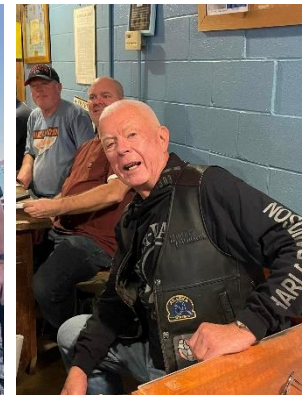




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Welcome to October the month of change as we enter fall. We can see the changes between the shorter days and longer nights and the leaves on the trees that are starting to show their beauty with different colors. I find this to be a very enjoyable time of the year with the warm days and cool nights that give us great daytime riding and cozy evenings around the fire pit. This time of the year also brings out the hazards on the road. Animals are moving about as they get ready for a long winter. leaves falling from the trees with a little bit of dew or rain, making the roadways a little bit slick. We need to always be on our guard at this time of the year as we ride our motorcycles through the twisty turning roads. The chapter has been busy the last month. Several luncheon rides have been taken and a dinner social night out in Somerville for some music and good food truck grub. Plus, an overnight ride to the BB&BBQ in the Ozark. The chapter also received some good news. J Carolyn has made it home and will continue her recovery, please continue your thoughts and prayers for her. Our HOG Waller celebration is just Days away. It's always a great time as we celebrate this great Memphis HOG Chapter, we will have lunch, listen to some awesome music provided by Vince Vargas and perform several motorcycle skill tests, which are always a great thing to watch. Lots of laughs I'm sure will be had. Don't forget at HOG Waller we will be taking reservations for our Thanksgiving dinner to be held at Bumpus Harley Davidson on November 16,2023, also nominations for the next Director of this great Hog group. If you are interested in becoming the new Director, please have somebody nominate you during the chapter meeting part of HOG Waller. There is a lot more riding to come, so stay tuned. Check HOG Facebook or HOG website for upcoming 2023 events.

Don't forget the Bumpus Harley Davison family is standing by ready to support us with your motor clothes, parts, and definitely your service needs, keep those bikes running smooth, yourself looking good and make sure that some new bike chrome is been ordered!

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

October 2023

I am so excited that October is finally here! I love the cooler weather, especially at night. I love the colors of fall... the reds, oranges, browns, yellows and greens. It is definitely jeans and sweatshirt weather soon, and maybe even a small fire in the fireplace on the crisp evenings. I am also looking forward to a lot of the great rides that Cathy has planned for our chapter for this month! In my opinion, October is the best month out of the whole year to ride!

In addition to our chapter rides this month, there are two events that I look forward to every single year...HOG Waller (October 14th) and our Chili Cook-off, Dessert Contest & Halloween Costume Contest (October 28th)! What will make it even more fun is that the chili cook off falls on the same day as the "Trunk or Treat" that Bumpus Harley Davidson is hosting at the dealership! I love watching all the adults & kiddies in their Halloween costumes because it really gets you into a festive mood! It sure will be a BUSY day so come prepared to eat lots of chili & desserts and support our chapter...YOUR chapter!

Carol Tactac
Memphis HOG
2023 Assistant Director



PLUS!! I'm ready for the chili contest!!! Can't wait!!!





ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT October Newsletter 2023



Fall has arrived!! The calendar of events still has lots on it even though we are just now at the first week of October. Also, I will be adding another weekday lunch ride. Watch for it!

October is breast cancer awareness month. One in 1000 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer. One in 7 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Early detection saves lives. Men and women, both, check your boobies monthly. Be aware of any unusual growths or symptoms and report to your doctor. I hope you are not that "1" statistic.

Below is the calendar of events for the remainder of the year. Watch for additions.



