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HAPPY NEW YEAR



CALL OUT A FRIEND



I was recently thinking of how I grew up back in the day. No cell phones no computers black and white television 3 channels, and you were the king if you had a pair of Converse high-top Sneakers. One of my fondest memories I have is “calling friends out”. Back then there was no texting, phone calls Tik Tok or Facebook, maybe occasional smoke signal if

we were hiding behind the garage having a cigarette, we stole from one of our dads. Our method to call out our friends was to stand at the front door or in the side yard and loudly screaming or singing their names out “HEY JOHNNY CAN YOU COME OUT AND PLAY TODAY”? If you were lucky, he could, but sometimes their mothers would stick their heads out the window and let you know Johnny was grounded and he must clean his room! After calling out several of my friend’s we would spend the rest of the day in the park or one of the guy’s backyards playing baseball, football, Kick the can or tag. If we were lucky one of the guys, we called out would have a hockey net and we would play street hockey. Most of us had no cares in the world until dinner or the streetlights came on. You see back then when you woke up in the morning and your feet hit the floor your mother threw you out of the house and told you to go play. Not much is changed except for Kathy Throws me out of the house now and I no longer stand in people’s driveways or their front door screaming or singing out their name. Instead, I text them or call to get a handle on what’s up, what they’re doing and how they are. This year I’d like to see that happen with our riding, I look around and I see friends, friends that just happen to belong to the Memphis HOG chapter. Sometimes I think our motorcycles spend a little too much time in the garage waiting for that next upcoming HOG riding event. And my mind is always worry about the next point or miles I will gain. This year I see this organization on many adventures. Our activities director Cathy Coats is sharpening her pencil and checking out many exciting rides that we can go on. She will be planning, retired guys weekday rides, weekend rides and overnights, even a few National HOG sanctioned rallies. But between our events if you would like to do a ride, please “CALL OUT YOUR FRIEND’S”. You won’t have to stand on the porch or in their Side yard singing out their names. We have many forms of communication here in the group now, instant messenger, cell phones, FaceTime, Messenger and even personal face-to-face contact. I encourage you to send out invitations to our other friends to just go on a ride. Let’s enjoy each other’s company on a nice long ride or a short lunch ride, it doesn’t always have to be under the Memphis HOG chapter event umbrella. I find it to be great therapy to relieve the tensions of the world having the wind blowing in my face hanging with friends riding having lunch and telling stories about the one that got away or even just busting on each other. So please this riding season,

“CALL OUT A FRIEND “

“Always remember, friends don’t let friends ride alone. Now get out there and put some miles on”

Tim Backus

2022 Memphis HOG Director





Roelant Verbeek

Here it goes, the last few years it wasn't very difficult to come up with the topic for the newsletter, all I had to do was write about the previous month's rides and talk a little about the upcoming events and rides. That's no longer the case. Now I have to be creative and when my parents came to child number 5 (me), they were fresh out of creativity.

I haven't been riding for as long as most of you have, I think I took my safety course 5 years ago this April and that's how long I have been riding. I started off on an 883 and after a few months told Amy that I was either going to get my pilot's license or I was going to get a bigger bike. I think you know which way that went. To this day I have no regrets for making that decision. I have made many friends over the past years, and I am very excited to ride as much as I can. With owning a motorcycle also comes that conversation with friends, family, and coworkers about the dangers of riding around on 2 wheels. I remember the first 4 people that I met in the hospital this last April after I crashed, all had to tell me that it is very dangerous to ride a motorcycle and that I shouldn't do it. Yes, I know. I remember I was walking on my way to a meeting at work a few years back when one of my coworkers rushed out of the conference room where he was in a meeting, only to tell me that a friend of a friend of a friend just died from a motorcycle accident. What was his reason for telling me, especially with such priority? We all know it is not the safest method of travel. But sitting in that seat with the wind in your face, all your problems, all your stress just melt away. I love it when I get on a bike during a very busy period at work, because it is true, we forget about a lot (if not all) of our troubles when riding. So, tell me all you want about how dangerous it is, I will continue to ride and enjoy the wind therapy and the friendships I make along the way.

Speaking of those friendships.....I have made friends across all segments of society via our chapter. That's what I love about our chapter, people from all walks of life in different phases of their life and I can't think of one person that I don't want to grab a beer with, that's special! Okay, enough for now. Thank you for your support of the chapter and its officers. If there is anything that you'd like to discuss with me, don't hesitate to reach out, if it needs to be in confidence, I am the right person for that too, since Amy always says that I forget everything that was just said to me. All kidding aside, if you need to vent about the chapter, make suggestions about how to run the chapter, etc. etc., send me an email (verbeek@yahoo.com) or call me (901-573-8920).

Here is to another year of fun (in the sun) with lots of laughter and lots of miles!

Roelant





Activities Corner

Happy New Year!! This is Cathy Coats, your 2022 Activities Officer. I look forward to a fun filled year

December was topped off with an awesome Christmas party on the 11th along with our December meeting included.

We had 3 lunch rides:

12/2 Ron's Catfish in Jonesboro
12/15 Abe's Grill in Corinth
1/15 Rafters in New Albany

On January 20, we will have our dinner social at a place TBD.

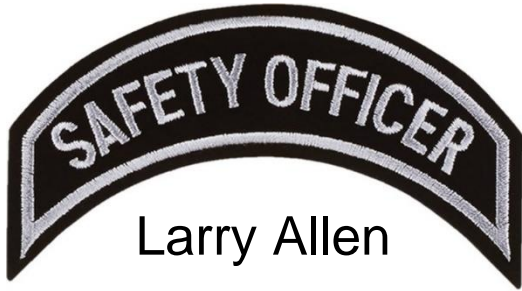
I've been working on the calendar scheduling activities with more still to add. These will be posted at the appropriate times. The majority of the rides were obtained from you, the members. I so very much appreciate suggestions. I look forward to a fun year of safe and enjoyable riding.



