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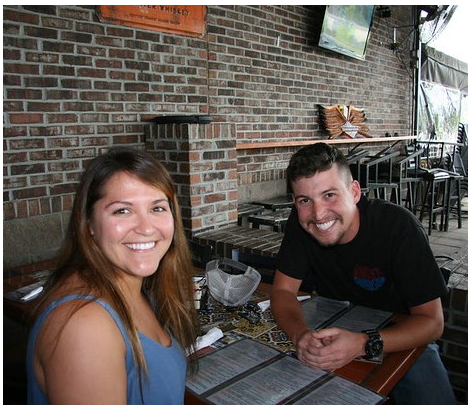

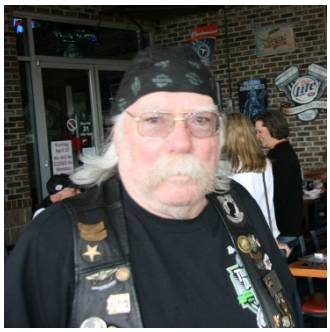

Robert Gantt

Greetings HOG Members! We just cleared the half-way mark in 2019 and I have to say “I think its been a great year so far”. I thought about reminding you of upcoming events (but Roelant has that covered) or volunteering for HOG events (Jim T, Carol and Jim F have that covered). Instead, I watched an interesting video recently and thought I would pass on some valuable information.

Instincts that seem right but are not…. when on a motorcycle.

1. Not looking ahead
   When walking, your instinct is to watch the ground just in-front of your feet. This keeps you from tripping over obstacles. When walking, you are traveling at about 3 mph or 4.5 feet per second. You would have almost 45 seconds to decide how to react to an obstacle 200 feet in front of you. On a motorcycle traveling at 60 mph, you have 2.3 seconds to make the same decision. You must look down the road in order to allow for more time to make decisions. You need to make sure you have a good lane position to see up the road, have enough following distance to the vehicle in front of you and you absolutely need to actively scan up the road. Also remember, that when entering a corner, look through the corner. Not only will a motorcycle naturally go where you look, but by looking through the corner you will see the problems before they become emergencies.

2. Tensing up
   A motorcycle will stay upright at road speed with or without us. We do not provide the balance of the motorcycle. We have 2 large gyroscopes underneath us which provide all the balance the motorcycle needs. When we are on dirt or grooved roads, small pieces of gravel or tar snakes, the motorcycle will be making adjustments and we make it worse by tensing up, grabbing the brakes, running wide, etc, which are counter the outcome we want. Our job is to provide direction for the motorcycle. It will provide the balance. It will make adjusts and squirm a little, but it will rarely just wipe out from under us unless we do something that causes the situation to be worse.

3. Not Leaning
   Leaning is a must to get a motorcycle through a corner. At a certain lean angle, we naturally feel out of balance and our brain tells us we need to straighten up the motorcycle. Causing us to run wide and potentially crash in those corners. Many motorcycles crash in corners because they run wide. How many riders crash in corners because they lose the front tire due to too much lean angle? Not many (at least probably not many Harley riders). But if you did, it would be a low side accident. Still not a good accident you would want to have, but probably preferable to a high side accident.

How do we overcome these very normal reactions on a motorcycle; through knowledge and training. The more we understand about riding a motorcycle and the more we practice the correct techniques, the better position we will be in when we need it on the road.

I’m looking forward to seeing all of you on an upcoming ride.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride

Robert
2019 Director

Jim Ferguson

I am so proud of the Memphis Chapter, we have a great group of members! Specifically, when we need folks to help with cooking out on Saturday's we have people who step up and give their time to help the Chapter. I would like to recognize Jim and Carol TacTac and Bob Browder for getting the grilling season started in support of our sponsor, Bumpus Harley-Davidson of Memphis. It's team work and folks like these that make this Chapter look good!

The Chapter is all about riding and having fun, and from my own personal experience helping out can be a fun and memorable time too. I have plenty of pictures of us flipping burgers, and brats, while having lots of laughs getting to know fellow members. You can share some great stories over a grill and an adult beverage!

We have a lot more Chapter events coming up the remaining part of the year and we need everyone to pitch in. Whether you are new to the Chapter or a "seasoned" member everyone can get involved. You don't have to man the grill if that's not your thing but come help with something else. It's a great way to get to know the other members.

Don't wait for us to start begging for help, step up, sign up, and show up to be part of the fun! Like Uncle Sam, We need you….

Upcoming Events to volunteer for:

- More Saturday grilling opportunities through September
- Chili Cook-off
- HOG Waller Setup
- Christmas Party decorations

Thank you to those folks who help every chance they get! It's folks like you that make it a great Chapter to be a member of!

Ride Safe,

Jim Ferguson
2019 Assistant Director Memphis HOG Chapter

Carol & Jim Tactac

Just a quick update on what's going on with membership.

