

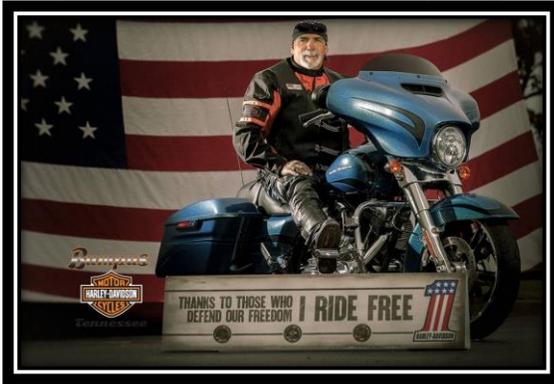


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### Director~Jim Stingley



Riding with the Chapter or not riding with the Chapter?

Both have their advantages and disadvantages! When you ride on your own it's just that, there are no worries or concerns about who wants to go where, how to get there and what time to be there. Most often when we ride on our own for the most part we really don't have a schedule to keep. If you are on a trip and something causes you to be

delayed and not make it as far that day as you wanted to, we say okay I can make it up tomorrow, no big deal. At times this can be some of the best riding you will ever do. On the other hand there is no one to share your ride or experience with and you have no support if you should have a mechanical or even a medical issue. Riding with the Chapter can be very satisfying in many ways. It gives you the freedom of no worries on where do I go today, what route do I take and what is the best time to be there. All you need to do is show up ready to ride and let the Road Captains worry about that other stuff.

Riding with the Chapter gives you the opportunity to form new friendships, share your ride and experience with others in the group and improve your riding skills.

As I have stated in the past, when you ride with the Chapter you will never be left to fend for yourself. If you have a mechanical issue or anything you may need help with, someone will be there to lend a hand.

### **APRIL CHAPTER EVENTS**

- 7** Dinner Social-Shack Shack-Marion AR
- 9** Road Captain Meeting~Fox Ridge Pizza
- 11** Chapter Meeting-Butcher Shop
- 16** Dinner Ride-Ellendale Grill
- 18** Running of the Hogs-Ride to Tunica MS
- 19** Lunch Ride-Wimpy's Burger & Fries
- 28** Dinner Ride-Pancho's

Ride Hard Ride Safe Ride Often!

Jim

*Last chance to order your chapter name tag.  
Let me know if you would like to order by April 11<sup>th</sup>.*

Jim

## *LOH-Denisce Paine/Tammy Stingley*



Spring has sprung. Let the sun shine.

Our next LOH meeting will be an afternoon movie, Thursday April 23rd.

Watch Facebook and e-mail blast for more information.

LOH not only supports the chapter and its activities. But, we are also a support group for each other. We are a unique group of ladies who have a common bond that love riding whether you ride your own or ride as a passenger. We all have a lot of the same question and concerns.

Just remember we are all here for each other.

So let's go make memories on the next adventure on the road.

### Tammy and Denisce



Movie Night: April 23

Meet at Danver's on Hwy 64 for dinner: 5:30ish  
Then Movie afterwards.





This month I thought I would give you a little update on the rally from the first day of the rally. There will be a poker run for \$10,000 dollars. 1<sup>st</sup> place prize of \$6,000 dollars, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3,000 dollars and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will get \$1,000 dollars. That is the best poker run pay out that I have seen.

That day also there will be an auction for a Single Barrel of Jack Daniels for the benefit of the Cookeville Police Department Police Athletic League. Then that night there will be TN HOG Chapter Roll Call, Flag encouraged. Announce winners of \$10,000 Rural Series of Poker Run. Also, the Grammy award winning Country, Southern Rock band Kentucky Headhunters will perform and that is just the first day. (You have to be Pre-register by the April 10.)

