

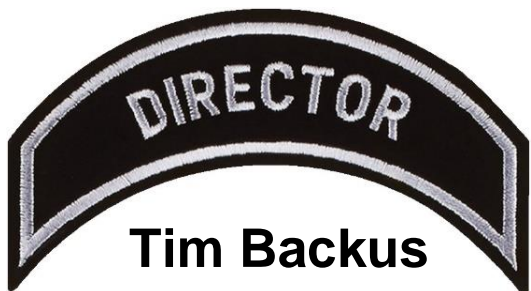


Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group
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A chill is in the air

As we head into September, I believe this time of year starts some of the best riding weather of the year. Early fall usually starts with refreshing chili morning air. As the day progresses you lose your jacket, your sweatshirt and suddenly you're riding in some balmy sunny 80° weather. As I look forward to these early fall rides I also look forward to changing leaves and beautiful scenery as we ride along to our destination. I am looking forward to the upcoming HOG Chapter rides. I've been on the sidelines for the last few months healing up, but I am definitely ready to get back on the bike and pound out some miles. I must say Cathy Coats has had us going this year with plenty of exciting rides, new restaurants, new adventures, and some hidden treasures, that you guys have been finding along the way in your scavenger hunt quest. And our fall riding hasn't even begun we can look forward to some great rides upcoming. Just some upcoming rides are. Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and aquarium, A get out of bed early ride to Biscuity Breakfast, Great, Smoky Mountain HOG Rally, and another ride to our East Coast Memphis HOG Hub in Myrtle Beach, for fall bike rally. And don't forget in the middle of all of that it's Saturday movie night at Bumpus. We are just a stone's throw away from HOG Waller please if you have ordered shirts, we need payment by September 8 or if you're planning on ordering a shirt you can do so at this coming month meeting September 8 which will be our deadline for ordering.

The fall riding brings different challenges for us as riders, and different challenges for our motorcycle, don't let one of those challenges put you on the sidelines if you need warmer gear check out Bumpus Harley's Motorclothes department, and if the bike needs a little attention let Reggie and the boys in the service department take care of any of those issues. Make sure you and your equipment are ready to rock 'n' roll, down the highway. Warm safe and dry. This is the time when we nominate folks for chapter Director. If you have someone that you think would do a good job as Director, reach out to them and ask them if they would like to be nominated.

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





Dutch's Corner

Although you don't know this, but Tim (and previously Robert) has always put in a good amount of energy to get me to write an article for the newsletter. This time around, I may actually be the first one to submit his article to Tim for the September newsletter. I am trying to get everything taken care of early this week, because I have a ton of work today as soon as the clock strikes September 1. I will be out the week after Labor Day, so at work I need to compact a lot of things into this Thursday and Friday to be able to take off next week. So, it's only 8/26 when I write this newsletter.

This past weekend we had a great ride to Paris Landing. We ate a very good lunch at the Blues Landing restaurant. The owner was there to greet us and he is a Harley rider himself. It never ceases to amaze me how you instantly become best friends with a fellow (Harley) rider. The bartender knew how to make duck farts and I had to hand over my last duck fart patches to new family members of the duck fart posse.

I received my \$50 gift card from Harley Davidson for reaching 2,500 miles in the Ride 365 program. I hope all of you are participating in this, because it is a great opportunity to get a quick \$50 gift card. I know it will be hard for me to reach the next gift card threshold (10,000 miles for a \$100 gift card), but I know there are many of you for which this isn't out of reach (or you have already reached it). For some of you, they may actually have to add an additional level, maybe 20,000 miles. If you don't know how to participate, search for Harley Davidson ride 365 or ask someone during one of our rides/events.

I thought it was fun when Larry asked at the last chapter meeting who had the most miles over their lifetime and who had the most miles on their current motorcycle. I still have my 1,000 mile patch on my vest, so I am not even close to being the one with the most lifetime miles. And since I bought my bike last November, I won't have the bike with the highest mileage on it either. But what I will have (somewhat) soon, is my platinum riders patch! I need 3 more day rides to reach that level.

The September chapter meeting is the last chapter meeting at Brendalay Grill for the year. The October chapter meeting is at the HOG Waller, November's chapter meeting is at the Thanksgiving dinner, and the December chapter meeting is at the Christmas party. Speaking of HOG Waller.....this is the time when we nominate folks for chapter Director. If you have someone that you think would do a good job as Director, reach out to them and ask them if they would like to be nominated.

