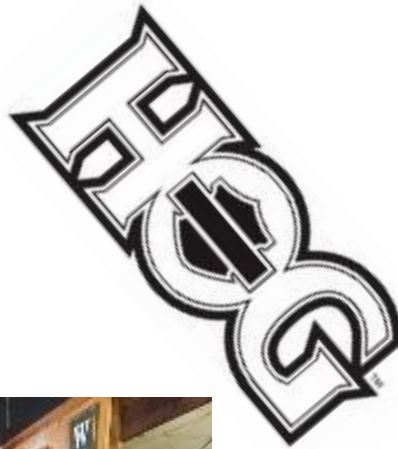


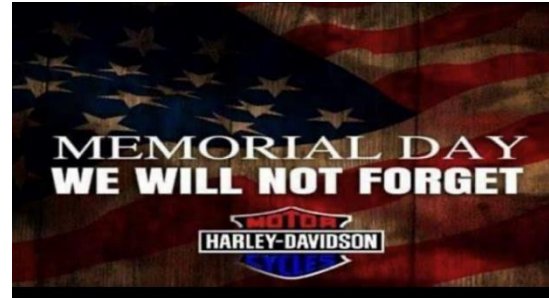


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Welcome to June. We have made it halfway through 2023. June really marks the official start of summer for me. Just a few days ago we honored Memorial Day. We paid tribute to the men and women that gave the ultimate sacrifice, so we can ride free. It's funny Memorial Day weekend I believe is one of the busiest days at Lowe's or Home Depot's garden shop, I know, I was in line for 1 hour last weekend. That's why I know summer has begun. It also Marks the end of the school year which I don't mind, it has my drive to work and home a lot easier. It is great that our riding season has really started turning up the heat. Cathy Coats has been doing an outstanding job with planning activities for us, and Dave Stockton has been planning great scenic, safe routes for us to travel. We are just weeks away from celebrating Harley Davidson's 120th anniversary in Milwaukee. What a great event I'm sure that will be. I'd really like to thank all the volunteers that have jumped in and helped with the Bumpus Harley hamburger cookouts. In this and all newsletters you will see a section to sell your motorcycle wears we have had some great stuff in there lately. If you have anything that you'd like to sell, please reach out to me and will get it posted. On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone for all your thoughts and prayers for Kathy and me. Over the last several months, as you know, we've been going through some health issues and your prayers have definitely been heard and have made a difference, thank you.

Don't forget Bumpus Harley-Davidson is ready and willing to take care of all your service needs on your motorcycle. Everything from oil changes, tires and brakes, complete inspections of all the moving parts. Anything else that you think your bike should need like those little trinket extras. Stop by the parts department they carry all types of cleaning equipment and products, waxes, bike wash, cleaning brushes to get an all them tight areas, anything to make that baby shine. Check out the motor clothes department every day, new items are coming in. New shirts, new hats, safety gear. Everything to make your motorcycle experience that much better.

**“Always remember, friends don't let friends ride alone. Now get out there and put some miles on
Tim Backus 2023 Memphis HOG Director**





Carol's Corner

JUNE 2023

TIPS FOR RIDING

1. Slow down a little. That S curve is sharper than you think!
2. Just because your bike can go 100 mph between stop lights doesn't mean you should do it.
3. Maintenance is that "un-fun" thing you do to keep from walking home!
4. When in doubt, always take a jacket. When not in doubt, still take the jacket.
5. It always seems farther back home than it was going to your destination. Don't ride so far that it stops being fun!
6. Ride safe! No one wants to attend your funeral and talk about how much you loved riding. They want to go riding WITH you and talk about what a great time you had together.
7. Stop for gas even if you don't need it. You may wish you had later.
8. **Chrome won't get you laid, unless you're already good looking.**
9. WAVE!!! Even if the rider is on a scooter or a different brand. They just might be saving for their "Dream" motorcycle.
10. Keep your passengers feeling safe. They're riding with you because they trust you. Their life is literally in your hands. Don't scare them and ruin motorcycling for them.
11. Don't ride beyond your skill level trying to keep up with the rider in front of you.
12. Buy quality rain gear. Being wet when it's warm is tolerable. Being wet when it's cold is miserable.
13. Riding 500 miles a day on the interstate is do-able. Riding 500 miles a day in the mountains is impossible. Allow yourself time to see the sights all around you! This is living!
14. The "ride" is about the journey...not the destination.
15. The larger the group, the longer it will take to get there.
16. Remember to HAVE FUN!! Riding is not a contest, you can't win them all.

