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Looks like summer is fading and fall (or the autumnal equinox as the weather folks want to call it) is approaching quickly. Fall starts on Sunday, September 22 this year. Which just happens to be the date for our Experience Riders Class... there is still room for a couple more riders. What a great way to start fall...sharpening your riding skills.

Our next big event is the 2024 HOG Waller on October 5th. I know everyone has been practicing for the motorcycle games! As we do every year, we have a t-shirt to mark this fabulous event. This year's shirt will be white with the design shown below. (I have no idea who the dude is in the picture 😊) The shirts will be available in short and long sleeves. The HOG logo (also shown below) will be on the front left chest.

T-Shirts S,M,L,XL,2X,3X,4X \$25

Long Sleeve S,M,L,XL,2X,3X,4X \$30

If you would like to place an order, respond back to the email we sent out with your name, shirt size, quantity, T-shirt or Long Sleeve. The last day to order shirts will be September 16th. (yes, I know it's a short ordering window...sorry).



One last piece of HOG Waller business, HOG Waller is also when we take nominations for Chapter Director. I know some of you have been thinking about it and are ready to jump in. October 5th is your opportunity to make it happen.

Keep the shiny side up,

Robert
Director





September is upon us. That means fall is coming and to me that means the return of football. As I am writing this, I am anxiously awaiting the Texas/Michigan game and visualizing a Texas win. The return of fall also means a great riding season is upon us.

Riding a motorcycle in the fall season offers an exhilarating experience that combines the thrill of the ride with the beauty and serenity of nature. As the temperature cools and the landscape bursts into vibrant hues of red, orange, and yellow, motorcycling becomes not just a form of transportation but a deeply immersive experience. The crisp air, changing scenery, and peaceful roads all contribute to making fall an ideal time to enjoy the open road.

One of the most appealing aspects of riding a motorcycle in the fall is the weather. After the scorching heat of summer, the cool autumn breeze provides the perfect riding conditions. The moderate temperatures mean riders can enjoy the open air without the discomfort of excessive heat. The cool wind against the skin heightens the sense of freedom that comes with motorcycling, creating an almost meditative state as the rider glides through the countryside.

Fall also offers some of the most breathtaking scenery. The changing leaves transform roads into tunnels of fiery colors, offering a visual spectacle that can make even a routine ride feel like an adventure. Whether traveling through a wooded trail, along a scenic highway, or down a quiet country road, the vivid fall foliage enhances the experience by connecting the rider with the natural world in a way that few other activities can.

Moreover, the roads are often less crowded in the fall, providing a more peaceful and uninterrupted ride. Summer vacation traffic has tapered off, and this reduction allows motorcyclists to enjoy a quieter and more serene environment. With fewer cars on the road, riders can focus on the joy of the ride itself—leaning into curves, feeling the rush of the wind, and embracing the simplicity of the moment.

Another reason riding in the fall is enjoyable is the sense of connection with the season. The smell of fallen leaves, the feel of the cool air, and the sound of the engine reverberating through a forested path all come together to create a unique sensory experience. This time of year, offers a chance for riders to connect with both their surroundings and their motorcycles in a way that feels more grounded and intimate.

See you all on the road this fall. Ride and have fun!

Bradley
Assistant Director





Treasurer's Report

Happy September, HOG Brothers and Sisters! I hope everyone is enjoying football season and pulling for Ole Miss (or, whoever your favorite college or pro team might be)! If I don't make Saturday rides this Fall, it's most likely because I'm at a game. If you're not a football fan, I hope you're at least enjoying the slightly cooler weather.

Our current bank balance is \$8,993.12.

Be safe out there!

Bill Clemmons
Treasurer





What's Going On - September *addition*

Pumpkin spice season is here! While most seasons have their pluses, Fall is my favorite. Something about cooler temps gives me more energy and makes me want to go outside more. All the fun things to do in the fall are also my jam. Festivals, mazes, haunted houses, it's all so good. While I will miss the pool time it's only good stuff to me.

Our weather at KSU for Reelfoot Lake is 60 degrees (which will have already occurred as you are reading this). Definitely the season for layers!

And on a personal note, Bradley and I will be married 30 years on our next chapter meeting day. And we are spending it with y'all! (We are celebrating the following weekend with a quick trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan).

