

May 2003

## MEMPHIS HARLEY OWNERS GROUP Chapter # 4928

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### Monthly Meetings

The monthly meeting will be held on **May 3, 2003**, at Sam's Town Casino. We will meet at Bumpus H/D between 12:15 PM and 12:45 PM for a 1:00 PM departure. We'll be able to tour the Sam's Town Motorcycle Festival and exhibits from 2 PM until 4:30 PM. At 4:30 PM we'll head towards the casino for our H.O.G. Meeting that will last from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. See additional information below.

### The dates for year 2003 Dinner meetings are:

January 4	<b>May 3</b>	September 6
February 1	June 14	October 4
March 1	July 5	November 1
April 19	August 2	December 6

- The No-Smoking policy will be in effect during the business meeting.
- The year 2003 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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Breeden, Gerald	Collierville	901-854-6716
Scott Carter	Arlington	901-829-3230
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Hudson, Dale	Germantown	901-292-3470
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William Langham Andrew Laws Ed Link  
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Chris Raebel Gary Stephens Nick Wells  
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/02 - Michael Malito Jerry Rice 5/04 - Robert Petry  
Shan Tracy 5/05 - Becky McCrory III 5/06 - Doug Carr  
5/07 - Don Barcus Steve Krantz 5/09 - Doug Johnson  
5/10 - Dianne McGarrity John Warra 5/12 - Daniel Parris  
5/14 - Rodney Diggons Paul Fuqua Russell A Kesler  
5/15 - Donni Holley Don McLean Vernon Rickards Bob Ward  
5/17 - Devon Breshears Skip Roberts 5/18 - Bob Kerlin  
5/21 - Al Nelson 5/22 - Jay Ring Randy Wagley  
5/23 - Pam Boswell Tom Thornton 5/24 - Dale Dawson  
5/26 - Elaine Daniel Walt Patterson Carl Robertson  
5/28 - Michael Halloran Fred Lawson Timothy Ramos  
5/29 - Sharon Brannock

### 10 Yr. Members

10 Years!

Happy  
Birthday!

## Message from the Director:

Hello Memphis H.O.G.,

OK, didn't we say in the last newsletter that the ugly weather was going away soon? Well. I hope by the time you read this, say around late-April, "GREAT" riding weather will "**FINALLY**" be here!!! Goodness Gracious what a winter and early spring!!! We now have an extra hour of daylight as well!!!

With that being said, we did have a "SUPER" weather day on April 5<sup>th</sup> for the "**Running of the HOGS**" to the Town of Tunica, Mississippi!!! We had almost 100 folks make that ride and we had a blast!!! The breakfast & coffee was delicious and free and the Blue & White Restaurant on Highway 61 provided it. We thank them for that great treat!!!

Our ride to Tunica, MS was a "**ROAD CAPTAIN**" ride and it went very smoothly. I won't steal Jerry or Larry's thunder as they will be describing more about the differences in an escorted and road captain ride in this newsletter and at the next chapter meeting

One thing I do want to mention one more time is the night at the Playhouse on the Square. Doug Adams is pulling this one together for "**YOUR**" club. The Playhouse on the Square activity is for the production of "**RAGTIME.**" This will be held on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. When we did this a couple of years ago for "GREASE", it was a huge success!!! Please get with the young lady at the greeter's station at Bumpus A.S.A.P. so you can choose the seating you want and to make sure that you sit close to your buddies. One guest is allowed per member and the tickets are only \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. The tickets are currently on sale at the greeter's station. **Seating is limited so get your tickets quickly!!!** When you see Doug, please thank him for his efforts on this activity.

I know that Rose will thank you in her column for the great help at the chili cook off, but I also wanted to say "**THANK YOU**" to those who raised money for the event, those who got door prizes for the event, those who negotiated for free or lesser expensive things such as chairs, tables, food, etc... and to those who showed up to help set up the event early on March 29<sup>th</sup> and for those who came late and broke it down. Your help cannot be measured in order to make this such a "GREAT" event for the Ladies and the Dream Factory. Again, **Thank you!!!** ☺

We are only a couple of weeks away from consistently good riding weather. There are so many great rides and activities already planned and in stone and many others that are in the works for the club for this year. Please check out Jerry Rice's articles and the calendars in the newsletter each

month for this and also please watch for Larry Allen's safety classes and his articles on safety. You can never be too safe. Always ride defensively!!! **Especially, in our city, where a turn signal has to be ordered as an option on your vehicle. It's not standard equipment in Memphis/Shelby County!!!!**

