

*Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group
Chapter 4928 Founded February 20, 1986*

October Activities

Pudding Fest	Oct 6 th
MVP Ride 10	Oct 6 th
Officer Meeting	Oct 7 th
Columbus Day	Oct 8 th
LOH Meeting	Oct 9 th
Chapter Meeting	Oct 13 th
HOG Waller	Oct 13 th
Dinner Ride	Oct 16 th
Road Captain Meeting	Oct 18 th
Veteran's Thunder X1	Oct 20 th
Patti's Settlement	Oct 27 th
Patti's Settlement	Oct 28 th
Halloween	Oct 31 st

November Activities

Officer Meeting	Nov 4 th
LOH Tree Setup	Nov 8 th
Chapter Meeting	Nov 10 th
Veteran's Day	Nov 11 th
Road Captain Ride	Nov 11 th
Thanksgiving Dinner	Nov 15 th
Charlene's Tea Room	Nov 17 th
Dessert Ride	Nov 18 th
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 22 nd
Officer Meeting	Nov 27 th

December Activities

HOG Christmas Party	Dec 1 st
Safety Class	Dec 8 th
Dinner Social	Dec 13 th
LOH Christmas Party	Dec 16 th
Road Captain Meeting	Dec 20 th
Christmas Eve	Dec 24 th
Christmas Day	Dec 25 th

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Find the misspelled word or perhaps a word spelled correctly but used in the wrong context within the sentence. The first reader to E-mail the Editor with the correct answer noting the page number, author of the article and the word will be declared the winner.

The August contest had no declared winner.

READ ON!

Sorry I missed last month. We are always happy to add to our ever growing HOG family. Please welcome the following new members:
Cynthia Bronson
Richard Cooley
Janice Falk
Jim Ferguson

We look forward to meeting you.

It's nice to have a little break from the summer heat. Now that we have some pretty riding weather, come join our scheduled rides. Time to try to collect a few more Blue and Gray points and ABCs.



Brian & Michele Bryant



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2012 Chapter Officers

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Assistant Head Road Captain

Allen Rhymer



While out riding recently, an incident occurred that usually you only hear or read about. After doing a bit of research, it seems to happen more often than not. What I'm referring to is unexpected road hazards. This particular occurrence happened while we (a group of bikes) were travelling on a 4-lane highway. As we were approaching a pickup pulling a utility trailer hauling debris that was not secured, I signaled, we moved to the left lane. I noticed a sheet of plywood covered with roofing still attached lift off from the trailer as if it was a magic carpet and land directly in front of me. The debris was sliding all over the lane ahead. Keep in mind, we were in a staggered formation, 3 bikes in fact, travelling at 65mph and approaching a much slower vehicle in the same lane.

At our next rest stop, we discussed our actions. What we concluded, several factors prevented an accident from occurring, but here are just a few:

1. Maintaining the proper interval in a staggered formation, minimum of 2 seconds to the bike directly in front of you, 1 second to the bike to your left or right in the stagger.

2. Signaling to the others of what is ahead, either by CB, hand or turn signals.

3. Looking ahead, not just directly in front of your bike.

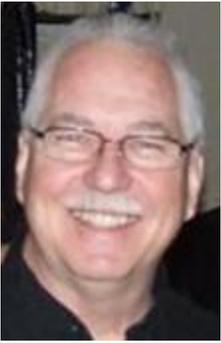
4. Anticipating the unexpected.

5. Paying attention.

While the others are extremely important, the 5th one is the basis for this article. Sometimes, while we are in groups riding along, it becomes very easy to lose concentration. We are all nice and cozy amongst the group, admiring the scenery, listening to music or the chatter on the CB, and next thing you know, the unexpected occurs. Now, I'm not bemoaning enjoying the pleasures of riding by listening to tunes, admiring the sights and smells, or the really bad jokes over the CB. But we all must realize it affects our reaction time and our attentiveness. And in a group, one person's actions affect the others. Some food for thought.

On a side note, the Memphis HOG chapter relies on volunteers. From the members who show up early to help set up tables and chairs, help with sign-in sheets, help with cleaning up, being an officer or road captain, or doing the artwork. These are just a few examples of what it takes for the chapter to succeed. So don't be shy, step up and lend a hand.





