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November, what a wonderful time of the year. We are now just days away from endless 24-hour seven days a week Christmas music starting on several of our favorite radio stations. Not to be left out the Hallmark channel will start airing it's back-to-back to back Christmas movie extravaganza. Lucky for us we live in the south where our motorcycles continue to be part of our lives on a daily basis. It's great if we're not riding it we can be cleaning it up for the next ride. I know my friends up north would love these opportunities. Basically, at this time of the year their bikes are in the garage sitting up on blocks covered in their winter blanket and all they can basically do is stare at it. Unfortunately tucked away for its long winters nap. Cathy Coats has definitely had us doing some riding even late into the season. We've had rides to the Pig Out, Lonestar Tavern, Main Street Eatery, and a ride to Waterfalls Journey. We had a great group enjoy the HOG Waller this year where Jordan Wells came away with the top points overall for the day. The chili cook off was a tasty Saturday afternoon at Bumpus with some perfect weather for chilly it was a little chilly. We will have a few more day lunch rides to come. Taking us into December with our Christmas party, then standby for New Year's Day Ski Freeze ride all the info is yet to come. I'd like to take a second and congratulate Roelant Verbeek for receiving the platinum rocker this past month. What a great accomplishment he is the first member in the chapter to do so. lots of hard riding even in weather conditions that may not been the best. But he stayed with it and even came through a accident last year that put him on the sidelines for a couple of months congratulations Roelant

Don't forget there's a lot of exciting new products rolling into Bumpus Harley every day. If you haven't stopped in a couple of weeks swing by you'll be amazed of all the new products for your Harley Davison. Stop by the service department and schedule any of your service needs with Reggie or Tony, I'm sure they'll be happy to get you in and out the door in no time. Thank you Peter Doorley for your contribution to the HOG newsletter this month a great read.

**"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



Today is November 7th and tomorrow the midterm elections will be held, by the time that this newsletter is published we should know the results of this election. Unless you listen to the president who believes that counting of the votes could take days. I don't understand that, the majority of the voting is done via machines, which should be able to count immediately. The number of paper ballots, mail in voting, and such cannot be that overwhelming that they can't be counted in a few hours. Oh well. The good thing is that counting hands for our upcoming director election is not going to be that difficult. Especially, since at the moment we only have one nominee for the position. 😊 It is great to see that people want to volunteer their time to lead our chapter, there are a lot of responsibilities that come with being the big cheese.

Elections are important, because they place people into positions that impact our lives directly. Someone elected has a responsibility for road maintenance. So, here is my soapbox item for the day..... Have you been on Houston Levee north of Wolf River lately? It is criminal how bad that road is. I drive it everyday to work and try to avoid all the patch jobs that have been done over the past years. Usually, I will straddle the turning lane divider so I can somewhat avoid the bad parts of the road. However, since local morons feel that the turning lane also can be used as a passing lane, it is not the safest way to avoid the bad spots in the road. So, the easy way to avoid them, is by taking my bike (another reason to own a motorcycle)! But it was raining this morning, so I didn't ride my bike to work, maybe tomorrow.

The Powerball jackpot is climbing close to \$2B for tonight's drawing. Hopefully I can share with y'all the good news that Amy and I won the jackpot at the next chapter meeting. What would I do with all that money? I don't think I can continue working, every time I would need to finish a project over the weekend or late at night, I'd like "I don't think so." So, I would probably just be sitting at home doing nothing but counting my money. I am sure I would buy another bike, maybe even a couple, and since we are already tight in our garage, I guess I would have to buy a new house. Okay, I can probably do that.

Pretty soon we are going to be starting the planning cycle for next year. If you have any rides you would like to see on the schedule, make sure you reach out to Cathy or any of the other officers. Milwaukee will be one of our destinations to celebrate Harley Davidson's 120th anniversary. That's a pretty long time to be in business, there aren't that many companies that currently are in business longer than that. At the last anniversary celebration, local neighborhoods put on parties at night and the one we went to was happening! Of course it took us a long time to get a seat and grab some dinner, but it was well worth it. The local communities support the Harley Davidson riders, because they know how important Harley Davidson is to Milwaukee. The parade is a whole different spectacle and participating in it may not be the most fun experience, but watching it certainly is.

