backus 2022 Memphis HOG Director**



As I am writing this, it is





Dutch's Corner



December 5th, also the deadline for submitting of our newsletter articles (yes, I am a champion procrastinator). Today is a special day in Holland (the Dutch government has started a campaign to make the official name of The Netherlands stick more), it is “pakjes avond.” That means that Sinterklaas comes by and brings (good) children (and aren't we all children) presents. Much like Santa Claus does in the US on Christmas eve. Sinterklaas is a bishop and rides a white horse on the roofs of houses and then comes into your house through the chimney to bring the presents. He has some helpers names Piet that watch for any bad behavior of children. When children behave badly, Sinterklaas and Piet will put you in Piet's burlap bag and they take you to Spain where Sinterklaas and Piet reside during the rest of the year. Now that I am a little older, I can't really see anything bad in being taken to Spain, it is very pretty country and the weather is great. When I was little Sinterklaas and Piet visited our neighbors and Piet ended up chasing my mom around their house, because she hadn't been all that good and they were going to take her to Spain. Scared the living daylights out of me! For a few years, my dad played Sinterklaas at one of the local elementary schools. I can remember the age at which I was told that Sinterklaas wasn't real, I do remember that there was always something freaky about going to our attic to pick up the bucket with gifts that Sinterklaas left us there. Once I was a bit older (I am the youngest of 5), we started doing something called “surprise.” This is where you draw a name of one of your family members and you buy a present for them and make something for that person in which you hide that present. That something should be based on something satirical that may have happened to that person during the year. You are also supposed to write a poem that goes along with the gift and the thing you made to hide the gift in. I sucked at making things and I am not very creative either. So, it was a bit of a struggle to do this each year. And, as I said above, I am the best procrastinator there is, so I always waited until the very last minute to get the project going. Good memories!

Switching topics.....the last couple of weeks have not been the best for us Harley Davidson enthusiasts, the weather has sucked, and this entire week it is expected to rain. So much for riding all year long. The Gantts and Amy and I recently came back from a trip to Curacao. Robert and I had found an excursion where you could rent a Harley and ride around on the island. We opted against it, because we can ride Harleys everyday and that turned out to be a good decision, because the roads on the island were worse than Houston Levee! Instead we just went to the Harley store and bought our souvenirs from there.

The new year is coming up and as I have said before, if you want to have a destination put on our calendar as a HOG event, please reach out to Cathy or any of the other HOG officers. Pretty soon, we will be publishing our overnight ride calendar for 2023 and we are looking for suggestions. As I always said, if you don't provide suggestions, then we'll go where the officers want to go. Disclaimer: just because you submitted a suggestion, doesn't guarantee it to be on the calendar. Last but not least, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas (or whatever you celebrate) and a wonderful 2023! I hope to see many of you at our January 1 Ski Freeze ride with lunch following.

Roelant Verbeek
2022 Assistant Director
Don't worry, be happy!





ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT

November Newsletter

In December, we celebrate a birthday on December 25. It is the birthday of Jesus Christ! Have you ever made Him a birthday cake? Did you write Happy Birthday Jesus on the cake? Did you sing the happy birthday song to Jesus? If not, maybe you might try that this year when you gather with your loved ones. You will be blessed. We give and receive gifts at Christmas. This is to remind us of the presents given to Jesus by the Three Wise Men after His birth at the Nativity.

With Thanksgiving holiday and the weather turning colder and having some rain off and on, there has not been much riding. There will be a brave group out on New Year's Day riding to Mud Island Park for Ski Freeze. Before we get to that, we have our annual Christmas dinner and chapter meeting on December 11. We will watch for good riding weather in December.

Do you believe in Santa Claus? This is hoping that your Christmas season is a blessing.

Below is the current schedule of events

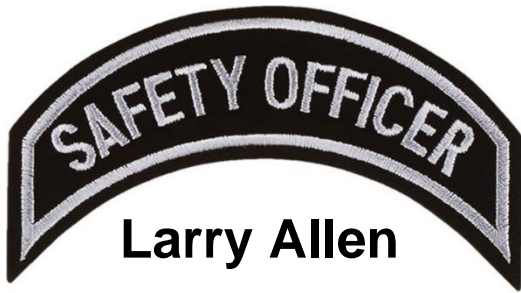
DECEMBER-HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 11, 22 Christmas and chapter meeting 4:30 pm

January a all-New Year Welcome 2023

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Ski Freeze Ride and Lunch TBA





MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER HOG Safety Article December 2022

Larry Allen

WINTER CYCLE TIPS

In the south many of us ride our motorcycles all year long. However as the days get colder it takes its toll on the motorcycle performance and on our body's ability to perform as well.

