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COVID-19. I know you have heard of this. If you have turned on a TV recently, you couldn't miss hearing about it. This is what the CDC calls the coronavirus disease 2019. Are you taking precautions? Below are a couple graphics explaining how to protect yourself from COVID-19 and the symptoms of COVID-19. The CDC recommends avoiding close contact

with sick people (always a good idea), staying 6 feet away from others (they might not know they are sick) and avoiding touching your face (mouth, eyes, nose). Good news is riding a motorcycle helps with some of these avoidance methods. If you are riding in a group, odds are the closest bike will be more than 6 feet way. I know, some of us usually have a rider on the back...less than 6 feet away. That's where the helmet comes into play. It's tough to touch your face when you are wearing a full-face helmet (not a recommendation from the CDC, but certainly meets the need).

What's the takeaway? If you are sick or think you might be sick (see the chart below) ... stay home and get better. I know you are looking forward to the upcoming Chapter Meeting, but don't run the risk of infecting others just for a chance to win the Newsletter Trivia.

Now that I know you are taking the necessary precautions, I feel confident you will be able to join us on one or more (or all) of our upcoming events. We have a full calendar this spring of great events and rides. See Roelant's article later in this newsletter, Facebook, the many emails we send out and announcements at the meetings for the details.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride

Robert
2020 Memphis HOG Chapter Director

Protect yourself from the spread of COVID-19

There are general precautions you can take to prevent the spread of viral respiratory infections.

- Wash your hands frequently** with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, lather for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands**
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing**
- Stay healthy: eat a balanced diet, get rest, avoid stress**
- Avoid close, unprotected contact with anyone with respiratory symptoms**
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces with isopropyl alcohol**

uab.edu/coronavirus

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has been identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness globally.

SEVERE SYMPTOMS

- High fever (100.4 or higher)
- Pneumonia

PRIMARY SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Runny nose
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Body Aches

TRANSMISSION

Spread from person to person through sneezing or coughing.

Respiratory droplets containing the virus can remain on surfaces even after the ill person is no longer near.



Do you use the skills that you use on your motorcycle while driving your car?

Recently, I made yet another week-long trip out to South Carolina to take care of my grandmother's estate. On the way out there, I got to pondering how much my driving is improved because I ride a motorcycle. So, let me ask you, do you apply the same skill set driving your car, as you do on your bike? Have you ever thought about your driving versus your riding habits?

If you are new to motorcycling maybe you don't know what I am talking about yet? If you took a riding academy class, I'm sure the instructor talked to you about the following:

- Looking through the curves as you enter into them.
- Turning your head as far around as possible when making turns.
- Keeping a comfortable distance between you and the vehicle ahead of you.
- Add extra distance in inclement weather.
- Keep your eyes open for debris on the road or falling off another vehicle.
- Accelerate through the curves.
- Expect the unexpected!

During my drive, I found myself applying the same riding skills by looking through the curves, watching my distance between my vehicle and the bad drivers around me. It still amazes me just how many people hold a phone to their head to talk while they drive or text while driving! I hope you are applying your riding skills even when you are behind the wheel!

Speaking of safe riding skills have you seen some of the new safety features that Harley-Davidson has introduced on the new bikes? I was sold years ago on the Tire Pressure Monitor System (TPMS)...the fact that I didn't have to lay on the ground to check my rear tire pressure was just about by itself the next best thing to sliced bread! But now, next-generation safety features like the Reflex Defensive Rider Systems (RDRS) and H-D Connect are making motorcycles so much safer! If you are not familiar with these features yet stay tuned! I hope to cover these new features in some detail, so we can all learn what the future of motorcycling has to offer.

Ride Safe,

Jim Ferguson
2020 Memphis Chapter Assistant Director
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Even an extra day in February couldn't slow the month down. Amy and I went to a birthday party on February 29 for the mother of a friend of ours, she turned 84. The theme of the party was that she could now shred her fake ID, because now that she turned 21, she could legally buy a drink. The weather has been sucky, but it looks like things are going to be better. Yesterday we rode to Bolivar and it looks like we may have done another ride before this newsletter is published, not too shabby.

So, what did we do this month? A couple of things.....

- We had our second chapter meeting of the year and Kooky Canuck had invited us back to their restaurant to host the meeting. Things went a lot smoother this time, Tommy Caldwell actually got to eat what he ordered. 😊 I presented the proposed schedule of overnight rides and weekend rides as well as other events like the Wild Pigs Poker run and such.
- The first 2 safety classes were held and were well attended. These are great opportunities to pick up something new and also meet some of the chapter members. The Gantts got to demonstrate how a passenger can take control of the bike in case a rider ever becomes incapacitated, it resulted in some good material for jokes!
- The day after the training sessions about 10 members rode to Jackson, TN to eat lunch at one of our favorites there, Redbones. Unfortunately, I was unable to make the ride.
- On February 22, we held our second annual HOG Mardi Gras party. That was a lot of fun. The food was great, the hurricanes were awesome, and so were the margaritas (February 22 was national margarita day, so we had to have some of those). Rock and Roll bingo was a great game and we have learned that some folks need their hearing checked and that Laura Gantt is unbelievable in guessing songs, who knew.
- This past Sunday (at the time of writing), March 1, 19 bikes found their way to a little place called Route 64 Diner in Bolivar, TN. I had called them earlier in the week and mentioned we'd probably be there with about 10 people and they were going to keep a couple booths open for us. I had told them I would confirm the headcount before we left for their location. Amy called them in the morning and let them know we were coming with 25 people, they had a little freak out. They ended up doing a great job taking care of us, everything with a smile and they were so grateful! J Carolyn even approved of the bathroom situation, although the men's bathroom was closed, and the guys had to use the ladies' room. I think most of us stayed dry all the way home.