Okay, this is enough rambling from me, I need to get back to work, so that I can go home at a decent time today. Remember, life is good, don't worry, be happy!

Roelant Verbeek

2022 Assistant Director Don't worry, be happy!





ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT

November Newsletter



In November, we think of giving thanks. It's the month for our Thanksgiving holiday. The very name of the holiday expresses thanks. We are thankful for our family. We are thankful for our needs being met. We are thankful for our Harleys. We each are thankful for so many different things. But is November the only month to give thanks? I don't think so. I believe we give thanks to God every day of the year.

We had a lot of fun in October. Our 35th Annual HOG Waller was way too much fun. It was a new experience for me!! We had a weekend ride to Cookeville for a scenic waterfall journey. There was our Chili and Dessert Cook Off with some delicious choices. We also had a pig n out lunch ride.

The year is winding down. It's been a good year. I've enjoyed it. I hope y'all did too. On November 5 is a lunch ride to Autry's. Also on November 5 is an overnight ride to Patti's Settlement. We have our Thanksgiving dinner and chapter meeting on November 17 and as of this writing nothing else is on the calendar yet for November. Our Christmas dinner and chapter meeting is on December 11.

Below is the current schedule of events for your review.

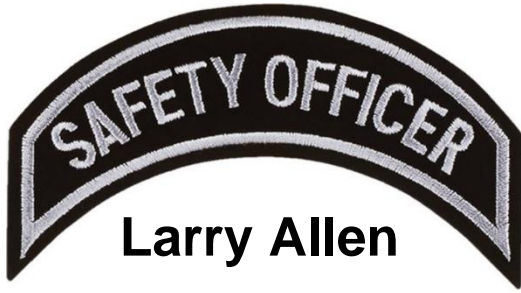
NOVEMBER-IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO GIVE THANKS

Saturday 11/5 Autry's Kitchen Lunch Ride
Saturday 11/5-11/6 Patti's Settlement
Thursday, November 17, 22 Thanksgiving and chapter meeting 6:30 pm

DECEMBER-HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 11, 22 Christmas and chapter meeting 4:30 pm





MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER HOG Safety Article November 2022

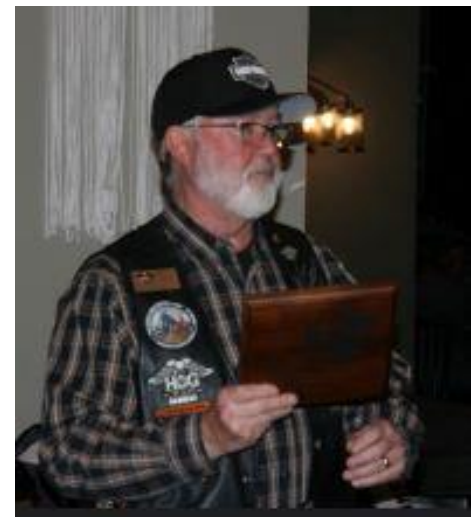
MOTORCYCLE TIRE SAFETY

Of all the parts of your motorcycle that deteriorate from literally existing, tires are the most talked about. Ask a dozen folks how long should the last and you will get almost 12 different opinions. Tire life is a legitimate Safety Concern for motorcycles. Generally the most common thought is that motorcycle tires should be replaced after five years even if they have good tread. The concern is that motorcycle tires get hard and lose their grip on the road.

A guy named Ari Henning did a scientific study about this issue. First he called all the motorcycle tire manufactures and asked them what they considered the lifespan of their tires. Avon said they recommended 7 years. However, Dunlop, Michelin, Bridgestone and Continental agreed that 10 years is the maximum lifespan for their tires when properly maintained. Tires have a date code molded into the sidewall that tells you the month and year they were made. Go to tire manufactures website for date codes or ask your dealer to show you. What is proper maintenance for a set of tires?