1. **Avoid black ice.** This is just a name given to water frozen spots on the road, which occur when the temperature is below freezing. It's hard to see, but you need to anticipate it being on the road under freezing conditions. Bridges and shady parts of the road are most susceptible to these conditions. If you get on black ice don't brake or make sudden moves. Stay upright, pull in the clutch and coast your speed down to a manageable level.
2. **Avoid frostbite and hypothermia.** I covered this before so I won't go into details. Your nose, earlobes, fingers and toes are the first parts to get frostbite. Keep them covered. Riding at 30 MPH on a 45-degree day can put you in danger of frostbite. Keep copy of this chart in your bike for reference.

CHILL OUT!

WIND CHILL CHART	Temperature in Fahrenheit															
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100	
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102	
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103	
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104	
25	0	8	15	22	30	37	45	52	60	67	74	82	89	97	104	
30	-3	5	13	20	28	36	43	51	59	66	74	82	89	97	105	
35	-5	3	11	19	27	35	42	50	58	66	74	81	89	97	105	
40	-6	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
45	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
50	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
55	-8	0	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
60	-8	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
65	-8	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	

This Wind Chill Chart is provided to help determine how cold you will feel on a motorcycle even in warm temperatures with a slight breeze. The wind chill factor is a measure of how fast heat is being removed from your body. For example, if the air temperature is 40 degrees and you are riding at 20 miles per hour, it feels the same as 20 degrees with no speed at all. So, be sure to dress appropriately so you can enjoy your ride!

3. **Stay warm and well insulated.** Put on a base layer of moisture wicking thermal underwear. Dress in layers with leather or heavy nylon type motorcycle jacket and chaps. Use gauntlet style gloves for your hands to seal out wind. Ski pants and bibs work well for this purpose also. Clothes should be snug but not overly tight to restrict blood flow. Wear a full-face helmet or at least a ¾ style with a ski type mask

and even a face shield. A neck warmer or baklava on your head is a plus. Also use a windshield in winter to keep the wind off your chest.

- 4 If you really ride a lot in cold weather make an investment in electrical warming gear. You can't beat some of the electrical outdoor clothing they now make. They make jackets, vests, pants, socks and gloves. I personally wear the electric vest and socks. Many of these clothes are lithium battery powered and very light and no longer need to be attached to your bike battery. Motorcycles also come with heated grips and seats. With these items and dressed properly I have ridden in 20 degree weather and stayed warm. I find the electric vest keeps my core body temperature up enough that the warm blood flows out to my other body parts. Some people also use chemical heat in those packets you get at outdoor stores to keep hands and feet warm.
- 5 Experts also say to drink lots of liquids because you will get dehydrated faster in cold weather. Carry some water and sugary snacks on your bike. Try to stay away from caffeine and alcoholic drinks. However, drinks with sugar can give you carbohydrates, which help your body produce heat.
- 6 Motorcycle issues:
 - Your bike tires will be harder and have less grip in cold weather until they get warmed up. This will take longer.
 - Air cooled and carburetor equipped bikes take longer to warm up. Batteries will be less potent in cold weather and need to be charged up.
 - Bike cables will potentially not work as smoothly in cold weather due to lubricants being thicker. Spray with silicone in winter in joints and moving parts.
- 7 If you store your bike for the winter do the following:
 - a. Store your bike off the ground and/or pump up the tires to at least 45 lbs so the tires don't get flat spots sitting on a cold hard floor.
 - b. Fill your tank full of gas and use a fuel stabilizer to avoid gas turning to varnish and gumming up your fuel system. A full tank will also have less moisture develop due to changing temperatures.
 - c. Use a trickle charger for your battery to keep it charged up during the winter.

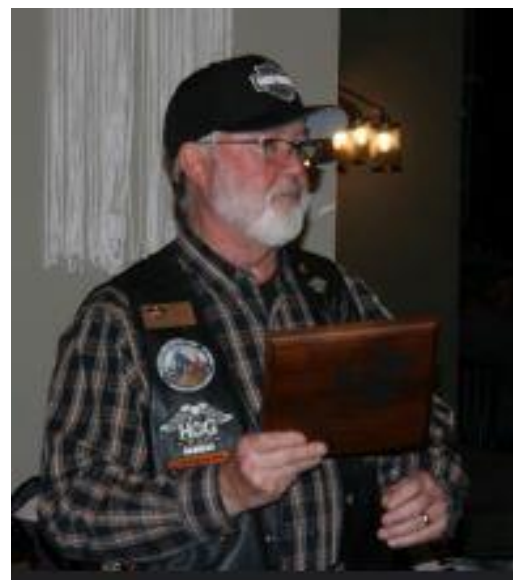
Merry Christmas to all!!