As of the time this was written, the chapter has added 13 new members since the beginning of 2019! The official total number of members at this point is 102. Many of the new members have come by purchasing a bike, and some by simply contacting us.

On Saturday, July 6th, Carol and I will be at Bumpus for the "Burgers with Bill" (that's Bill Isom; the new General Manager) event. We will be barbequing burgers and dogs from 11:00 – 3:00. The dealer is having outdoor barbeques every Saturday, beginning July 6th through Saturday, September 28th. If you're interested in volunteering, please let us know. We have done this in the past with the Douglas County Chapter (in Denver.) They are a lot of work, and from our past experience, can keep you very busy, but they're also a lot of fun, a great way to meet people, and another opportunity to get the Memphis HOG name out there. We will also have a membership table set up with the chapter banner, membership information, etc. "Burgers with Bill" will be the first three Saturdays of each month. The last Saturday of each month will be the Riding Academy Graduation party, and Bumpus will provide their own people for the grilling on these Saturdays.

Many thanks to those of you who have already volunteered for July!! Kellyn Quinn, Bumpus' Marketing Director & Events Manager, was really happy to see that!!

Going forward from now until the third week in September, we will be sending around a sign-up sheet at the chapter meetings and would encourage you to consider grilling on one of the upcoming Saturdays. This is YOUR chapter, and we sure could sure use some help! We need at least two people each Saturday to work in teams. So, if you have some time and interest, please let us know. Again, it will be the first three Saturdays of each month that we need volunteers for.

This is a list of "Grill Masters" who are on-deck for July!

Saturday, July 6 ~ Jim Tactac/Carol Tactac

Saturday, July 13 ~ Vince Vargas/ (We need another volunteer to work with Vince!)

Saturday, July 20 ~ John McDowell/ (We need another volunteer to work with John!)

Saturday, July 27 ~ Riding Academy Graduation (no grillers needed)

As a final note, I encourage all of you who are not participating in the lunch rides, dinner socials and/or weekend rides to do so. Out of 102 members, we only average about 20 people on our rides!! They are a lot of fun so c'mon out and ride with us!! Looking forward to Eureka Springs!!

That's all for now!

Thanks everyone!!

Carol & Jim

Amy & Roelant Verbeek

Activities Corner

Another month of 2019 is in the books and I think we had another great month for riding some Harleys!!

Maybe not as many activities as was recalled by the Activities Corner article last month, because we had less days between the 2 editions. However, we still had some good Chapter sponsored events.

- It started out with the chapter meeting on June 11 at Robilio's Sidecar Café.
  - We had 3 new members joining the chapter meeting and hopefully they'll join us for some rides soon.
  - There were quite a bit of June birthdays and Michael Smith ended up pinning the tail on the HOG the closest to where it should belong.
  - Sharon Sisk ended up taking home the 50/50 money, I hope she spends/spent it wisely. ☺
- On Friday, June 14, Tim Bumpus invited us to join him at the Memphis International Raceway. This was a great event and I really enjoyed trying to see how much performance I could get out of my bike. The fastest I went was around 105mph on the drag strip section, plenty fast for me. Folks like Tim Bumpus and Reggie Butler added a little more mph's to their max speed. It's exciting to be able to go that fast without having to worry about riders and traffic. Birds were the biggest nuisance.
- A trip to Rizzi's in Arlington for a few slices of pizza was on the agenda for June 20th. Another great night to hop on the Harley and ride to Arlington for some dinner. Live entertainment was provided during our dinner time and in general, I think most of us had a good time.
- On June 23rd, the Wild Pigs Poker Run was held. I was glad to see that we had a good number of participants at this event. I think the weather cooperated until the end of the party where some rain started. However, that did not take away from another great Wild Pigs Poker Run. Big thank you to all that participated.
- Bikes on Beale was on the agenda for June 26th, we had a good number of members from our chapter riding their Harleys to Bikes on Beale. The entire event was not busy as it has been on previous Wednesdays and we were all trying to figure out why. Maybe all the other events going on downtown were the reasons, Twenty-One Pilots played the FedEx Forum and Peter Frampton was live at the Orpheum.
- The last day of June a fairly large group rode to Dyersburg for some lunch at the Grecian Steakhouse. I had never been there and was interested in seeing what this place was all about. I enjoyed the food from the buffet, but as always, riding with fellow HOG members topped the food.

We have some great events coming up for the remainder of this month.

- On July 9 we will have our July chapter meeting at Robilio's Sidecar Café.
- On July 13, the Tour of Duty comes to an end with a big party at Loretta Lynch's ranch. The drawing for the $2,500 gift card will be held around 3pm, however, you don't have to be at the party to win the gift card.
- The weekend after is our July overnight trip. This one is to Eureka Springs, Friday through Sunday. Our chapter members have reserved a combined 17 rooms, so this looks like it will be a fun weekend. Dave Stockton has already put the rides together and if you would like a copy of them, let me know.
- On July 24, the chapter ride to Bikes on Beale is on the agenda.
- On July 25, we will have dinner at Wolf River Café and most likely have a great opportunity for a ride there.

