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Monthly Meetings

The monthly meeting will be held at **Coletta's Restaurant** located at **2850 Appling Way, Bartlett, TN** on **February 1, 2003**. Join us early for dinner and then spend a little time getting to know our fellow HOG members. Our meeting will begin **promptly** at 7:00 p.m

The dates for year 2003 Dinner meetings are:

January 4	May 3	September 6
February 1	June 14	October 4
March 1	July 5	November 1
April 5	August 2	December 6

- The No-Smoking policy will be in effect during the business meeting.
- The year 2002 chapter officers will be prepared with a planned agenda for each meeting, and Robert's Rules of Order will be practiced in accepting motions.
- Only Memphis Harley Owners Group members will be allowed to vote.

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New Members!

Stephen Evans - Lee Glasscock - Michael Henderson
John Littlefield - John Maki - Marcia Mitchell - Sam Pair
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Patricia York

WELCOME!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Danny Rook 2/02 - Charlie Ross 2/02 - Ron Preuss 2/04 -
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Fredrick McDonald 2/06 - Paul Koehler 2/07 - Sam Pair 2/07 -
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Larry Allen 2/15 - Linda Sones 2/15 - Stephen Parker 2/16 -
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Bobby Stewart 2/22 - Casey Hargrove 2/24 - Tim Teel 2/24
Don Clark 2/25 - Bill Walters 2/26 - Lee Gusmus 2/28

**Happy
Birthday!**

Message From the Director:

Hello everyone,

Whew! The first meeting of the year was a doozie! There was lots & lots to cover as always, with the first meeting of the year. I do appreciate all of the thoughtful & friendly comments made to me after the meeting, by email and with phone calls. Now that we have most of the that stuff behind us, it's time to move on to "shorter" meetings and to the fun for 2003!!! ☺

Please join me once again in thanking our Ladies of Harley and what they did for the New Year's Eve party. The party was fantastic and Beverly and her T.E.A.M. did a wonderful job. Let me also thank those who came out the afternoon of the party and decorated for the event. Great job! It looked super that night!

2003 will be a very exciting year for the Memphis Harley Owner's Group. We have a very positive and motivated T.E.A.M. of officers that are here to serve all of you in any way to make the year fun for you! That's what our group is about. **FUN!!!** As long as we can keep that as our main focus, we will have a great and memorable year.

Please keep in mind that you have several ways to keep up to date with "YOUR" group:

- The H.O.G. PEN
- The H.O.G. LINE
- E-mail
- The web site: www.memphishog.com

Thank you again for the faith and trust you have put in me to be your Director for 2003. I hope that 2003 will be the greatest year ever for you, your family, your friends and Memphis H.O.G.!!!

Ride and love it,

- **J.T.**

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Check your e-mail on Jan 31, 2003 to see how to win!

Message From the Asst. Director:

First of all let me say I am pleased to be your new Asst. Director for 2003 and I am eager to serve you. We are in for a fun filled, action packed year with rides and events through the Memphis H.O.G. Chapter in addition to the 2003 Tennessee State Rally at the Adam's Mark Memphis in June.

Secondly, lets work on making this the friendliest chapter in the country. We have heard in the past there are some people who felt ostracized because they were not greeted and welcomed at ride events and dinner meetings. I plead guilty to not being outgoing enough many times to

introduce myself in new or uncomfortable situations. I want to pledge my intent to be more tenacious and make it a point to welcome new members and meet those I don't already know.

Will you join me in introducing yourself and greeting others to make them feel welcome as well as an important part of the chapter? It's all about fun and its certainly more fun if you feel welcome and comfortable. Lets have another great year riding.

- **Walter**

For the latest details of club events please call:

Memphis H.O.G. Line

(901) 312-4849

Message From L.O.H.

I would like to briefly thank Beverly Johnson and the other Ladies that have served as LOH directors. Their hard work and dedication to the Memphis HOG chapter and the community does not go unnoticed! I look forward to a great year of exciting events and fun meetings. There are no extra dues to be active in the LOH. Every registered Lady of the Memphis HOG Chapter is invited to the LOH meetings and to participate in all events. We Ladies welcome the men as well. They always come in handy!

January 19th is the first LOH meeting of "03. The meeting is at 2:00, upstairs in the break room at Bumpus Harley Davidson. The main topic of discussion will be the Chili cook Off & Men's Bake Off. We will also make Plans for future rides and events. The LOH will have a gift drawing at each meeting for the Ladies attending.

The February meeting will be upstairs at Bumpus Harley Davidson on the 16th at 2:00. Valentines will have just passed but any time is good for chocolate. For those who have the time and/or energy please bring your favorite chocolate finger food. Snickers and M&M's qualify!