I hate to keep harping on this one, but many of you have said that you still are not hearing about the rides because some of them are not on the H.O.G. Line. The ones we have planned many weeks or months out will ALWAYS be on the H.O.G. Line, on the Web Site and in the Newsletter in plenty of time, but some of the rides come up with only a day or two notice, i.e. lunch rides and dinner rides. It is very difficult for Al to get to Bumpus to update the H.O.G. Line when this occurs. The ABSOLUTE best way to find out about rides and activities is via our email blasts. With that being said, we still have 80+ members that we do not have an email address for at present. If you are one of these 80+ and you DO have an email address, or two if you and your spouse have one, or maybe you have an email at work that your boss will allow you to receive H.O.G. emails on, PLEASE get that to Keith Gilooly A.S.A.P. so that you will not miss any of the email blasts. Al will update the H.O.G. line with Jerry's information as soon as he can, but email is the VERY BEST way to stay up to date.

Keith's email address is:

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

- The H.O.G. PEN NEWSLETTER
- The H.O.G. LINE – 901.312.4849
- Email Blasts (MOST IMPORTANT AVENUE)
- WEB SITE: [www.memphishog.com](http://www.memphishog.com) (Thanks to **Joey Fili!**)

2003 will be a very exciting year for the Memphis Harley Owner's Group. There are so many things planned for you to enjoy. The greatest thing that you have going as a member of Memphis H.O.G. this year is that you have such a great T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) of officers to serve you. Please remember that they are all "VOLUNTEERS." AND.... WHENEVER you see an officer, PLEASE pat them on the back, shake their hand and thank them for giving up their personal time to make this a great club for "**YOU**". We are working together as a T.E.A.M. so that we can give you the most fun year and the safest year that Memphis H.O.G. has ever seen!

**I want to personally thank the Officer T.E.A.M. for such an outstanding job thus far this year. Together, we have planned a phenomenal year for "YOUR" club!!! Don't miss any of the fun this year!!!**

I would also like to thank the Bumpus family and Keith Gilooly. I do not know if each of you pays close attention to what they do for us, but they do quite a bit and they will be doing a lot more this year for “YOUR” club.

So far, they donated their chili cook off winnings of \$125.00 to the Dream Factory (Congrats to Tim & Mary for being winners!!!), they held a cook out before the races in Tunica for us, and they picked up the tab for the food at our picnic. On May 4, they will be picking up the tab for our security guard at our Redbirds outing and on May 10<sup>th</sup> for our security guard at the Playhouse on the Square, and, as I said above, they will be doing much more this year for the club. They have also really stepped up for the rally in June with Sponsorship. **PLEASE** thank them whenever you see them. I can tell you from going to Primary Officer Training that “MOST” H.O.G. Chapters around the world **do not** get this kind of support from their dealer.

**PLEASE** don't sit on the sidelines this year. **Join** in the fun!!! Make sure not to forward club emails to non-members. This is for our members only. If you know someone that has a Harley and they want to have some fun, get them an application for National and local H.O.G. and tell them we cannot wait to meet them!!!

Please note that unless otherwise noted or stated, all rides are closed rides for “MEMBERS ONLY.” This means one Non-Member Guest per member. This is due to H.O.G. insurance rules and regulations. Please, notice that we are doing things to benefit members who “ACTIVELY” participate in the club's events and activities.

One last thing, Christy has asked for me to get a group of H.O.G. members together to come and see the MDA kids off for Summer Camp. They will be leaving at or near 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. I would like for everyone that can do this to meet at Bumpus from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. We will depart at 8:15 headed to the MDA office off Mt. Moriah. I know this is early for most of us on a Sunday morning, “BUT” this would be so great for the kids if we would pull into the parking lot as they are loading the bus and rumble right up to them!!! Please plan to attend this memorable morning!!! These are the children that we ride for in October and these are the children that H.O.G. members and Harley Davidson ride for all year every year!!! Those kids will absolutely faint when we pull in to the lot!!!

Please read and print the safety letter attached to this newsletter!!! It may save your life!!!

We are also adding several new Road Captains to our Officer T.E.A.M. for your safety. Please check the June newsletter for their information!!!

Hope to see all of you on the road very soon!!! Heads up!!! May is a huge month for riding events and activities!!!

