



*Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group
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Director's Corner



by Joe Moscon

A New Tradition

Here in the south we have a lot of traditions and sayings. We also seem to have a season for most everything that swims, crawls, flies, or runs in the woods through the water or in the sky.

We have sayings in the HOG Chapter, "Ride and Have Fun" or "Screw it Let's Ride", and of course our newest and my favorite, "Let the Good Times Roll".

Now, I don't know about all of you, but I don't live in a dirt burrow, or a hole, or a den, do you?

I am going to keep my article short and to the point this month. I am ready to ride, right now!

I want to apologize if this article hurts any Yankee feelings

we have amongst us. But, like I always say, "Here's the Deal!" If it stays cold much longer, can I get a few of you guys to go with me to Punxsutawney and have a full blown season on that darned groundhog?!!!!

We'll give him a couple of choices:

- 1-He can do whatever he wants with his shadow, as long as it means we can ride!
- 2-He can get his name changed from Phil to "Target".
- 3-He can come out and be our new mascot.

His only other choice would be live fur bearing, or stuffed and strapped on my tour pack!

Who wants to go?

Fortunately for Phil, by the time this goes out, we will probably be able to ride. We'll just let him take this as fair warning for next year.

On a more serious note, the attendance so far to our activities has been awesome. Our membership is actually up from where it was as well. The officers work hard to have as many fun things going on as time allows, and still make plans to ride too. So thanks for coming, keep on coming, and most of all, keep on having fun!

See ya out there.

Joe D Moscon Director Memphis HOG

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Chapter Meeting

Saturday, March 6, 2010

9:00am

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Assistant Director's Article



J. Carolyn Rice



Tennessee Rally

If you have never been to the Tennessee H.O.G. Rally or even if you have, be sure to mark your calendar for this year's event. Your State Rally Committee works hard to make our own Tennessee Rally one of the best state rallies each year. Come and see for yourself why you need to experience "Ride All Day and Party Into the Night!"

This year our Tennessee Rally will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The following information may be found at <http://www.tnstatehogrally.com>

The 2010 State Rally Coordinators are taking the Tennessee Rally to the river, the beautiful Tennessee River in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Chattanooga is the crossroads of the south; a beautiful city nestled between Lookout and Signal Mountains and split by the Tennessee River. Chattanooga is a motorcycle friendly city that is hosting the 2010 Tennessee State H.O.G. rally. This year's rally will be at a destination that provides great mountain riding just minutes from a robust city with a healthy nightlife. This city plays right in to the Tennessee State H.O.G. rally-underlying theme: "Ride all day and party into the night."

The rally dates are June 2 – 5, 2010. The deadline for early registration is April 14, 2010. You may register and pay online with your credit card/check to reserve your place for all the 2010 Tennessee Rally events today.

If you have attended the Tennessee Rally in past years you will find some of our favorite activities are being offered again. These events are: 12-Pack-to-Go Rides, Field Events, the Chapter Challenge Course, Bike Show, and

nightly entertainment. There are also the following local attractions that you might want to see while in Chattanooga:

- Lookout Mountain and Ruby Falls
- Tennessee Aquarium
- Jack Daniels Distillery; George Dickel Distillery; Georgia Winery
- IMAX 3D Theater
- Chattanooga Zoo featuring Snow Leopards, Red Pandas, Chimpanzees and Jaguars
- Chattanooga National Cemetery – 120 acres established in December 1863 as a military cemetery – three civil war battle sites can be viewed here (Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain and Chattanooga)
- Chickamauga Battlefield & Park- 5,000 acres are preserved in northwest Georgia where the Confederates and Union soldiers experienced the bloodiest two days of the Civil War-the last major Confederate victory of that war
- Coolidge Park Antique Carousel
- Chattanooga Ghost Tours

The host hotel is the Chattanooga Choo Choo. The Tennessee Visitors Bureau has the following to say about the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel :

"It's a train. It's a song. It's a hotel. It is one of the South's most renowned and unique landmarks. The Choo Choo combines history and fun in a delightful blend that appeals to visitors of all ages. Experience our train cars that you can sleep in, the array of restaurants and shopping, the appealing swimming pools, one of the world's largest working "HO" gauge model railroads, the authentic New Orleans trolley, the beautifully landscaped gardens and our fascination with restoring the history of a bygone era. Come and encounter the wonder of the Chattanooga Choo Choo!"