Please review the revised schedule of events below:



OCTOBER AND THE GOBLINS ARE ON THEIR HARLEYS

Monday 10/2-8/2023

Saturday, 10/7-9/2023

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Myrtle Beach Bike Week Fall Rally

Aces and Eights/Sgt York

Lunch Ride to Wimpy's Corner in Greenfield Tn

HOG Waller Ride to Shelby Forest from Bumpus

36th Annual HOG Waller and Chapter Meeting

Dinner Social El Nopal

Lunch Ride Kissell's Kitchen in Ripley Tn

Chili and Dessert Cook Off/Halloween Costume Contest

NOVEMBER REMINDING US TO GIVE THANKS

Saturday-Sunday 11/4/23-11/5/23
Saturday, November 4, 2023
Thursday, November 16, 2023

Patti's Settlement
Lunch Ride to Backermann's
Thanksgiving Dinner and Chapter Meeting

DECEMBER DON'T RUN OVER SANTA CLAUS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Christmas Dinner and Chapter Meeting

JANUARY 2024 (as a reminder)

Monday, January 1, 2024
Monday, January 1, 2024

Dream Factory Ski Freeze
B29
New Year's Day Lunch at a place TBD





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



The facts are we participate in a slightly dangerous activity with risks. Most of us feel the enjoyment outweighs the risks so we keep riding while trying to improve our skills as best we can. Don't get complacent about riding and keep your radar on at all times for pending situations. Constantly play what if in your mind as a training tool as it will make you more instinctive and react faster when the need arises.

Well cold weather is almost upon us and fall is one of my most favorite times of year to ride my bike. One of the good things about riding in the fall is we can now wear our leather chaps and jackets without sweating profusely. Wearing our leathers does give us a large degree of safety in case of a fall. Blue jeans will last about 10 feet before wearing through when sliding on asphalt and leather will last you about 85 feet. At 50 MPH you will slide about 50+ feet. So enjoy your leathers. Also be careful as the leaves start to fall they will make the road a littler more slick especially after it rains. Slow down in the corners with leaves on the road.

Never Hit The Bike In Front Of You

By James R. Davis

Group riding has lots of benefits for its participants, and a few new responsibilities.

For example, recently we heard about a group ride that turned sour when the lead bike failed to recognize where he was supposed to make a left turn and drove past that road. The second bike in the group did recognize the turnoff and decided to make it. He turned left and the third bike promptly ran into him.

What went wrong? It was argued that if nobody was following too closely then the actions of bike two would have saved everybody in the group (other than the lead bike) from having to make a U-turn and there would have been no accident.

Probably true, but almost any group rider with experience understands that it is up to the leader to make decisions about when and where the group will change directions. It might well have been that the leader had a reason for failing to make that turn. He could, for example, have realized that the group was going too fast to safely make that turn. (If anybody in the group understands the danger to a group of making sudden moves it is an experienced lead bike.) Further, what if the second bike did not willingly make that left turn - did he have a mechanical problem such as a flat tire that caused it. Since all members of a group are expected to follow the direction set by the lead bike, **UNLESS IT IS INTO DANGER**, all other bikes in the group (other than the SWEEP bike) should have attempted to avoid bike two and continue behind the leader.

An example: The past State Director for GWRRA in Texas was once leading a ride in which he took a turn too fast and left the road. Not one single rider behind him followed - they were experienced group riders, not just lemmings. You are, ultimately, responsible for your own ride from a safety point of view.

Bike two, in the accident described earlier, was way out of line to unilaterally decide to take over lead position - to mutiny, if you will. However, the fact that the third rider ran into the second rider suggests that she was either riding too close to the second rider, or was inattentive, or was so confused by the unorthodox behavior of bike two that she could not react fast enough to prevent the accident. Whatever the reason, bike three broke the prime directive - 'Never hit the bike in front of you!'

When you are riding in a group as other than lead or sweep bike your principal activity is 'station keeping' - maintaining proper distance between yourself and the bike ahead of you. Since the vast majority of accident threats present themselves to you from the front, each person should be encouraged to focus their attention primarily in front of them. In other words, it is dangerous to spend too much time watching your rear-view mirrors. Thus, the prime directive. **DON'T HIT THE BIKE IN FRONT OF YOU!**

That said, if you accept the prime directive and assume that all the other riders have done the same, then you are also tacitly acknowledging that you trust the rider behind you. But, of course, you may never have ridden in a group with that person before. You may not have even met that person before. Further, it is common practice to put the weakest and least experienced riders towards the back of a group. Is that not setting up for an accident?

