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MEMPHIS HARLEY OWNERS GROUP Chapter # 4928

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Monthly Meetings

Our monthly meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 1, 2003** at **Coletta's Restaurant** located at **2850 Appling Way, Bartlett, TN**. Join us early for dinner and then spend a little time getting to know our fellow HOG members. Our meeting will begin **promptly** at 7:00 p.m. If you are missing these meetings, you are missing a great time of fun and fellowship. There are drawings for door prizes, e-mail, members only and a ton of other fun at the monthly meeting. So, why not join us this month at **Coletta's Restaurant**.

The dates for year 2003 Dinner meetings are:

January 4	May 3	September 6
February 1	June 14	October 4
March 1	July 12	November 1
April 19	August 3	December 6

- The No-Smoking policy will be in effect during the business meeting.
- The year 2003 chapter officers will be prepared with a planned agenda for each meeting, and Robert's Rules of Order will be practiced in accepting motions.
- Only Memphis Harley Owners Group members will be allowed to vote.

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Benson, Bart	Bartlett	901-753-6477 Home 901-301-0138 Cell
Breeden, Gerald	Collierville	901-854-6716
Scott Carter	Arlington	901-829-3230
Davis, Keith	Rossville	901-861-0211 Home 901-533-0845
Davis, Steven M	Red Banks	662-252-2891
Fili, Joey	Memphis	901-412-9857
Green, Jack	Memphis	901-213-9428
Harris, David	Saulsbury	731-376-0049
Hayes, Jerry	Olive Branch	662-895-9277
Hudson, Dale	Germantown	901-292-3470
Hull, Lynn	Cordova	901-757-5858
Jackson, DeWayne	Memphis	901-299-4705
Johnson, Paul	Cordova	901-755-9251
Leathers, Allen	Eads	901-867-0719
Long, Paul	Atoka	901-835-4148
McDermott, Larry	Hernando MS	662-429-6803
Mooney, Joe	Memphis	901-382-6407
Newton, Daniel	W. Memphis	901-484-1865
Pierce, John	Germantown	901-409-7170
Todd, Ray	Arlington	901-867-0097
Ward, Bob	Brighton	901-475-0334
Watts, Kevin	Marion AR	870-735-0800
Williams, John	W Memphis	870-732-1665
Williams, Sami	Eads	901-465-4644

New Members!

Larry Crawford - Tawnya Hall - Bryan Hooper - Bruce Hornaday
Barbie Lindley - Dave Marek - Stephen Marinela - David Mouser
Philip Rogers - David West - Lee Yancy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Camille Mangum - 11/??, David West - 11/??, Barbara Morris - 11/01, Nicky Leslie - 11/02, Barbara Arnold, Jerry D Tigner Sr.- 11/05, Pauletta Chandler, Thomas McLain, Janet McNeil - 11/06
Ronnie Williams Sr. -11/07, Mike Cunningham - 11/08, F. Jay Daniel 11/09, Albert Campbell, Ed Lowe, Mike Perkins -11/10, Jerry Hayes, John Littlefield, Harry Tickle - 11/11, Charles E Free -11/12, John Christy, Jody Driver, Sandra Ford, Philip Rogers - 11/13, Charles Brooks, Terry Hewlett, Andy Santucci, Daniel Stanford - 11/14, Doug Adams, Eric Labermier, Butch Moore - 11/15, Keith Duren - 11/16, Janice Abeln, Albert Bellanti, Jerry Bumpus, Greg Johnson, Charlie Pounds - 11/17, Lee Glasscock , Mike Rial, Andrea Spencer, Rick Tillman - 11/18, Chip Hurdle Jr. - 11/20, Bobby Wheeler - 11/20, Lee Nelson - 11/21, Mike Hendricks, Nick Wells - 11/22, Ronnie Long - 11/24, Richard P Harris - 11/25, Leonard Kimes - 11/26, David Looney, Suzie Whitten - 11/28, Debby Butler, Paul Johnson - 11/29, Kelly Betts - 11/30

10 Yr. Members

Message from the Director:

How are all of you? I hope very well. Hasn't the weather as of late been absolutely fantastic! I hope that all of you have been able to get out and ride many miles while it has been so pleasant!

