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The Director Says...

This section is going to be short this month as I'm late getting my April article to Leigh to put this month's newsletter together. First, thank you to everyone for the condolences and prayers over the passing of my Dad! I really appreciate the moral support as Janice and I left for Illinois to assist with the arrangements.

Prior to my Dad's passing, Nancy Moore and I had the privilege to go to HOT (HOG Officer Training) this year in Louisville, KY. If you are not familiar with HOT, it is where HOG Corporate brings the HOG Chapter Officers together to learn how to manage a chapter, plan events, work with the dealers, and learn from our peers. I want to share just some of the info we learned. HOG Corporate is really trying to simplify what Chapters do and how they operate. After all, there are really only two Chapter rules:



- Everyone must sign waiver, which you do when you renew or join the chapter
- No alcohol until after the HOG ride/event.

If we follow these rules, we will be covered by HOG Corporate. Pretty simple really, but the main push for 2016 is to ride more.

HOG has conducted member surveys about why members may have left the Chapter. The findings were many people leave the Chapter because Chapters don't ride enough. That may sound funny because we plan rides throughout the month. Some Chapters may have as many as 120+ rides a year, while others just don't have any rides at all. HOG is trying to push to make the Chapter more about riding and much less about meetings.

APRIL CHAPTER EVENTS

5	Chapter Meeting: El Molino Restaurant (Memphis), 6pm	17	Dessert Ride: Sling Shot Charlie's, KSU 12:30pm
12	LOH Meeting: Newk's Eatery (Cordova), 6:30pm	28	Dinner Ride: Olympic Steak House, KSU 6:30pm
14	Road Captain Meeting: Kooky Kanuck (Cordova), 6:30pm	30	Lunch Ride: Top O' The River (Michie, TN), KSU TBA

HOG also believes there needs to be a greater effort by the dealerships to let people know there is a local HOG Chapter so they can join. HOG has sponsored a pilot program at some dealerships for some time and the response has been favorable. Look for more to come on this topic.

There have been HOG Members who have started what they call a National HOG Chapter. Just be aware that these are not HOG sanctioned or recognized HOG Chapters. As a matter of fact, HOG is updating their Rockers to include the copyrighted Bar and Shield to prevent other National HOG Chapters from continuing to use the HOG Rockers. There is no immediate need to change out your Chapter rockers but there will be new HOG rockers out soon.



By now, you may have seen the Harley commercial about “Live Your Legend!” The little boy rides his trike besides his dad’s Harley as dad pulls into the driveway. With every day that we ride, we add to our Legend. We all have those ride stories to tell; maybe about getting lost, dealing with storms, or whatever we find along the road. That’s what it is all about, having those stories to tell and share with other riders and friends about our passion with our bikes. Live Your Legend. Make those stories and memories. Share those stories again and again.



The Officers just got together to begin planning the rides for the year. By the time you read this, there will have been a member activity where the members at the April Chapter meeting will have to design and plan a ride. Just something we did at HOT and Nancy and I both agreed that it was a fun exercise! Some of our best and newest ideas could come from the membership. So, how about it? Got any suggestions? If so, let us know.

I will leave you all with a phrase we used throughout every class at HOT. It’s simply “Saddle Up, Let’s Ride”. If you hear me say “Saddle Up”, I expect you to say “Let’s Ride”. After all, that’s what we need to do!

**Ride Safe,
Jim Ferguson
2016 Memphis HOG Chapter Director**

****Non-Chapter Events in April****

Saturday, April 2: MDA – IFAA Poker Run

This year's Poker Run starts at Bumpus Collierville. Stops include Junction Inn, Delta Blues Winery, Bumpus Memphis. Ends at Lichterman Nature Park at the MDA Muscle Walk. KSU: 10am. \$10 per entry. No fee for passenger.

Sunday, April 3: 19th Annual Wild Pigs Poker Run

The 19th Annual Wild Pigs Poker Run benefits police officers in financial need. Free breakfast at 9am at Bumpus HD. \$20 per hand. \$10 passenger only.

Sunday, April 16th: 5th Annual Los Cazadores LEMC Event

100% of proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Mid-South. Registration begins at 10am at Bumpus Collierville with free breakfast. Stops include Bumpus Memphis. \$30 sheet & t-shirt. \$20 sheet only. Rain date: 4/23.

Archives: Memphis HOG Chapter #4928

“A chapter rich in history with a legacy that keeps giving back to her members”

Where did those HOGs come from anyway?