I will be scheduling some weekend lunch rides for the next couple of months as well, so you can plan your participation better. In the meantime, keep your eye out for some pop-up rides!

Enough for now, until next time.

Amy & Roelant

Are we staying here?

Nope, we are going over there!

Membership

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 $20 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 $20 check made out to "**Memphis HOG Chapter".** Mail to:

   Memphis HOG Chapter # 4928
   Bumpus Harley Davidson
   2160 Whitten Road
   Memphis, TN 38133-6004

To get to the Memphis Chapter Membership Form follow the following link:
https://www.memphishog.com/membership

2019 Officer Team

Sponsor: Tim Bumpus

Director: Robert Gantt

Assistant Director: Jim Ferguson

Treasurer: Bob Browder

Secretary: Mathilda Doorley

Activities: Amy & Roelant Verbeek

Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton

Membership: Carol & Jim Tactac

Safety Officer: Steve Lyon

Photographer: Tony Crook

Web Master: Tony Crook

Historian: J.Carolyn Rice

Dealer Liaison: Joe Moscon

Join HOG for a weekend ride to Eureka Springs, July 19-21. We will be spending a long weekend in this beautiful part of our country. We will be staying at the Best Western - Inn of the Ozarks, a very biker friendly hotel. Please make your reservations by calling (479) 253-9768. A block of rooms has been reserved under the Memphis Harley Owners Group name. Please make your reservation before June 19.

Chapter Events

2019

July

02 **Memphis HOG Officer Meeting**
Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm. (Tentative)

09 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
The chapter meeting will be held at SideCar Café, located at 2194 Whitten Rd. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

19 **Overnight ride to Eureka Springs, AR**
Join us for a Chapter ride. Meet at Bumpus HD KSU at 8:00am.

24 **Bikes on Beale**
Meet at Bumpus on Whitten. KSU 6:00pm

25 **Dinner Social**
Join us for a dinner social at Wolf River Cafe, 460 Church St, Rossville, TN at 6:30pm

August

01 **Memphis HOG Officer Meeting**
Kooky Canuck at 6:30pm.

13 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
The chapter meeting will be held at SideCar Café, located at 2194 Whitten Rd. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

16 **Overnight Wine Ride to Illinois**
Joing us for a long weekend ride to Illinois wine country. Hampton Inn Carbondale, 2175 Reed Station Pkwy, Carbondale, IL.

22 **Dinner Social**
TBD

28 **Bikes on Beale**
Meet at Bumpus on Whitten. KSU 6:00pm

September

05 **Memphis HOG Officer Meeting**
Kooky Canuck at 6:30pm.

10 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
The chapter meeting will be held at SideCar Café, located at 2194 Whitten Rd. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

18 **Hills& Hollers Rally**
Johnson City , TN

25 **Bikes on Beale**
This is the alst Bikes on beale for the season. Meet at Bumpus on Whitten. KSU 6:00pm

Saturday's 11AM to 3PM Burgers with Bill
Join the HOG chapter, Bill Isom and Bumpus Harley-Davidson Memphis every Saturday through September for a personally grilled lunch and good times with the Bumpus family.

INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

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

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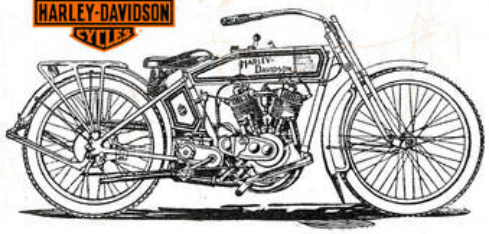
BUMPUS' SOUTH MAIN HARLEY-DAVIDSON
BIKE NIGHT
HAPPY HOUR AT -THE- Grotto
SOUTH MAIN MOTOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON CYCLES



THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH · 6-8PM

WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MAY 22ND	JUNE 19TH	JULY 17TH	AUG 21ST	SEPT 18TH

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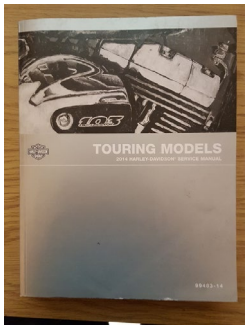

For Sale

Dave Stockton
901.378.1466

Saddleman Luggage Rack Bag $20

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH THE MEMPHIS HOG CHAPTER?

- Get text alerts or follow us on Twitter
  To get texts: Text a message to *40404* with the following information:
  Follow memhog4928
  You should receive an instant confirmation.

- Join our members-only Facebook group
  Link: 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 but it DOES NOT have event information.
  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
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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BumpusHarleyMemphis/

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Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/user/bumpusmphs/videos