Look forward to seeing you on the January 1 Ski Freeze Ride for the New Year.

Keep the Chrome side up- Larry Allen , HOG Safety Officer



Deck the halls with boughs on Harley®.





Membership Alley

It's that time of year to turn in new membership forms and annual dues. It's the same as last year – only \$25. What a great holiday gift to yourself!

Everyone is required to submit a new membership form. I'll say it again...**EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR 2023**. When completing the membership form, it needs to be dated **January 01, 2023**.

There are multiple ways to get it done.

- 1) Take your completed membership form and payment to the parts counter at Bumpus H-D on Whitten Road in Memphis.
- 2) Mail the form and dues to: Memphis HOG c/o Bumpus Harley Davidson, 2160 Whitten Road, Memphis, TN 38133-6004
- 3) Bring your membership form and dues with you to the Christmas Dinner/Chapter meeting December 11.

Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check or PayPal. Checks need to be made out to Harley Owners Group Chapter #4928.

There is a small fee if paying with PayPal. The account is memhog4928@gmail.com and the total paid must be \$25.75.

We love new members! Remember, word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract attention to our group. If you know someone who is interested, please contact us with their contact information and we'll handle it from there.

We are looking forward to the Holiday Season and a smooth transition into 2023.

Now, let's go ride!
Chris and Tracy Taylor





SUSAN MILLER

The Treasurer's Corner

Susan Miller

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our November account balance started at \$11,683.57, and we ended the month with \$8,964.43.

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our November account balance started at \$11,683.57, and we ended the month with \$8,964.43.

We had expenses in the amount of \$2,719.14, which was for Thanksgiving dinner (\$1,518.50), ERC (\$625.00) and party supply (\$575.64) expenses.

Reminder, please use PayPal or leave your payment in the drawer at the parts counter at Bumpus if you need to pay for anything.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions (email preferred - susan_miller@outlook.com).

Susan





The Webmaster



Webmaster / Photographer



Memphis Harley Owners Group

Chapter Mission Statement & Purpose
"To Ride and Have Fun."

It's not the destination, "it is the journey." Finding interesting places and riding our Harleys to get there with a bunch of great folks.

Tony Crook
Webmaster/Photographer



Hello Memphis HOG from Pop Pop Jim!



I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving! For those of you who may not know, Carol and I became grandparents! This is Carol's third grandchild, but my first. It's truly an amazing feeling!!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas, and Happy New Year!!

As your Secretary, it's quite a job keeping up with all of your riding points, meeting minutes, etc. Plus, I have to deal with all of you. Just Kidding!! I do enjoy staying involved with the chapter.

I don't normally submit an article as the Secretary, but I wanted to do an end-of-year one.

This has been a great year, and while Carol and I didn't quite ride as much as usual, we did have some great rides. Kudos to Cathy for doing a great job with activities. She had big shoes to fill, and I think she did a fantastic job! There seemed to be something going on all year long.

Which brings me to this.

In my infinite wisdom, I came up with an acronym for Harley.

"Harley adds Real Life Experiences Yearly." Catchy, huh?

Now, I am doubting I am the first to make that up, but if I am, I am off to copyright office.

My point to this is that since we bought our bike, we've been on some amazing trips, whether they were day rides, a lunch, or a long weekend.

Being Yankees, (northerners, not the baseball team,) I can honestly say that we probably never would have gone to the Ozarks, Mobile, New Orleans, and certainly never heard of, or would have visited Brushy Mountain or floated down the Buffalo River.

These are just some of the places we've ridden to with new friends we have made since joining the club in 2018. Every year we go and see some amazing places.... sites we probably never would have seen. Now, I know my acronym might be a little corny and/or hokey, which in a way it's supposed to be, but I think it sums things up very well. Every year, we, as a club, have some great rides, great times, big laughs, and generally just have a good time. And isn't that the point of it all?

Thanks all.