Every mile is a memory!

Carol Tactac, 2023 Assistant Director





ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT June Newsletter 2023



Have you told someone lately that you enjoy being around them? Have you loved on your family and precious friends enough? Have you helped someone lately with some sort of issue they were having? Let's care about each other and let it be known.

May was a good month. We had the first Beale St Bike Night, 25th Annual Thunder Beach Rally, lunch at Lone Star Schooner and Phillips Grocery, dinner at Lost Pizza Co., a trip to Fort Pillow and getting kicked out of a restaurant and I don't remember where they ended up for lunch!! How could it have not been good? LOL

Check out the updated events list below:

Saturday, June 3, 23
Thursday, June 8, 23
Friday, 6/9-11/23
Thursday, June 15, 23
Saturday, June 17, 23
Saturday, June 24, 23
Wednesday, June 28, 23

JUNE AND IT'S SUMMER

Lunch Ride to Livingston's
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's
Eureka Springs
Dinner Social
Iron Butt 1000 Miles 24 Hours
Lunch Ride to The Grind
Beale St Bike Night

Saturday, July 8, 23
Thursday, July 13, 23
Thursday, 7/13-16/2023
Thursday, July 20, 23
Wednesday, July 26, 23
Saturday, July 29, 23

JULY DANG IT'S HOT

Lunch Ride to Blue Bank at Reelfoot
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's
HD Homecoming in Milwaukee
Dinner Social
Beale St Bike Night
Lunch Ride

Saturday, August 5, 23
Thursday, August 10, 23
Friday 8/11-14/23
Thursday, August 17, 23
Wednesday, August 23, 23
Saturday, August 26, 23

AUGUST WATCH OUT FOR THE SCHOOL BUSES

Lunch Ride
Chapter Meeting at Coletta's
Copperhead Lodge and Resort
Dinner Social
Beale St Bike Night
Lunch Ride

SEPTEMBER OH FALL WILL BE HERE SOON

Saturday 9/2-4/23
Saturday, September 2, 23
Saturday, September 9, 23
Thursday, September 14, 23
9/20-24/2023
Wednesday, September 27, 23
Saturday, September 30, 23

The Springfield Mile, Springfield IL
Lunch Ride
Movie Night
Chapter Meeting
Bikes Blues BBQ Rogers AR Pig Trail HD/Branson
Dinner Social at Beale St Bike Night
Natchez Trace Lunch Ride

OCTOBER AND YES IT IS FALL AROUND THE CORNER

Monday 10/2-8/2023
Saturday, 10/7-9/2023
Saturday, October 7, 23
Saturday, October 14, 23
Thursday, October 19, 23
Saturday, October 21, 23
Saturday, October 28, 23

Myrtle Beach Bike Week Fall Rally
Scenic Riding Weekend TBA
Lunch Ride
36th Annual HOG Waller and Chapter Meeting
Dinner Social
Lunch Ride
Chili and Dessert Cook Off

NOVEMBER REMINDING US TO GIVE THANKS

11/4/23-11/5/23
Saturday, November 4, 23
Thursday, November 16, 23

Patti's Settlement
Lunch Ride
Thanksgiving Dinner and Chapter Meeting

DECEMBER DON'T RUN OVER SANTA CLAUS

Christmas Dinner and Chapter Meeting





MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER **HOG Safety Article June 2023**

TO 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.