Not at all! The weakest/least-experienced riders are in the back because these are the people most likely to have an accident. Thus, they are placed towards the back so that such an accident can put the fewest other people as possible into danger. It also allows the sweep bike to observe how these riders handle themselves and to work with them at stops about the little things that they may be doing wrong.

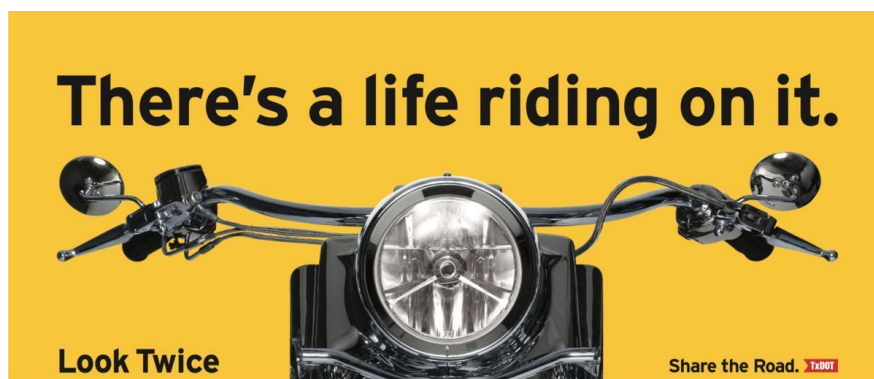
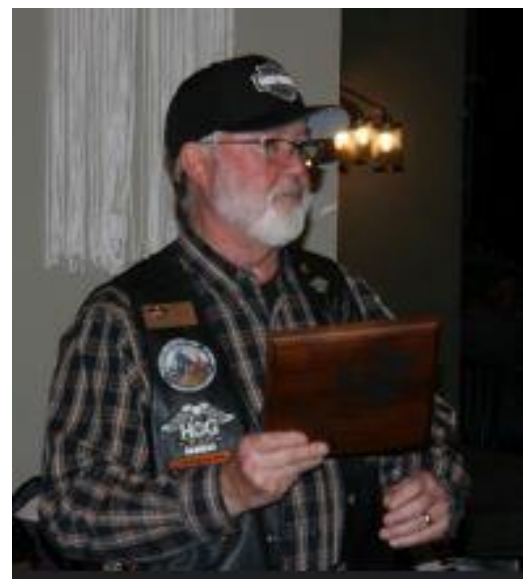
As to their potential danger to the riders in front of them, that can be managed. Let me give you an example of savvy group riding behavior by an experienced rider who became concerned that the bike following was too close to her. She simply used a hand signal telling the bike behind her to slow down.

Even though most of us have CBs, we tend to use hand signals as well - to keep those without CBs informed. While there is a stated rule that all hand signals must be passed back, most individuals in a group ride tend never to originate such a signal thinking that this is just one more job of the lead bike. The exception to this is the case where an individual rider in the group notices a hazard in the roadway and points to it so that all behind will be alerted.

Individual group riders **CAN ALWAYS** initiate a hand signal telling the person behind him/her to slow down. This is the way to reduce concern about an inexperienced rider in the rear driving too close to the bike ahead of him. On the other hand, nobody but the lead bike is entitled to originate a hand signal telling the person behind him/her to speed up. (This is another way of saying that spacing in a group is usually specified in terms of minimums ('no closer than 1 second') - the riders can individually decide to use a larger space.)

The prime directive, if flawed, errors on the side of conservatism. It mandates that attention be primarily directed towards the front. It mandates that you not follow too closely. It makes you think about what the bike ahead of you (closest ahead of you, not literally 'straight ahead') is doing or might do next rather than what the lead bike is up to. It gives you a modest suggestion about what to do if **you** are about to have an accident. (i.e., if you are riding in the right track, and there is a hazard in the road ahead of you, the prime directive forces you to tend to turn towards the right to avoid that hazard - thus, taking you farther away from the closest bike ahead.

KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP SO THE CHROME REFLECTS THE SUN
Larry Allen 2023 SAFETY OFFICER





Membership Alley 2023



Happy Fall Y'all (Imagine I said that in my attempt at a southern accent)! As it pains us to let summer go, Chris and I know many of our members enjoy the cooler fall temperatures. Hopefully, we have plenty of great riding weather remaining.

This fall season is particularly busy for us. Our youngest, Cassidy, is a senior in high school and is starting to make important decisions regarding her future. Even though we have been through this process two times before, it has never gotten easier!

As some of you already know, Chris has our son, Ryan, hooked on riding- he can't get enough, and he comes by it naturally. Not only does Ryan have an immense love to ride, now our MIDDLE CHILD (it's always the middle one, right?), Kendall, that has approached us with interest in learning to ride. I'm not quite sure how much more I can take. Certainly, love the idea of enjoying mutual interests with family, I just never thought it would be riding a motorcycle. 100% nerve-racking!

I'm not quite sure why the rambling, maybe sharing thoughts that have been on my mind lately. What I do know is that the support and comradery that we witness among our members is unmeasurable. Fast approaching is the holiday season, a joyous time, but stressful. For some, a simple smile or "How ya doin'?" can make a person's day a little brighter. Bonus, add a hug! We often brag to people we know outside of the HOG circle, how friendly and welcoming our members are and how much we enjoy this community. Where else could you gather around a table, play cards, drink a duck fart (or 2... OR 3), AND listen to Kevin sing Canada's National Anthem? I'm betting not too many people have had that experience! Let's continue to have a great time with great people!

Our current chapter membership sits at 116 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.

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

October Susan Miller 2023

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our September account balance started at \$9,969.20, and we ended the month with \$9,583.81

We had income in the amount of \$198.87 from Hog Waller shirt sales.

We had expenses of \$584.26 for Movie Night and Hog Waller expenses.

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 Miller
2023 Treasurer





The Webmaster
Photographer



www.memphishog.com

The most significant thing to mention this month is the Photo Gallery. There have been several albums added, i.e.; Bikes, Blues & BBQ; T-Daddy Ride with Bumpus; Movie Night to name a few. The albums are displayed starting with the newest and working back. A big thank you goes out to the contributor(s) for the photos. Also, thanks to Jim Ferguson for loading them to the gallery. Everyone is encouraged to view them. I think the Photo Gallery is good display of our group keeping with our Mission Statement, "To Ride and Have Fun." I also want to bring attention to the 2023 Czech Republic HOG Members. It is the 8th album from the top. Honza sent a number of photographs this month that are interesting. If I ever have the opportunity to take a Harley ride across Europe, I will definitely hook-up with this group.

Website sessions last 30 days average is 187. The Participation Page was visited, 21 times. 17 went to that page and exited without viewing anything else. The Calendar was viewed 29 times and 20 exited without viewing anything else. The Calendar is the most frequently visited page. Much of this is useless statistics to most of you. My intent is to only show our membership that our website is useful and is used. If you have an idea for the website, please feel free to share it with me. We are thinking about what we can do in 2024 to make it even better.

Lastly, I want apologize to the group that went on the Ada's lunch ride. In an effort to clean-up my phone, the photographs I took I mistakenly deleted. Sorry about that.

Tony Crook
Webmaster

Tony Crook
Webmaster/Photographer





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Our Memphis HOG Brothers and Sisters in Czech Republic

In early September, Prague hosted All American Fest + Prague Harley Days 2023 (3 days of American-style fun in the center of Prague. The newest, oldest, and most interesting Harley-Davidson bikes, including hundreds of motorcycles parade riding through historic Prague.)