I sent an email out last week talking about the Officer positions for 2004. We have many more that have stepped forward to talk about positions, but we still need to talk with many more of you. The new Director will fill these positions, but we would like to have a list of candidates for the new Director so that they may sit down and speak with these folks to make sure that there is a great fit there. The most important reason for us going through this process now of qualifying candidates is so that we do not miss a beat for 2004. One of the largest struggles for a new Director is staffing an Officer T.E.A.M. With the process we are going through now to try and find great people that truly want these positions, our hopes are to have a list of candidates ready for the new Director the night of the election, December 6, so that they may staff their T.E.A.M. and move forward very quickly to plan a great year in 2004 for you.

If you are someone that feels you can make a difference for "YOUR" group, please step forward. We definitely would love to have your input and skills, or "skillage" if you are Ed Lowe, at work for the group!!! ☺

Also, something very important; Please step forward to be a Road Captain for 2004. We need great riders that love to have fun and want to assist with the planning for the rides, ride the routes the day before rides and help with the overall safety of "YOUR" group.

As I spoke about at the September meeting and on an email last week and I am going to be a little redundant from last month's newsletter with the information below, we are beginning the process now of putting together our team of Road Captains for 2004. In 2003, we assembled a great group of Road Captains. We are going to build on what we did this year by enhancing the process to becoming a Road Captain. We have one thing that will be a requirement for the future to hold this position and some other things we would like for you to take a look at below that we are not calling requirements; simply requests.

The one requirement will be that in order to become a Road Captain for Memphis H.O.G., you must complete the Experienced Rider's Course (ERC) from Rider's Edge. If you have completed this course within the past 24 months, you will not have to take this again. The course price will be \$50.00. You will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate back from H-D. So, this course will be at no cost to you. These classes will be held November 1st & 2nd. We will be splitting the classes into groups of 10 each. You will have

to let us know which day works better for you. We will not only be having the ERC that day, we will also be going over group riding skills and the pre-ride instructions, that we go over for our members at each ride, that day.

We already have five signed up so far and I am one of those five.

Some of the other things that we are "looking for" from our Road Captains in 2004 are:

A Great Attitude, Patience and a Smile. Our members are at the rides to have fun and some may be there for the first time and they may be nervous. We need to make it a very fun, educational & relaxed environment for them and everyone there.

We would like for you to have two years of riding experience and a minimum of 5,000 miles on a heavy-duty street motorcycle.

We need for you to make 50% of the rides. Please do not let this scare you away. It will truly not be a big issue for you I promise for the reason stated next: We will have a planning calendar for next year that we will plan three months out. You will know well in advance if you are assigned to a ride. You will let us know which rides you can attend and we will plan from there. We will not be bugging you for each ride. You will know the schedule well in advance. This is to assure that we have enough "qualified" people there to secure our groups. Memphis H.O.G. is growing by leaps and bounds. 250+ new members in 2003 alone!

We need for you to make all of the Road Captain meetings. Don't let this scare you off either. It is only once a month and these meetings are fun and we usually head to Side Car afterwards. There is usually one per month and it lasts 1-1.5 hours. These meetings are used to come up with ride ideas, keep updating the calendar, to map out routes for those rides and, most importantly, to have continuing safety education for our Road Captains which will inspire our members to come out and ride with the group. If our members know it will be a safe environment at our rides and that we are continually doing things to make our rides safer and safer, they will come out and ride.

If you are interested, and we "hope" out of our nearly 600 members, there is at least 30-40 of you who are, please let me know ASAP. We are putting together the ERC class right now with Donald at Bumpus H-D and it will prove to be a very fun day for you. You can register over the phone by calling Donald today at 372.1121.

Being a Road Captain for Memphis H.O.G. in 2004 will give you an opportunity to play a major role in the fun,

safety and decision making of Memphis H.O.G. **It will be a fun year for you I promise.**

Thank you, in advance, to all of you who step forward to make a difference in 2004 by becoming a Road Captain for Memphis H.O.G.