The hotel is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. It is a great place for a rally. It is a great place to meet friends and enjoy riding our beautiful state. Reservations are being accepted at the hotel now. If you wish to stay in a more moderately priced hotel, a block of rooms have been reserved for the Memphis Chapter at the Microtel only a few miles away. If you are interested in these accommodations you can contact our Activities Officers for further details.

The main thing is to decide to ride East Tennessee and enjoy the roads, the fellowship, and the 2010 experience with your fellow chapter members. Make your plans and enjoy the scenery. See you on the road. "Chattanooga Here We Come!"

Activities and Happenings



Jeff LeDuc



Laura Acree

Thanks to everyone that came out for the Sweetheart Dinner at The Butcher Shop. The food was good and conversation was great! Missed a few due to illness - we hope David and Kathy Chadwick are feeling better!

The March Chapter meeting will be a breakfast meeting at The County Line Restaurant. Breakfast will be at 9:00 am with the meeting to start at 10:00 am. The cost is \$10.00, this includes coffee and juice. Stephanie is opening the restaurant just for us!

On March 13th, we'll be heading to Boyette's for lunch. This is a wonderful catfish restaurant just across the road from the Reelfoot Nature Center and Reelfoot Lake. Maybe the eagles will still be around and we'll get a chance to see them. After lunch, in memory of our fallen brother, Jim Thompson, we will have a memorial service out on Reelfoot Lake for those that would like to attend.

Check out the calendar - we've got the overnight rides listed now. Hope to have all the hotel information for them on there soon. If you have any ideas for places to see or eat - send us an email. We'd like to hear your ideas.



Safety Officer's Message



Larry Allen

Pre-ride Briefing For Your New Passenger She/He is the BOSS, but you set the rules

By: James R. Davis

Before I let a passenger onto my bike I host a briefing with them. I explain that so long as they are on my bike THEY are the boss - that if they want to slow down, or to stop, for any reason, we will do so. In other words, **the rider controls the bike while the passenger controls the rider!** I explain that it is not my intention to scare them, ever, while they are on the bike, but to help them enjoy the experience. In exchange for this there is a price: They have four jobs while riding as passenger, and they must agree to get on and off the bike only with the permission of the driver.

I explain the 'passenger twist' where they connect their helmet cord while facing the bike, then do a full turn clockwise so that the cord wraps behind them before they get on the bike. That they get on and off only while I am on the bike, which is in neutral, and have both feet down and the side stand up (this, because if the side stand is down and they plump themselves on the saddle they will compress the shocks and that will lever the bike to the right - possibly all the way over onto its side!) I nod and tell them it is OK to get on the bike when I'm ready for them. I do the same when I'm ready for them to leave the bike. Finally, I ask that when they mount and dismount the bike they try to keep their weight centered on the bike - that they not pull the bike towards them but, rather, push themselves towards the bike.

I explain that while we are moving they can talk to me if they want, and that they may use the PTT button near their left hand to talk on the CB, but as to moving around, I'd prefer that they pretended to be a sack of potatoes (actually, I tell them they can move about, just not suddenly) - that they NOT try to help me through the turns - that they not lean in anticipation or when we are in a turn.

I tell them that I have never had an accident, but that no matter what happens while we are moving, they are to keep their feet on the passenger floorboards and never, ever, try to touch the ground with their feet to try to hold up the motorcycle. I show them the saddlebag guard rails and point out that they are heavy steel, like 'roll bars', and will protect their legs only so long as their feet remain on those floorboards. Oh, as to those 'jobs' they have:

- They are to wave at all policemen who are on their feet
- They are to wave at all children that show any interest whatever
- They are to wave at all motorcyclists approaching us in the opposite direction
- They are to demonstrate to the world that they are enjoying themselves, particularly at all rest stops.

Failing any of those jobs, I declare, will result in them having a new job when the ride is over.

Cleaning the Wheels.

Keep the Chrome Side UP and the Rubber on the Road.

Larry

Road Captain's Gas Tank



Greg Patton

I have been asked a few times especially from new members about how we line up for our Chapter rides. For a Chapter ride, we will always have a short ride briefing announcing the Road Captains for the groups. At this time we will also go over the route and the proper hand signals and if you need to sign a waiver for a guest. If you are new to the Chapter and especially to group riding and have questions, please seek out one of the Road Captains; we are here to help. We have all been new members at one time and we understand that the lining up can be a little intimidating. If you prefer to ride in a specific spot within a group, let us know. Also if you have ridden with specific road captains and feel better riding with them, let them know and jump in their group.

