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Arkansas HOG Rally	May 2 nd	
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Arkansas HOG Rally	May 4 th	
Barret's Chapel School	May 4 th	
Officer's Meeting	May 6 th	
Handlebars & Hotrods	May 11 th	
Chapter meeting	May 11 th	
Dinner Ride	May 13 th	
MVP Ride 3	May 13 th	
Ladies Of Harley meeting	May 14 th	
Road Captain meeting	May 16 th	
Bob Ward Ride	May 18 th	
Lunch Ride	May 18 th	
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Dinner Ride	May 23 rd	
Lunch Ride	May 25 th	
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TN HOG Rally	May 29 th	
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TN HOG Rally	May 31 st	

_	June 2013 Activities		
P	TN HOG Rally	Jun 1 st	
	Officer's Meeting	Jun 3 rd	
	Breakfast Ride	Jun 8 th	
	MVP Ride 5	Jun 8 th	
	Chapter meeting	Jun 8 th	
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	Ladies Of Harley meeting	Jun 11 th	
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	Posse Ride	Jun 22 nd	
	Posse Return	Jun 23 rd	
	Dinner Ride	Jun 25 th	
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	Officer's Meeting	Jul 8 th
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	Chapter meeting	Jul 13 th
٩	Road Captain meeting	Jul 18 th
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So many great riding opportunities are coming. Even though the preregistration deadline has lapsed for the Tennessee State HOG rally being held in the Smokey Mountains, it does not mean you can't go. Read the newsletter at Tennessee-State-H-O-G--Rally-

Newsletter to keep up to date with all the information, or go online to register at http://www.tnstatehogrally.com/.

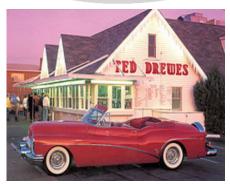
Many guided rides, concerts and events have been planned for the week of May 28th to June 1st. And don't forget on Saturday, June 1st members of Memphis HOG will get together for a ride to the Wheels Thru Time Museum in Maggie Valley, NC. Watch for an email blast with details.

If you haven't heard by now,
Memphis HOG will be riding a
portion of the original Route 66
Mother Road in June. It starts with
a kickoff party on June 19th,
hosted by Bumpus Harley-

Davidson. And then on June 20th, all posse's will ride toward Springfield, IL along some of the Great River Road and Route 66. Have you ever seen the world's largest catsup bottle? Or is it ketchup?

http://www.catsupbottle.com/

Then after a good night's rest, posse's will venture out on the Mother Road heading toward St Louis. Along the way, expect to see many original roads, sites, and businesses/attractions that sprang up during its heyday and are still open today. While the posse's won't cover very many miles this day, it will be filled with activity. And one in particular, just might be an opportunity of a lifetime. Curious? Watch for a blast with an announcement. Have you ever eaten concrete on Route 66?



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After spending the night just outside St Louis, the posse's will head westward along Historic Route 66 with another day packed with nostalgia and sites to see along the way. Or not see, like the town of Times Beach, MO. Memphians may recall Maywood, and Times Beach was very similar, summer cottages near a lake. The Meramec River winds along the site where this community once look stood. Have at http://www.legendsofamerica.co m/mo-timesbeach.html for its history. Speaking of Meramec, the ride that day will take us past Meramec Caverns. See a restored stagecoach stop that pre-dates the Mother Road. The day ends in Lebanon, MO, where posse's will share tales of their ventures, before riding back to Memphis the next day.

Drop by the Bumpus Parts counter on Whitten Rd. and fill out the registration form.

Safe Situations Gege Cofer



May/2013 is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Throughout the month the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will bombard the driving public with messages to be aware of motorcyclist. Now that warmer weather is right around the corner, motorcyclists will soon be out in force and encounters will multiply. The messages will remind other road users to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe.

This year's theme - "Share the Road" – encourages drivers of all other kinds of vehicles and motorcycles to "share the road" with each other. Drivers of cars, trucks, and buses are reminded to look out for and share the road with motorcycle riders, and motorcycle riders are reminded to obey traffic laws, wear DOT compliant helmets and other protective gear, and to make themselves visible to other motorists.