Chaplain Doorley

Don't worry

On my daily commute I sometimes listen to the news to find out what's happening locally and globally. That daily dose of information keeps me from being the last one to know about current events. It's good to use our ears and eyes to be aware of things happening around us, not just big news items but daily occurrences. The great Yankee philosopher Yogi Berra once said, "You can observe a lot just by watching." As motorcycle riders and car drivers, it is important to keep our eyes open and observe the stuff on the road around us. As I told my children when they were learning to drive, be aware of what's around you and watch out for the other driver, expect that they will do something stupid and you will not be disappointed. As parents we can only hope that the young will embrace such sage advice when dispensed, we prepare them as best as we can and then turn them loose.

At some time you may have seen a worry flow chart that goes something like this; Can you do something about the situation? 1. If yes, then do something and don't worry. 2. If no, then worrying won't help the situation anyway so why worry. Whether you can do something about the situation or not, worrying doesn't help. We can be concerned, we can pray, but worry only turns us inside out and doesn't benefit anyone. In

the Bible (Luke) Jesus says worry cannot add one hour to your life. And if it could, who would want extra time if all it would be for was to worry even more. Don't worry, I won't mention that old reggae song that uses the phrases, "Don't worry, be happy."

Way back in the 1600's a monk named Brother Lawrence wrote a journal that was later published as a small book called "The Practice of the Presence of God." One passage that especially spoke to me was when he commented on current events. He said he was far from wondering at the miseries and sins that occurred daily in the world. On the contrary, considering the malice sinners were capable of, he was more surprised that there were not more misery and sin. In his journal Brother Lawrence said he prayed about the current events, and he knew that God could remedy any ill condition whenever He pleased, so he stopped worrying. Brother Lawrence understood how things work, there are lots of bad things in the world, and it could be worse, so he says a prayer for those who need it and lets God be God. Then he goes on to say that he conducts his work as if God Himself has given him each task and it is God alone he needs to please. I like that life philosophy; do what you can, pray as often as you can and be aware that there is someone bigger than all of this and it isn't you or me. Try to do your best, I know you will.

Smile more,
God loves you and so do I.





Safety Officer

Dave Leutwyler

As many of you know, I have been immersed in MSF training for rider coach certification. As a result, I have missed a bunch of rides and a couple of chapter meetings. During the most recent weekend of training we were discussing crash scenarios and post-crash action steps. It caused me to think about our chapter and realize that I have not discussed that issue at all this year. Ssooooo....

We all love to ride and enjoy the fellowship of riding together for great food and/or deserts. And for many of us our new larger belts prove that! Having talked with people from other Chapters about their rides, I am very proud of how we ride and what we do to set up a ride. The steps we take – yes, over and over again each ride – help make us not only a true riding chapter but also a safe riding chapter.

Our road captains take on a huge responsibility when they VOLUNTEER their time to serve in that capacity. It requires additional time each month for Road Captain meetings, time to design routes for the rides we take, pre-ride those routes to ensure roads are safe and the routes are fun but safe for all members to ride. They also take on a personal responsibility for the safety of all the riders in their groups. It is far more than just being the person in the front or the one bringing up the rear.

In the event of a crash, the Road Captain's role takes on a very different path. They immediately become responsible for crash site management, victim welfare, and

other riders safety. Certainly the very first thing that comes to everyone's mind is the person or people that were involved. We all want to know if they are OK. We all want to be able to help – especially if they are close friends or family. And while the Road Captain must tend to the people involved, he/she must also manage the scene, protect other rides and ensure the requisite information about the crash is gathered.

As you might imagine, that can't happen with a bunch of folks hanging around. The more people in an area, the greater the chance for another accident. The more people who are at the site, means the more bikes are still on or near the roadway – creating a greater opportunity for another accident. The more people around, the harder it is to gather the information necessary to record and report the details as we are required to do.

I hope that so much time goes by before this information is ever needed that it is buried way back in our minds. But I also hope that we will all remember that the very best thing we can do in the event of a crash is to listen to the Road Captains and follow their instructions. They have been trained on what to do in the event of a crash and they have our best interests in mind. If you did not witness the accident, if you are not family, if you are not first aid certified and called upon to tend to injuries, please expect to be asked to continue on the ride so we can remain safe and deal with the crash at hand.

As always, ride hard, ride often and RIDE SAFE! Keep the Lord's Angels on and around your bike.