I also want to thank Jim Stingley and Dave Stockton for attending a recent training. The three of us attended a Motorcycle Accident Scene Training course back in January. This was an all day course and it covered many different topics including; proper techniques for removing helmets, the handling of the scene until the proper authority arrives etc. I would encourage everyone to attend if you have an opportunity.



Photographer



Lisa Patton

I had always wondered what "jpeg" and "tiff" meant. I have seen them attached to files when pictures or images are being used. So I decided to look them up on the World Wide Web and I thought I would share with you.

JPEG - An acronym for *Joint Photographic Experts Group* that describes an image file format standard in which the size of the file is reduced by compressing it. A "JPEG" image file name carries the extension ".jpg" - e.g. "portrait.jpg"

TIFF - *Tagged Image File Format* - A standard digital image format for bitmapped graphics in an uncompressed state. The image files are much larger than compressed files, but can be opened in all image-processing programs.

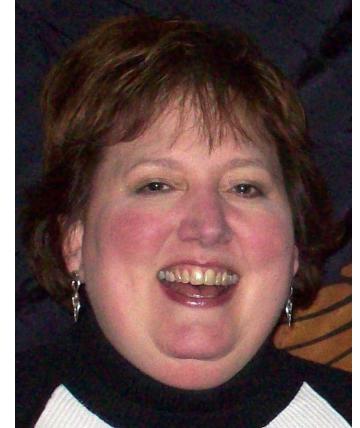
MEGAPIXEL - refers to a million pixels, and is used in describing the number of pixels that a digital device's image sensor has.

PIXEL - Abbreviation for PICture ELeMent, a pixel is a small square of colored light that forms a digital image. It is the smallest unit in a digital image. Think of a pixel as a single small tile in a large mosaic.

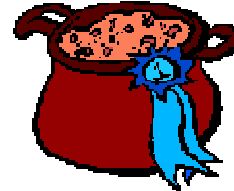
If anyone is interested in a travel tripod to carry on your trips to help out when taking pictures if you happen to be solo; I found one at Wal-Mart for less than \$10.00. They are in the electronics department.

Remember if you take pictures at any of the HOG events; please compress and send to mphotohg@yahoo.com.

Ladies Of Harley



Pam Powell



It is that time again! Time to dust off your cookbooks for your best chili and dessert recipes. Bumpus has asked us to have our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off Social during their event for Skeeter on April 10th.

This is a time to gather with friends, eat great chili, sample delicious desserts, make new friends, and share road stories. Last year we had a great time eating and socializing even though it rained and was soooo cold! We laughed, talked about rides we were planning, and some went in to Bumpus and bought extra clothing and gloves! Hopefully, the weather will be better this year, but I know we will still have fun no matter what!

We will run the Chili Cook-Off as we have in the past. Men only can enter the dessert contest and both men and women may enter the chili contest. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for desserts and a \$5.00 entry fee for chili. If you enter 2 different chili dishes, it is \$5.00 for each one making your entry fee \$10.00. If you plan on entering a dessert or chili, please email me at pamela.powell754@att.net and let me what you will be entering. We will have a sign in sheet at the March Chapter Meeting and the LOH Meeting also. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both chili and dessert categories.

We will have our March LOH Meeting on Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be at Fresh Slices located at 6600 Stage Road. The phone # is 388-0270. Please try to attend this meeting because we will be finalizing all our plans for the Chili Cook-Off Social. Please bring your donation for the April Basket to the March LOH meeting. Our basket theme for April is spring/Easter.

Remember, we are all here for a common purpose, riding. Enjoy riding with your friends and your chapter! See you on the road!