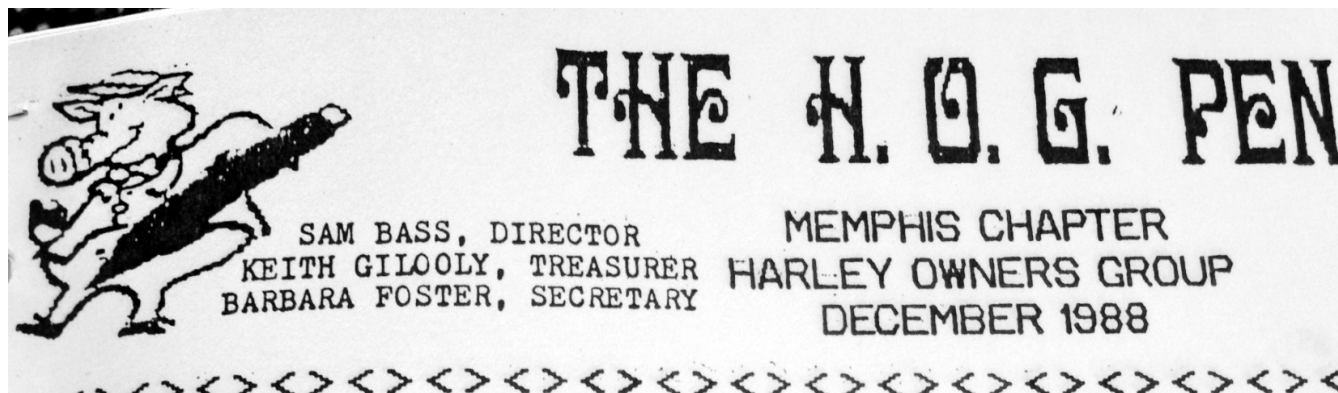
Have you ever wondered how our Chapter ended up with the HOG PEN logo we see on our newsletter? For those of you who have asked about our “piggies”, here is the scoop straight from our Chapter Archives.

First let me say, as far as I know, we are one, if not the only, chapter that has a copyrighted logo for our newsletter -- especially one that is 24 years old. Yes, friends, the HOG PEN logo appeared on the cover of our chapter newsletter in August 1992.



Between 1988 and 1992, the logo for the newsletter was a HOG holding a pen. I believe it was part of the Print Shop, an early software program. There was a HOG PEN newsletter even in those early years. It was published by

dedicated member volunteers. Chapter members even volunteered to donate reams of paper needed for each month's publication. The first newsletters were run off on office copy machines. Brenda Lewis took on this task. Every month a team of volunteers would meet to assemble, address and stamp all the newsletters. Each member received the Chapter newsletter in the mail. It took quite a work force to move those newsletters out the door to the membership each month. It was very costly to the chapter as well. Here is the early 1988 newsletter design from Carol Sitts, our first editor.



In the summer of 1992, E.H. Lilley, a Chapter member and commercial artist, came to a Chapter meeting at Mr. Ray's Barbeque on Summer with his copyrighted artwork. He donated that artwork, our HOG PEN HOGs, to our Memphis Chapter. The logo was presented to the Chapter that evening and the Chapter voted unanimously to accept the artwork and have it incorporated into the letterhead for our Chapter newsletter. Don Chandler designed the letterhead and Jeanie Morrow coordinated getting it all together for the Chapter. From June 1992 to present (24 years), our own copyrighted HOGS have welcomed us each month as we read the HOG PEN news. Who knew those HOGS have been anchoring our news since almost the beginning of our chapter? That's the way it is as documented in our Archive vault.

See You on the Road Soon and Often,

Happy Trails!!

J. Carolyn Rice

Ode to the ABC points
By Peter Doorley

A forest, a park and a state
Add counties and cities to date
Thirty nine is the tally
So on to a rally
And by September
We'll break 78.



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You should receive an instant confirmation.



- Join our members-only Facebook group

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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:
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2016 Road Captains

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For Sale by Members

Dunlop front/rear tires for 2011 Ultra for sale. Asking \$400 for both tires. Front is 130 X 80; rear is 180 X 65. Contact John Trainor at jktrainor@earthlink.net

Parts from 2012 Ultra with less than 2000 miles on them (see photos below). Make me an offer I might just take it! I want to sell these items. I also have a 2001 FLT service manual, \$10.00. Contact Dwain Barnett at 901 493-0305.



A Moving Exhibit: The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall

Not every ride we join in on is for the HOG Chapter. Sometimes we get the unique ride opportunity to be a part of a rare event. Some of our HOG members recently had such experience by getting to escort the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall during its stay in Memphis. Larry Allen brought this to the Chapter's attention and several of our members, and Vets, met to ride from the Southland Dog Track to the Memphis AgriCenter where the Wall was temporarily setup for a few days. I'm proud to know we have members that represent our Chapter at these opportunities. Thank you to those of you that serve, or have served, our country and proudly represent your military service!