Director's Corner

Greg Patton

As my year as 2012 Memphis HOG Chapter Director begins to wind down, it will soon be time to look to another to be Director for 2013. This time of the year sparks members to think about becoming that volunteer or the volunteer that assists the Director. I did a little research on being a volunteer and what it means to volunteer.

Why do people volunteer?

- **To make friends and create a social network
- **To share skills
- **To be around people of similar values
- **To have fun
- **To have an impact/make a difference
- **To gain some skill or experience
- **Simply because we are asked

By definition, volunteer work is unpaid and is usually a social activity. People often use this opportunity to meet interesting people who share their interests and values. People often find lifelong friendships through volunteer work.

The above are all the positive aspects of volunteering. Volunteering does have its cons but a strong volunteer can overcome these.



Assistant Director

Jim Stingley

Wow, October is here already and it feels like fall is in the air and that means Hog Waller time October 13th. This is our 25th Annual event so I hope everyone can come out for a great time with friends and family. Always a good time! Just a note on safety, with fall also comes heavy deer movement so look extra hard and always expect the unexpected.

Ride Hard Ride Safe!!
Thanks, Jim



October is here and the last few days have really felt like fall. We still have a lot going on. Next LOH meeting is October 9th at Logan's Road House 6:30 p.m. Decorating the tree on November 8th for the Enchanted Forest Festival of the Tree's, benefiting LeBonheur Children's Hospital. And you can't miss the LOH ride to Charlene's Tea Room, November 17th. It's a rain or shine event and you don't want to miss out on the shopping!! And to wrap up the year the LOH Christmas Party will be December 16th time and place to be announced.



Happy belated birthday
Jerry Nichols (Sept)

- October birthdays
- Kathy Chadwick
 - Tony Crook
 - Walt Czyrnik
 - Mathilda Doorley
 - Peter Doorley
 - Maurice Elliot
 - Dan Kohr
 - Laura LeDuc
 - Susan Mahan
 - Pete Nichelson
 - Greg Patton
 - Allen Rhymer
 - Gary Samuels
 - Patricia Short
 - Bill Tucker
 - Dan White
 - Mike Womack



Congratulations, to Emily Hayes the winner of the September basket. Next basket is October Harleyween/Halloween and November theme is Thanksgiving/Fall. So bring your items to any event or leave them at Bumpus at the parts counter and don't forget to put your name inside the bag.

Talk to you later,
Tammy / LOH





Historian

**Mathilda
Doorley**

Fall is here, the summer heat is gone, the air is starting to be crisp again. It's time for our annual October fest, Hog Waller 2012. This is the 25th anniversary Hog Waller celebration, or could we even say the 25th anniversary Hog Waller Memphis Chapter Family Reunion? It's a time to gather everyone together in one place, trade our travel stories, eat great food in the fresh air pavilion, and play bike games.

There is a rich history related to our Hog Waller event, more than I had realized. Now, it's quite significant that it is our 25th anniversary. In 1987 the Memphis HOG chapter met together for what would be the first of the fall gatherings. (They were a partying bunch, from what I've heard and they knew how to have fun.)

In 1988, they decided to call it the HOG Waller. Over the years, the location changed, the month/day changed (from Sundays in September to Saturdays in October), the 'invite list' changed (from anyone, to members & guests only), and the events list was varied.

In 1992 our Hog Waller became the model for the future TN State Rallies. That is, the Memphis Chapter 5th Annual HOG Waller in Sept 12, 1992 became the first TN State HOG Rally. We are indeed a "Chapter of Firsts".

In 1998, in memory of John P. Robillio III, a charter member, the Hog Waller was renamed as the 1st Annual John P. Robillio, II, Memorial HOG Waller.

All this history and more can be found in J. Carolyn Rice's Historian article from the September 2008 HOG Pen, Volume 22, Issue 08. She has graciously agreed to let me reprint and distribute copies at our upcoming HOG Waller.

Since 2008 our HOG Waller has been held at the Freeman-Smith Park on Brunswick Road in Bartlett. Allen Rhymer introduced Combat Croquet in 2009. Our ending time moved up to 3 pm in 2011. (Was that because of the freezing cold drizzly Hog Waller where we froze our gizitzas off?) Anyway, hope to see you at the 25th Annual Hog Waller on Saturday October 11th @ Freeman-Smith Park off of Brunswick Road in Bartlett – 10 am to 3 pm.









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