We have more trips and events coming up this month to enjoy.

- Reelfoot Lake Chapter Ride and lunch September 7th (oops..already past. Burgers were great! I'm running behind in getting this newsletter out. RG)
- Chapter meeting September 10 at 6:30 pm, Kooky Canuck
- Chapter Ride to Phillips Grocery, Holly Springs, MS Saturday September 14. Meet at 8:30 am KSU 9:00 am.
- Dinner Social September 19 at Wing Fanatic inside Top Gun Memphis. They are keeping the restaurant open for us as they normally close at 5. If you want to get some shooting in, come early and shoot before dinner if you can-or after otherwise. There is no reserved time for shooting, and they close the range at 8 pm.
- Sunday September 22 Experienced Rider Class 9:00 am at Bumpus. Get with Jim Ferguson or Lizzy at Bumpus as this is a prepay event.
- September 28 Chapter Ride to Lagrange (Sweet Creations and Our Daily Bread) meet at Bumpus 9:30 am KSU 10:00 am.

As you can see, we have lots of opportunities to hang out, have fun, and enjoy some wind therapy.

Take advantage of some of our events 😊 These are the good old days!

Missy Eskins
Activities Officer



Membership Alley



Hey everyone. Hope your day is going well. We'd like to welcome our new members. We're so glad you decided to join us and experience all the great rides and fellowship our group has to offer.

Last month we made a quick trip to Chicago, on the bike of course, to see Tracy's family. Being so close to Milwaukee, we had to hit the Harley Davidson Museum. We've been before, but it was during the 125th anniversary, so it was packed. This time, we got to take our time and enjoy the motorcycles, stories, and the amazing history of the motorcycles we all love. If you haven't been, put that on your bucket list.

As of September 6, our membership is 89. Let us know if is if you have any questions.

Now, let's go ride!

Chris and Tracy Taylor
2024 Membership Officers



MEMBERSHIP



And there it is, September..... Two more months and the elections will be behind us. It is amazing how over the last elections we have really become quite intolerant of people that think differently. Not a good sign for the future. You know what I love about being a part of the

Harley Davidson family or motorcycle family? This intolerance is hard to find. Maybe because the majority of us think alike, but I don't think that is true. We ride with folks that we would never have been friends with if it wasn't for our Harley or our motorcycle. I think that is pretty unique about this world we operate in. Let's keep it that way.

September is a weird month in my family. Among both parents, all siblings (there is 5 of us), all in laws (there are 4 of them), all grandchildren (I think that is 16), and all great grandchildren (there are 3 of those), none of us have a birthday in September. What are the odds? In Holland it is a big thing to have a birthday calendar that you hang in your hallway half bath. When my sister got married, a long time ago, they took a picture for each month with all their guests that have a birthday in that month. My (drunk) brother got in every picture, because he was representing all those that could not make it to the wedding. I think that calendar still hangs in my sister's bathroom. So, if you are born in September and you are looking for a family, the Verbeeks may have an opening.

Some road captain business..... Two things I want to harp on in this newsletter: interstate speed and knowing your route. One of the most dangerous actions we take on the interstate is changing lanes. It turns out that we cannot keep our speed and change lanes. Pay attention to it some time, it is really weird. It can put the sweep in some precarious situations, where they have to slam themselves in front of other vehicles to keep everyone in the same lane. Knowing your route is one of the most important items. As I have mentioned before, I have had the GPS tell me the route was done on more than 1 trip where I wasn't even close to the final destination. Your GPS may go crazy on you and is going to want you to make a U-turn, or you may think that the next waypoint identified by the GPS is an exit or a turn, where that is not the case and had you known the route, actions would have been differently. That's why I always say "know how to solve a problem." Suppose you did miss a turn or an exit, then what? Just let your GPS device guide you to the next opportunity to turn or exit. And hope that it is not a gravel road that your GPS sends you on, like happened on our way to Crump. Life is easy as long as you don't panic when things go differently than expected. I think that our road captains do a good job of keeping us safe, but like with everything else in life, there is room for improvement.

On October 22 we will have our third road captains meeting at Kooky Canuck. The meeting starts at 6:30pm. I hope to see many of you there.

