

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

January Activities

Polar Bear Ride	Jan 1 st
Lunch	Jan 1 st
LOH Tree Take Down	Jan 2 nd
Officer Meeting	Jan 8 th
LOH Meeting	Jan 10 th
Chapter Meeting	Jan 14 th
Bahama Breeze Social	Jan 17 th
Road Captain Meeting	Jan 19 th
Group Riding Class	Jan 28 th

February Activities

Officer Meeting	Feb 5 th
Date Night Range USA	Feb 7 th
Chapter Meeting	Feb 11 th
Valentine's Dinner	Feb 13 th
LOH Meeting	Feb 16 th
Road Captain Meeting	Feb 16 th
Garage Night	Feb 16 th
Bowling Thunder Night	Feb 28 th

March Activities

Lunch Ride	Mar 3 rd
Officer Meeting	Mar 4 th
Chapter Meeting	Mar 10 th
Road Captain Meeting	Mar 11 th
LOH Meeting	Mar 13 th
Dinner	Mar 20 th
Reelfoot Memorial Ride	Mar 24 th
Past Director Ride	Mar 24 th
Movie Night	Mar 29 th

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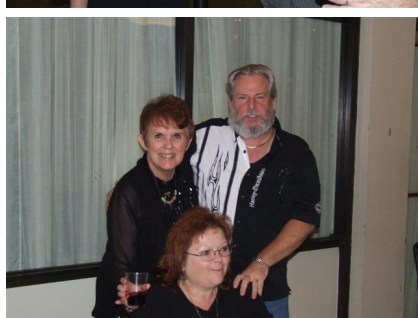
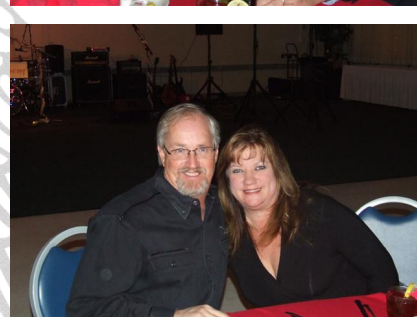
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Happy New Year boys and girls. During the final quarter of 2011, the HOG PEN Editor introduced a "Find It" contest. You simply had to correctly identify something within a photograph. I'm shifting into higher gear by letting you find a misspelled word or perhaps a word spelled correctly but improperly applied within the sentence. It's an English lesson kids so learn yourself some English! 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. READ ON!



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Pam Powell	Secretary
Tammy Stingley	Ladies Of Harley
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Director's Corner

by Greg Patton

I want to thank all the Chapter members for their support in our election for Director. I also want to thank Allen Rhymer and Dave Stockton for joining your officer team as Assistant Head Road Captains for 2012. Your 2012 officers have been meeting and planning out a great year of riding. I have been asked by several members about bringing back a Chapter contest and a posse ride. We are working on both of these along with some socials, day rides and dinner rides. Details will follow soon. Some important dates to keep in mind when planning your 2012 calendars are listed below.

Memphis Chapter Posse Ride
Thursday May 3rd thru Sunday
6th

Overnighter June 23rd

Overnighter Saturday Aug 18th

Overnighter Saturday Oct 27th



Assistant Director

by Jim Stingley

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve our chapter as Assistant Director and Head Road Captain in 2012. I'm looking forward to a great year of riding and good times with old as well as new friends.

I would like to welcome Allen Rhymer and Dave Stockton to our team. They have both agreed to be Assistant Head Road Captains. Our first road captain meeting will be on January 19th at Fox Ridge Pizza in Cordova.

I would like to wish a Very Happy Birthday to our January Birthday members!



Jenny Allen
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Secretary

by Pam Powell

Happy New Year!
I am excited
about serving the
chapter again this

year. It is wonderful being a part of such a fantastic group of people. We have a lot of fun activities planned for 2012. To show our appreciation for your support and participation we have developed an awards program. Below you will find the guidelines on how to earn the patches, pins, dangles, and rockers. The ride pin and dangles program is a continuation from last year. If you were a member last year your ride points from 2011 will carry over to 2012.

2012 Participation Patch

The requirements for patches are as follows:

You will be required to sign in on a regular sign in sheet. It protects our liability and serves as another checkpoint to awarding your patch.

In order to earn this patch you must earn 25 points during the year. You may earn your points by attending meetings, activities, socials, and rides.

All rides, socials, activities, and meetings are worth 1 point with the exception of overnight rides. These will be worth 2 points.

The only stipulations on "Meetings" are as follows:

Only Road Captains will receive a point for a RC Meeting.

Only LOH members will receive a point for a LOH Meeting.

Only Officers will receive a point for an Officer Meeting.

If you have any questions about your points please contact Pam Powell Secretary/Membership. All points are subject to verification by the Membership Officers and/or Secretary. In case of a dispute, the Director will have the final decision.

2012 Ride Pin/Dangle Program

The requirements for the pins and dangles are as follows:

The ride pin will be only for a rider and co-rider on their motorcycle (cages do not count). Only official Chapter Rides will count toward your number of rides. You must sign in for the ride to count.

You will receive your pin after completion of 20 rides.

After each 20 rides ridden, you will receive an attachment (dangle) to add to the Pin.

After 100 rides, the 5 attachments will change to a bar/rocker then you start over on adding an attachment (dangle) to the bar/rocker per every 20 rides.

It will take time to earn these but we have plenty of rides on the 2012 calendar. This does not replace the participation patch/rocker. This is to enhance the riding opportunities that the Chapter has to offer. The more you ride, the more points you score for your pin/dangle progression.

2012 Volunteer Program

The requirements for the rockers are as follows:

This year we would like to award our members for volunteering to help the chapter. The volunteer points will not go toward your participation patch this year, instead they will go toward your volunteer rocker.