1. Keep them properly inflated to the bike manufactures specification. There is a label on the bike that tells you the correct inflation pressure and it's also listed in the owner's manual. **DO NOT USE THE MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE LISTED ON THE SIDE OF THE TIRE.** Check the inflation pressure first thing in the morning after it has been sitting overnight. Checking hot tires will distort the number. They must be cold tires.
2. Tires must be stored in a cool place. Heat make the oil in the rubber compound rise out and makes them turn hard faster.
3. Tires stored in darkness last longer, such as in a garage so they are not constantly exposed to the sun.
4. Say no to ozone. Ozone is a byproduct of oxygen exposed to electrical current. This is the leading cause of dry rot in tires.
5. In winter time when you are not riding jack your bike up to keep tires off the ground and developing flat spots.
6. Ari Henning races motorcycles so he did a live test on his track bike a GSXR1000. He got two identical new sets of tires. One set was current manufacture and the other was 7 years old. He put them to the test on the race track to see if they would stick or slide around. Surprisingly to him both sets of tires behaved the same on the track at speed. Go to his YouTube video call **DEBUNKING THE TIRE AGE MYTH** for more details.

Keep the Chrome side up- Larry Allen , HOG Safety Officer





**Chris & Tracy
Taylor**

Membership Alley

I can't believe it's almost Thanksgiving. I don't know about you, but we are fried turkey family. Now, I'm not knocking a smoked or oven roasted one, but fried is the way to go!

It's that time of year to turn in new membership forms and annual dues. Only \$25 for all this fun, fellowship, rides, and activities for 12 months. That's the best deal going these days! No inflation here!

Everyone is required to submit a new membership form. I'll say it again...**EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR 2023.** When completing the membership form, it needs to be dated

January 01, 2023.

There are multiple ways to get it done.

- 1) Take your completed membership form and payment to the parts counter at Bumpus H-D on Whitten Road in Memphis.
- 2) Mail the form and dues to: Memphis HOG c/o Bumpus Harley Davidson, 2160 Whitten Road, Memphis, TN 38133-6004
- 3) Bring your membership form and dues with you to any of our planned activities remaining this year.

Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check or PayPal. Checks need to be made out to Harley Owners Group Chapter #4928.

There is a small fee if paying with PayPal. The account is memhog4928@gmail.com and the total paid must be \$25.75.

We love new members! Remember, word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract attention to our group. If you know someone who is interested, please contact us with their contact information and we'll handle it from there.

We are looking forward to the Holiday Season and a smooth transition into 2023.

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 October account balance started at \$9,835.54, and we ended the month with \$11,683.57.

We had \$3450.54 in deposits, mostly from dinner ticket sales for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We had expenses in the amount of \$1,602.51, which was for Hog Waller expenses.

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).

Susan





The Webmaster



Webmaster / Photographer

Photographer

Hello everyone. I've been loading photographs to the website. Attending two consecutive National HOG events put me behind. Most photographs are from many of you as I have not attended many Chapter Rides this year. If you have not viewed the gallery lately, you might want to take a fresh look.

I think for the most part the Photo Gallery is now up-to-date. While doing this I took time to reorganize the Gallery from the most recent to the oldest with the most recent being what you see first when you enter the Gallery. I have started naming each gallery (event) beginning with the year. For instance, this year each gallery name begins with 2022. I have discovered that when searching for old photographs it helps to know what year and then what month. I reorganized them back to 2018, the year I started as Photographer. Before 2018 many galleries do not have a date on them. If you discover a photo in the incorrect gallery or you know that I have it associated with an incorrect year, please let me know where it goes. For this year's HOG Waller, I took mostly videos of the Rider Skill Games. There are 44 videos totaling 13.7 minutes. I hope they entertain you.

While I was working on the Photo Gallery, I viewed some of the events from 10 years ago. For me it was trip down memory lane. I encourage you to look at them. See if you recognize anyone.

Webmaster

Several of you reminded me at the Chili Cookoff that the Member Points & Mileage Status on the Participation Page had not been updated. It is now current as of November 4th. I promise, as we close in on the end of the year to update the status as quickly as information is available. We had 167 site sessions over the past 30 days. The "Calendar" continues to be the most visited page.