Jim



Ed Lowe rides to remember

Did you miss this year's Patti Settlement ride? A lot of fun was had by all. We were split up for our dinner seating, but we were still able to enjoy each other's company. Susan knows how to solve the problem for next year, so plan on going. The town is so beautifully decorated with Christmas lights, like a Hallmark movie. I highly recommend everyone to bring their wives even if they don't ride, they can drive up, maybe several of them can get together and make the trip more fun and

easier. This year it was a rainy ride to Patti Settlement, but it still was enjoyable. Some of the best times can be had with fellow HOG members during these overnight road trips, memories are made, and friendships are formed. Most of the time when heading back home from these adventures we ride out as a group heading back to Memphis. I had a little change of plans I needed to head to Metropolis Illinois home of the Superman Museum. I Was looking to complete a Harley Ride 365 challenge and gain a coin. With the challenge completed I headed back to Memphis I did get a little Lost, just kept telling myself Memphis is southwest, right. If you are a new member in our club, remember the golden rule ride your own ride that means don't go faster or take on challenges more than you feel you can handle. And ask questions When in doubt we are all here to help each other. That's why we call it a group ride. If you are riding a trike or a sportster let your Road Captain know they will place you in the correct position within the group, and also keep track of gas stop mileage. Our Assistant Director Dutch rode with a sportster and a trike on a 1000-mile iron butt just a few years ago. We nicknamed them the slow roll gang they definitely added a few extra gas stops. I can't say enough about the officers of our organization. Cathy does a great job organizing our rides and activities. Larry makes sure we're all safe and provide several safety classes for us to take. Tony is the man behind the computer driving our website and keeping it fresh, he also pulls double duty as our organization's official photographer. Jim keeps some great notes at our meetings. Chris and Tracy make sure our membership is up to date. Dave makes sure we're on the right road to where we must go. Susan is always tracking the organizations money; she even took time out of her busy day to help me with Harley's 365-coin challenge. Tim and Roelant make sure the organization stays sound and keeps us moving in the right direction. J Carolyn Rice is a past Director and our historian for the group, that's why Tony has a picture of me from 1990. If you should ever have a question about Memphis HOG group, ask anyone of them they certainly can answer any of your concerns. Hats off to Tim Bumpus who is very generous with his support for this organization along with all of his staff. Lauren Who controls promotions and riding academies, she even took time out of her day to help me with my Ride 365 40,000-mile \$50 gift certificate from USA Harley Davidson. Reggie is the main man behind the Service department, I suggest you get to know the service technicians that service our motorcycles. Several years ago, I had an opportunity to meet Roy Who has completed many services on my motorcycle. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me over the past several years. I know I can be a pain in the rear, but I was told Long ago there's no bad questions, so I guess I'll continue asking them. I wish you the happiest and safest holiday season, I am looking forward to new upcoming adventures in 2023

Ed Lowe
Memphis HOG Memder





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



2022 Officer Team

Sponsor: Tim Bumpus

Director: Tim Backus

Assistant Director: Roelant Verbeek

Treasurer: Susan Miller

Secretary: Jim Tactac

Activities: Cathy Coats

Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton

2022

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Tammie Caldwell	99
2	Frank Rector	97
3	Roelant Verbeek	95
4	Tommy Caldwell	91
5	Susan Miller	81
6	Mike Farina	80
7	Ed Lowe	78
7	Timothy Backus	78
9	Cathy Coats	72
10	Richard Cooley	70
11	James Coats	66
12	Dave Stockton	60
13	Christopher Taylor	59
13	Bradley Eskins	59
15	Rick Barbee	58
16	Jim Tactac	56
17	Dan Benson	54
18	Robert Rehkopf	49
19	Jim Ferguson	45
20	Larry Allen	43

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Frank Rector	9027
2	Mike Farina	7604
3	Tammie Caldwell	7002
4	Tommy Caldwell	6393
5	Roelant Verbeek	5826
6	Cathy Coats	5707
7	Susan Miller	5653
8	Richard Cooley	5461
9	Dave Stockton	5217
10	James Coats	5213
11	Bill Clemmons	4592
12	Ed Lowe	4274
13	Robert Rehkopf	4188
14	Bradley Eskins	4127
15	Rick Barbee	3872
16	Jim Ferguson	3611
17	Daniel Jackson	3409
18	Timothy Backus	3397
19	Dan Benson	3271
20	Christopher Taylor	3263



Participation Points and Club Mileage through
December 11, 2022
Max Points = 230
Max Mileage = 14129