Driver awareness includes:

- Never drive (ride) while distracted.
- MC's have same rights and privileges as any motor vehicle driver on the roadway.

- Allow a MC a full lane width.
 Do not share the lane.
- MC's are small hard to see or judge their speed and distance as they approach.
- Always signal allow MC ability to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- Carefully check mirrors and blind spots before changing lanes and at intersections.
- Don't trust MC turn signals wait to be sure the rider is going to turn before you proceed.
- Minor road conditions can pose major hazards for a MC, be prepared for sudden maneuvers.
- Allow more following distance so MC rider can maneuver or stop in an emergency.

This safety advice is particularly timely as motorcycle fatalities in 2011 accounted for 14% of total highway deaths despite motorcycle registrations representing only about 3% of all vehicles in the U.S. Keeping motorcyclist safe on the nation's roadways is a mutual responsibility.

Remember success is measured by "if we do it right this time, we can come back and do it again" and that's the Fun part.

NO Classes are scheduled for May

Ladies Of Harley Niesce Paine



It's May already. I have had the opportunity to ride a little in April and every time I do it reminds me of the old saying, "Four wheels move the body, but two wheels move the soul."

That is so true. The year has started out great and I am looking forward to every chance to saddle up and enjoy the wind in my face.

A little reminder for all the ladies, we are considering a night at Pinot's Palette or an evening or afternoon at Seize the Clay. I need to know your preferences so I can check on arrangements

The June theme for our basket will be Father's Day. Any member can donate to the basket for a volunteer point. Let's make the Dad's proud with a very nice basket for June. You can bring your donations to any meeting or drop it off at the parts counter at Bumpus. Leave my name on the bag with your donation and your name in the bag so you can get credit for the contribution.

The next LOH Meeting is May 14th at Old Timers in Millington. I hope to see everyone there. Enjoy the ride and never regret anything that makes you smile.

Activities Crew







It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner! Our chapter meeting will be May 11th at Fresh Slices. Dinner at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 7:00. This will be a dinner meeting so members can go and enjoy the event at Bumpus that day, "Handlebars and Hotrods."

We will have 2 MVP rides this month. The first one will be Monday, May 13th to Memphis Bar B Que in Horn Lake, MS. This restaurant has been featured on Food Network's "Diner's, Drive-Ins, and Dives." Check out their website at www.memphisbbqco.com to see their full menu. They have great food! KSU from Bumpus at 6:30. The second MVP ride will be Saturday, May 25th to Irie on the Square in Oxford, MS. We have been there before and the chapter decided this was a "keeper" so here we come! Check their website out www.irieonthesquare.com to their full menu. The chapter will also be taking an official group photo for those participating in our Memphis

HOG World Tour. The official group picture will be worth 5 points.

We will have our 2nd Lazy Sunday Ride on May 19th. We will be riding to Meeman–Forest State Park. We will ride there and ride around some of the nice roads and stop to socialize and have a snack. Remember to bring your own snack and beverage to the ride. KSU from Bumpus at 1:00 p.m.

There will be a dinner ride Thursday, May 23rd to Pearl's Oyster House. They are located at 299 South Main Street. Check out their website at www.pearlsoysterhouse.com for their menu. KSU from Bumpus at 6:30 p.m.

There are also 2 state rallys this month. The Arkansas State Rally is May 2-4 in Hot Springs, AR. Then of course we have the Tennessee State Rally May 29-June 2. The chapter is planning an organized ride to Maggie Valley on Saturday, June 1st. Watch your email and check on Facebook for more details.

We hope you are enjoying the activities we have planned and continue to plan for you. Some of them are ideas you have suggested from the Activity Meetings we have had.

See you on the road!
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Simple Directions Burt Powell



This World Tour contest is taking off like a jet airliner but it's meant to keep you on the ground. Remember the phrase, "Rubber on the ground, shiny side up!" Here's wishing that your worldly travels expand your cultural horizons and that languages or dialects haven't been a barrier when encountering local people on your travels. I cannot understand things some people say to me from, oh let's say for example, Alabama!