Tony Crook
Webmaster/Photographer



My view from behind the handlebars

Game Rules

In 2010 the Memphis chapter took a ride to Milwaukee WI and while there we toured the HD museum and took in a Brewer's game which included lunch on the HD deck. During the game we witnessed a rare inside the park home run. The memory of this event is the impetus of this letter. Baseball has some unusual rules and among them is the infield fly rule. Here the batter is called out when a playable fly ball is hit into the infield; if there are less than 2 outs and there are 2 consecutive runners on base, 1st & 2nd or 2nd & 3rd. This rule is linked to the tagging up rule and serves to protect the runners from a double play if an infielder drops the ball (on purpose or not). I was in a little league game when this happened, and we all were baffled by the call. It was the talk of the schoolyard for a long time. Much thought went into establishing the rules of America's pastime. And even now during an unusual play umpires call HQ to get a ruling on the play. In my little league years, my position was catcher. Catchers have different uniform requirements; they have masks, chest padding and a pancake mitt, and they wear their baseball hats backwards so the mask will fit. We had backwards hats long before it was fashionable. As catcher you play behind home plate, and you catch the ball for at least 3 batters per inning. In contrast, outfielders move around a lot, but they may not get to catch an in-play ball all game long. (Some trivia- in baseball you can use the word flyed, as the batter flyed out to the centerfielder).

Game rules are in place to define what the players can and can't do. Without rules the contest is chaotic and the outcome is meaningless. Also in the safety arena it's said that rules are written in blood. Because of someone's spilled blood, the safety rule was written.

A long time ago God gave us ten commandments to let us know what we should and should not do. But in the years following we proved we could not follow them. So God shortened the list to two, 1. Love God and 2. Love your neighbor. It seems we couldn't follow these any better. But take heart, God is in the forgiving business, and He will forgive you for breaking rules if you ask Him.

During the Christmas season it's easy to show love and forgiveness to those around us. The first Christmas was God's great gift to us, He sent His son to pay the price for us not following the rules. I can hear the voice of Linus as he read in A Charlie Brown Christmas: "Behold a child is born, a savior, Christ the Lord. He will save us from our sin. God is always trying to get our attention and connect with us. We just need to slow down a little and follow Scrooge's example, in Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol', when he said, "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year".

Because He loves us God sent His Spirit to help us follow the rules. Wise men and women still seek Him.

That's my view from behind the handlebars, Peter Doorley.





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

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2022 Officer Team

Sponsor: Tim Bumpus

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Secretary: Jim Tactac

Activities: Cathy Coats

Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton

2022

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Frank Rector	97
2	Tammie Caldwell	96
3	Roelant Verbeek	93
4	Tommy Caldwell	88
5	Susan Miller	79
5	Mike Farina	79
7	Timothy Backus	76
8	Ed Lowe	75
9	Richard Cooley	69
9	Cathy Coats	69
11	James Coats	66
12	Dave Stockton	59
13	Bradley Eskins	58
14	Christopher Taylor	57
15	Rick Barbee	56
16	Jim Tactac	54
17	Dan Benson	53
18	Robert Rehkopf	49
19	Jim Ferguson	44
20	Bill Clemmons	42

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Frank Rector	9027
2	Mike Farina	7604
3	Tammie Caldwell	7002
4	Tommy Caldwell	6393
5	Roelant Verbeek	5826
6	Cathy Coats	5707
7	Susan Miller	5653
8	Richard Cooley	5461
9	Dave Stockton	5217
10	James Coats	5213
11	Bill Clemmons	4592
12	Ed Lowe	4274
13	Robert Rehkopf	4188
14	Bradley Eskins	4127
15	Rick Barbee	3872
16	Jim Ferguson	3611
17	Daniel Jackson	3409
18	Timothy Backus	3397
19	Dan Benson	3271
20	Christopher Taylor	3263



Participation Points and Club Mileage through November 8, 2022 Max Points = 227 Max Mileage = 14129
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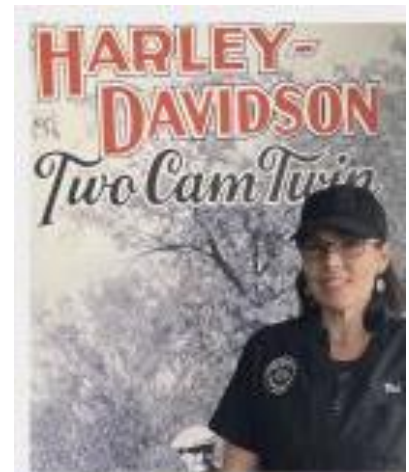


