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## The Director Says...

I hope you plan on attending the Past Directors' Ride May 14th and ride with us to the Old Sawmill Cafe, in Forrest City, AR. We will leave Bumpus HD on Whitten Road at 9:30am and plan to eat lunch about 11:30 am. We will have the Chapter meeting and honor our past Directors and discuss some upcoming rides! You will not want to miss this ride and meeting.

Your officer team this year is working hard to bring you some different opportunities to ride during the week and on weekends. We have a wide variety of members so we are trying to have more week night meetings, so that weekends are available for riding, or even chores around the house if you just absolutely must! There is a lot of work to plan and schedule these rides and events so please come out and ride with the Chapter. Many thanks to our Activities Team (Lisa Patton, Laura Gantt, Michele and Jeff Poland) and the rest of the officers who take time out to meet and plan rides on your behalf. Thanks too to those of you who come and ride and support the Chapter. We hope to see you again!

We have another fun filled overnight ride coming up in June; this one involves Moon Pies and Jack Daniels. If Jack Daniels isn't your thing, grab a Moon Pie and RC Cola. Come join us on Saturday and Sunday June 18 - 19<sup>th</sup> for the Moon Pie Festival and Jack Daniels Tour. If you want more specifics, I better see you at the Chapter meeting. Oh and by the way we will be handing out a little surprise at the meeting to all attendees...I hope to see you there! No, it isn't any Jack Daniels. Sorry!

The online pre-registration for the TN State HOG Rally is closed. You will still be able to register onsite and enjoy the rally and all of the rides. There will be events around town, including events at both Bumpus HD dealerships. We will send out more details as they are provided.

If you have an idea for a ride, social, or something different for the Chapter to try, please let one of the officers know. We have received several good ideas and have challenged folks to make it happen.

**Ride Safe,  
Jim Ferguson  
2016 Memphis HOG Chapter Director**

### MAY CHAPTER EVENTS

4	Bike Night at Bozo's, 6:30pm	19	Shakes Ride to Sonic, KSU 6:30pm Bumpus
7	Lunch Ride to Trimble, TN	22	Day Ride: Olympic Steakhouse (Bells, TN) and
10	LOH meeting, Old Timer's Millington, 6:30pm		Tennessee Safari Park, KSU 9:30am
14	Chapter Mtg/Past Directors' Ride, KSU 9:30am Bumpus	28	Lunch Ride: Philips Grocery (Oxford, MS) KSU 9am

*Come Join in On the Fun in Our Own "Backyard"!*



### **ONSITE REGISTRATION**

Location: Cook Convention Center

Monday: 1 – 6pm; Tuesday – Friday: 7am – 6pm; Saturday 6/4: 7am – 12pm

### **DAILY ADVENTURES**

**Tuesday:** Poker Run to Clarksdale, Slot Tournament and Opening Ceremonies at Gold Strike Casino

**Wednesday:** Ride to Tupelo, Dinner at Graceland, Bike Night on Beale

**Thursday:** Ride to Crowley's Ridge and Johnny Cash Birthplace, Ride to Rattlesnake Saloon, Dinner at Graceland, Reception at Southland Greyhound Park

**Friday:** Ride to Shiloh, Harley Demo Fleet, Welcome Party at Bumpus HD

**Saturday:** Bass Pro Visit, Ride to Full Throttle Saloon, Harley Demo Fleet,

#### **Catching Up with Former Memphis HOG Director JT Norris**

If you were a HOG Chapter Member between 1999 and 2005 and remember JT Norris, he would like to say "hello". JT Norris was the Chapter Director during 2003. JT now works for Harley Davidson in Milwaukee. He is in town for a couple of weeks. If you want to come out and say hi, the event info below is where we will be meeting. **It will be (order off the menu or from the bar) so come hungry and thirsty!**

**Thursday, May 19th from 6:00-9:00**

**KOOKY CANUCK**

**1250 N. Germantown Parkway**

**Cordova, TN 38016**

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A TALE OF TWO RIDES  
NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER QUIT, UNLESS YOU SHOULD, AND “10 MINUTES”

Robert Rehkopf

Every year the Iron Butt Association (IBA) holds what is called the Pizza Party in Jacksonville, FL. Long Distance (LD) riders come from all over to meet and greet. During the event the IBA sponsors two LD rides, a SaddleSore 1000 (SS1000), and a Bun Burner Gold (BBG). The SS1000 equals riding a 1000 miles in 24 hours, and the BBG equals 1500 miles in 24 hours. However, the rides at the Jax event are not ‘normal’ SS1000 or BBG rides, because they have required stops or bonuses that you must gather.