The March meeting will be the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00, place to be announced. We will finalize plans for the 2003 Chili Cook Off, which will be at Bumpus Harley Davidson on March 29th, from 10:00 until 3:00. As you may know it takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to successfully host this event. But the outcome is so worth it. All proceeds benefit the Dream Factory. Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. We will need electricians to make sure we don't overload the circuit from one too many crock-pots; we will need tables and chairs set up. There are many things you can do through out the day as a volunteer. Soliciting or donating door prizes is always needed.

The fee for the Chili Cook Off or the Men's Bake Off is \$5.00 per entry. Entries should be limited to HOG members only and all entries should be checked in as early as possible. There will be prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each cook off. Check the HOG line (312-4849), the

Hog Pen and memphishog.com for updates and information on other events held in conjunction with the Chili Cook Off.

Thanks to those who have supported the LOH and the Dream Factory in past years. We look forward to a successful Chili Cook Off & Men's Bake off. Come join us!

- Rose

Message From the Historian:

Well, I wonder, how did I end up recording and reporting the history of our Memphis Chapter HOG Club for 2003? Maybe it started when my husband, Jerry, and I took this fabulous 5,400-mile "Made In America HOG Tour" in 2001. We rode Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica, California with 1,400 other Harley riders from every state in the U.S. It was 500 plus pictures later and a new bonding friendship with a couple from Palm Beach, Florida— and before I knew it the memory scrapbook pages began to appear. I have been a writer for years, but documenting with photos is a relatively new experience for me. I shared our trip with a few close Memphis HOG members and before I knew it, J.T. was calling asking me to be the historian for the Club for 2003. Of course I said yes, enthusiastically, as I recall, and from that point on this story is history.

Seriously, I do come to the Club with a few skills recording historical data. I have a love for collecting memorabilia. I invite everyone who takes photos to send them to me so I can document our many events in our photo history album. I believe pictures speak louder than words. Many of us do not read recorded history but we enjoy looking at the pictures. Do you remember how you felt in school when you could no longer receive credit for reading picture books for your book reports, but instead had graduated to the long chapter books with no pictures? Well, in our busy lives the same principle holds true. At the end of 2003, it is my goal to have each Club event documented with special "Kodak" moments. Please feel free to contribute photos, suggestions, and collected memorabilia for our "2003 HOG Memory Album".

What a year to be historian – the 100th anniversary of The Motor Company! I am looking for all the help I can get! It will be impossible to cover all the events of the Tennessee Rally in June single handedly. Please let me hear from all of you talented photographers and historians. We need your ideas, time, and talents to make 2003 the year that went down in our history.

See you at our next event,

- J. Carolyn

Message from the Chaplain:

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire,

If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something,

For it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times,

During those times you grow.

Be thankful for limitations,

Because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for every new challenge,

Because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes,

They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you are tired and weary,

It means you have made a difference.

It is easy to be thankful for the good things,

A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles

And they will become your blessings. – *Author Unknown*

Remember to keep Mike and Tina Logan in your prayers.

Safety Blessings to all,

- Albert

Message from Activities Director:

We're off to a great start for 2003. The turnout New Years Day for the Polar Bear ride was phenomenal – about 65 bikes. The enthusiasm of the club the last few months has been incredible. If you have missed our rides you're missing some great fun.

Here is just a sample of the over thirty exciting riding opportunities we are planning this year. We have already nailed down the first of our two planned overnight rides. Details of the repeat of the popular Playhouse on the Square night will be announced at the February meeting. We will have lunch, dinner, and meeting rides as well as planned participation in parades and festivals. These will be on different days and some will be at night so as to accommodate the diverse schedules of our club. Read the HOG Pen, call the HOG Line, visit www.memphishog.com and watch your email for details.

It's still early but here are a couple of events you may want to make note of. On April 12th we will have a club ride to Sikeston, Missouri, for lunch at Lambert's. We'll cross the river and return through western Kentucky. We did this ride back in October and it has been requested many times since. So, if you didn't get to go then here's your chance. If you did, here is a chance to repeat a great ride.

Our April monthly meeting has been postponed until April 19th. This will be a ride meeting and we will be serving lunch; compliments of Bob Ward and his draftees – Tim Bumpus and Keith Gilooly. The destination will not be announced and this will be a surprise ride from the dealership to the meeting location.

Ride safe and have fun!