☺ It's all about riding and having fun right? ☺

“Remember”, nominations for Director will be at the November meeting at Coletta's on November 1st and at the December meeting on December 6th at Coletta's just prior to the voting. We need a super duper Director for next year to keep this ball rolling. If you feel you are that person, please step forward and make a difference in 2004!!!

I want to thank Jerry, Steve and all the RC's for a “GREAT” job with the rides. We have been having a blast and gaining some weight too!!! If you are missing these rides, we wish you wouldn't. We would love to see you there! Remember, if you cannot make it home in time to get your bike and get to Bumpus, please come on anyway and enjoy the great fellowship!!! Many come out to each ride straight from work.

Please watch your email, Please, as a tribute to the hard work Les puts in on the newsletter and as to not miss anything, read the newsletter “in its entirety”, Please check the H.O.G. Line at least once a week as Jerry & Al will be doing many updates and Please check the website, that Joey works so hard on for you, on a regular basis. Heck, put the website as one of your favorites on your computer!!!

We have recently updated “YOUR” website with many new pictures, new graphics and new formats. If you have any pictures from an event, please put them on a CD and take them to the Bumpus Parts counter and mark them “FOR JOEY” and please put the date of the event and the name of the event so that he can place the shots on our site. The parts guys will place them in the H.O.G. drawer for Joey to pickup.

In case you haven't heard, the host hotel for the 2004 Tennessee State H.O.G. Rally will be the Chattanooga Choo Choo in Chattanooga, TN. I am on the committee for 2004. We have held four meetings thus far and the committee is a strong one and we are way ahead of schedule. The hotel information and rooms will become available in the near future. The hotel contract is going to be signed in October and you should be able to book your rooms very soon. The rally site will also be at the host hotel. Please stay tuned and watch the website for updates and details.

www.tnstatehogrally.com

There are so many fun and exciting things to do coming up this year. Being a member of Memphis H.O.G. in 2003 will bring you many opportunities to meet new people and to have a ton of fun!!! **But** this can only happen if you participate. Being an active member can and will bring you many “PERKS” as well!!! There are many other “SURPRISES” planned for **YOU** this year, but you must “PARTICIPATE” to benefit from them!!! We would like “ALL” members to benefit all the time from all we do. If you can make a ride or event, “PLEASE” do. We would love to have you aboard for the fun!!!

Please get your email address to Keith Gilooly so that you may receive all the email blasts and you won't miss last minute updates, i.e. Dinner or Lunch Rides!!! Keith's email address is: keith.gilooly@bumpusharleydavidson.com

Please keep in mind that you have several ways to keep up to date with “YOUR” group:

The H.O.G. PEN NEWSLETTER
The H.O.G. LINE - 901.312.4849
Email Blasts (MOST IMPORTANT AVENUE)
WEB SITE: www.memphishog.com

The greatest thing that you have going as a member of Memphis H.O.G. this year is that you have such a great T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) of officers to serve you. Please remember that they are all “VOLUNTEERS.” And, **WHENEVER** you see an officer, PLEASE pat them on the back, shake their hand and thank them for giving up their “PERSONAL TIME” to make this a great group for “YOU”. We are working together as a T.E.A.M. so that we can give you the most fun year and the safest year that Memphis H.O.G. has ever seen!

!!! I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK ALL THE OFFICER'S FOR ALL THEY DO!!!

I would also like to thank the Bumpus H-D family and Keith Gilooly. I do not know if each of you pays close attention to what they do for us, but they do quite a bit and they will be doing a lot more this year for “YOUR” group. PLEASE thank them whenever you see them.

PLEASE don't sit on the sidelines this year. Join in the fun!!! Make sure not to forward club emails to non-members. This is for our members only. If you know someone that has a Harley and they want to have some fun, get them an application for National and local H.O.G. and tell them we cannot wait to meet them!!!

!!! Hope to see all of you on the road very soon!!!

Always remember H.O.G.'s Motto:

!!! RIDE & HAVE FUN!!!

- J.T.