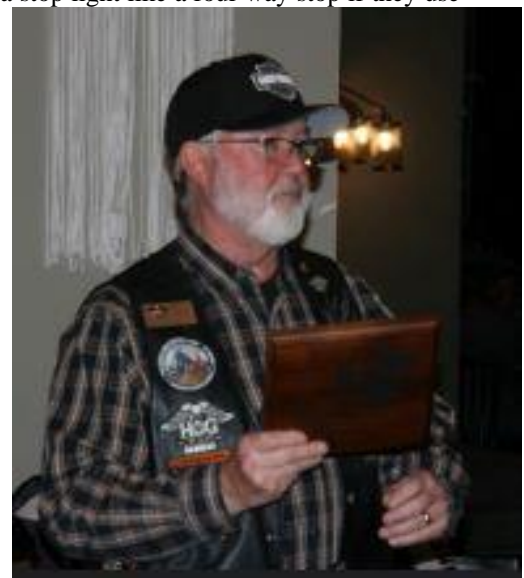
BRAKE DEEP, LEAN HARD: If there's ever a moment when your braking practice pays off, it's now. As long as you have some significant pavement ahead, there is room to brake. The slower you go, the tighter an arc you can ride through the corner. Of course, the closer you come to the edge of the lane, the 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: Effective July 1, 2003 Tennessee passed a law that 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.

Safety Courses: Bumpus HD has now been approved to offer Experienced Riders Courses (ERC). I have talked to Dan Dolney and he is looking to put together two courses together for us this fall. One in September and one in October. I will keep you posted on the dates in the near future.

KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP AND THE WIND IN YOUR FACE
Larry Allen- Safety Officer



Membership Alley 2023



Our current chapter membership sits at 113 active members. Looking forward to seeing everyone on all the great rides we have coming up.

We love new members and word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract attention to our group. If you know someone who is interested, please give us their contact information and we'll handle it from there. In light of recent events, our members have shown an outpouring of love, friendship and support to those who have fallen on tough times. If someone asks, "What does your chapter offer?", I think it is safe to say that we not only ride to have fun, but we offer friendship. Going further, we are a FAMILY. A family of people with similar interests that support one another and lift each other up. Our family is the best!

As always, we are excited about warmer weather and the upcoming riding season, and we want to enjoy it with you.

If you have any questions, give us a shout.

Now, let's go ride!

Chris and Tracy Taylor

2023 Membership Officers





The Treasurer's Corner

June Susan Miller 2023

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our May account balance started at \$8,507.19, and we ended the month with \$8,580.34.

We had expenses in the amount of \$56.85 which was for April Mtg cupcakes and WIX (Website) expenses.

We had income in the amount of \$130, from 50/50 and membership.

Please note, I was out of town for the May Chapter meeting (enjoying the lovely Natchez Trace Touring Rally), so I haven't been able to get the 50/50 and Grilling tips entered into the account. I'll post those in next month's newsletter.

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
Photographer



Memphis Harley Owners Group

Chapter Mission Statement & Purpose
"To Ride and Have Fun."

It's not the destination, "it is the journey." Finding interesting places and riding our Harleys to get there with a bunch of great folks.



Ride and Have Fun

by Bradley Eskins



Picture yourself at the tender age of 8 riding on a dirt bike full speed toward a 20 foot drop off toward a creek bottom. It was my first time ever on a motorcycle. I was given a quick lesson on the throttle and shifter and sent on my way by a well-meaning cousin of the same age. I did not go off the cliff. I decided to strategically lay down the bike inches from the cliff edge. It seems I still had a lesson to learn about the location of the brake before my inaugural ride. However, what I did learn was that I absolutely loved riding motorcycles.