Always remember H.O.G.'s Motto:

**!!! RIDE & HAVE FUN!!!**

**Thank you all for all you do to make Memphis H.O.G. such a “GREAT GROUP!!!” .....**

**- J.T.**

### **Message from the Asst. Director:**

We are off to a great year with tons of events planned. Refer to your newsletter, the website or the HOG line for detailed information. The rally committee is hard at work and the events are almost completed. Webster defines volunteer as “one who serves or acts of their own free will” We need chapter members to volunteer for 2 hour time slots to work at the Tennessee State HOG Rally June 5, 6, 7. We currently have about 190 volunteers, but we need more. I need many of you to act of your own “free will” and sign up to help. A hospitality room will be provided for the volunteers and the rally promises to be great fun. Come join us, work a little, ride a lot, and enjoy the Rally and Ride and Have Fun. You may contact me to volunteer through the website at [www.tnstaterally.com](http://www.tnstaterally.com) or you may call my cell phone, 901-335-3545. Ride it, Live It, Love It.

**- Walter**

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### **Message from L.O.H.**

I knew a little hard work from a lot of dedicated people paid off when I saw the joy in the eyes of our dream child Ginny. With the help of a wonderful volunteer organization, The Dream Factory and a lot of caring motorcycle enthusiasts, Ginny's dream to have a handicap accessible playground will become a reality.

The Chili Cook Off was a successful event thanks to all of the HOG and LOH members that solicited and donated gift certificates and other items to be used in the raffle. A big thank you to everyone who showed up early for set up and stayed through out the day to sell tickets, man the food booth or do anything that needed doing until we began to clean up. A special thanks to our sponsor, Bumpus H-D, Tim and Mary Bumpus, Keith Gilooly and Kim Hendrix and all of the Bumpus H-D employees working behind the scenes. J.T. often writes about the T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More), Well this time we, as a team, really came through.

The 1ST place winner of the Chili Cook Off was Mary Bumpus, 2<sup>ND</sup> place was Larry Styers and 3<sup>RD</sup> place was Don Williams. Frank Rector took 1<sup>ST</sup> place in the Men's Bake Off with Banana Pudding 2<sup>ND</sup> place went to Paul Johnson for Kula Brownies and 3<sup>RD</sup> place to Tim Bumpus for Carrot Cake. Each winner received a gift certificate to Bumpus H-D, a plaque and bragging rights!

If you missed the ride in to Fox 13, I hope you got the chance to see the broadcast. It was great exposure for the Dream Factory and the Memphis Harley Owners Group. The segment was recorded so we can play it at one of our future meetings. I won't keep you in suspense. Glenda Parks had the best tasting Chili. Glenda was awarded a nice plaque to commemorate the event. We really did have a good time. Later that afternoon a couple of us went to the Southern Women's Show. We got a lot of ideas for future LOH meetings. Come to the meetings and check it out!

Join the LOH for a lunch ride to Chickasaw State Park on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll gather at Bumpus H-D at 12:00 leaving no later than 12:30 so we can get there by 2:00. The restaurant serves a nice buffet at a reasonable cost. Come with a full tank of gas and a hearty appetite. The May meeting will be a breakfast ride on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. The place will be announced. Suggestions are welcome!

The weather is slowly but surely getting better. Life is a journey, enjoy the ride!

**- Rose**

**"E-Mail Surprise Contest"**

**Check your e-mail on May 3, 2003 to see how to win!**

### **Message from the Chaplain:**

I hope by the time this newsletter reaches you we'll be into good riding weather. No offense, but I am ready for sunshine and blue skies. Great big THANKS to Rose and all the ladies for a great meeting, ride, fellowship, and great food at Hobos in Munford.

Along with many others, I give the Chili Cook-Off a great big 10 and again, Rose and all the LOH pulled this event off with class. Thanks for letting the men participate with you for such a great charity event. Congratulations to all the winners !!!

With so many rides coming up and our state rally just around the corner, we need to be road ready with our motorcycles and ready to help when needed. The rally committee is working very hard to make this the best Tennessee State Rally ever. So, lets do all we can to help. There are a lot of volunteers needed and lost of places to help. Just let Walter Hughey know when you would like to help. Thanks to the entire committee for all the hard work

so far. Everyone appreciates your sacrifice and dedication to the H.O.G. group.

Please remember to pray for those who are sick, hurt and all the people who defend our freedom. Continue to pray for Tim and Mary Bumpus in the loss of her mother. Also, please keep Mike and Tina Logan in your prayers. And, pray for Pam Goddard and Nyla Breshears to have quick recoveries so they can get back on their bikes very soon!!!