On Wednesday, there will be several things from another a poker run to riding the back roads of the local area. There will be a brochure at registration to help you with roads on where to go. But the main event will be a guided escorted destination ride to Hard Times USA. Take a couple of hours scenic ride across the Upper Cumberland Plateau and two of Tennessee's grandest State Parks, rated among the most popular in the nation. Then arrive at Hard Times, a 700-acre private farm for lunch, some foot-stompin' music and a stroll through a complete Tennessee rural town built on private property. That evening at the Holiday Inn there will be a parking lot party with live music of the ConSoulers from Nashville who are a Motown and soul band.

On Thursday Bumpus Harley Davidson will put on the main event and it sounds like a fun day. Participants will ride down to old #7, home of Jack Daniel's Distillery. There will be a Lunch & Jack Daniels Gift included for those who Pre-register. This is guided ride led by Tom Bumpus

to Lynchburg, TN, home of Jack Daniel's Distillery. Ride stages at Sam's Club staging area at 8:30am: departs 9am. Make sure to be on the time. I have seen 2 different times but this one is the most current one I have. Also that day the vendors will open up. They will have an All Day Tire Toss, an open Road Course Exhibition & Practice, Restaurants & Retail, Cruise-in Car Show, Live Entertainment, 4-class Bike Show and World Famous Loud Pipes Competition. Party, food and drinks in the heart of Cookeville. In the parking lot of the Holiday Inn there will be live music from Vinyl Radio, a classic 70 oldies band.

When I find out more about Friday and Saturday, I will give more info on those days. At this time they keep changing times so I will wait a little bit more for that info. It sounds fun so far though. On a local note, we had a good ride up to Reelfoot Lake where we enjoyed good food, good friends, great weather and I got to see a Bald Eagle.

See Ya, Brian



## Future Happenings

Bumpus Skills Night	April 9, 19, 23, 30
Wild Pigs Poker Run	April 12
Make a Wish Poker Run	April 18
LOH Movie Night	April 23
Ride for Scouting	April 25
Missing Fish Poker Run	April 26
Tennessee Hog Rally	May 26~May 30
Eureka Springs	June 12~June 14

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“A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.”



Tammie Caldwell	Betty Christy
Sam Davidson	Steve Elder
Peder Fugere	J. Carolyn Rice



## 2015 Road Captains

Larry Allen	David Leutwyler
Brian Bryant	Joe Moscon
David Chadwick	Jerry Nichols
Kathy Chadwick	Michael O'Rourke
Gene Cofer	Denisce Paine
Richard Cooley	Greg Patton
Peter Doorley	Jeff Poland
Greg Easton	Burt Powell
Gene Fretwell	Curry Pruitt
Jim Ferguson	Allen Rhymer
Bob Gasko	Jerry Rice
Jerry Hayes	Jim Stingley
Mac Hill	Dave Stockton
Jeff LeDuc <b>HEAD RC</b>	John Trainor
Laura LeDuc	Randy Wagley
David Lester	Dan White
Robert Hunt	

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## Weather Safety:

Motorcycle safety is about taking care of our bikes, riding equipment, and being aware of our surroundings. But our surroundings not only include the other drivers we share the road with, but weather plays a big part too. We all love the perfect riding weather but sometimes when we least expect it we find ourself caught in a rain storm or worse. I'm sure we all have our stories of a time we got a little too complacent about the weather, ignoring signs of foul weather and found ourselves in a potentially serious event. In this article I hope to share some details about 2015 weather predictions that may just make you stop and think the next time you go head first into that next big storm!