Throughout my adolescence I was able to borrow the occasional dirt bike from my friends, but it was not until I was in college that I was able to purchase my own motorcycle. It was one of my best friends who later served as a groomsman in my wedding who purchased a 70's era Harley Sportster tricked out with shark fin tailpipes and an awesome paint job that reawakened my desire to ride. Another friend of mine, who many in the chapter met after a ride to his restaurant in Tupelo, Mississippi immediately purchased a Honda Rebel. Feeling the bug, I then went to motorcycle dealership and purchased what I could afford at the time, an 82 Yamaha Heritage Special 650. Our mutual motorcycle pastime was born. We went on weekly and sometimes daily rides around the Dallas-Fort Worth area. During this time, I also enjoyed motorcycle riding dates with my new girlfriend Melissa on the back. Sadly, I decided to sell the motorcycle when Melissa and I moved away from Texas so that I could begin law school. Following law school was the daily grind of a new career, the birth of two children and a realization that I just had no time for my motorcycle passion. Over twenty-five years passed before I would be able to ride a motorcycle again. In 2020 I purchased a 2016 Dyna Low Rider and joined Memphis HOG. Not only was I excited to begin riding again, but I was also excited to meet all the genuine welcoming people at Memphis HOG.

Since joining Memphis HOG, I have thoroughly enjoyed many local and out of town rides to awesome locations. However, it was not the destinations that held the most attraction, it was the journey. When I look back on the people I have met and the places I have been to in the last two years, I have nothing but gratitude. The older I get the more I realize that building friendships and memories are more important than obtaining possessions. Someone asked me the other day "what would you say was your favorite ride" and the response came quickly. It was the Memphis HOG trip to New Orleans in 2021. We had such a large and diverse group of members who spent time together in such a fun city that it was unforgettable. It was the last time I attempted to use my Dyna as a long-distance touring bike after several of the ladies in the chapter talked some sense into me and convinced me to buy a touring bike. (It was not that hard to do.) Mostly, it was the joy I felt while watching my wife earn her nickname "Cherry" and seeing her bond with our friends.

I cannot say enough about how happy I am to be a member of this chapter. If you are reading this and you are not yet a member of Memphis HOG, go ahead and join. You will not regret





We lost Chip Hurdle late Wednesday night after a fight with sepsis. Chip was a lifelong member of the club and a close personal friend to many of us. A member of the Iron Butt Club and a Harley rider most of adult life. He logged in many thousands of miles over the years in all kinds of weather. Chip was a loving soul and a cherished friend to many of us who rode with him over the years. Chip was loved and admired by everyone that knew him. Over the years, he held a position as an officer in the club. Activities, membership and our chaplain. Chip will be missed and the ones that knew him best will hold him in their memories forever.

Husband to Cathy, father to Anna Marie, brother to his sisters and friend to all he met.

His wife is asking for a Harley Davidson Motorcycle procession on Tuesday, from the new Collierville funeral home at Bailey Station and Winchester at 1:30 and escort him to Saint Andrews church behind Collierville Square.

Visitation is on Monday

5 to 8 PM and funeral mass on Tuesday at
2 pm at the church.

Celebration of life back at the new Collierville funeral home from

4 till 8 PM. If you can ride on Tuesday, meet at the funeral home around 1:15 / 1:30 to escort our brother to the church and send him off Harley style





[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
 2160 Whitten Road
 Memphis, TN 38133-6004



2023 Officer Team

Sponsor: Tim Bumpus

Director: Tim Backus

Assistant Director: Carol Tactac

Treasurer: Susan Miller

Secretary: Jim Tactac

Activities: Cathy Coats

Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton

Membership: Tracy & Chris Taylor

Safety Officer: Larry Allen

Photographer: Tony Crook

Web Master: Tony Crook

2023

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Tammie Caldwell	41
2	Tommy Caldwell	38
3	Dave Stockton	25
3	Frank Rector	25
5	Larry Allen	23
6	Jim Tactac	22
7	Roelant Verbeek	21
8	Susan Miller	20
8	Ed Lowe	20
8	Mike Farina	20
8	Bradley Eskins	20
8	Timothy Backus	20
13	Jerry Hayes	19
13	Dan Benson	19
13	Rick Barbee	19
16	Bill Clemmons	18
17	Christopher Taylor	17
17	Jim Ferguson	17
17	James Coats	17
20	Tracy Taylor	16