Nay our hearts be filled with praise and thanksgiving to our God for each and every blessing.

God's Blessing to All, Chaplain

**- Albert**

### **Message from Activities Officer:**

With the weather being more cooperative we've had several chances for some really fun Chapter rides. We've greeted old friends and seen some new faces. Most of all everyone has been enthusiastic and ready to ride.

Speaking of group rides; you'll notice that we have published the recently distributed letter on Group Riding in this issue of The HOG Pen. J. T. asked Larry and me to draft this as an aid to understanding the procedures we will use on our Chapter Rides. This was a collaborative effort involving all your Road Captains so if you haven't reviewed it, please take time to do so now.

If you would like to participate in the "LIBRARY RIDE" on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, please do !!! We know this is a workday ride, but come if you can!!! We will line up at Bumpus between 10:30 and 11:15 and pull out at 11:30 for the Main Library on Poplar.

Remember, our May meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be at Sam's Town. Line up at Bumpus between 12:15 PM and 12:45 PM for a 1 o'clock departure. We'll be able to tour the Sam's Town Motorcycle Festival and exhibits from 2 PM until 4:30 PM. At 4:30 PM we'll head towards the casino for our H.O.G. Meeting that will last from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. This will be followed by dinner at 6 PM. You can choose from either the Corky's Buffet or the "GREAT" buffet. Either one will be a buy one get one free deal. If you are solo, not to worry. Grab someone else who is solo and enjoy your half priced meal!!! Then, at 8 PM, a free concert by the Kentucky Headhunters. Thanks to J. T. and Brad Lackey for setting this up.

Our Redbirds game, which had to be postponed, has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 25<sup>th</sup>. J.T. has negotiated a special ticket price of only \$5 and has negotiated a parking price of \$5 per slot (we can

easily fit 4 bikes per slot). Thanks to Tim Bumpus who is providing security for our bikes during the game. J. T. must purchase the tickets by Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> so email him today at [JTN11@AOL.Com](mailto:JTN11@AOL.Com) to reserve yours.

On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, meet at Playhouse on the Square, 51 S. Cooper, no later than 7:30 PM to socialize and get seated for the 8 o'clock performance of Ragtime. Security will be provided (thanks again to Tim Bumpus!) for our bikes during the play. See J.T.'s article for information on how to get your tickets.

Make your room reservations for our Natchez Trace overnigher on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We're staying at the Isle of Capri Casino and Hotel in Natchez, Mississippi. Phone 1-800-The Isle and ask for the special "Memphis H.O.G.'s" room rate of \$35. This is a LONG ride – almost 400 miles to Natchez – and we will be taking plenty of breaks, so we must leave early. Line up at Bumpus between 7 AM and 7:30 AM. We will depart at 7:45 AM SHARP! We have over 40 rooms reserved already so call for yours NOW.

May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> is the Mid-South Air Show featuring the Blue Angels at Millington. Tickets go on sale May 1<sup>st</sup> at all First Tennessee locations and online at [www.msairshow.com](http://www.msairshow.com) for only \$12 adult; \$7 junior (7-11, under 7 free). At the gate, prices will be \$15 and \$10. Best of all, on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> our fellow Club member Richard Harris (who has his business located there) is offering us free group parking, an air conditioned place to hang out when we're tired and FREE FOOD and DRINKS from 10 AM on until it runs out. Rain date for his cookout is Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. So, don't miss this one. We will have a ride heading out to Millington on Saturday leaving Bumpus at 10 am. Line up between 9:15 am and 9:45 am.

**Our June H.O.G. Chapter meeting will be the second Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, due to the State H.O.G. rally.**

Now that warmer weather has arrived, we will be planning some lunch and dinner rides so watch your email and check the H.O.G. Line for information as these are scheduled.

I've had just three responses to the idea for a sore butt ride covering 7 states in one day. Activities are being planned and available weekends are filling up so if you are interested let me know so I can tell if there is enough interest to plan this.

Ride safe and have fun!

- Jerry

**Sunday Breakfast and Ride:**

Bob Ward will be conducting a breakfast ride from the Country Kitchen in Covington on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 8:00 am; please contact Bob for the latest details @ [harleylee604@aol.com](mailto:harleylee604@aol.com).