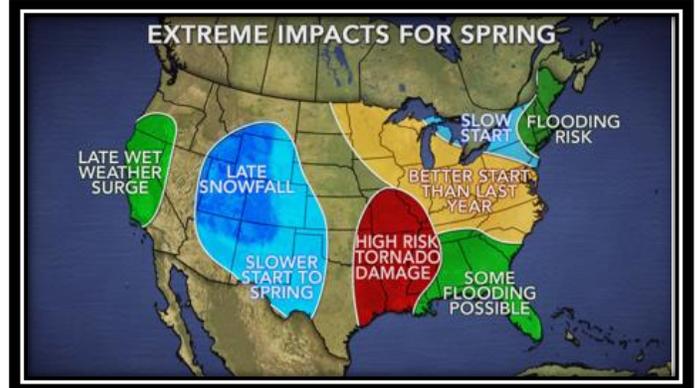
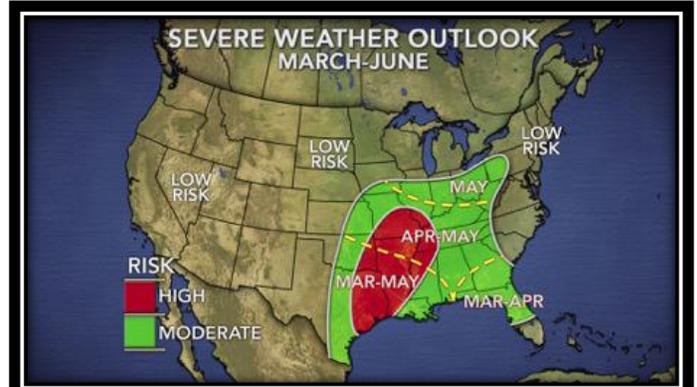
I recently had an opportunity to attend an AccuWeather presentation, about 2015 Tornadoes and Severe weather, sponsored by the Mid-South Association of Contingency Planners. I got much more out of this than I expected I would. Most of us think of "Tornado Alley" as being through central Kansas and Oklahoma.

However, are you aware that there is a "Dixie Alley" that over the past few years has been more active than Oklahoma or Kansas?

Over the past three years there has been on average 911 tornadoes, per year, documented nationwide. In 2015 the Meteorologist, at AccuWeather, are projecting some 1200 tornadoes based on similar weather trends in previous years, that's 300 above the current national average. So why do I bother to point these facts out? Because a larger percentage than normal are going to occur in that Dixie Alley that covers Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

There is a weak El Nino pattern currently so the severe weather season is starting a little slower than usual. Typically March - May is the greatest threat for the Gulf Coast while April - May is the biggest threat for Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas areas. This year we can see severe weather up through June, and another round during the late fall season. Meteorologist

are predicting everything from late Spring snowfalls, flooding and above normal rainfall for parts of the country. All this to say if you have a trip to a particular part of the country you might want to research the weather predictions for the trip a little more thoroughly.



*(AccuWeather Meteorologists 2015 Predictions)*

As motorcyclist we need to be aware of the weather, pending or spur of the moment! Here are some things we can do, to stay safe, when caught in severe weather while out riding:

- Unless you are really sure you have time and distance on your side don't try to outrun a storm, weather can be unpredictable. Find a safe shelter as soon as possible and get off the road until the storm passes. Don't worry about your bike, worry about your life!
- If you are caught in a storm while out in the middle of nowhere, get off and away from your bike and lay flat in the nearest depression. Jackets, helmets and any article of loose clothing could be caught in the wind so keep these as tight and as low to the ground as possible.
- Don't hide in culverts or storm drains. Flash flooding from a storm can cause you to be swept away.

- In tornado weather don't seek shelter under overpasses. Winds passing under an overpass can actually increase with little to hold on to you could be swept out from underneath the overpass. Flying debris from a storm radiates out much further from the storm cell and is just as deadly as the tornado itself the debris could be propelled under the overpass and you have nowhere to hide.

- Lightning is also a problem and can frequently strike 5-10 miles ahead of a storm. Rubber tires and rubber soled shoes will not protect you from a lightning strike on a bike. If you feel the hair on your neck stand up lightning is about to strike crouch low to the ground, with your hands over your ears and your head between your knees, but stay on the balls of your feet, nothing else touching the ground. Metal doesn't attract lightning, tall objects do, but metal conducts electricity so don't touch any during a lightning storm.

- After the storm passes be careful for fallen trees and downed power lines. If it's still windy tree branches could still fall or trees could uproot from saturated ground, so beware of falling objects. Always assume that downed power line is active and stay as far away from it as possible.