So, what's coming up? A couple of things in the near future.....

- On 3/10 we will have our third chapter meeting of the year. We will go back to Kooky Canuck for this meeting. The Sidecar café will be open soon, but March 10 is pushing it for them. We'll probably be back at Sidecar for our April chapter meeting, stay tuned.
- We will host a social event on March 19, Join us at Coletta's, 2850 Appling Rd at 6:30pm
- On March 29 there will be the opportunity for 7 members to participate in the Experienced Rider Class, I have a feeling we will be filling this up really quick.
- I am sure that there will be some other rides that will be scheduled during this month, so keep your eyes open for emails and Facebook invites.

And quite some things in the not so near future.....

- Please refer to the memphishog.com calendar, check your email, or follow us on Facebook to see the items coming up past February.



Hello Memphis HOG!!

March already!?! It's hard to believe, but we're getting closer to being able to get out and do some riding. I hope you're making plans to get out on some of the rides that have been planned.

The membership renewal deadline was February 29. Both the local membership and national HOG rosters have been updated. If you missed the cut-off date, you can certainly still renew!

As membership officers, the goal of Carol and I is to increase our membership. We do this through a variety of ways, such as setting up a membership table at Bumpus events, volunteering for various events, hamburger barbeques, etc., and will continue again this summer.

Sometimes we get new members, sometimes we don't. You can certainly pick up on those people that want nothing to do with it, simply by looking at their facial expressions, body language, etc. And that's fine! We're just trying to get the Memphis HOG name out there, strike up a conversation, educate those who don't know anything about the chapter, and above all, shed a positive light on what the chapter is all about.

While Carol and I may be the "official" "membership getters," I'd also like to remind everyone that any of us can bring members to the chapter. We are all ambassadors of the group. If you run into someone at Bumpus waiting for service, or just bought a bike, this could be a great opportunity to start a conversation. Now, I am the first to admit that I am not entirely comfortable doing that, although I am getting better at it! Carol truly has that gift of gab and can talk to anyone. I've seen it many times when we've set up a membership table or did some bbq'ing!!

My point is, we ALL have the potential to bring in new members. Recently Jim Ferguson started a conversation with someone at the dealer, and he (Willy,) joined the chapter. Tony Crook also recently had a conversation with someone and sent us their contact information.

Each one of us should strive to put a positive image out there. You never know what might come from it!

I also wanted to mention very quickly that I had an opportunity to attend the officer training in Jackson, MS last month with Robert, Jim and Roelant. I must say that I thought the training was better than last year's in Nashville. I think we picked up some good ideas from other chapters, and certainly had some good laughs too!

Thanks everyone!!

"Every Ride A Memory"

Jim and Carol Tactac

Membership Officers



MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER:

EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE IN MARCH ON THE
29TH- SIGN UP

As your safety officer I plan to provide safety information in the monthly newsletter. I want to make mention of a website that I think all of you will find interesting. www.msgroup.org.

This site has numerous safety and riding tip articles that both beginners and advanced riders can learn from. Below is just a sample. I will publish one article monthly but there are too many to publish in one year so go to the site on your own.

CONTROLLING YOUR LANE: By-James Davis (Master Strategies Group)

Lane position should be chosen based, among other things, on establishing escape routes, making yourself visible to others, staying out of the blind spots of other vehicles, and road conditions. What is often overlooked, in my opinion, is the concept of 'controlling your lane'.

For example, assume you are riding on surface streets in a city and are stopped at a traffic light preparing to make a right turn. Logic suggests that you should be in the right track of your lane, but it is safer, I suggest, to be closer to the left track.

Why? Because while nearer the left track of your lane you CONTROL the lane. There are people that upon seeing you in the right track with your right turn signal flashing will slide their vehicles into the lane beside you and try to share the lane - to get a jump off the line when the light changes.