Okay, this is it for now. I will miss the September chapter meeting, because I will be visiting my son and of course we'll be visiting the Harley David store in Seoul to buy a shirt. Life is good, so....don't worry, be happy!



Roelant Verbeek
2022 Assistant Director



ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Cathy Coats

As we roll into the Fall season, the temps will drop and bring us cooler weather. The leaves will be changing colors to bring us brilliant hues of yellow, red, rust, orange and purple. With all these colors mixed together, the view can be majestic. It's one of my favorite times of the year. And oh what a great time to be out riding our Harleys!

We've had a great August with 4 great lunch rides and an awesome trip to Buffalo River Resort to enjoy floating in your favorite watercraft on the Buffalo River in Tennessee.

September has in store for us a breakfast ride, 2 lunch rides and a weekend trip to Johnny Morris National Wildlife and Aquarium Museum in Springfield, Mo. As of this writing, Labor Day weekend has been left open for personal fun or a pop up ride. In addition, we have trips to the Myrtle Beach Fall Bike Rally, the Great Smoky Mountains HOG Rally in Maryville, Tn with a 9/27 departure and a partial week trip to Maryville to join in on rally activities and rides or to enjoy your on personal choices of rides. Either way, you are sure to have fun.

As we move into October, we will have a lunch ride, our lots of fun HOG Waller, the chili cook off and probably another lunch ride.

Below is the current schedule of events. Please review and block out your schedule for your favorites.



Please carefully review the schedule below. I've made some changes and additions. I had to make changes due to items popping up and also to accommodate a couple of the additions.

SEPTEMBER-FALL IS COMING

Thursday, September 8	Chapter Meeting
Saturday 9/10	The Levee Commissary lunch ride
Saturday, 9/10-12	Johnny Morris Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium, Springfield MO
Thursday, 9/15	dinner social TBA
Saturday, 9/17	Biscuitry Breakfast Ride
Sunday, September 18	Bumpus Employee Led Ride ?
Saturday 9/24	Movie Night Smoky and the Bandit
Tuesday 9/27-10/2	Myrtle Beach Full Bike Rally
Tuesday 9/27-10/1	Great Smoky Mountain HOG Rally, Maryville TN (no double points)
Thursday 9/29-10/1	Tail of the Dragon, Wheels Through Time, etc East TN and West NC (no double points)

OCTOBER-GHOSTS AND GOBLINS ARE OUT AND ABOUT

Saturday, October 8	HOG Waller and Chapter Meeting
Sunday, October 9	Bumpus Employee Led Ride ?
Saturday 10/15-10/17	Cookeville Scenic Waterfall Tour

Saturday, October 22 Chili Cook Off
Thursday 10/27-10/30 Hot Springs and Area

NOVEMBER-IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO GIVE THANKS

Saturday 11/5-11/6 Patti's Settlement ??
Thursday, November 17 Thanksgiving and chapter meeting

DECEMBER-HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 11 Christmas and chapter meeting





MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER **HOG Safety Article September 2022**

Motorcycle Safety Tips for Riders

Never ride without a motorcycle license

In the U.S., you are required to have a motorcycle license or endorsement in addition to a driver's license to legally ride a motorcycle. Regulations vary by state, with some also requiring riders to pass a State-sponsored education course. Taking a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) riding course can increase your skill as a motorcyclist and better prepare you to make emergency maneuvers when necessary. In some cases, passing an MSF course can lower your insurance costs and streamline the application process for a motorcycle license. Some courses are free.

Always wear an adequate helmet

Wearing a helmet significantly reduces your risk of serious head injury and death in the event of an accident. In some states, wearing a helmet is mandatory for some or all riders. You should wear a helmet every time you ride a motorcycle, even for short journeys. When buying a new helmet, make sure it meets the safety standards approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Approved helmets will display the DOT symbol (either painted or as a sticker), usually on the outside back of the helmet. Some helmets may also be certified by non-profit safety organizations, like ANSI (American National Standards Institute) and the Snell Memorial Foundation, but these certifications are optional. Check the label inside to see if the helmet is certified by one or more organization. Your helmet should have a thick polystyrene-foam inner liner, weigh about three pounds, and have a sturdy chin strap to hold the helmet on your head. Ideally, it should also have a face shield to protect your eyes, but you may choose to wear goggles instead. Replace your helmet about once every five years, unless it shows visible signs of damage (like a crack), in which case you should replace it immediately.