There are other safety precautions that may be more specific to your time and place but always use common sense, and don't panic. If you have a smartphone or tablet device consider installing a weather app like the AccuWeather or MyRadar to name a couple of my personal favorites. If no smartphone consider carrying a small weather radio on your bike. Either way keep track of the weather in correlation to your destination, and if need be go find a dry spot and wait it out. We take chances riding our motorcycles everyday but sometimes we do it when we don't really have to! Stay safe because I enjoy riding with you!

Jim Ferguson  
Chapter Safety Officer



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Fellow riders, I am planning a summer trip that will take about 18 days to complete. I plan on riding 11 of the [Southern California Motorcycle Association's Top 15 Roads](#) as shown in this article at [Rider Magazine](#). As well as quite a few other top scenic points of interest.

**Highlights of the trip will include:**

[The Three Sisters in Texas](#)

[US 191 in Arizona](#)

[US 550 "The Million Dollar Highway"](#) along the Rockies

[Utah Highway 12](#) from [Torrey to the Bryce Canyon](#)

[Zion National Park](#)

[The Loneliest Road in America](#) from Ely to Carson City, NV

[Yosemite National Park](#)

The [Pacific Coast Highway](#) from Monterey to San Luis Obispo, CA

San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge

[Titlow Hill](#) in Northern California

[Washington Pass Highway 20](#)

[Lolo Pass in Idaho](#)

[Going to the Sun Road in Glacier Park Montana](#)

[Beartooth Pass](#) and [Chief Johnson Scenic Highway](#) in Yellowstone, Wyoming

Passing the [Devil's Tower](#) to Sturgis, SD

[Black Hills surrounding Mount Rushmore](#)

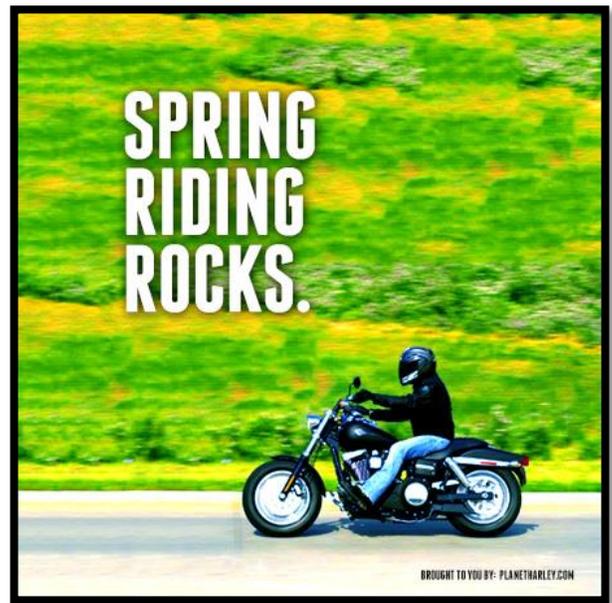
Through the [Badlands](#) before returning to Memphis

The total route is about 8,100 miles and about 156 hours of seat time averaging 9-10 hours a day riding. I plan on leaving in late June / early July depending on the weather and the opening of the roads in Glacier Park which usually open in late June.

If you have any interest in joining me, please contact me at [jenningschuck@bellsouth.net](mailto:jenningschuck@bellsouth.net) or at 901-590-8065.

**Thanks,**

**Chuck Jennings**



**2015 Chili/Soup/Dessert Judges**

## 2015 WINNERS

### Chili

1 <sup>st</sup>	Toby Adkison
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Smith
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carolyn White

### Soup

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lisa Patton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Ferguson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sandy Self

### Dessert

1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Cooley
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Bryant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Butch Moore

Basket Winner: Jim Ferguson

## Judges:

Chris Jarmin	98.1 the Max
Bev Hart	98.1 the Max
Sharon Brown	Crye Leike
Ronnie Cobb	Past Director 2006
Dwight	
Blankenship	Past Director 2008
Larry Allen	Past Director 2005
Linda Gibson	Secretary 2015
Burt Guillot	Chapter Member 2015
Robert Gantt	Chapter Member 2015

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