Message from the Asst. Director:

I trust you have been enjoying the fall riding weather, the cooler temperatures, and the fall colors. It's been a busy year packed with rides and events. The election of new officers is right around the corner and we are sure to have another action packed year. If you have ideas for rides, dinners or anything the club may enjoy be sure and contact an officer with the information. It's your club! Attend, participate and don't be afraid to volunteer some time to help with an event. See you soon

- *Walter*

Sunday Breakfast and Ride:

Bob Ward will be conducting a breakfast ride from the Country Kitchen in Covington on the 1st Sunday of each month at 8:30 am; please contact Bob for the latest details @ harleylee604@aol.com.

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Message from L.O.H.

I hope everyone had a good time at the HOG Waller. I know I did. The food and the activities were great. I especially enjoyed watching the plunger races. That's one time you really don't want to squeeze the Charmin. Thanks to Mary and Donna for organizing the event and all of their helpers.

A lot of things happening in the next few months so here are a few dates to keep in mind. The LOH will begin trimming the Christmas tree for the Enchanted Forest Festival of Trees Nov. 13th and will finish it up on Saturday Nov. 15th. Give me a call if you would like to help decorate or if you have an ornament to display. The Preview party for the Festival of Trees is Nov. 21st at the Pink Palace. The LOH will be selling chances to win two tickets at the November HOG meeting. Bring some \$1.00 and buy a few chances. The next LOH meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 20th upstairs at Bumpus H-D. We'll get started at 6:30. All ladies registered with National HOG are welcome to attend the meetings and there are no extra dues to pay. The next big event for the LOH is the New Years Eve Party.

Celebrate NYE with the Memphis HOG chapter. This year party is at the Holiday Inn Select at Poplar and I-240 (East of 240). Great food, cash bar and good music provided by Rockin' Robin. The newly renovated Holiday Inn is offering a special room rate of \$69.99. Ride the elevator home and let some one else clean up after you. Sleep late before joining friends for breakfast at the buffet offered for \$6.99. Ticket request can be dropped off at the parts

counter at Bumpus H-D or you can mail them to Rose Styers @ 5035 Trent Cove, Arlington, TN 38002. Get your tickets early and save. Members \$35.00, Non-Members \$40.00 before Dec. 1st. Ticket prices increase after Dec. 1st to \$45.00 per member and \$50.00 non-member. Last date to request tickets is Dec. 17th. Tickets will be mailed out on Dec. 22nd.

See you at the next meeting. Rose

- *Rose*

For the latest details of club events please call:

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"E-Mail Surprise Contest"

Check your e-mail on October 31, 2003 for information on how to win!

Message from Activities Officer:

We've had some great rides the past several weeks. The dinner rides were great since we all like to eat and we have been able to experience some new places to add to our ever-growing list of possibilities for 2004.

About 30 motorcycles traveled down to the King Biscuit Blues Festival in Helena the third weekend of October. The reorganization they went through a few years ago is paying off since the crowd was noticeably larger and the talent even more impressive. Whether you went this year or not you'll want to put this on your "must do" list for next year.

Even though the weather is getting chilly there are still some great events planned for November. First, Bally's Casino is hosting their Veterans Day Thunder III rally on November 7th, 8th, and 9th. Bumpus is the starting point for the parade this year so come on out for the free pancake breakfast hosted by the CMA from 8-10 am at Bumpus. Then at 10 am the parade heads down to Bally's. Music, vendors, games and a motorcycle giveaway on Sunday evening at 9 pm. So get registered today at Bumpus or see www.ballysms.com for details.

Then on Sunday, November 16th, we're doing our fall foliage ride to Sikeston for lunch at Lambert's and then a scenic route home through western Kentucky. This will be the third time we've done this ride and we've had a large turnout each time. So don't be left out, plan to make this one.

This Chapter is only as good as the volunteers who step forward to give of their time and talents and we have been blessed that so many wonderful people have done so. It has been my pleasure to work with them as your Activities Officer these past two years and now it's time for new

leadership in this office. We've discussed having an Activities Committee so the entire burden does not fall on one person. The Activities Officer would chair this committee and it would be responsible to plan rides and events for the Chapter. As a committee member you would have direct input into your Chapter's schedule. I encourage any of you who can to volunteer to serve as the Chair or as a member of this Activities Committee. Please make your wishes known to me or J. T. just as soon as possible. Remember, you only get out what you put in.

