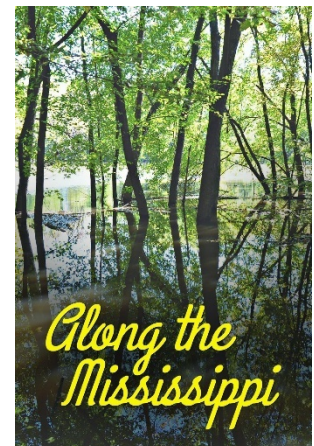




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Robert Gantt

It's been a Spring like no other. I'm looking forward to getting back outside and for Summer to begin. Memorial Day is the unofficial start to Summer and it's just over a week away.

Memorial Day honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and

became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. What will you do? If nothing else, take a moment to remember those who served and fought and gave their lives for our country. Did you know on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time? On Monday, May 25 at 3 p.m., stop what you are doing just for a few moments and say, "Thank you".

Another special day in May is Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and the newly created Space Force. The day honors all people currently serving in the U.S. armed forces. I know it's already past (it was yesterday). But we can make every day Armed Forces Day by saying "Thank you" when you see an active duty service member.

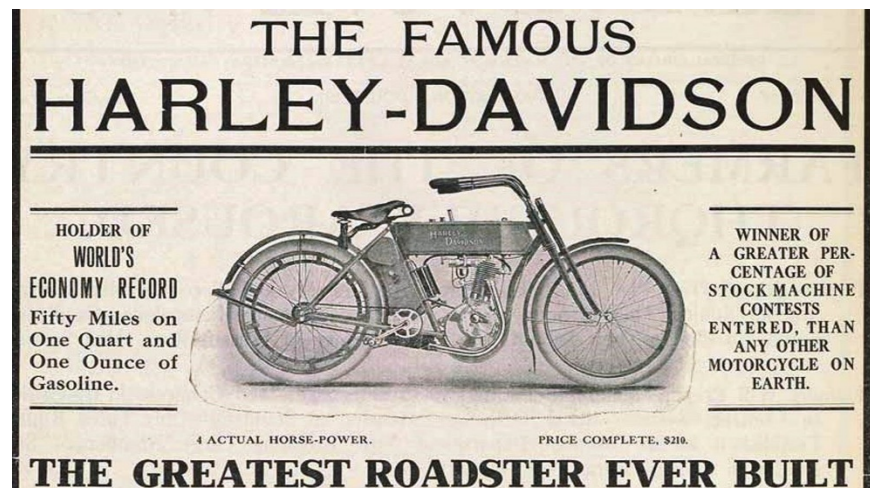
As Tennessee and our neighboring states open back, we will firm up our plans for weekend and long rides. It's a tough job to figure out what is open and even more difficult to determine what will be open. I have my best people on it. We want to insure our ability to keep everyone safe and still have a good time. I think as long as we are riding, we are having a good time. Keep an eye out for Roelant's emails and Facebook posts.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at this month's Chapter meeting. SideCar is opening back up, and we will be out on the patio. Should be a nice evening to be outside.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride

Robert
2020 HOG Chapter Director

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I hope everyone is well and taking reasonable precautions as to not catch Covid-19. As we have all heard every day since this stuff started this is some serious stuff and not to be taken too lightly! As we begin to get things rolling, in the Chapter, please use safe practices, wash hands, don't shake hands, wear a mask when appropriate, and don't share food. Do share stories and good times and catch up with the fellow Chapter members that you haven't seen for some time! The

last thing we want to do is be part of the pandemic problem.

What you may or may not have missed is May is Motorcycle Safety month and I thought I would add on to any safety advice that our Safety officer Larry Allen would say! While many of us have done some limited riding on our own, or in a small group, we probably have been pretty pleased with the lack of four-wheel vehicles (cages), on the road. But the cages, have also forgotten about looking out for motorcyclists too! Just this past week there were three motorcycle fatalities in the news, all in one week. So please don't let down your guard even though there is less traffic on the roads these days.

Other Safety advice:

I have always been told, "dress for the slide, not the ride!" While that is a good general way to look at motorcycle safety, I would prefer to use the quote, "the best offense is a good defense!" No one wants to imagine themselves sliding down the pavement, that hurts just thinking about it! I've seen people that that has happened to and it ain't pretty! However, a good rider is always on the offense looking for risky situations and making a move to avoid a potential threat before it happens. You always must be on alert about where you are headed, what's to the side of you, and what's coming up behind you. You should always, always, always be scanning the road, and mirrors. If you do this, you have a better chance of making it home.