For the foreign guests from Israel and Germany (Bavaria) - Members of ISARTAL CHAPTER BAVARIA and BLUE RIDERS ISRAEL, a tour of the Czech Republic was organized as part of this event. Czech HOG Memphis members also participated in this event as an escort (orange vests ensuring safe driving). A few photos from the trip, including a group with flags.

Brgs Honza



[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	Tommy Caldwell	86
2	Tammie Caldwell	82
3	Frank Rector	64
4	Roelant Verbeek	58
5	Susan Miller	53
6	Kevin Allen	49
7	Dan Benson	48
8	Mike Farina	47
9	Jim Tactac	44
10	Timothy Backus	43
11	Bradley Eskins	42
12	Bill Clemmons	41
13	James Coats	40
14	Dave Stockton	39
14	Robert Gantt	39
16	Jim Ferguson	38
17	Christopher Taylor	37
17	Larry Allen	37
19	Rick Barbee	35
20	Tracy Taylor	34

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Tommy Caldwell	7078
2	Tammie Caldwell	7032
3	Bill Clemmons	6504
4	Mike Farina	5816
5	Frank Rector	5394
6	Susan Miller	5257
7	Kevin Allen	4955
8	Dave Stockton	4535
9	Bradley Eskins	4527
10	James Coats	3693
11	Larry Allen	3644
12	Roelant Verbeek	3562
13	Dan Benson	3530
14	Tracy Taylor	3248
14	Christopher Taylor	3248
16	Jerry Hayes	2995
17	Bob Browder	2952
18	Jerry Rice	2949
19	Jim Ferguson	2839
20	Robert Rehkopf	2771

Participation Points and Club Mileage through Oct..7,2023 Max Points = 163 Max Mileage = 14867



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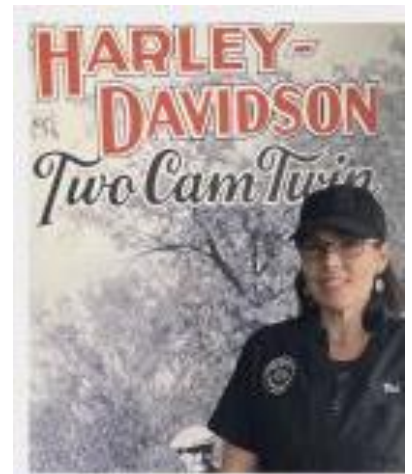
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Jarod White
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Ape Hangers for Sale 18" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for Crusier, Standard Harley, I used these on a Softail. Purchased from J&P Cycles \$724. I'm selling these at half the retail value.
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Peter Doorley

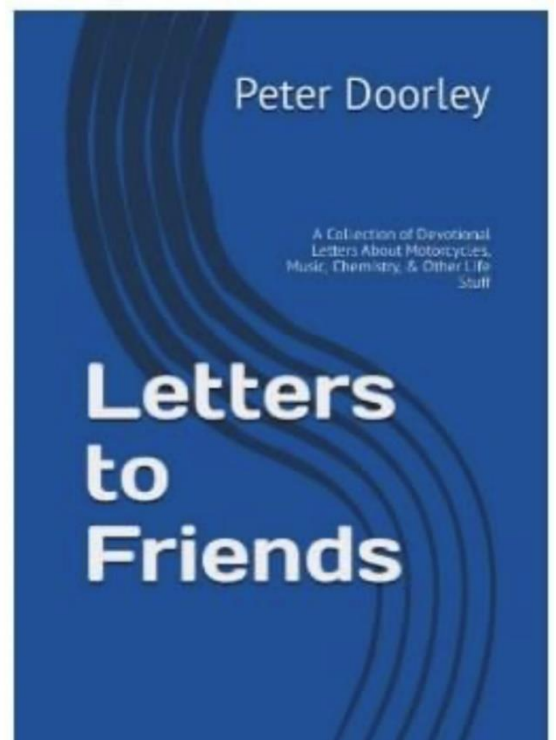
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Ladies lace-up Harley-Davidson riding boots. Gently worn. Size 8
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* Check out our webpage and online calendar

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The chapter calendar is compatible with Google Calendar and iPhones.

Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email:

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