Roelant/Dutch
Head Road Captain

Chapter Events



September

03

Officers Meeting
6:00pm

07

Chapter Lunch Ride
Reelfoot Lake. Join us for a picnic lunch provided by the Chapter

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Chapter Meeting
Kooky Canuck

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Chapter Lunch Ride
Phillip's Grocery, 541 E Van Dorn Ave, Holly Springs, MS 38635

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Chapter Dinner Social
Top Gun, 2770 Whitten Rd, Memphis, TN 38133. The restaurant is staying open to accommodate us. If you'd like to get some shooting in, come early if you can or shoot after, the range closes at 8 pm.

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Chapter Lunch Ride
Cogbill's Sweet Creations & Our Daily Bread, LaGrange, TN

October

01

Officers Meeting
6:00pm

05

37th Annual HOG Waller
Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, 910 Riddick Rd, Millington, TN 38053, USA pavillion #6

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Chapter Meeting
Kooky Canuck, 1250 N Germantown Pkwy # 123, Cordova, TN 38016. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

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Overnight ride to East, TN
October 17 – October 20

19

Chapter Lunch Ride
Hillbilly Wing Shack, 26280 TN-69, Adamsville, TN 38310

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Chapter Dinner Social
TBD

November

01

Overnight Ride to Branson
Nov 1-3

05

Officers Meeting
6:00pm

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Chapter Lunch Ride
Hagy's Restaurant, Shiloh, TN

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Chapter Meeting
Kooky Canuck, 1250 N Germantown Pkwy, Cordova. Meeting starts at 6:30pm.

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Chapter Dinner Social
TBD

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Chapter Lunch Ride
Georgia Blue, Southaven, MS

National and Local Membership

To Join HOG National

To join the Memphis HOG Chapter, you must first be a full or associate national HOG member in good standing. Visit the Harley Owners Group website to read about HOG Events, Membership Types and Membership Benefits. www.HOG.com

Once you receive your national membership number. Use can use this number to join Memphis HOG.

To Join the Memphis HOG Chapter

Download the Memphis HOG membership 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 HOG 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



2024 Officer Team

Sponsor: Bumpus Harley Davidson

Director: Robert Gantt

Assistant Director: Bradley Eskins

Treasurer: Bill Clemmons

Secretary: Mike Farina

Activities: Missy Eskins

Head Road Captain: Roelant Verbeek

Membership: Tracy & Chris Taylor

Safety Officer: Jim Ferguson

Social Media: Jim Ferguson

Web Master: Tony Crook

| Top 20 Club Mileage | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Place | Name | Miles |
| 1 | Bradley Eskins | 5819 |
| 2 | Roelant Verbeek | 5804 |
| 3 | Frank Rector | 4379 |
| 4 | Doug Wyant | 3648 |
| 5 | Mike Farina | 3473 |
| 6 | Richard Cooley | 3106 |
| 7 | Timothy Backus | 2935 |
| 8 | Kevin Allen | 2877 |
| 9 | Bill Clemmons | 2766 |
| 10 | Al Torres | 2381 |
| 11 | Daniel Jackson | 2149 |
| 12 | Tommy Caldwell | 2085 |
| 12 | Tammie Caldwell | 2085 |
| 14 | Dan Benson | 1946 |
| 15 | Melissa Eskins | 1598 |
| 16 | Robert Gantt | 1482 |
| 17 | Kathleen Backus | 1284 |
| 18 | Tim Mitchell | 1189 |
| 19 | Tracy Taylor | 1100 |
| 19 | Christopher Taylor | 1100 |



Participation Points and Club Mileage through
September 10, 2024

Max Points = 108

Max Mileage = 6608



Memphis HDG Patches



*Memphis Chapter Top Rocker
Available in Gold and Silver
Small \$25.00
Large \$40.00*



*HDG Logo
Available in Full Color and Silver
Small \$6.00
Large \$15.00*



*HDG Heritage Logo
Small \$6.00
Large \$15.00*

Yes, we sew on patches!

Top & Bottom Rockers - \$10

Large Center Patches - \$15

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Drop off and pick up, or for small simple patches, call for an appointment and we'll sew them on while you wait.