Another thing to think about is what gear you wear. I've already seen riders out in shorts and "boat" shoes riding down the road. While you might consider this ok apparel while riding just a short distance the majority of motorcycle accidents happen within a few miles of their origin. You should always wear the correct riding apparel, gloves, boots or riding shoes, long pants, and a long shirt or jacket appropriate for the weather. Of course, in Tennessee, we are required to wear a DOT helmet. Studies have shown that wearing a helmet reduces the chance of death by 37% and head injuries by 69%. Just the facts, like them or not!

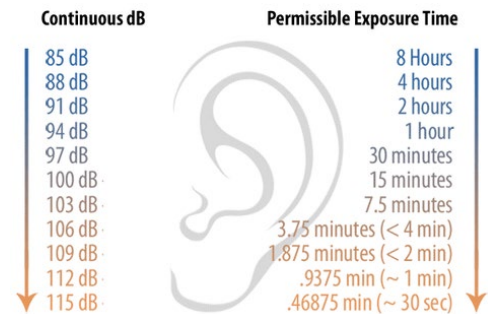
My last suggestion I would make is to consider adding some earplugs to your safety gear. I have purchased some specifically for motorcycling and try to wear them when I go on longer rides. Why you may ask? I will try to explain that, so get your popcorn and join me as we discuss why you should protect your hearing while riding.

It's no secret that we lose some of our hearing as we get older. The biggest problem with understanding and monitoring our hearing health is we lose our ability to hear gradually and by the time we notice, it's too late. When you lose your hearing it's permanent. So how does our sense of hearing work and how do we lose it? Our ears come equipped with approximately 16,000 hair cells that act as ultra-sensitive sound detectors. As sound enters the ear these cells will actually bend under the sound pressure. Different sets of cells are dedicated to narrow frequency ranges and create electrical impulse responses to the stream of sounds in conversation, music, or the roar of the highway. This creates our sense of hearing. If you've been out riding for several hours you may notice that your hearing feels

muffled or dull. You might not hear whispers or your ears may ring. Your hearing may rebound within a few hours. Similar to blades of grass under a heavy adult vs. a child, hair cells will bend more if the sound is louder. However, the hair cells have a limit to how far and often they can bend. Repeated exposures to loud noises may eventually destroy the infrastructure of hair cells that enable you to hear. It can become hard to communicate or hear critical signals around you if this loss continues by repeated exposure.

IT'S LOUD INSIDE YOUR HELMET

How loud is too loud? Safe exposure time is a function of sound pressure over time (sound pressure is not the same as volume). Everything up to 85dB is safe, at which point your safe exposure time without hearing protection is then limited to 8 hours. Decibel measurement is also algorithmic instead linear - each 3dB increase is a doubling of sound pressure and the halving of safe exposure time.



If you are wearing a full-face helmet you might think that it will do the job of decreasing wind and engine noise and protect your hearing. In reality, wind dynamics actually force helmets to vibrate increasing sound pressure and putting your hearing health at risk. Over the last 20 years, there have been studies that demonstrate that motorcyclists noise exposure is unique and greatly influenced by the transmission of sound pressure through the helmet. The raw numbers are sobering. If you are out riding at 60mph you could be experiencing sound pressure of 100+ dB, which is safe for less than 15 minutes. Increase the speed to 80 mph and the amount of safe time at speed drops to less than 2 minutes.

So as you can see protecting your hearing is important and easy to do. Look for a good pair of motorcycle ear-plugs that will cut out the noise but still let you hear your music, sirens, radios, etc. I'm not recommending any certain brand, but I buy the Earpeace brand. They are not cheap, but they do work well!

So in full disclosure, I copied some of the hearing piece of this article out of the link below. It was good information and needed to be shared...

Y'all be safe out there riding or just trying to stay well...we want to have you safely back when the time is right!

Ride Safe,

Jim Ferguson
2020 Assistant Director Memphis HOG Chapter

Information Sources:

Motorcycle Safety Course 201: 5 Types of Gear You Need Every Time You Ride

https://www.earpeace.com/blogs/bits-and-peaces/motorcycle-safety-course-201-get-the-gear-you-need?utm_campaign=Motorcycle%20Safety%20Month%3A%20Course%202021%20%28UeYsqB%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EarPeace%20Mailing%20List&_ke=eyJrbF9lbWFpbCI6ICJ0bmZ4c3RjQHlhaG9vLmNvbSIsICJrbF9jb21wYW55X2lkIjogImVHUjRQVSJ9



Amy & Roelant
Verbeek

Today is May 14 and we are celebrating my son's graduation watching the graduation ceremony on tv. Who would have thought? Who would have thought that we would not have had any HOG events for a month and a half? It's all been a real pain. But the future looks (somewhat) bright. I am calling hotels to set up rooms for overnight rides coming up in the next

couple of months and that is a good sign. Take a look below and you will see the upcoming rides for June and July. Also, look at the calendar in this newsletter for other activities that are upcoming.