Memphis HDG Patches



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



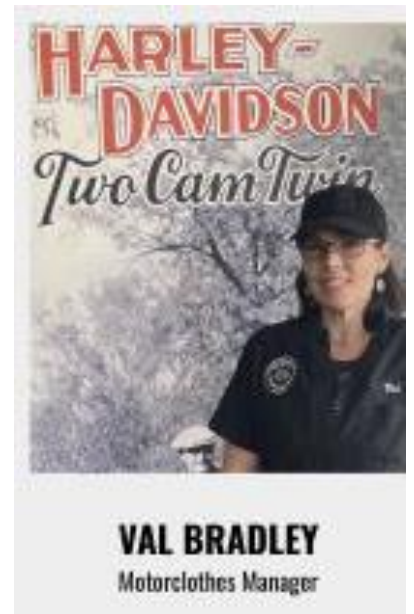
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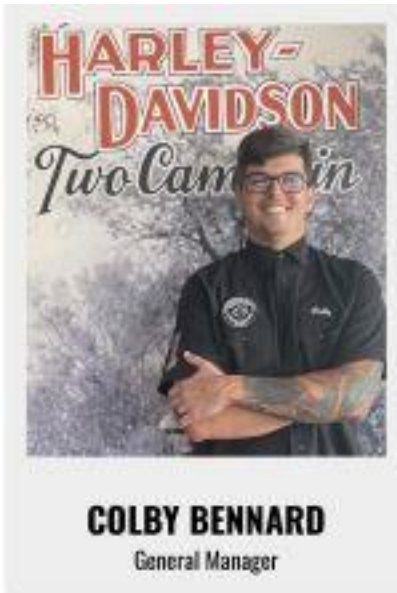
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MEMPHIS HOG'S
Employee of the Month
Mike Zdancewicz
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VAL BRADLEY
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COLBY BENNARD
General Manager



Reggie Butler
Service Manager



DILLON CAIN
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- 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.



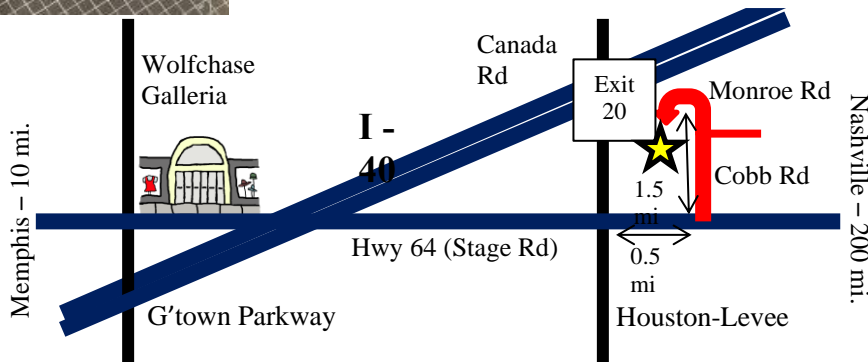
Custom Saddle Bags

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.

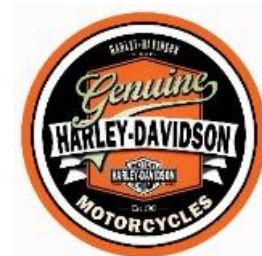
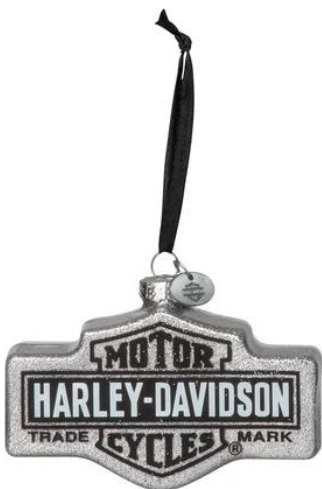


Custom Chaps

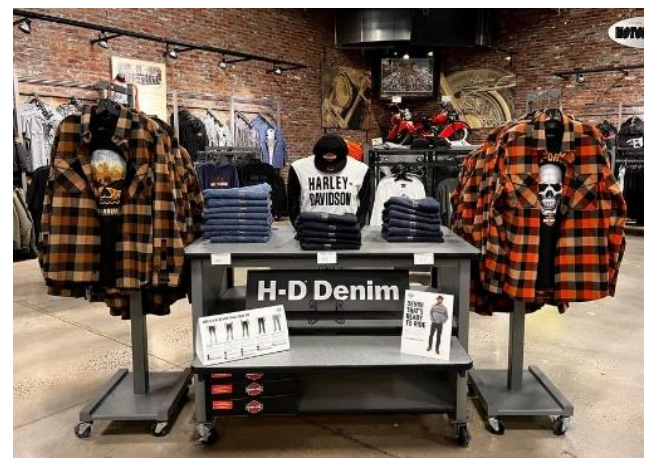


BTW...The ride on Monroe Road from Canada Road to Chambers Chapel is amazing

Robert F Rehkopf PE.



Stop by Bumpus Harley for your Christmas Ornaments



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

*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

<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



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

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

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

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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 Tim Backus to set up your ad.