Tale ONE: Actually this begins last year. Last year, I signed up for the BBG ride, which had a theme called ‘Full Court Press’. It entailed riding the perimeter of Florida with a few extra bonuses along the way. My troubles started the Monday before I was leaving. I was sick; my body ached all over. I went to my doctor on Wednesday and they said you’ve just got a cold, etc. Well Wednesday and Thursday I got sicker and sicker, so Friday I went back to the doctor. I had the flu, both strains A and B. Not deterred because I had already committed to the BBG ride, I left for Jax with a group of Southern Thunder HOG Chapter members who were heading to Bike Week. After arriving in Jax, I knew I wasn’t up to the BBG. I backed out, knowing I had two years to complete the ride.

Fast forward to February 2016. I was going to ride the 2015 BBG ‘Full Court Press’ with prior approval to start and end in Pensacola, FL versus Jax. A good plan to start and end closer to home. Looking at the route and talking to the previous year’s riders, I determined the choke points were the University of Florida and Miami American Airlines Arena bonuses. I research the events and schedules of each and that determined my ride dates. I also added each bonus stops weather to my iPhone and was checking the weather daily. Doing my homework.

My first indication of ill-will started in Pensacola. As I was riding to my motel the day before I was to start, I rode by the first bonus only to see a flashing sign saying the streets were going to be closed the next day for the Mardi Gras Parade! What that meant was I had to leave Pensacola much earlier than I planned, which meant I would be in Miami traffic. I also looked on my phone apps and the weather at each bonus was either clear or ‘light rain’. I felt I was good to go and my only issue would be in Miami.

I left the next morning. The beginning portion of the ride was uneventful. The U of F bonus went perfectly. Between Gainesville, Bradenton and Naples, those light showers became torrential rain showers. I-75 was under construction with lane closures, and wrecks caused by rain and bad roadways. The FDOT had milled the inside of the inside lane and the outside of the outside lane leaving 4’ on each side of the center line rideable; otherwise you rode in about 1” of water in the milled areas. It rained so hard my waterproof satellite tracker stopped working! Stopping at the Naples bonus, I looked at the NEXRAD weather to discover the whole southern portion of Florida to Miami, and then up the entire east coast showed Yellow and Red rain on radar. Between the wreck delays and construction delays, I determined the ride was a bridge too far and quit in Naples. It hurt to fail, but it was the safest thing to do. This was the first ride I never completed. As stated in the title, it was a ride I should quit.

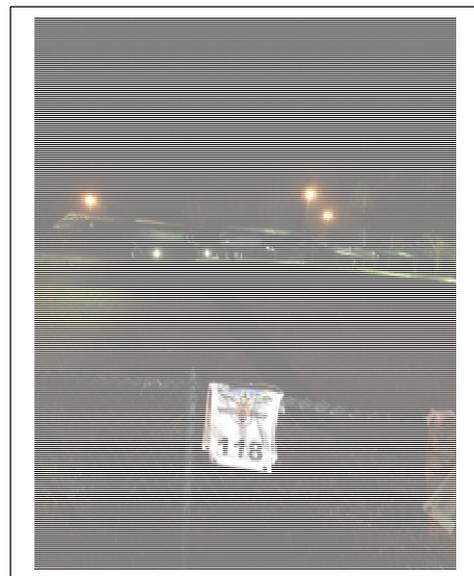
Tale TWO: Present day: Returning to the scene of the crime so to speak, I again signed up for the Jax BBG ride. This time, the theme was ‘Plane Crazy’. (see Below, yellow daylight, black night).



## A TALE OF TWO RIDES (cont.)

I was determined to do better. Before the ride, I was worried about the Bike Week crowd, hoping the traffic would be OK. However, Bike Week wasn't the worry. It was a wreck on the east side of the Tampa I-275 bridge. Riding toward the Pinellas Park bonus (east to west), I noticed that the west bound traffic was stopped across all 4 lanes and was backed up for miles and miles and miles. At the bonus there were two other riders there, and we all ask the same thing. "How do we get off this peninsula?" I asked a couple walking in the Park and they sent us to another bridge. This did turn out to be the fastest way, but 'fast' is a relative term. At mile marker 14.5, I picked my feet up for the final time! We did 14.5 miles about 20' feet at a time. Once I finally picked my feet up, it was bumper to bumper traffic to basically Orlando. End result: Time lost was 1.5 hours. My GPS said my ETA was '10 minutes' before I would be disqualified. And that was without any time allowed to gather 3 more bonuses and at least 2 more fuel stops before the finish.