## Message from the Treasurer:

Be sure to thank **Earl Gentry** for not being present at the March meeting. Our member's only drawing for April was \$150.00 and David Looney won it at the picnic!!! It "PAYS" to come to meetings !!! HUH DAVID ???!!!!\$\$

- Al

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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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## Message from the Editor:

**Make the Choice to Make a Change**

Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/ABATE are now actively supporting the following pieces of legislation before the 103<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, State of Tennessee. These bills were all filed and introduced by 24 February 2003 per Tennessee statutes.

**HB0952 / SB0861** 'Motorcycle Helmet Modification Bill'

Sponsored by Rep. John Tidwell (D) New Johnsonville, and Sen. Tim Burchett (R) Knoxville.

This bill will allow adult motorcyclists, 21 and older, to decide when and where to wear any motorcycle helmet of their choice. THIS IS A PERSONAL FREEDOM BILL.

**HB1054 / SB1200** 'Stop Light Bill'

Sponsored by Rep. Joe McCord (R) Maryville, and Sen. Bill Clabough (R) Maryville.

This bill will allow motorcyclists to, "after waiting a reasonable period of time", to treat non-functioning vehicle

detection devices (ground loops at traffic signals) as 4-way stop signs and "proceed with due caution when it is safe to do so."

#### **HB1819 / SB1765 'Brake Light Bill'**

Sponsored by Rep. Phillip Johnson (R) Pegram, and Sen. Doug Jackson (D) Dickson, This bill will allow the installation of aftermarket 'temporarily pulsing' brake lights on motorcycles. This is defined as a motorcycle brake light, which "pulses rapidly" for a few seconds "and then converts to a continuous light as a normal brake lamp until such time as the brake is released".

#### **SJR0104 'Motorcycle Awareness Month'**

Sponsored by Sen. Rosalind Kurita (D) Clarksville, and Rep. Phillip Johnson (R) Pegram. This Senate Joint Resolution will designate May 2003 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month". Increasing awareness of motorcycling in Tennessee is the purpose of this proclamation.

#### **HB1899 / SB1863 'Anti-discrimination Bill'**

Sponsored by Rep. Joe McCord (R) Maryville, and Sen. Tim Burchett (R) Knoxville. This bill would allow for "civil damages in an amount of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000)" and collection of "attorney fees and litigation costs" for those deemed guilty of discriminatory practices. It states "it is a discriminatory practice for any person to deny ...goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages and accommodations... on the grounds that the individual is wearing distinguishing insignia, patch, specialized clothing, tattoo, earring, beard or jewelry. This bill is the result of efforts by the Tennessee Confederation of Clubs.

#### **HB1568 / SB0875 'Off Highway-Vehicle Motor Vehicle Act'**

Sponsored by Rep. Joe McCord (R) Maryville, and Sen. Ron Ramsey (R) Blountville. This bill will establish and implement an off-highway motor vehicle program for Tennessee. A Commission will be established to facilitate and regulate off-highway vehicles and annual registration fees will fund all associated activities. This bill is the result of efforts by several organizations including VSTA and OHV Tennessee.

Each of these bills will afford motorcyclists in Tennessee to practice their choice of transportation/recreation with more freedom and enhanced safety and enjoyment. If you support any of these pieces of legislation please contact your elected officials today. ALL Tennessee residents can contact their state legislators by calling 1-800-449-8366 and following

the menu, or via the Internet at <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>.

**Only you can make the choice to make a change.**

#### **MEMBER STORIES!!**

We are looking for interesting articles about you or your riding experiences to share with our group. I would like to place these in the newsletter. If you have an interesting or funny story you would like to share with the group, please send your story to me via e-mail and I will publish your article to share with our group.

If you would like to see your article published in this newsletter please send to: [lhughey@midsouth.rr.com](mailto:lhughey@midsouth.rr.com). THANKS!

**- Les**

#### **ATTENTION!! Memphis H.O.G Members**

HOG members please bring your empty coffee cans (preferably 2lb size) to the dealership for the HOG rally. We need lots of cans to make stands to hold signs and tape around some of the events. Please leave these at the parts counter at the dealership.

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#### **STURGIS BOUND?**

I am a national member of HOG and a local member of Frontier Harley Owners Group in Lincoln Nebraska chapter # 2698. I have formed a partnership with some ranchers in western Nebraska and we started the Sand Hills Hawg Stop. Our venture was formed to provide a stop over point for bikers on their way to and from Sturgis. We will be open July 31- August 10, 2003.