- *Jerry*

Message from the Road Captain:

I am a very fortunate man. At Saturday nights H.O.G. meeting I mentioned the "Membership Officers" position is a new position for H.O.G. this year. In one way I stated "it was good because I don't have to live up to someone else's legend, but also there is no path to follow." So, I asked you for your support and if there was anything you could think of that would help improve the membership of this club, and if so, to come and talk to us. Well, sometimes you get what you ask for!

Saturday we had a member greeting everyone at the door and afterwards he asked all the new members to meet with him and me after the meeting. I joined them and was pleasantly surprised to see the support he gave to our newest members. Asking them if they had any questions or help they may need. Nearly all of them came back and talked to us and they did indeed have many questions and help with some specific needs. We didn't have all the answers but received advice from others who did. What a blessing it was to see him greeting our newest members and making them feel apart of our club.

I went up to J.T. afterwards and told him this person should have been the one for this new position, not me. J.T. assured me that I would be fine and said I should ask this gentleman if we could work together. I did so and he agreed. The following day J.T. emailed me and said I could call this gentleman and ask him if he would accept the position of Co-Membership Officer. Well, after a little arm twisting and the help of J.T., he agreed.

You all know him, as Ronnie Williams and I would like to be the first one to congratulate him as a Membership Officer. Thanks Ronnie for helping me pave the way in our new position together.

Ride and have fun,

- *Ron 'R.C.' Hagen*

Message from the Treasurer:

Time is drawing short for you to **renew your membership** without interrupting your service. After our next meeting, I plan to purge the files with anyone who has **not paid** their dues for 2003. So if you want to continue

receiving the newsletter and emails of the latest happenings in the club, please renew soon. A **new enrollment form is also required each year** and you must be a current national member. I usually have enrollment forms with me at our meetings and there are plenty at the Parts Counter at Bumpus. You can bring them to our meetings; drop them off at Parts; or mail them back.

Also, did you know the club's Treasurer position is bonded? Last year after attending P.O.T. Training, the officers felt this would be a good idea, so after some research I was able to accomplish this task. I felt it was important to bond the position, so each new treasurer will be automatically covered.

Remember ride and have fun! **Have a Great Day!**

- *Al*

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Message from the Safety Officer:

If you were not at the January monthly meeting you missed my announcement regarding the AMA Group Riding Class I will teach to H.O.G. Members on Saturday February 22. The group riding class will start at 9 am and last for about 90 minutes. In addition to my class Angie will be putting on a certified First Aid Class to HOG members following my class. The first aid class will be 3 hours long. There is no cost for the group riding class but there will be a \$5.00 charge for the First Aid Class to cover book and materials. You will need to bring a sack lunch because we will not break for lunch. Beverage machines are available. Because of limited space and the need to order books for both classes you **must** pre-register. Please email me or call me at 901-543-4382 no later than January 31 if you have an interest. **If you signed up at the January meeting you do not need to email or call me.** The classes will be held in the break room at Allenburg Cotton Company.

This is the second part of our 3-part series. This month we are presenting five new questions and answers about

"Motorcycle Braking".

6. Is there a special braking technique that ensures that a rider will get the best out of a motorcycle's brakes?

Yes. The process is called STAGED BRAKING and it involves the rider applying the motorcycle's brakes in

a staged process. This gives the rider predictable, progressive braking.

7. In an emergency do we concentrate on using staged braking on both front and back brakes?

This is a controversial subject. Some experienced riders reckon that, even in an emergency when research has shown that panic tends to decrease your riding skills, they can apply the back brake perfectly with no loss of braking on the front. Well, research has shown that the average rider can only properly concentrate on the use of one brake in an emergency so, unless you think you're road motorcycling's equivalent of a top motorcycle racer, we would suggest that you concentrate on getting the best out of one brake. Of the front and rear brake on a motorcycle, the one to concentrate on in an emergency is the front brake because if you get that one wrong, lock it up and don't correct that problem then you're going to crash.

According to the American Motorcycle Safety Foundation, if you try to get the best out of both brakes in an emergency, you will get the best out of neither. The MSF says you can't concentrate FULLY on both brakes at one time. You know your mother's old nag; "You can't concentrate on two things at one time"!

So, to get the best braking, you have to concentrate using either the front or the back brake and, since the front brake gives up to 80% of your braking power and incorrect application is likely to make you fall off, it makes sense to concentrate on the front brake.

The American Motorcycle Safety Foundation teaches their instructors "in an emergency braking situation you should apply the back brake hard and let the back wheel slide if it wants to. This way you can

concentrate on what is happening up front; there's enough to think about in the use of the front brake."

8. So how should I apply the rear brake?

Apply it and forget about it. Let the back wheel skid if necessary. Concentrate on using staged braking to harness the superior power of the front brake to save your life.