- Jerry

Message from the Treasurer:

Your Memphis Chapter **dues** run from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Our chapter starts taking renewals for the next year on October 1st. Dues are remaining \$20.00 per member.

This year your officers have decided to try a little something different to help **encourage you to renew early**. We are going to have a drawing for two (2) **free** tickets to our New Year's Eve Party. The drawing will be for all members who have renewed their membership for **2004 by December 1st**. This is a \$70 value.

The winner will be announced at our December Meeting. If the winner has already purchased tickets to the party, a full refund will be given.

Every needs to thank Charlene Wagley of Cordova for not making the October meeting, our **members only drawing** will be \$200.00 in November.

Have a Great Day!

- Al

Message from our Dealership:

Veterans Day Thunder III at Bally's Casino - Nov 7-9. Help us honor the men and women that have served in the armed forces. **Veterans Day Thunder III** will be a great weekend for a great cause. All bikers' welcome! A weekend of live music, food, bike games, vendors, giveaways, a chance to win a new Harley & more! All proceeds benefit the Armed Forces Museum of Mississippi in Camp Shelby MS. You can pre-register at the Parts counter at Bumpus H-D until Oct. 31 for just \$15 - this includes a t-shirt, event pin & 5 entries to win the new Harley (entry fee after Oct 31 is \$20 t-shirts & pins while supplies last)

Saturday Nov. 8

Free Pancake breakfast at Dealership hosted by CMA from 8-10am. There will be an escorted parade from Bumpus H-

D to Bally's 8am Registration - 10am departure. We'll arrive at Bally's for presentation of colors & National Anthem to kick off **Veterans Day Thunder III**, then enjoy bike games, vendors and Black Oak Arkansas in the Saloon at 9pm and free admission to Bonkerz comedy club.

Sunday Nov. 9

11am - Blessing of the Bikes

12pm - Fact finding mission

1pm - Bike games - vendors

2pm - Ride in Bike Show

9pm - MOTORCYCLE GIVEAWAY! (Must be present to win!)

Also, Bally's is offering a special \$50 room rate for this weekend - just call 1-800-38Bally ext 0 and ask for the "Biker Special" or give me a call at the Dealership with any other questions about registration or the ride 372-1121.

Leather & Lace 2003

If you love a party, the 3rd annual Leather & Lace Dance & Auction is the place you will want to be at 7pm on Sat Nov 22. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host this fresh and exciting evening at the Park Vista Hotel in Memphis this year. Complete with hors d'oeuvres, a live and silent auction, dancing and entertainment, this event boasts a Harley-Davidson theme that has exploded in popularity among professionals in our community.

Last year over 200 guests danced the night away at this fabulous fall party, and plans for this year's event promise to be even greater than those of the past. Leather & Lace has developed strong following bringing guests from all across the mid-south area.

Tickets are available for \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. Reserved tables of 10 are also available for \$600 and include an acknowledgement in the Leather & Lace program and a special appreciation gift. Tickets will be available at Bumpus Harley-Davidson.

- Kim

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Message from the Secretary:

The 2004 **Memphis Chapter ID card** that we are sending out with new membership or renewals is a little different this year. They have a slightly different look and are **business card size**, so they should be a little easier to carry around. The rocker for Memphis is orange, where the '03 card was red, and the expiration date is pre-printed.

We currently have over 550 members in the chapter, so tell all your friends to **join the fun**. Membership has its privileges.

Remember to Ride and Have Fun!

- *Lee*

Message from the Chaplain:

Greeting brothers and sister bikers. The riding season is slowly or should I say quickly riding away. I don't know about ya'll but I didn't get in all the rides. I wanted too but I'm thankful for the lives we've shared together. I must confess safety has been on my mind a lot this year, too many lost lives and too many hurt in the bike community. I am so thankful our group has Larry Allen leading us in safety awareness along with Steve Elder leading our road captains to practice safety. Bring home our need for prayer as we ride and fellowship down the highway of life. Still hearing so many good things about the book "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. I just finished the 40 day journey through the book and intend to start over again tomorrow, actually I'm committing to stay in the study until I get it hammered into my own being, it just seems to take longer from some of us to get it right. Post the question –

"Can anybody relate?"