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I am sending you this letter to inform you of what we are offering HOG members and other bikers headed for Sturgis and ask that you post our flyers at your state HOG rally. We will have banner ads starting March 1, 2003 on

[www.sturgis-rally.com](http://www.sturgis-rally.com) [www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com](http://www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com)  
web sites. I appreciate your help in notifying your HOG  
members and other bikers of the Sand Hills Hawg Stop.

Best regards,  
Troy W. Stonacek

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## From the Safety Officer:

It is riding time again but is also brain tune up time to prepare us for the riding season. A statistic for all of my fellow members to think about; 90% of all motorcycle accidents involve riders who have never taken a rider course. It's time for you to improve your odds and take a course. Below are some safety reminders:

1. Every time you ride give you bike a visual inspection. Check the tire pressure.
2. Clear your mind before you start your bike. Do be preoccupied with other thoughts.
3. As you ride **SPIDE**- Scan, Identify, Predict, and Decide.
4. Look where you want to go. Don't fixate on the car turning left in front of you- look where you want to evade the car. The bike will go where you look.
5. Play the what-if game. What will I do if?
6. Create a bubble of space around you in traffic. On multiple lane/ freeway roads, the right lane is the most dangerous.
7. Use your head- swivel it around to check blind spots each time you change lanes.
8. If you can't see the driver ahead of you rear view mirror, he can't see you either.
9. Roads will be slickest just after it starts raining. Slow down until oil has washed off the road.
10. **Ride your own ride.** Whether alone or in a group be comfortable with your pace and riding style.

I look forward to riding with all of you this summer.  
LET'S MAKE IT A SAFE ONE.

- Larry



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## **GROUP RIDING**

Your officers are committed to having fun on our group rides but, most importantly, we are all dedicated to insuring your safety. With your safety foremost in mind, your Road Captains held two meetings to make sure our rides are planned and organized. In January, we held a strategy session and on March 22<sup>nd</sup> we rode as a group to practice the procedures we had formulated and to hone our skills and abilities to work together smoothly.

In the past, many of our club rides have been “escorted” rides. The escorts were club members who work as professional escorts. Their motorcycles are equipped with flashing lights and sirens. They will pass the group to get in front and block intersections and hold traffic until the group passes through. This has worked well and we appreciate the time, effort and dedication of these persons. But, it presents several problems.

National H.O.G. discourages escorted rides. Oftentimes, we do not know in advance how many escorts will be available for a ride and have had “civilians” blocking intersections and holding traffic. This is contrary to instructions from national H.O.G. and is, in fact, illegal. Even escorts themselves are in a gray area inasmuch as they were not hired nor paid to escort our group. In case of an accident, they tell us that the first thing the judge asks is: “Were you hired and paid for your escort service.” Additionally, since they were not hired nor paid, their insurance related to their escort duties might not apply.

Consequently, except for a very few special rides where the club will hire and pay for escorts, our future club rides will be led by your Road Captains in accordance with procedures outlined in the Harley-Davidson H.O.G. Handbook. Each Road Captain will have a map and detailed instructions for the ride so we will not be dependent on one sole leader to arrive at our destination. At the pre-ride briefing, your Road Captains will be pointed out and you will be assigned to one particular Road Captain so that the ride will be broken down into several small groups each being led by a Road Captain who will be the Lead Bike for your group. One of the Road Captains will be assigned to a group of novice or less experienced riders for those not yet comfortable riding in a group of more experienced riders. Hopefully, this will encourage novice riders to come out and enjoy the fun!!!

We will try to limit the size of each group to no more than ten motorcycles depending on the number of Road Captains available. The ideal size is six to eight motorcycles. Each group will need a “Sweep Rider,” (also called a “Drag Bike” or “tail gunner”) to be the last motorcycle in that group. This should be one of the most experienced riders in that group. If enough Road Captains are available, then one of them will be assigned to this position in each group. If not, you may be asked or can volunteer to ride in this position. One of your duties is to look for any problems in your group and report these to the Road Captain who is leading. Whenever possible, we will use C.B. radios (channel 22) to facilitate communication, but hand signals are also effective and will be explained later.