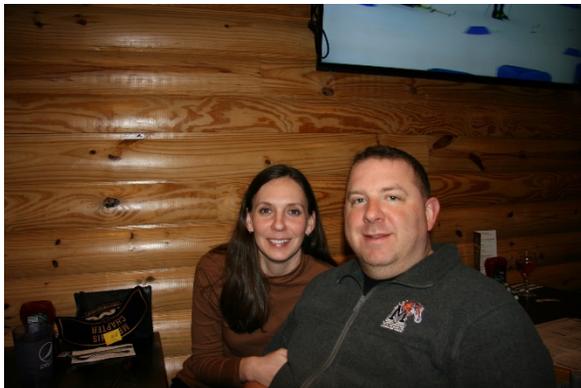
That you only have two wheels is of no consequence - you OWN the whole lane that they would try to share with you. If you were to change your mind and elect to not make that right turn, you would be in trouble. Worse, should that sharing vehicle actually decide to make a right turn too, you could easily be forgotten (in his blind spot) and he could drive right over you while making that turn.

Controlling your lane is as important as any other consideration when you choose your lane position.

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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 \$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:

Memphis HOG Chapter # 4928
Bumpus Harley Davidson
2160 Whitten Road
Memphis, TN 38133-6004

To get to the Memphis Chapter Membership Form follow the following link:

<https://www.memphishog.com/membership>



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Secretary: Tim Backus
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Membership: Carol & Jim Tactac
Safety Officer: Larry Allen
Photographer: Tony Crook
Web Master: Tony Crook
Dealer Liaison: Joe Moscon

Participation Points and Club Mileage through March 1, 2020

Top 20 Participation Points			Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Roelant Verbeek	16	1	Michael Becker	462
1	Frank Rector	16	2	Richard Cooley	448
3	John McDowell	15	3	Dan Benson	419
3	Michael Becker	15	3	Timothy Backus	419
5	Jim Tactac	14	5	John McDowell	355
5	Jim Ferguson	14	6	Frank Rector	320
5	Peter Doorley	14	6	Phillip Harris	320
8	Timothy Backus	13	8	Roelant Verbeek	292
9	Vincent Vargas	12	8	Paul Dunaway	292
9	Larry Allen	12	8	Kristi Dunaway	292
11	Phillip Harris	11	11	John Grisham	249
11	Robert Gantt	11	12	Vincent Vargas	185
11	Paul Dunaway	11	12	Jim Tactac	185
11	Kristi Dunaway	11	12	Peter Doorley	185
11	Tony Crook	11	15	Mark Jones	171
16	Amy Verbeek	10	15	Tommy Caldwell	171
16	Tim Bumpus	10	17	Dan White	170
18	Jordan Wells	9	17	Carolyn White	170
18	Carol Tactac	9	19	Jim Ferguson	150
18	Joe Moscon	9	20	Tracy Taylor	142

Chapter Events



March

10 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
The chapter meeting will be held at Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy, Ste 123, Cordova, TN 38016. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

19 **HOG Social**
Join us for a dinner social at Coletta's, 2850 Appling Rd, Memphis, TN 38133 at 6:30pm.

28 **HOG Swap Meet**
Bring your motorcycle related items to sell the HOG Swap Meet. Bumpus HD, located at 2160 Whitten. More details coming via FB and email.

29 **HOG Experienced Riders Class**
Bumpus HD, located at 2160 Whitten. 12pm to 5pm. Sign up now! Space is limited.

April

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

04 **Reelfoot Lake with Eagle Watch**
Reelfoot Lake State Park, 2595 Highway 21 East, Tiptonville, TN

05 **Wild Pig Poker Run**
Bumpus Harley-Davidson Memphis, 2160 Whitten Rd, Memphis, TN 38133

10 **Hot Springs – Arkansas Derby**
Join the fun, watch the ponies at the annual Arkansas Derby, visit the casino, eat a corned beef sandwich, or just enjoy the craziness that comes with the Derby!

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

22 **HOG Bike Night on Beale**

23 **HOG Social**
TBD

25 **Past Director's Ride**
More Details to come!

May

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

09 **Day Ride to the Strawberry Festival**
Humbolt, TN. More details to come.

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

16 **Trail of Honor Ride**
Overnight ride to Jackson, MS. More details to come.

22 **Ride Louisiana**
Join the Chapter on a tour through Louisiana. This is a 4 day ride. More details to come.

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

Ads are free to current members selling personal items, e.g. bikes, bike parts, garage sale items, etc.

Business ads run for \$50/yr. for a business card, \$75/yr. for a ½ page, and \$100/yr. for a full-page ad. Please contact Robert Gantt to set up your ad.



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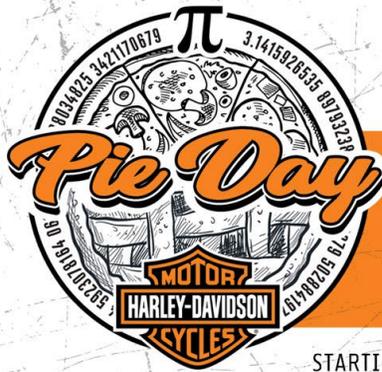
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- Get text alerts or follow us on Twitter
To get texts: Text a message to 40404 with the following information:
Follow memhog4928
You should receive an instant confirmation.



- Join our members-only Facebook group
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282199048513345/>

To join: Go to the page and click "Join"
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.
<https://www.facebook.com/MemphisHogChapter/>

- 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

- Special Note to AOL mail users
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