Check your bike before you ride

Before every ride, do a quick check to make sure your bike is fit for the road. This includes checking that the tires are properly inflated and not worn down, and that everything is in working order, particularly the brakes. If you spot signs of a fluid or oil leak beneath the bike, or other signs of damage or overuse, don't risk riding it. Adjust your bike's suspension and tires every time you intend to carry a passenger or a load that's heavier than normal.

Sit down and hold tight

Sit in the center of the seat, keeping both hands on the handlebars, except when signalling. If you have a passenger who is inexperienced in riding a motorcycle, explain safety measures to them before they ride (see the next section for passenger safety tips).

Obey traffic laws and be aware of other vehicles

In the majority of collisions involving a motorcycle and another vehicle, the rider is not at fault. While you can't always account for what other drivers will do, you can reduce your risk of having an accident by obeying traffic laws, sticking to the speed limit, and not taking any unnecessary risks. In general, assume that drivers can't see you, and act accordingly. Pay close attention to the vehicles around you, especially if you notice that a driver isn't paying attention. Leave plenty of room (at least one car-length) between you and the vehicle in front, giving you time to react if the driver brakes suddenly. Be on the lookout for other vehicles that may change lanes and veer into your path, and always signal and look behind you before changing lanes yourself. When riding in heavy traffic, many motorcyclists prefer to ride in the far left lane, leaving themselves one unobstructed side. The important thing is to leave yourself enough room to maneuver if something does go wrong. Remember, if a car hits you, you are more likely to be injured than the driver, so it pays to err on the side of caution. Splitting lanes (moving between vehicles in the space between lanes) is illegal in most states. Some studies suggest that lane-splitting in heavy traffic can reduce a rider's risk of being struck by another vehicle, particularly from behind when traffic is congested. Only split lanes if it is legal, and be aware that this maneuver can sometimes aggravate drivers.

Watch for damaged roads and obstacles

Motorcyclists need to be especially vigilant about road obstacles (like fallen branches and oil spills) and uneven surfaces (including potholes). A motorcycle has less contact with the road than a car, making it more likely to skid out of control. There is also a possibility that you could be thrown over the handlebars. If you can't avoid an obstacle in your path, try to slow down before riding over it. You should rise slightly off the seat to absorb the shock, gripping the handlebars tightly.

Get a bike with an anti-lock brake system

An anti-lock or anti-skid braking system (ABS) prevents the wheels of your motorcycle from locking when you brake hard, reducing your risk of skidding out of control. You are 37% less likely to be involved in a fatal crash if your motorcycle is equipped with ABS brakes.

Never ride under the influence or otherwise impaired

You should never ride a motorcycle when your judgment, reaction time, alertness, balance, and other necessary riding skills are impaired. This includes riding when intoxicated or after taking drugs, including some medications. Drowsiness can also impair your ability to ride, so take a break when tired.

Adjust for inclement weather conditions

Rain, snow, high winds, and other inclement weather conditions can make riding more dangerous. Adjust how you ride accordingly--on wet roads, for example, you should avoid making sudden turns since your margin for error is reduced and you may skid. If you don't feel comfortable riding in bad weather, leave the bike at home.

Dress for protection and visibility

Loose, flapping clothing and exposed skin is the last thing you want when riding. Your arms and legs should be well covered, preferably in leather, and your shoes or boots should cover your ankles. Never wear shoes that are prone to slipping off, like sandals. To protect your hands and increase your grip, always wear gloves.

To increase your visibility to other drivers, you should ideally wear bright clothing, and apply reflective material to your clothes and your bike.

Never take an unfamiliar bike into traffic

Before taking any new or unfamiliar motorcycle into traffic, familiarize yourself with its handling and responsiveness in a controlled area, like a quiet street. This is especially true if you haven't ridden for some time.

KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP LARRY ALLEN- SAFETY OFFICER

MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

MOTORCYCLE INJURIES ACCORDING TO THE ILC:

- 30% of injuries are to the leg and foot.
- 22% of injuries are to the head and neck.
- 20% of injuries are to the back.
- 18% of injuries are to the arm and hand.