HOG Chapter VETS Escorting the Wall

Larry Allen
Gene Cofer
Richard Cooley
Burt Guillot
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Chip Hurdle
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Burt Powell



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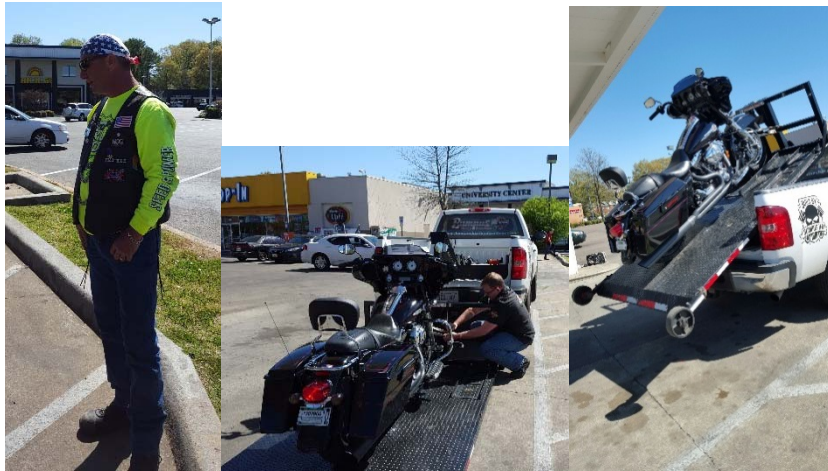
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HELP A BROTHER OUT

By Wolfblood

I've always heard people talk about the "Brother / Sisterhood" of bikers and the unwritten code of "never leave a fellow biker stranded on the side of the road", but until recently I had never experienced it. My wife and I have just begun our adventures on two wheels and it's been a little rocky. Our first ever Harley was rear-ended at a stop light only 10 days after purchase, which put it in the shop for nearly the entire warm weather riding season last year. And now, our second Harley has taken damage due to the rear lug (sprocket) bolts breaking, which locked up my rear wheel. This, only 16 days after we bought it. Luckily, no one was hurt in either instance.

As a fairly new rider I am still learning many things. However, a lesson that was very clear is how willing other bikers are to help a fellow rider, even if they don't happen to be on their bike at the time. In the most recent misfortune that we experienced we were lucky to have a fellow HOG member riding with us. That being said, I would like to express my gratitude to Burt Guillot for "going above and beyond the call of duty" by putting himself in harm's way on Poplar Ave. to help us out. It's people like you that make the HOG group so great!



I would also like to express my gratitude to Jerrod Norwood and his team at Bumpus-HD-Memphis, who were willing to stay late and come rescue us at closing time on Sunday. Jerrod and team have been very helpful during the claim and repair process as well. My wife and I have been very happy with the service we have received from Bumpus to date. Thank you Jerrod for all that you have done for us. Your actions and professionalism reflect greatly on Bumpus Harley-Davidson.

With the mishaps that we've experienced, all we can do is take it in stride and be thankful that no one has been hurt. Things don't always go our way, as that was a miserable way to end our ride on Sunday, however, we found the good in it and have gained a better understanding of what it is to be a biker. So, as I am another person who believes in karma, you better believe that I will stop and help a fellow biker in need, even if all a can offer is a bottle water. Safe Travels!

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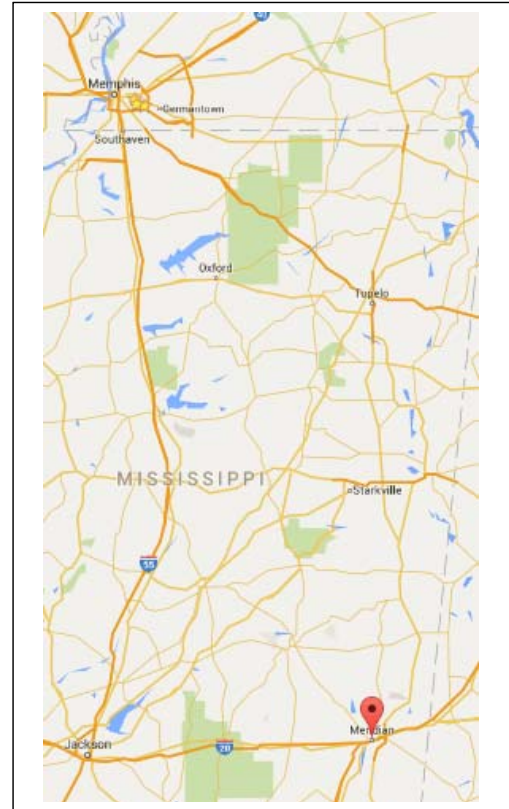
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The April LOH meeting will be at the Newk's Eatery in Cordova, TN on Tuesday April 12 at 6:30pm. Come join us for great food, fellowship, and to see what's happening in the coming months for Ladies of Harley.

We are planning an LOH Overnighter to Meridian, MS on April 16 and 17. This is an LOH-sponsored event for the ABC's. It will be a great ride, good food and lots of tall tales. Rooms available at the Baymont Inn: \$64.99 +tax for King, \$74.99 for double. Please email Sue Anne at sueacobb@att.net or text or call (731) 217-9781 for more details.



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