On May 9th we had our first official HOG ride since the shelter in place orders were issues. We had 16 members riding to Shiloh for a great lunch on the patio at Hagy's Catfish Hotel. We practiced social distancing at the restaurant and were treated nicely by the staff.

Here are the upcoming (overnight) rides for the months of June and July, hotel information will be forthcoming soon. I hope to see many of you on these rides:

- June 12-14: Natchez, MS. We were going to meet up with the Austin chapter, but they are cancelling their trip. So, we might as well keep the trip on the books, extend it by a day to do some riding around that part of our country.
- June 26-27: Tour of Duty passport ride with stops at the Jackson, Murfreesboro, and Lynchburg Bumpus locations. This is a great fundraising event sponsored by the Bumpus family.
- July 9-12: Tail of the Dragon. A trip to east Tennessee to ride the Tail of the Dragon and some other beautiful roads near the Tail of the Dragon.
- July 18: A day trip to Florence, Alabama to visit a house architected/designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.
- July 25: A day trip following the Mississippi river.



Welcome to May!

This year is flying by isn't it? It's hard to believe it's now May. The Covid thing has certainly thrown a wrench at all of us, but it is nice to see things are starting to get back to some sense of normalcy. I think we're a long way from getting back to normal as it was, but time will tell.

As I was writing this, I began to think of some of my favorite rides so far. Since Carol and I bought our bike, we have taken some great rides with both our chapters, here in Memphis and back in Colorado.

One of my favorite rides with Memphis HOG was the trip to Mobile, AL last May. That was our longest trip to date, and we had an absolute blast! In Colorado, it was the ride to the summit of Mt. Evans in Idaho Springs, with an elevation of 14,130 feet, and I'd like to briefly share a story of that ride.

Mt. Evans is one of the "fourteeners" throughout Colorado that are 14,000 feet or higher in elevation and boasts the highest paved road in North America. And by road, I mean two narrow lanes twisting up the mountain, sometimes with no guard rails. It is NOT for those afraid of heights, and it can be a bit nerve-racking, with 180-degree turns on inclines!

The day we rode and gathered as a group at the base of the mountain, the temperature was in the low 80s. Before we headed up the mountain, we leathered up, as the temperature swings can be drastic. As you make the ride up, it is not uncommon to see all kinds of wildlife. Elk, deer, mountain goats, etc., literally at the edge of the road, or sometimes walking on the road itself! It's quite amazing! As we made our way up the "road," you could see and feel the weather changing. From the warm 80's when we left the base, we ran into rain first. Then as we rode a little higher, it turned to sleet, bouncing off our helmets, and piles of snow/ice could be seen on the sides of the road. By the time we reached the summit, it was a bit windy and thunderstorms were rolling through. And at that elevation, it's like you could touch the clouds! On a clear day, they say you can see five states...but not this day! When the lightening started...it was time to go!! It's absolutely spectacular God's country!! After a VERY quick picture, some put on their rain gear, and we headed back down the mountain. Then we had a wonderful lunch at the Echo Lake Lodge.

On the membership front, all is quiet, although we do have several membership applications to follow-up on, most of which are through new bike purchases (good to see Bumpus up and running again!)

As things continue to ease up, I am really looking forward to us getting back together every month at the chapter meetings, social dinners, etc., and getting back to doing some more riding. I am especially looking forward the Dragon Tail and Iron Butt rides.

Thanks everyone and be safe!!

"Every Ride A Memory"

Jim and Carol Tactac
Membership Officers





(Contents from MOTORCYCLIST magazine.)

TOO HOT TO MAKE IT?

Sooner or later, it hits even the best rider -- the sudden realization that your approach speed is much too fast for the corner rapidly filling your face shield. It doesn't matter if you're a commuter cruising home from work or a racer who just suffered a lapse of attention at speed; riding out of this mess gracefully demands attention, skill and mental preparedness. Let's take the problem a stage at a time.

DECIDE TO MAKE IT: Your first emotion should be a firm determination to "ride through the corner". You have to stay mentally strong and suppress any doubts, which can quickly explode into panic, and can overwhelm your ability to take charge of the situation. Too often a rider panics and locks the rear brake, losing his ability to control the situation. He then slides off a corner that he could have made if he simply had been resolved to do so.

Some riders simply freeze, and never make any control inputs at all. It's more common for a rider to crash when he panics entering a corner that he could have completed than it is for a rider to fall trying to corner too hard. Learn to relax and maintain your body position and motorcycle control in these high-pressure circumstances.