MOTORCYCLE HELMETS:

Helmet laws differ from state to state, so it is important to know the laws of the states you will be riding in. In recent years, the NHTSA has seen a drop in the number of riders and passengers using helmets voluntarily. This is unfortunate because the NHTSA determined that in one year helmets saved 1,617 lives and would have saved 701 more lives if helmets had been worn.

MOTORCYCLE CRASH STATISTICS:

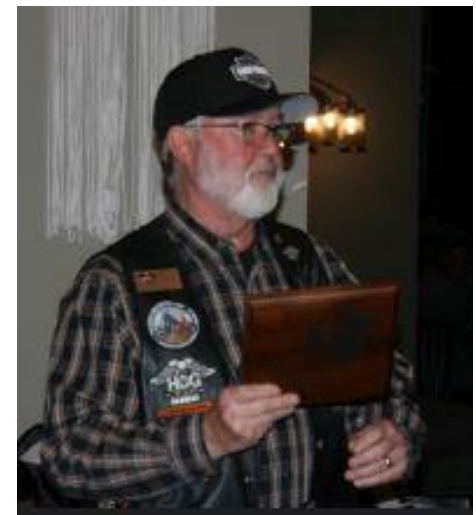
The NHTSA compiled the following motorcycle crash statistics:

- 35% of all fatal crashes involved speeding.
- 29% of all fatal crashes involved drinking and riding.
- 22% of victims of fatal crashes were riding without a license.

Notes of "super speed" motorcycles, which are light-weight motorcycles that can reach speeds of up to 170 MPH, seem to come more likely to be involved in fatal crashes than other types of motorcycles.

Property Damage to Your Motorcycle
Medical Bills
Lost Income
Pain and Suffering
Scarring
Loss of Convenience (if married or have children)
Wrongful Death (if applicable)

Call d'Oliveira & Associates at 1-800-992-6878 for a free Consultation





Membership Alley

Fall is quickly approaching, and you know that means? It means we all aren't sweating our butts off riding! I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to some nice crisp morning rides, then back to the house for some football!

Our HOG chapter, as of 9/1, sits at 147 members. We've added a few new faces this past month, so if you see someone who don't recognize, go up and introduce yourself. Like I mentioned last month, the friendship and fellowship that we share is what makes this group of people so special.

If you have any questions about membership, don't hesitate to ask.

Now, let's go ride!
Chris and Tracy Taylor
2022 Membership Officers





The Treasurer's Corner from the Susan Miller

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our August account balance started at \$9,014.87, and we ended the month with \$9,217.04.

We had \$471.43 in deposits, mostly from Hog Waller T-shirt sales and membership, and we had \$269.26 in expenses, which was for Insurance and recognition.

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).

Ride safe
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.

Check out Memphis HOG Chapter Web Site
<https://www.memphishog.com/>

Tony Crook
Webmaster





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	Frank Rector	76
2	Roelant Verbeek	70
3	Tammie Caldwell	68
4	Richard Cooley	63
5	Mike Farina	61
5	Timothy Backus	61
7	Tommy Caldwell	59
8	Ed Lowe	58
9	Susan Miller	56
10	Dave Stockton	53
11	Cathy Coats	51
12	Christopher Taylor	48
13	Bradley Eskins	46
14	Robert Rehkopf	42
14	James Coats	42
16	Jim Tactac	40
17	Jim Ferguson	39
18	Dan Benson	38
18	Rick Barbee	38
20	Bill Clemmons	37

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Frank Rector	6495
2	Mike Farina	5856
3	Richard Cooley	5221
4	Tammie Caldwell	5137
5	Dave Stockton	4687
6	Roelant Verbeek	4652
7	Tommy Caldwell	4528
8	Bill Clemmons	4214
9	Susan Miller	3944
10	Cathy Coats	3880
11	Robert Rehkopf	3766
12	Jim Ferguson	3485
13	Daniel Jackson	3409
14	Bradley Eskins	3231
15	Ed Lowe	3228
16	Jordan Wells	3125
17	James Coats	2827
18	Christopher Taylor	2783
19	Rick Barbee	2734
20	Timothy Backus	2641



Participation Points and Club Mileage through
Sep. 6, 2022
Max Points = 174
Max Mileage = 10693