Let us hold each other in prayer and serve each other as we go along the ride. I can't say it enough but Harley folks are just the "BEST," Thanks for letting me share and come along for the ride.

Just heard about the lost of Steve Elders mother. Please keep Steve and his family in your prayers. Steve you have our prayer, love and support.

God loves you and I do too!

- *Albert*

From Kim @ Bumpus:

Member Articles Worth Reading!

I suspect that many of you are like me? You've heard about going somewhere scenic and renting a Harley, but you've never actually done it? But I am now a firm believer in this kind of "adventure travel"!

My wife, Kellye, works for a medical software company that sends her all over the U.S. She is currently working on a project in Albuquerque, NM, and if you have ever been in the area, you know it is beautiful. I had mentioned the thought of riding through the area on a previous trip, and when our anniversary rolled around a couple of weeks ago, Kellye agreed to do just that.

The dealership in Albuquerque is Chick's H-D, so I went to their web site and sent them an email. A couple of hours later, they called back confirming my reservation of a Road King. I have to say, the customer service at Chick's was great!

We picked the bike up on Friday morning, stuffed the saddle bags full of what we thought were 'essentials' (turned out we didn't need half the stuff we brought) and took off. Just east of Albuquerque is the southern end of what is called the Turquoise Trail (Hwy. 14). This is a scenic route that takes you past the Sandia Mountains and through several small towns on the way to Santa Fe. It was a chilly morning, and we stopped in a small town near an old coal mine. The coffee house had a sign in front that said "Harley Parking Only"! All others will be crushed", so we knew we were at the right place!

We continued on to Santa Fe, riding into town and stopping near the Plaza downtown. We had lunch outside of a little burrito place across the street from the museum, and as we left town a wedding party was entering the centuries-old cathedral near the center of town.

From Santa Fe, we continued on to Taos following a series of small roads known simply as "The High Road". This route includes some of the most beautiful country we have ever seen. But what is amazing are the changes of terrain. In one area, the desert is pink, with amazing rock formations. But crest the next peak, and suddenly you are in a forest so deep, you can't see anything but road and trees!

Upon arriving in Taos, we parked and walked around some of the shops, and visited a couple of sidewalk cafes to get some liquid refreshment. As the sun began to set, we took "The Low Road" from Taos to Espanola where we stayed for the night. The Low Road follows the Rio Grande for a portion of the route it was a great ride, with the road carved into the base of a mountain on one side and the river flowing on the other.

The next morning, we entered a poker run sponsored by Santa Fe H-D. We made the stops, ending up at the dealership. The poker run was to benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of New Mexico, along with a raffle of five brand new Harleys (none of which we won, unfortunately).

After the festivities, we rode back to Albuquerque and turned the bike in. This was Kellye's longest ride (so far),

and she was a trooper. We rode over 300 miles in a little over 30 hours. I have shared with her, and now all of you - this was by far the best Anniversary present that a Harley rider could ever hope for! I heartily recommend this trip to everyone. Please email me if you have any questions at MphsMcycle@aol.com.

BIKER WISDOM

- Midnight bugs taste best.
- Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
- You'll get farther down the road if you learn to use more than two fingers on the front brake.
- It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
- The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.
- Never be afraid to slow down.
- Only Bikers understand why dogs love to stick their heads out car windows.
- Never ask a biker for directions if you're in a hurry to get there.
- Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
- Mountain Dew and peanut M&M's are as important as gasoline.
- Sometimes it takes a whole tank-full of gas before you can think straight.
- Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.
- Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
- Never mistake Horsepower for staying power.
- A good rider has balance, judgment, and good timing. So does a good lover.
- A cold hamburger can be reheated quite nicely by strapping it to an exhaust pipe and riding forty miles.
- Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.
- If you don't ride in the rain-you don't ride.
- A bike on the road is worth 2 in the shop.
- Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.
- A good wrench will let you watch without charging you for it.
- Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
- Always back your scoot into the curb-and sit where you can see it.
- Work t a highway-it's an attitude.
- When you look down the road, it seems to never end-but you better believe it does.
- Winter is Natures way of telling you to polish.
- A motorcycle can't sing on the streets of a city.