9. Is Staged Braking difficult to learn?

Given practice, the skill is not difficult to learn. The best way to learn it is to start off with a four-stage application of the front brake. Later you can increase the number of stages to make your braking more and more progressive, if you want to.

10. Can you explain four-stage braking in practical terms?

To understand four stages braking, think of a rider coming up to a set of lights. Stage One is the force with which he applies the front brake when he sees the lights turn orange some way ahead, in other words, lightly.

At Stage One, the rider is applying the front brake to the point where the brake is just on and slowing the bike down very, very gently to roll to a stop.

Stage Two is the force the rider would use if he was a bit closer to the lights when they turned orange, and he had to make a normal, smooth stop at the lights. So, Stage Two is the firm pull used to bring the bike to a firm, but quiet stop. The rider applies his front brake to Stage One (friction point) before going on to apply to a steady force at Stage Two.

Stage Three. Our rider has dithered about whether to stop for the orange light before deciding he'd better. By this time, he has to stop quite hard to stop. So he applies the front brake to friction point (Stage One), then onto a firm pull (Stage Two) before applying pressure with a strong pull at Stage Three.

Stage Four. The rider very unwisely decides to run the orange only to find, just before he reaches the lights, that they turn red. In this serious situation the rider needs all the braking he's got. So he applies the front brake to friction point, moves onto the firm pull of Stage Two, then to the strong pull of Stage Three, before giving it all he's got at Stage Four.

We hope you are finding these questions and answers informative and interesting. Please e-mail your questions or comments to lallen@sunrock.com

- Larry

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- Editor

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Message from the Editor:

2003 TENNESSEE STATE H.O.G. RALLY

“Sights & Sounds of Memphis”

Adams Mark Hotel, Memphis TN

June 5th, 6th, 7th


You can register on-line at www.tnstatehogrally.com or pick up a form at Bumpus H/D and mail your check or money order to the address on the form.

Events calendars have been added to the newsletter beginning this month to help keep you informed of upcoming events.

If you would like to see your article published in this newsletter please send to lhughey@midsouth.rr.com. THANKS!

- Les

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February 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>HOG Club Meeting – Colettas 7pm</i>
2 <i>* Bob Ward's breakfast ride Blue Plate Café on Stage</i>	3 <i>HOG officers Meeting</i>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>* Easy Rider Bike Show at Cook Convention Center</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>* Swap meet at Bumpus HD.</i> <i>Group riding class at Bumpus HD</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>* Bike Week – Daytona, Florida thru 3/9/03</i>	

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Did You Know? The club has a supply of patches and pins for sale. We have both large and small H.O.G. patches, Memphis Chapter rockers, and L.O.H. patches. We also have a nice Memphis H.O.G. pin. The large patches sell for \$18.00, the small ones \$8.00 and the pin for \$11.00. All can be purchased from the parts counter at Bumpus.

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H.O.G. ABC's of Touring

The 2003 State H.O.G. rally would like to include the "H.O.G. ABCs of Touring" for one of the events. Those of you that have been H.O.G. members for several years might remember a map and location guide that was distributed to the Memphis H.O.G. Club a few years ago that would complete all of the letters of the ABCs of Touring within about a 200 mile radius of Memphis. This route and location guide could be accomplished in about 48 hours, which would make this a perfect match for an event for the 2003 State H.O.G. rally. If you have a copy of the route and location guide, please forward it to one of the rally committee members, a club officer or to me. The 2003 Official Guidelines for the H.O.G. ABCs of Touring can be found on page 36/37 of the January/February 2003 H.O.G. Tales magazine. You might want to get started on your entry form early!

For more information about the rally, please visit our web site at www.tnstatehogrally.com. The registration form for the rally can be found by selecting the "registration" link on the top navigational menu. Please register early and don't forget to send Walter Hughey Jr., bugsrme@aol.com your name and the time that you would like to volunteer for the rally in June. We need many volunteers to make "your" rally great in Memphis!

Donna Williams

2003 State H.O.G. Rally Events Coordinator

March 2003						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 HOG Club meeting – Colettas 7pm
2 * Bob Ward's breakfast ride Blue Plate Café on Stage	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 * Mid-South Motorcycle Show – Agri-Center thru3/16/03	15 * River Kings night – Desoto County Civic Center
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 * Spring Thaw Bike Show & Swap Meet Smyrna, TN
23	24	25	26	27 * LA State HOG Rally Shreveport, La Thru 3/29/03	28	29 LOH Chili Cook-off. * Flat track races –Desoto Civic Ctr.
30 * Wild Pigs Poker Run	31					

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