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***Chaplain's Message* by Larry Allen**

A Fire for Cold Hearts

By Charles R. Swindoll

It happened in a large, seventy-five-year-old stone house on the west side of Houston. A massive stairway led up to several bedrooms. The den down below was done in rough-hewn boards with soft leather chairs and a couple of matching sofas. The wet bar had been converted into a small library, including a shelf of tape recordings and a multiple-speaker sound system. The ideal place to spend a weekend . . . unfortunately, my wife and I were there just for the evening. The smell of charbroiled T-bones drifted through the rooms. The ladies laughed in the kitchen as they fussed around with ranch-style baked beans, a variety of salads, and homemade pies. Everybody knew everybody. An easy, relaxing atmosphere made you want to kick off your shoes and run your fingers over the thick, black hair of the sleeping Labrador retriever sprawled across the hearth of a crackling fireplace. The host, a lifelong Christian friend, leaned his broad shoulders against the mantle as he told of the bass that got away last week. While the guys chided him loudly for exaggerating ("it had to weigh ten to twelve pounds!"), my eyes ran a horizontal path across the carved message on the mantle. The room was too dark to read what it said from where I sat. I was intrigued and strangely drawn from my overstuffed chair to get a closer look. I ran my fingers along the outline of each letter as my lips silently formed the words:

IF YOUR HEART IS COLD, MY FIRE CANNOT WARM IT. "Hmmm," I thought, "how true." Fireplaces don't warm hearts. Neither does fine furniture nor a four-car garage nor a full stomach nor a job with a six-figure salary. No, a cold heart can be warmed only by the fire of the living God. I settled back down, stayed quiet, and mused over those thoughts. I even prayed as I stared into the fire: "Lord, keep my heart warm. Stop me when I rev my motor and get to moving too fast toward stuff I think will make me happy. Guard me from this stupid tendency to substitute things for you." The dinner bell broke the spell. I stood up with all the men and we strolled toward the patio. I took a quick glance to remind myself of the words on the mantle one more time. The logs were now burned down to embers, and in the glow I remembered:

IF YOUR HEART IS COLD, MY FIRE CANNOT WARM IT. I thanked God for His fire that has never burned down. That memorable scenario happened over twenty years ago. My heart has, since then, occasionally cooled off. Today, however, it is warm because He never left me when I was cold.

God Bless:

Chaplain Larry

March 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|-----------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 28 | 1 Mar | 2 6:30p (C) New Member Orientation | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 900a (C) Chapter Meeting at County Line Catfish Restaurant |
| 7 | 8 7:00p (C) Pool Social at Sharp Shooters | 9 | 10 | 11 8:30 (C) Road Captains Meeting Fresh Slices Bartlett | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 6:30p (C) LOH Meeting - Fresh Slices | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally (C) Dinner Ride to Seafood Junction | 26 Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally | 27 Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Apr | 2 | 3 |

Master of the Web



by Dan White

This has been as interesting winter so far. I haven't seen this much snow and cold weather since the couple of years I lived in Chicago. Hopefully the weather will break and we'll get some ride time on the Harleys soon.

OK, you've taken all these great pictures or saved pictures taken by others of the great rides and social events with your HOG friends. You have a great collection of pictures for points towards you're National ABC's and or Memphis "Screw it let's ride" contest. And one morning you go to turn on the computer and you see some funny screens flash up quickly and disappear and then there's a black screen with the message of "Windows has experienced a fatal error" or is just locks completely up and you can't even turn it off. If it's really bad all you hear is the grinding of the read-write arm on the hard drive, I've had this happen and it's a terrible sound! None of these situations are a good sign and usually means you hard drive is toast.

Now you have lost all those priceless pictures with no way to get them back. What could you have done to prevent this? Normally nothing computers are machines and they do fail, so you must always prepare for the worst when it comes to computers. Believe me it's like that old saying "there are bikers who have gone down and those who are going to." You are going to have a computer crash on you someday so prepare for it.

Here are some suggestions on how to preserve all these great pictures. The easiest way is if your computer has a CD R/W capable drive. Once a month or every time you add pictures to your files save the folder you created to a CD and label it with what's on it and store it in a good spot. The second thing you can do which cost more but saves all your files is to buy an external storage drive. I have one and backup all my files, work and personal, to the backup drive every other week or when I have created or received a lot of files. This way if your computer crashes you can either get a new drive (hopefully for free under warrantee) or buy a new computer. After you reload your programs to the new drive or computer you can then restore your files from the backup drive onto the new drive or computer and viola you still have all those files and great pictures.

Hopefully this will give some of you some good ideas on how to keep these pictures for when you need them and personally when I'm old and gray and can't throw my leg over my Harley for a ride or if my grand kids want to know what grandpa and grandma use to do for fun I can break out all my pictures and relive all the rides once more.

Don't forget that you can send me ideas about things that may be of interest to have on the website. Lets Ride!



Happy St. Patrick's Day



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