- Keep your bike in good repair: Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.
- People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.
- If the bike isn't braking properly, you don't start by rebuilding the engine.

(Submitted by Jerry Hayes – Author unknown)

- Editor

Leather & Lace 2003

If you love a party, the 3rd annual Leather & Lace Dance & Auction is the place you will want to be at 7pm on Sat Nov 22. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host this fresh and exciting evening at the Park Vista Hotel in Memphis this year. Complete with hors d'oeuvres, a live and silent auction, dancing and entertainment, this event boasts a Harley-Davidson theme that has exploded in popularity among professionals in our community.

Last year over 200 guests danced the night away at this fabulous fall party, and plans for this year's event promise to be even greater than those of the past. Leather & Lace has developed strong following bringing guests from all across the mid-south area.

Tickets are available for \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. Reserved tables of 10 are also available for \$600 and include an acknowledgement in the Leather & Lace program and a special appreciation gift. Tickets will be available at Bumpus Harley-Davidson.

Message from the Webmaster

Happy autumn everyone. Our web site is looking pretty good, but could use a little tweaking. I make changes on a daily basis to insure proper operation of all of the components. Recently, I have been able to process the photos in a timelier manner. Anyone wishing to send photos should first label the folder with the events and dates. Group the files together according to their events, and name each picture with a short file name. (i.e. sh01.jpg for Scotts Hill #01) Also please make your pictures no larger than 640 X 480. Large pictures use a lot of space on the server. Select good photos for use on the site. Finding people having fun on their bikes is not a problem for a group like ours. Also remember that there are privacy issues that prevent me from posting some of the photos. For example, our young friend with whom we had a BBQ picnic. I enjoy working with everyone and playing with the website, so keep the comments and pictures coming. Remember, our site can encourage other Harley owners to be a part of us.

On another note, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your love and prayers after the

death of my son. You have helped me and given me strength through the most difficult experience of my life. It's been six weeks and I still can't finish the Thank You cards without crying. I can never say thank you to you all enough. God has surely blessed me by bringing you into my life. I am truly grateful.

- Joey

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Message from the Safety Officer:

As many of you are aware there has been several new bike accidents in the last few months and a few of them have been fatal. One of the most bizarre is the drunk driver that ran into the back of two bikes as they were waiting to turn left and the results were fatal. How could you protect yourself from that I asked? I don't think there is a good answer. However, as told to you in your safe riders course you are to keep your bike in gear at intersections while holding the clutch in and watch your rearview mirror in case you have to get away quickly. The facts are we participate in a slightly dangerous activity with risks. Most of us feel the enjoyment outweighs the risks so we keep riding while trying to improve our skills as best we can. Don't get complacent about riding and keep your radar on at all times for pending situations. Constantly play what if in your mind as a training tool as it will make you more instinctive and react faster when the need arises. Most of all take the Experience Riders Course on your bike. **Take the time to do it now as it may save your life.**

Well cold weather is almost upon us and fall is one of my most favorite times of year to ride my bike. One of the good things about riding in the fall is we can now wear our leather chaps and jackets without sweating profusely. Wearing our leathers does give us a large degree of safety in case of a fall. Blue jeans will last about 10 feet before wearing through when sliding on asphalt and leather will last you about 85 feet. At 50 MPH you will slide about 50+ feet. So enjoy your leathers. Also be careful as the leaves start to fall they will make the road a littler more slick especially after it rains. Slow down in the corners with leaves on the road.

Below is my group-riding article for the month. Hope you enjoy it and put it to use.

Keep the chrome side up, rubber side down and the wind in your face.

Larry

Never Hit The Bike In Front Of You

By James R. Davis

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Group riding has lots of benefits for its participants, and a few new responsibilities.