LEAD WITH YOUR EYES: You go where you look, so LOOK UP THE ROAD AND THROUGH THE CORNER where you want to go. Don't let your eyes begin searching for a place to crash. Part of overcoming panic is wrenching your eyes away from the ditch or railing or even the open field looming ahead and putting them where you want to turn. It's also the first step in actually turning that way.

BRAKE DEEP, LEAN HARD: If there's ever a moment when your braking practice pays off, it's now. As long as you have some significant pavement ahead, there is room to brake. The slower you go, the tighter an arc you can ride through the corner. Of course, the closer you come to the edge of the lane, the tighter an arc you NEED to stay there. Given sufficient room and hard enough braking, at some point your speed drops to the point at which you can safely lean it over and drive through the corner. That speed is probably higher than you realize, however, unless you have spent some time on a racetrack exploring the outer edges of your bike's performance abilities. The only way you will learn how much your bike has left and how to use it fully is to practice.

LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE: A close call should reinforce your confidence if you handle it successfully, reminding you that you have a reserve to tap. It should also remind you of your limitations. In other words, either know your road, or slow down.

TN LAW: TN has passed a law which allows motorcycles to treat a stop light like a four way stop if they use caution and good sense. Sensors at many intersections change the traffic lights. You have all seen the place in the street at intersections with the cut marks filled with caulking, this is the sensor. Many motorcycles don't have enough metal to trip the sensor, especially at night when there are no cars around. Thanks to ABATE this law allows us to proceed through the red light after coming to a **complete stop for a reasonable time**, looking around for traffic and seeing none proceeding through the light. As safety officer I recommend using good sense in these situations. We have a law written in our favor let's not abuse it.

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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 \$20 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 \$20 check made out to "**Memphis HOG Chapter**". Mail to:

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Participation Points and Club Mileage through
May 9, 2020
Max Points = 26
Max Mileage = 853 (yep..it's been a tough year)

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Frank Rector	24
2	Roelant Verbeek	23
3	Jim Tactac	22
4	John McDowell	20
4	Michael Becker	20
6	Jim Ferguson	16
6	Peter Doorley	16
6	Richard Cooley	16
9	Paul Dunaway	15
9	Kristi Dunaway	15
9	Timothy Backus	15
12	Carol Tactac	14
13	Amy Verbeek	13
13	Larry Allen	13
15	Vincent Vargas	12
15	Robert Gantt	12
15	Tony Crook	12
15	Dan Benson	12
19	Dave Stockton	11
19	Phillip Harris	11

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Points
1	Richard Cooley	839
2	Michael Becker	746
3	Frank Rector	711
4	Dan Benson	703
5	Roelant Verbeek	683
6	John McDowell	672
7	Paul Dunaway	609
7	Kristi Dunaway	609
9	Jim Tactac	576
10	Carol Tactac	426
11	Timothy Backus	419
12	Phillip Harris	320
13	Kenneth Barbee	317
14	Amy Verbeek	253
14	Ed Lowe	253
16	John Grisham	249
17	Mike Tarina	210
18	Vincent Vargas	185
18	Peter Doorley	185
20	Mark Jones	171

Chapter Events



May

07 **Memphis HOG Officers Meeting**
6:30pm. Kooky Canuck, Memphis TN 38016

09 **Day Ride to Shilo**
Okay, first official HOG ride after the Covid crap. We are going to Shiloh this Saturday and have some lunch at Hagy Catfish Hotel.

19 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
The chapter meeting will be held at SideCar Cafe. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

June

04 **Memphis HOG Officers Meeting**
6:30pm. Tekila Mexican Bar and Grill, 1335 N Germantown Pkwy, Memphis TN 38016

09 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
The chapter meeting will be held at SideCar Café. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

12 **Natchez Overnight Ride**
Overnight ride. June 12-14 More details to come.

18 **HOG Chapter Social**
More details to come.

26 **Tour of Duty**
Overnight ride. June 26-17. More details to come.

July

02 **HOG Officer Meeting**
6:30pm. Tekila Mexican Bar and Grill, 1335 N Germantown Pkwy, Memphis TN 38016

09 **Tail of the Dragon**
Long weekend ride. Thursday the 9th to Sunday the 12th. Day ride. More details to come.

14 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
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18 **HOG Day Ride**
Frank Lloyd Wright house in Florence, AL.

23 **HOG Chapter Social**
More details to come.

25 **HOG Along the Mississippi**
Day ride. More details to come.

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One of the officers will add you to the FB group.

Note: There is a public FB page, but it DOES NOT have event information.

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- 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

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