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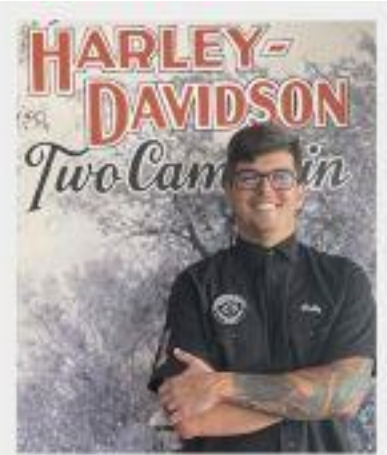


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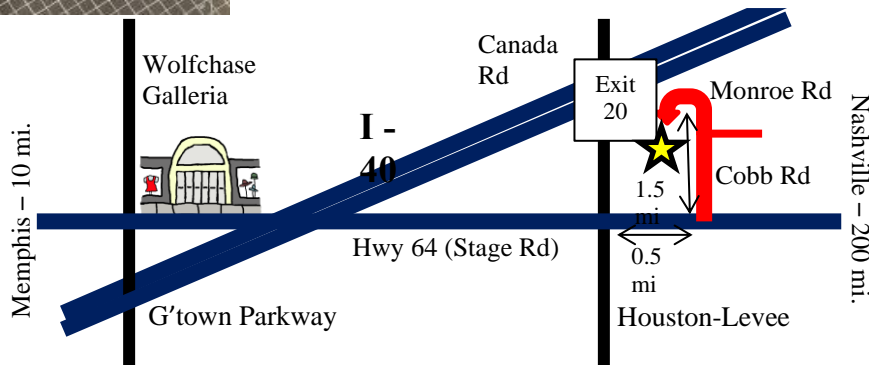
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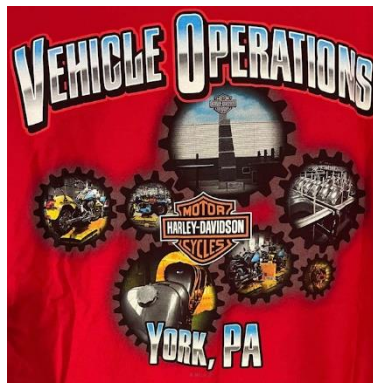
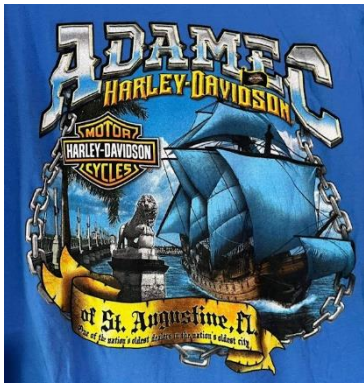
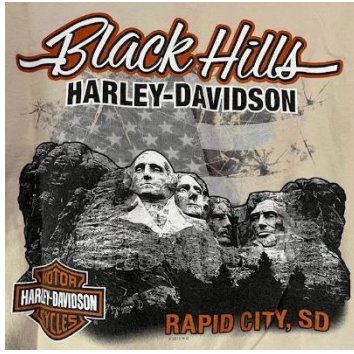
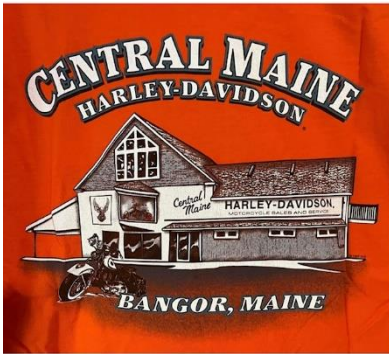
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* Check out our webpage and online calendar

<http://www.memphishog.com/>

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The chapter calendar is compatible with Google Calendar and iPhones.

Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email:

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