We've found the need to clarify the guidelines of the World Tour contest. The rules, for the most part, are copied from national ABC's of Touring contest with a bit of fine tuning to suit our program. The clarification reads as follows:

"If you go on a sanctioned ride with the chapter to one of the designated places, a group photo will be taken for our website. Submit the picture of yourself in the group to receive the 5 points. Couples choosing to submit one booklet must have both of you in a photograph. Also, submit a list(s) of your pictures for each one of you using the appropriate form(s)."

You can also find this information on the website by clicking the World Tour map which includes the Memphis HOG World Tour Guidelines. We hope this proves to be helpful and will not disenchant anyone from doing their favorite thing, riding.

We've been invited to Barret's Chapel Elementary School for their Community Day on Saturday, May 4th. They want us there to promote motorcycling safety, that is, our bikes, our apparel and our own safety procedures. Check the Memphis HOG website calendar for the vendor list and other offerings.

This year's "Look Twice Save A Life" ride comes home to honor the memory of one of our own, Bob Ward. CMT/ABATE Wheels of Thunder Charter has put together a scavenger hunt to help fund the safety program. Refer to the website calendar for details. It all starts at Bumpus on Whitten road with registration beginning at 9:00am on Saturday, May 18th.

Get out there and ROLL!

Head Road Captain Jerry Hayes



Seven Road Captains and our 2 trainees completed the Experienced Rider Course in April. Additionally, the Road Captains attended the "Seasoned Rider" training class held by Jerry Rice. And, we have further training planned for the Road Captains as we go forward in the year. My personal goal is to have the best trained group of Road Captains Memphis has ever had. We are well on our way to attaining that goal. Certainly that should help to ensure safe and enjoyable rides for us all.

We had a great ride honoring our past Chapter Directors to Scott AR for a Hubcap Burger in April. It was also the "World Tour" inaugural ride as we rode to England after lunch for a group picture. (No ferry was involved this month). Along with the "Unique Places" the "World Tour" should be a fun contest for everyone and allow for a lot of riding. Hopefully it will take you to a lot of new destinations on roads you've never traveled before.

And this month, I hope everyone has made their plans to attend the Tennessee Rally in Maryville. This is guaranteed to be a fun time. We are planning a group ride to the "Wheels Through Time" motorcycle museum in Maggie Valley, NC. If you've never seen this museum, you should really try to make this trip. It's a great museum filled with a lot of old Harleys – some restored, some original. The curator of the museum is Dale Walksler, who used to be a Harley Dealer until he sold his store and founded the museum.

After observing a few group rides this year I think we are doing a great job overall of riding as a group. I do want to make a few comments however, to help us brush up on some of our riding techniques and behaviors.

First, please watch your ride spacing.

Obviously, you don't want to follow the bike in front of you too closely, but you don't want to leave enough space to invite cars into the group.

Two seconds is the recommended spacing between you and the bike directly in front of you. You should have a bike either to your left or right stagger position at one second ahead of you. A couple of folks have

mentioned to me it's hard for them to monitor their following distance. I suggest using the one thousand one, one thousand two method. Count out like that and you'll be very close to two seconds spacing. Use a shadow in the road or a road marking to begin your count. Just remember that large spaces are simply open invitations for cars to join our ride. Please keep the groups tight.

Second, please remember to pass hand signals <u>all the way back</u>. When the lead rider gives a hand signal, it's important that *everyone* in the group sees it. That can only happen when everyone in the group "passes it back."

Lastly, always show up for the ride with a full tank and an empty bladder. We will generally try to provide an initial rest stop after about 45 minutes of riding. This allows everyone the chance to drain the morning coffee and ride a lot more comfortably the rest of the morning.

And finally – just remember the most important rule of group riding.... Don't hit the bike in front of you!

Ride on!







































































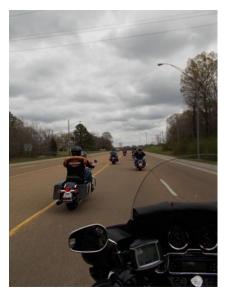












































































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