Chapter Events



2022

September

August

- 06** Memphis HOG Barretville General Store
- 11** Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting
- 12** Memphis HOG Tubing Buffalo River
- 13** Memphis HOG Lunch Ride Redbones
- 18** Memphis HOG Dinner Social TBA
- 19** Memphis HOG Balloon Fest
- 20** Memphis HOG River Heights Lunch
- 27** Memphis HOG Blues Landing Lunch

- 08** Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting
- 10** Memphis HOG Jonny Morris
- 15** Memphis HOG Dinner Social
- 17** Memphis HOG Move Night at Bumpus
- 27** Memphis HOG HOG Rally Great Smoky
- 27** Memphis HOG Myrtle Beach Rally
- 29** Memphis HOG Tail of the Dragon

09 Memphis HOG Bumpus Ride

15 Memphis HOG Cookeville Waterfall

October

08 Memphis HOG 35th HOG Waller

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*

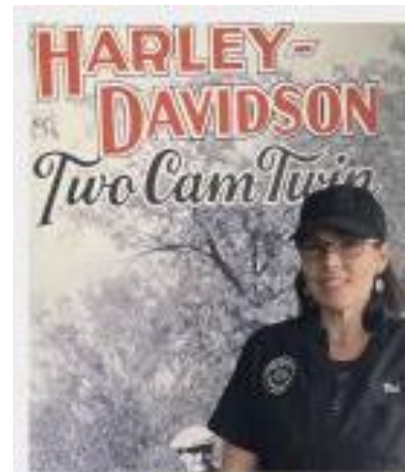
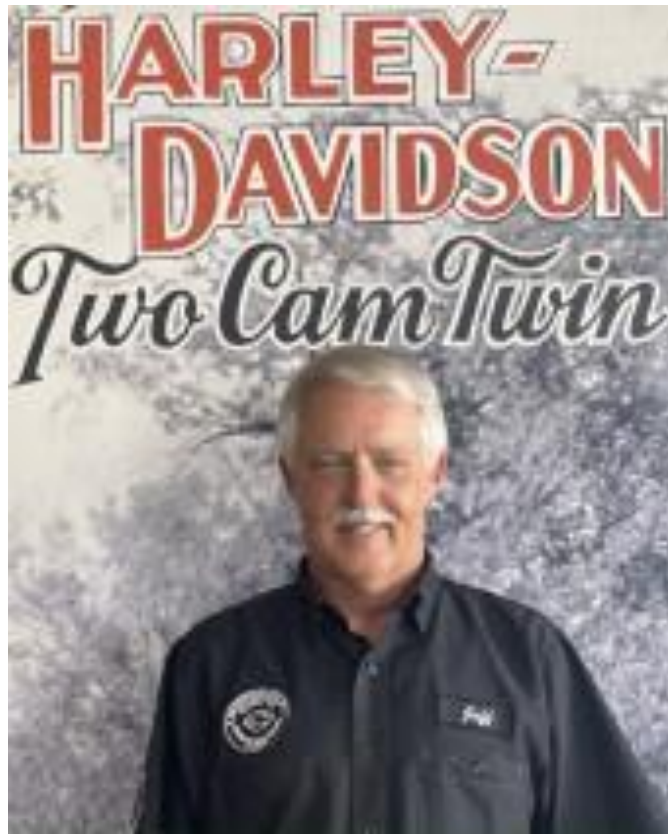