For every 10 volunteer points you earn you will receive a volunteer rocker. These will fit under your participation patch.

You will get 1 point each time you volunteer. We will keep up with this on our sign in sheets.

There are many opportunities to earn your points. You can help with sign in sheets, sell tickets, donate to our monthly baskets, donate to drop your drawers, enter a chili or dessert in the Chili Cook-off Social, help set up at an event, enter a game at the HOG Waller, being the secret greeter, plan a ride or social with Head Road Captain/Activities approval, or write an article for the newsletter about one of your wonderful rides or a helpful tip.

If you have any questions about your points please contact Pam Powell Secretary/Membership. All points are subject to verification by the Membership Officers and/or Secretary. In case of a dispute the Director will have the final decision.

I look forward to seeing you all on the road!





Ladies Of Harley

by Tammy Stingley



Wow! Hard to believe that another year is gone.

I am looking forward to being your LOH leader for 2012. I would like to invite all ladies to join LOH and help support the chapter and create memories and everlasting friendships. You don't have to ride your own motorcycle to be a member. You just have to be a national member of LOH and a member of our local charter. There is no additional cost to be a member of LOH. So come join us for our first meeting, January 10th 6:30 pm at Wisteria Tea Room 11125 Hwy 70 #101 Arlington, TN. Angie Printup will be there to give us one of her motivational talks. What a great way to start the New Year off.

We would like to continue "Drop Your Drawers", so if anyone knows of a service member overseas let me know. All we need is a wish list of items that they would like to have.

The January basket will be from your 2012 officers. It will have some great items. The featured item is a one night stay at the Harrah in Tunica, dinner for two and a couple of 50 dollar gift certificates for the area. A special thanks goes out to Brian and Michele Bryant for that donation. Maybe some of their luck will rub off on you.

Just one more thing everyone, men and women may donate to "Drop Your Drawers" and the monthly baskets, it's an easy way to earn your volunteer points.

Thank you,
Tammy



Chaplain Doorley

By Peter Doorley

To start the New Year off on the right foot peg I thought I would write about balance. The dictionary has three good definitions for balance.

1. Balance is a state of equilibrium such as an equal distribution of weight.
2. Balance is equality between the totals of the two sides of an account.
3. Balance is a mental steadiness or emotional stability, a balance between work and life.

For balance definition # 1 we can look to the beginning when we first learned to ride a bicycle we had to develop a sense of balance, this balance was needed to keep gravity from having its way with us and pulling us to the ground. At first finding the balance point was difficult but later it became second nature. We now enjoy it so much we seek out long twisty roads just to test our skills as we conquer the pull of gravity while riding our Harley V twins.

We experienced balance # 2 soon after we spotted that new motorcycle we wanted. We had to determine if our check book balance was big enough to afford the new bike. Here the balance between income and outgo was hard to achieve but we learned the ways of financing and we moved on. Like with balance # 1 we needed to work on it but it isn't as much fun.

Balance definition # 3 on the surface may seem easy but it is most likely the hardest of all to achieve and it is an ongoing challenge for all of us. The first step to achieving balance is to recognize you are out of balance. If your bike tire is out of balance you can feel a wobble, uneasiness, or loss

of control in the ride, and all you have to do is to take it to the shop and have a technician put it back into balance. If your life is out of balance you may also feel uneasiness or loss of control but you can't simply pay someone to rebalance it for you, we have to do it ourselves.

Since this is the chaplain's column I'll offer a few things that may help bring more balance into your life. I'll leave balancing the force to Yoda. You may love your work and that's a good thing. It's been said if most people didn't like what they were doing civilization would come crashing down. However, there should come a time each day (or at least once a week) to say "Works over now, it's time for balance." Take time to stop and smell the roses or the fuel in the gas tank. Take time to reflect on chrome you have and not the chrome you want. Put some planned or unplanned miles on your Harley to unwind, reboot, or otherwise reconnect with the call of the highway, the thing that you loved about riding in the first place. Make some memories that aren't just about work. Finally here are two rules to live by;

1. God loves you and has a plan for you.
2. If you are out of balance re-read rule #1.

God loves you and so do I.
Peter Doorley





Brian & Michele

Hello and Happy New Year from your new greeters!

Many of you know us, but for some of the newer members, I thought I would tell you a little about ourselves. Brian and I have been riding together since the early 90's. He has actually been riding bikes since he was eight years old. Our current ride is a 2011 Road Glide Ultra. We live out in the Oakland area and have two furry, four-legged kids.

We joined Memphis HOG in 2009. Contrary to popular belief...I do NOT win everything.

We've all been new in the club at one point and I remember well the nervousness of attending our first meeting. The Memphis Chapter is big group with 225 members and that can be a little intimidating. All I can say to new members is keeping coming to meetings, rides and socials. It's the best way to get to know us and for us to get to know you.

Even after three full years with the group, I still have trouble putting names with faces so don't be offended if I have to ask a time or two or more.

2012 looks to be a busy and fun filled year for our chapter and we're glad to be a part of it.

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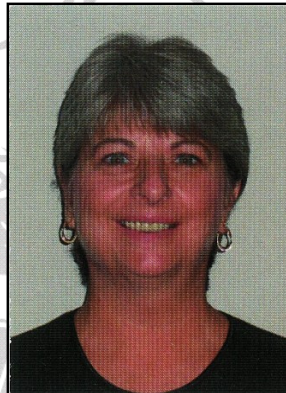
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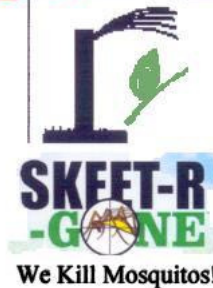
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