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Susan Miller	3047
2	Dave Stockton	2834
3	Tammie Caldwell	2590
4	Tommy Caldwell	2476
5	Larry Allen	2083
6	Bill Clemmons	1970
7	Jerry Hayes	1695
8	Jerry Rice	1649
9	Bradley Eskins	1425
10	Frank Rector	1392
11	Mike Farina	1150
12	Ed Lowe	1140
13	Dave Carlson	1104
14	Dan Benson	1082
15	Robert Rehkopf	1026
16	James Coats	799
17	Kenneth Barbee	788
18	Al Torres	737
19	Roelant Verbeek	730
20	Richard Cooley	700

Participation Points and Club Mileage through June 1, 2023
 Max Points = 68
 Max Mileage = 7507



Memphis HDG Patches



*Memphis Chapter Top Rocker
Available in Gold and Silver
Small \$25.00
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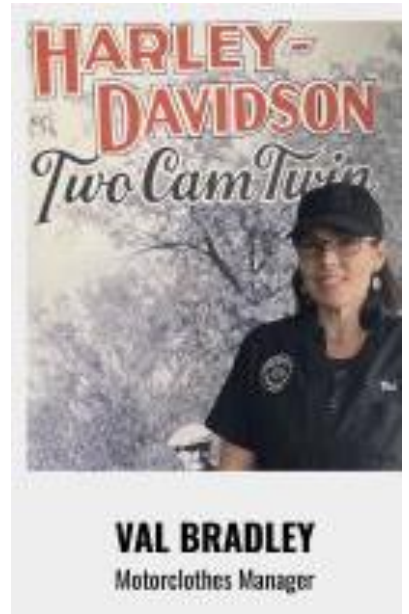
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**MEMPHIS HOG'S
June Employee of the Month**
Jon Jackson
Chrome Consultant



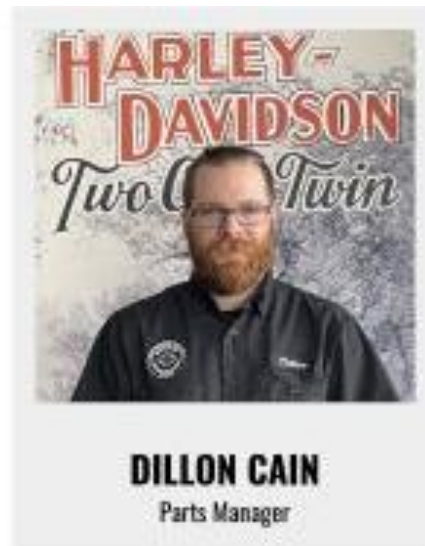
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**Motorcycle Center Stand
Asking \$125
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378-7318**





Mini Ape Hanger – 9 Inch Black 1-1/2 Inch Fat. These are the Harley Davidson Chisel for the Road Glide. New Harley retail price is \$319.95. I'm asking half price at \$160.00. No Cables. These bars raise your hands/arms up about 2 inches from stock with your hands a little closer together.
 Contact Tony Crook at 481-0730



Ape Hangers for Sale 18" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for Crusier, Standard Harley, I used these on a Softail. Purchased from J&P Cycles \$724. I'm selling these at half the retail value.
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Ape Hangers for Sale 10" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for a Crusier, Standard Harley - I used these on a Softail. Purchased new from J&P Cycles \$724. I'm selling these at half the retail price. \$360.
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**HD FXGR Leather Jacket
 Waterproof w/Body Armor
 Size L \$200**



Call James Coats

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*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

<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:

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