*HDG Heritage Logo
Small \$5.00
Large \$14.00*

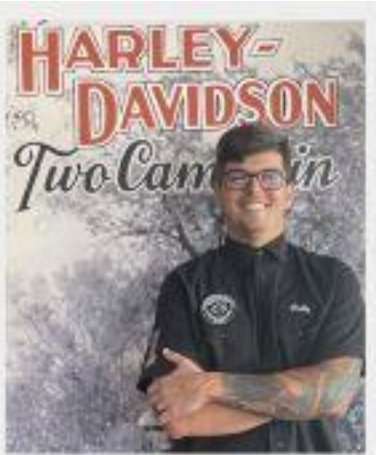


MEMPHIS HOG'S
Employee of the Month

Jeff Winfield
Sales Professional



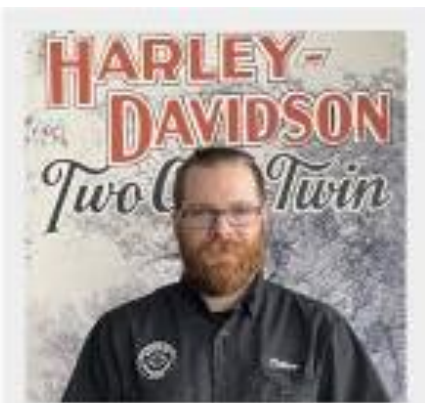
VAL BRADLEY
Motorclothes Manager



COLBY BENNARD
General Manager



REGGIE BUTLER
Service Manager



DILLON CAIN
Parts Manager

Memphis HOG Chapter 4928 Members
wish a happy retirement to our MVP service writers

Keith Duren

Although a man of leisure now, Essential items you may need A cooler packed with beer for starts, A few things from your local mart A set of tools, called fishing gear, Enjoy them now and around the year, Appropriate attire you now require A floppy hat that's worn to fit, Comfy shorts and shoes a hit, A shirt or two a size too big to give you room to grow, And last yet certainly not the very least, A symbol's needed to commemorate this momentous joyous date, So add a wristwatch to your list, One that you can afford to miss, Now toss it far into the lake, And, in this way claim your stake, A life unencumbered by time as you cast your retiree line.





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Shop: 901.290.5726 Cell: 901.484.5725
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We also make vest extenders, Indian Head, skull, and other designs for the snap top are available.



We can do any kind of design you want on a wallet.



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.

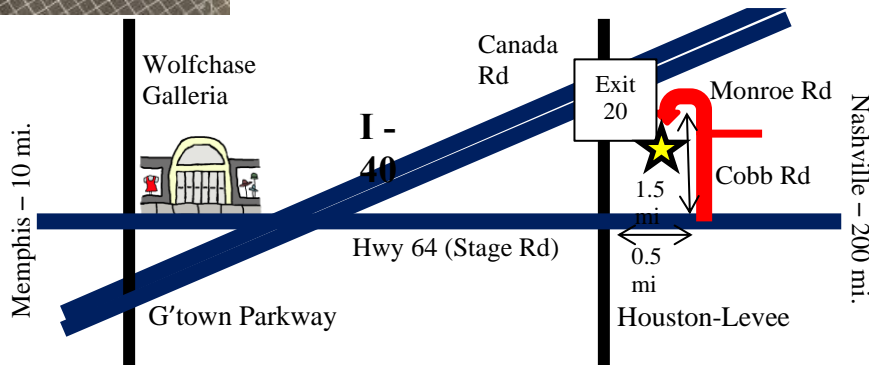


Custom Chaps

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.



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

Windshield For Sale Call

Jerry Rice

Freedom_recurve windshield. Clear, 8", touring width. Excellent condition - only one small rock peck on far left top way out of field of vision. Fits any batwing 2014 to present. New cost \$130. Selling for \$65. Jerry

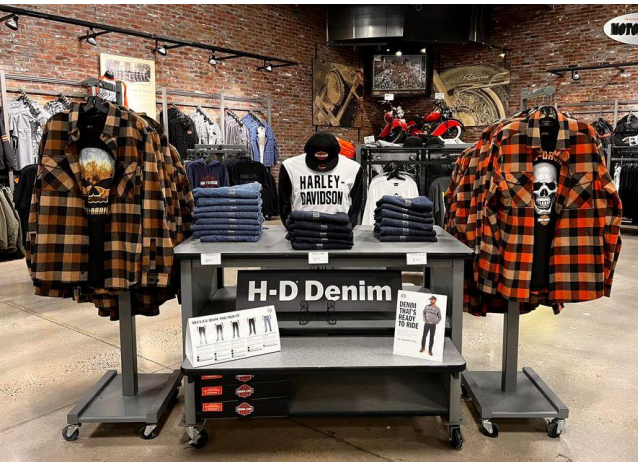
Rice, harleyjerry@att.net, 901-378-4400



Four helmets for sale.

Three half helmets and one full face flip helmet. All helmets are size medium except black Harley half helmet which is a small but is sized more like a medium. All helmets are good to like new condition. All have been cleaned thoroughly. All are DOT approved. Asking \$20 each for half helmets and \$80 for full face flip. (\$225 new.

Call Larry at 901-378-7318 if interested.



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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



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>

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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.