### **Normal Group Riding Maneuvers**

When the Lead Bike for each group sees that all riders in his group are ready to depart, he will check for traffic and enter the roadway. Usually, the Lead Bike will not attempt to exit a parking lot unless there is room for all or most of the group to follow immediately. If the group is split, the Lead Bike will take the slow lane and keep the speed relatively slow until the group can form up in the positions the riders will keep for the duration of the ride. This may mean traveling slower than surrounding traffic, to encourage four-wheelers to pass and allow the group to form up. Occasionally, this cannot be accomplished until the group has made a lane change or entered a freeway, depending on where the entrance ramp may be.

Regardless of the Lead Bike’s signals, each rider is responsible for his or her own safety at all times.

### **“Ride Your Own Ride”**

Once all members of the group are together, the group will take up a staggered formation keeping a TWO (2) second distance behind the bike in front of you and will stay in it most of the time during the ride, unless the Lead Bike signals for a change to single file or the need for a change is obvious. Reasons for changing out of a staggered formation could be a passing situation or poor road surface (single file), dog or other animal charging the group (split the group), or coming up to a traffic signal (two abreast while waiting for a light).

## Stop Signs, Four-Way Stops and Traffic Signals

During an escorted ride, the escorts have blocked intersections at stop signs, four way stops and traffic signals for the group to go through en masse. In Road Captain rides, these intersections will not be blocked for the group. Riders are expected to bunch up two by two, then stop and proceed through the intersections when safe to do so. The Road Captains will go slowly for all members to get through the intersection. This may mean that cars may get in between riders. If the group gets too stretched out, the Road Captain may pull over to the side of the road or in a large parking lot for the group to get back in formation.

## Changing Lanes

In regular traffic conditions, there is virtually no time (absent an emergency) when a group of riders should all move at the same time into a different lane. The wide gap required for a whole group to move is difficult to find in heavy traffic, and if it exists, it will be an invitation for other drivers to jump into it, perhaps while the group might be moving. Additionally, such a maneuver could be interpreted as “parading,” which may arguably not be covered under some insurance policies.

Regardless of what other riders in the group are doing, each rider must personally check to see that the new lane is clear of traffic before entering it.

The first bike in a group that moves is responsible for creating a gap into which all the following bikes can fit. The Lead Bike signals for a lane change and announces to the group via CB and/or hand signals that the group is moving to the either the right or to the left, starting with the REAR of the column and progressing to the FRONT! While this seems backwards at first, once you experience it, you’ll understand how it increases the safety of such a move.

Then, the Lead Bike asks the Sweep Rider to “secure the lane” to the right or the left as the case may be. All station-keeping bikes maintain their position while this occurs, putting their own turn signals on to indicate the move to be made. The Sweep Rider then moves first when a space in the new lane opens up and radios to the Lead Bike and the group, “The lane is secured.”

However, no one is to change lanes at this point!!! First, each rider must make certain the lane is clear by actually turning his or her head to insure that there is no other vehicle still approaching the group in the new lane. Then, after checking by actually turning the head to see that the new lane is cleared of traffic sufficient for one bike to safely enter it, the bike in front of the Sweep Rider moves across the tracks of the current lane, taking up a position in the same track of the new lane where he was originally riding. Then, one at a time, back to front, each rider follows this pattern: signal right or left, move right or left in your own lane, head-check, enter new lane and take up regular position (right or left track) in the new lane.

Change lanes smoothly and give other riders plenty of space. This is not a race to see who can go sideways the fastest.

## Passing

On a busy two-lane road, oncoming traffic typically prevents a group from passing a slow-moving vehicle while in formation. Each member of the group must accomplish two lane changes in order to pass, and this usually is done on an individual basis.

***Regardless of what a rider is told by others in the group about oncoming vehicles, each rider must personally check to see that the oncoming lane is clear of traffic before entering it.***

## Number One Rule (The ‘Prime Directive’)

In a group ride, the primary job for every rider is to ***not*** hit the motorcycle in front of him or her.

Three-wheeled motorcycles, bikes with a sidecar, bikes towing a trailer, or a four-wheeler in a group will be placed at the rear in the last available slot.

## Hand Signals

The two most important hand signals for a non-CB equipped rider are these:

- 1) Pointing to an obstacle in the road with left hand for obstacle on left side of road and using right foot for obstacles on right side of road, warning other riders to avoid it.
- 2) Pointing to the tank. For the rider with no CB, no matter what the reason, if they point to the tank on their bike, they will be telling those following them (especially the Sweep Rider) that they need to stop as soon as possible. This may be because they need fuel; because they want to make a “bio stop;” because they may have a mechanical problem; because they or their co-rider are uncomfortable; because they have a medical problem; because they may be having a crisis of confidence; or for any other reason at all. Such a signal will be relayed to the Lead Bike. If a convenient place is available, the Lead Bike may orchestrate a stop by the whole group. If not, the affected bike can count on the Sweep Rider to stop to try to help him or her.