For example, recently we heard about a group ride that turned sour when the lead bike failed to recognize where he was supposed to make a left turn and drove past that road. The second bike in the group did recognize the turnoff and decided to make it. He turned left and the third bike promptly ran into him.

What went wrong? It was argued that if nobody was following too closely then the actions of bike two would have saved everybody in the group (other than the lead bike) from having to make a U-turn and there would have been no accident.

Probably true, but almost any group rider with experience understands that it is up to the leader to make decisions about when and where the group will change directions. It might well have been that the leader had a reason for failing to make that turn. He could, for example, have realized that the group was going too fast to safely make that turn. (If anybody in the group understands the danger to a group of making sudden moves it is an experienced lead bike.) Further, what if the second bike did not willingly make that left turn - that he had a mechanical problem such as a flat tire that caused it. Since all members of a group are expected to follow the direction set by the lead bike, **UNLESS IT IS INTO DANGER**, all other bikes in the group (other than the drag bike) should have attempted to avoid bike two and continue behind the leader. An example: The past State Director for GWRRA in Texas was once leading a ride in which he took a turn too fast and left the road. Not one single rider behind him followed - they were experienced group riders, not just 'chicken'. You are, ultimately, responsible for your own ride from a safety point of view.

Bike two, in the accident described earlier, was way out of line to unilaterally decide to take over lead position - to mutiny, if you will. However, the fact that the third rider ran into the second rider suggests that she was either riding too close to the second rider, or was inattentive, or was so confused by the unorthodox behavior of bike two that she could not react fast enough to prevent the accident.

Whatever the reason, bike three broke the prime directive - 'Never hit the bike in front of you!'

When you are riding in a group as other than lead or drag bike your principal activity is 'station keeping' - maintaining proper distance between yourself and the bike ahead of you. Since the vast majority of accident threats present themselves to you from the front, each person should be encouraged to focus their attention primarily in front of them. In other words, it is dangerous to spend too much time watching your rear-view mirrors. Thus, the prime directive.

That said, if you accept the prime directive and assume that all the other riders have done the same, then you are also tacitly acknowledging that you trust the rider behind you. But, of course, you may never have ridden in a group with that person before. You may not have even met that person before. Further, it is common practice to put the weakest and least experienced riders towards the back of a group. Is that not setting up for an accident?

Not at all! The weakest/least-experienced riders are in the back because these are the people most likely to have an accident. Thus, they are placed towards the back so that such an accident can put the fewest other people as possible into danger. It also allows the drag bike to observe how these riders handle themselves and to work with them at stops about the little things that they may be doing wrong. As to their potential danger to the riders in front of them, that can be managed. Let me give you an example of savvy group riding behavior by an experienced rider who became concerned that the bike following was too close to her. She

simply used a hand signal telling the bike behind her to slow down.

Even though most of us have CBs, we tend to use hand signals as well - to keep those without CBs informed. While there is a stated rule that all hand signals must be passed back, most individuals in a group ride tend never to originate such a signal thinking that this is just one more job of the lead bike. The exception to this is the case where an individual rider in the group notices a hazard in the roadway and points to it so that all behind will be alerted. Individual group riders CAN ALWAYS initiate a hand signal telling the person behind him/her to slow down. This is the way to reduce concern about an inexperienced rider in the rear driving too close to the bike ahead of him. On the other hand, nobody but the lead bike is entitled to originate a hand signal telling the person behind him/her to speed up. (This is another way of saying that spacing in a group is usually specified in terms of minimums ('no closer than 1 second') - the riders can individually decide to use a larger space.)

The prime directive, if flawed, errors on the side of conservatism. It mandates that attention be primarily directed towards the front. It mandates that you not follow too closely. It makes you think about what the bike ahead of you (closest ahead of you, not literally 'straight ahead') is doing or might do next rather than what the lead bike is up to. It gives you a modest suggestion about what to do if *you* are about to have an accident. (i.e., if you are riding in the right track, and there is a hazard in the road ahead of you, the prime directive forces you to tend to turn towards the right to avoid that hazard - thus, taking you farther away from the closest bike ahead.)

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