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Lakeland Leatherworks

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Shop: 901.290.5726

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WALLETS

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EXTENDERS

We also make vest extenders, Indian Head, skull, and other designs for the snap top are available.



SIDE
HOLSTERS



Custom Saddle Bags

Traditional styles and designs or ones to complement your bike



Bags, Bags, and More Bags



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Lakeland, TN 38002

Wolfchase Galleria

Memphis - 10 mi

Nashville - 200 mi

Monroe Rd

Canada Rd

lakelandleatherworks.com

BTW...The ride on Monroe Road from Canada Road to Chambers Chapel is amazing.

For Sale

1- Harley Davidson indoor/outdoor waterproof motorcycle cover. Part# 98721-90 fits Sportster or Dyna. Very good condition. Cost new \$110 Asking \$50

2- Harley Davidson indoor/outdoor waterproof motorcycle cover. Part# 98724-92B fits Dyna, Softail models, and V-Rod.

Cost new \$115 Asking \$50

Call Larry 378-7318

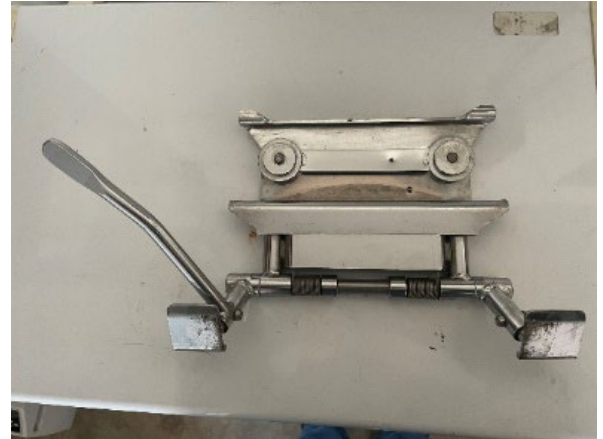


Motorcycle Center Stand

Asking \$125

Call Larry Allen

378-7318



Harley Davidson Chrome Motorcycle Wheel

For 2000 and up Touring Bike Like New

Size 16+3 For Front Wheel

Larry 378-7318



Mini Ape Hanger – 9 Inch Black 1-1/2 Inch Fat. These are the Harley Davidson Chisel for the Road Glide. New Harley retail price is \$319.95. I'm asking half price at \$160.00. No Cables. These bars raise your hands/arms up about 2 inches from stock with your hands a little closer together.

Contact **Tony Crook at 481-0730**





Ape Hangers for Sale 10" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for a Cruiser, Standard Harley. I used these on a Softail. Purchased new from J&P Cycles \$724.
I'm selling these at half the retail price. \$360.
Contact **Tony Crook at 481-0730**



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 Cruiser, Standard Harley. I used these on a Softail. Purchased from J&P Cycles \$724.
I'm selling these at half the retail value. \$360.
Contact **Tony Crook at 481-0730**

For Sale by James Coats

XL Leather Jacket w/zip out quilted liner.
Excellent condition. \$150. Message me.



DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH BUMPUS HARLEY DAVIDSON (MEMPHIS)?

*Join our members-only Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/282199048513345/>

To join: Go to the page and click "Join"

One of the officers will add you to the FB group.

Note: There is a public FB page

<https://www.facebook.com/MemphisHogChapter/>



* Check out our webpage and online calendar

<http://www.memphishog.com/>

<http://www.memphishog.com/#!/calendar/c1nf7>

The chapter calendar is compatible with Google Calendar and iPhones.

Search for the calendar associated with the chapter activities email:

memphishogactivities@gmail.com

* Special Note to AOL mail users

Please add memphishogactivities@gmail.com to your email contacts.

This will help ensure chapter emails don't end up in your trash/spam folder



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Website: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/>

Event calendar: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/check-out-our-events--calendar>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BumpusHarleyMemphis/>

Twitter: [@BumpusHDMem](https://twitter.com/BumpusHDMem)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/bumpusmphis/videos>

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Ads are free to current members selling personal items, i.e., bikes, bike parts, garage sale items, etc.

Business ads run for \$50/yr. for a business card, \$75/yr. for a ½ page, and \$100/yr. for a full-page ad. Please contact any Chapter Officer to set up your ad.