I knew I could make up some time, but this was stretching it to the max. This was a never, never, never, never quit time. I rode 700 miles, gathered 3 bonuses, made 2 fuel stops, and finished with 28 minutes to spare! During the 700-mile last leg, there were numerous 60 mph construction zones, some lane closures, and me getting disoriented/lost in Miami. BUT, the main takeaway was never, never, never, never quit, unless you should!



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

- Get text alerts or follow us on Twitter

To join: 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:  
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## 2016 Road Captains

*Head Road Captain: Greg Patton*

Larry Allen	Joe Moscon
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## For Sale by Members

Dunlop front/rear tires for 2011 Ultra for sale. Asking \$400 for both tires. Front is 130 X 80; rear is 180 X 65. Contact John Trainor at [jktrainor@earthlink.net](mailto:jktrainor@earthlink.net)

Parts from 2012 Ultra with less than 2000 miles on them (see photos below). Make me an offer I might just take it! I want to sell these items. I also have a 2001 FLT service manual, \$10.00. Contact Dwain Barnett at 901 493-0305.





## Bucket List II

by  
Peter Doorley



What if you had something on your bucket list and then you checked it off, and then you decide you wanted to do it again? Maybe three or five more agains? Is it still bucket list worthy? A few years ago, I heard about Fred's Lounge in Mamou, Louisiana. Fred's Lounge opened in 1946. Although Fred has long since passed away, the small red brick building with a music stage and bar still bears his name. Fred's claim to fame is that it hosts the longest running live radio show in LA, if not the entire USA. Every Saturday morning at 9:10 am, radio station KVIP (AM 1050) airs the live broadcast. The place is buzzing with music and dancing and is crowded by the start of the show. Did I mention that they start selling drinks at 8 am? The signature drink is the peppery Bloody Mary, referred to as Fred's omelet. I checked Fred's Lounge off my bucket list in 2014 during a ride to the Louisiana State HOG rally in Lafayette. When I got the chance to go back for the spring 2016 LA non-rally ride, I couldn't say no. Given a chance, I'll most likely go back again. The place is a slice of American pie topped with a scoop of Cajun zydeco.

So here's my dilemma. What do you call an item that was once on your bucket list and is now a regular occurrence? Maybe I have a hole in my bucket and my Cajun music level is a pint of Fred's lounge low. It's a fever that only more cow bell can cure. Any ride is a good ride and a good ride turns into a great ride when the destination is Fred's. The music and the people make it a true American experience, a quintessential example of Cajun music. And it's all official because the state of Louisiana named Mamou the Cajun Music capital of the world in April 1987. I witnessed the power of people connecting through music when the band's accordion player invited a guest accordion player to sit in on a song and this musician from New York City played beautifully and pleased the crowd.

We shouldn't dismiss a chance to do what we want. As Sydney J Harris said, "Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable." So, while waiting for the next great ride, we should try to do the things that we won't regret. As the Scripture says, don't hold back doing good to someone who needs it, when you have the power to do it. Have fun and do good while you are waiting to have some good fun.

So, is it a bucket list item if you do it more than once? Does it matter? Let's just put it on our "to do" list, and do it as often as we can and with as many friends as we can.

That's my view from behind the handlebars!

### Not receiving emails from the Chapter?

#### AOL Users and Other Email Account type Alert:

If you are not receiving any e-mail from Jim Ferguson ([tnharley@bellsouth.net](mailto:tnharley@bellsouth.net)), and you have an AOL account, or similar e-mail account, you may want to try adding the email [tnharley@bellsouth.net](mailto:tnharley@bellsouth.net) as a contact in your e-mail client. Jim has personally observed that AOL is not delivering e-mail, even though the member's e-mail address is correct. Just create a quick contact in your email client with Jim's name and email address above.

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Have you joined LOH yet? If you are a Memphis HOG member, your local LOH membership is free.

Join us at the monthly LOH meetings! We'd love to see you.

### Did You Know????

Statistics about women riders....

- Women make up 12% of motorcycle owners in the US. (An increase of 28% in last 5 years.)
- 1 in 4 motorcycle riders (including passengers) are female.
- 25% of purchases are made or highly influenced by women.
- In 2012, approximately 27 million people in the US operated a motorcycle. Approximately 6.7 million of them were women.

(Source: 2012 survey conducted by Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC))

Women's thoughts on riding....

- More than 33% of women riders report they feel less stressed after riding.
- More than 1/2 of women who ride cite their motorcycle as a key source of happiness.
- 74% of women riders believe their lives have improved since they started riding.

(Source: 2013 survey conducted by Kelton; commissioned by Harley-Davidson)



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