Other hand signals may be useful to bikes not equipped with a CB during a group ride. These include:

Back off - Palm of left hand shown to group, pushing motion toward rear of bike.

Ready to ride – “Thumbs up” high enough in air to be visible to Lead bike.

Single-file formation – One finger points to the sky.

Slow down – Left arm is held out straight palm down, and then goes down and up in a patting motion.

Smoky alert (police or emergency vehicles) – Hand taps top of helmet several times.

Speed up or close ranks in formation – Left arm is held straight out palm up, then moves straight up.

Staggered formation – Two fingers point to sky. Use index finger and pinky if possible.

U-Turn – Left hand makes circle in air over head.

### **Exceptions to Normal Guidelines**

The often-heard rule, “**Ride Your Own Ride,**” means that any guideline for group riding can and should be ignored when it doesn’t make sense. Determining whether this is the case and acting prudently is each rider’s individual responsibility at all times.

Under normal circumstances, the Lead Bike will choose a lane, will determine the speed at which the riders are to travel, will suggest the formation which makes maneuvers most safe, and will navigate.

Common exceptions to these guidelines occur with a rider who is not yet experienced with group riding. If a maneuver looks too dangerous or awkward for the new rider to complete safely, he or she should do what he needs to protect himself or herself and avoid an accident. This may mean passing up a turn or taking it very slowly, or parking somewhere not with the group, or going more slowly through a curve than the riders ahead of him.

Each rider commands his entire area within a lane and may move to left or right in it as required.

**Please print this document and read the above information as it could save your life. Ride Safely and Have Fun!!! We will go over this at each and every ride, as there may be a new rider at each ride.**

# May 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Library Ride. Line up at Bumpus at 10:30; pull out at 11:30.	2 (N) Sam's Town Motor-cycle Festival May 2 <sup>nd</sup> to May 4 <sup>th</sup>	3 (C) HOG Club Meeting at Sam's Town Leave Bumpus At 1 PM
4 (N) Breakfast Ride-Country Kitchen in Covington 8:00 am  Redbirds Game-Line up at Bumpus 11:30-12:30; pull out at 12:45.	5 (M) HOG Officers meeting - Allenberg Cotton Co. 6:30.	6	7	8	9	10 (C) Playhouse On The Square Night – meet there 7:30 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 (C) Overnighter to Natchez, MS Leave Bumpus at 7:45 AM
18 (C) LOH meeting TBA	19	20	21	22	23 (N) Rolling Thunder XVI – Washington DC Thru May 25 <sup>th</sup>	24
25 Rain date for Redbirds game.	26	27	28	29	30	31 (C) Mid-South Air Show Cookout by Richard Harris From 10 AM on

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# June 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 MDA Ride for the Kids. Line up at Bumpus @ 8:00 a.m. Pull out at 8:30 a.m. This is not a charity event. This is for the excitement of the kids as they depart for camp!!!</p> <p>Breakfast Ride-Country Kitchen in Covington 8:00 am</p>	2	3	4	<p>5 (M) TN State H.O.G. Rally - Memphis</p>	<p>6 (M) TN State H.O.G. Rally - Memphis</p>	<p>7 (M) TN State H.O.G. Rally - Memphis</p>
<p><b>ATTENTION:</b> Memphis H.O.G. We <b>NEED</b> your help! We are in great need of many volunteers to help during the rally. <b>PLEASE</b> contact Walter Hughey @ <a href="mailto:bugsrnw@aol.com">bugsrnw@aol.com</a> as soon as possible to volunteer.</p>						
8	9	10	11	<p>12 (M) KY State H.O. G. Rally – Jeffersontown thru Jun 14<sup>th</sup></p>	13	<p>14 (C) Memphis H.O.G. Chapter Meeting – Coletta's</p>
<p>15 (C) LOH meeting - TBA</p>	<p>16 (C) H.O.G. Officers Meeting – Allenberg Cotton Co.</p>	17	18	19	<p>20 (N) Lynchburg M/C Rally – Lynchburg TN thru Jun 22nd</p>	21
22	23	24	25	26	<p>27 (M) IN State H.O.G. Rally – Columbus thru Jun 29th</p>	28
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