Take a look at just some of the activities I am working on for 2022

1/20 - Dinner Social
2/26 - Mardi Gras
3/24 - Dinner Social
3/19 - Boyette's
4/1-4/3 - Eureka Springs/Peel Ferry
4/7-4/10 - Cajun HOG Rally
4/21 - Dinner Social
4/23 - Past Director's Ride
4/30 - Discovery Park
5/14 - Backermann's
5/18-5/22 Myrtle Beach Bike Rally
5/26 - Dinner Social
June - Tour of Duty???
6/4 - Crowley's Ridge picnic
6/17-6/19 - RC Cola and MoonPie Festival
6/23 - Dinner Social
7/8-7/10 - Tube/kayak in Lobelville TN, Buffalo River
7/21 - Dinner Social
7/23 - Red Apple Inn/Drasco's/Greers Ferry Lake ride
8/6 - Lambert's
8/19 - 8/21 Balloon Fest, Centralia IL
8/25 Dinner Social
9/10 - Movie Night
9/22 - Dinner Social
9/27 - 10/1 Southeast HOG Rally, Maryville
9/29-10/1 - Tail of the Dragon, Wheels Through Time, etc.
10/15 - Hog Waller
10/29 - Chili Cook Off
10/20-10/23 - Hot Springs and area
11/5-11/6 - Patti's Settlement
11/17 - Thanksgiving
12/10 - Christmas





MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER

I hope everyone made a new year's resolution to keep the shiny side of their bike up. As your safety officer I plan to keep you informed about rider education classes and to provide safety information in the monthly newsletter. I want to make mention of a website that I think all of you will find interesting. www.msgroup.org. I will be sending out some of their article monthly but go to the website to see all of their information.

This site has numerous safety and riding tip articles that both beginners and advanced riders can learn from. Below is just a sample. I will publish one article monthly but there are too many to publish in one year so go to the site on your own.

CONTROLLING YOUR LANE: By-James Davis (Master Strategies Group)

Lane position should be chosen based, among other things, on establishing escape routes, making yourself visible to others, staying out of the blind spots of other vehicles, and road conditions. What is often overlooked, in my opinion, is the concept of 'controlling your lane'.

For example, assume you are riding on surface streets in a city and are stopped at a traffic light preparing to make a right turn. Logic suggests that you should be in the right track of your lane, but it is safer, I suggest being closer to the left track.

Why? Because while nearer to the left track of your lane you CONTROL the lane. There are people that upon seeing you in the right track with your right turn signal flashing will slide their vehicles into the lane beside you and try to share the lane - to get a jump off the line when the light changes.

That you only have two wheels is of no consequence - you OWN the whole lane that they would try to share with you. If you were to change your mind and elect to not make that right turn, you would be in trouble. Worse, should that sharing vehicle actually decide to make a right turn too, you could easily be forgotten (in his blind spot) and he could drive right over you while making that turn.

Controlling your lane is as important as any other consideration when you choose your lane position.

HAPPY NEW RIDING YEAR

LARRY





This is our first addition to the newsletter, not only as members, but now as your new membership officers. Tracy and I are thrilled to take on this role and want to thank Tim Backus for giving us this opportunity.

But first, a HUGE thank you to Jim and Carol Tactac for helping us through the transition and providing an excellent roadmap for us to follow. You guys welcomed us, as did everyone, into the chapter 2 years ago, and were awesome membership officers. Again, thanks for all you have done!

A little background on us. We have been married for 25 years and live in Arlington. We have three awesome kids: Ryan (22), Kendall (18), and Cassidy (15). They've been to a few events with us and always enjoy meeting the group. I work at Medtronic as a communications consultant and Tracy is a labor and delivery nurse at Baptist Women's Hospital.

Tracy was born and raised in the same house in Grayslake, IL, until the day we got married in 1996. As for me, I moved around quite a bit and lived in 10 states until we settled in Memphis in 1996. Where did I live? I was born in Alabama, then moved to South Carolina, followed by Arkansas, Louisiana, New Jersey, Florida, Texas, Illinois (where we met), Mississippi, and Tennessee.

I've been riding motorcycles for most of my life. As kids, Shepard and I (you know that amazing Collierville police officer that joined the chapter a few months ago, yeah, we are brothers) were raised on dirt bikes and three-wheelers and that set the stage for a lifelong love of anything on two wheels. My first street bike was a Honda Rebel 250. That was a fun little motorcycle and me and Tracy logged many miles around Memphis. Next was a Honda Shadow 750 that we had a for few years. We took a break while the kids were younger and then in 2019, bought our current Ultra Glide. What I didn't realize was the community that came with the bike. And by that, I mean all of you!

This is an amazing group of like-minded folks who love the simple things: riding, fellowship, eating, and oh yeah, duck farts!

It's that time of year to get your 2022 membership forms and \$25 dues submitted so you can continue to be a part of this awesome riding community. Everyone is required to submit a new membership form. If you are a current member that is renewing, we need a new form. If you are taking advantage of the free membership from the purchase of a bike, we need a new form. Getting the picture? **EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR 2022.** It's easy and just takes a few minutes. There are multiple ways to get it done.

- 1) Take your completed membership form and payment to the parts counter at Bumpus H-D on Whitten Road in Memphis.
- 2) Mail the form and dues to: Memphis HOG c/o Bumpus Harley Davidson, 2160 Whitten Road, Memphis, TN 38133-6004
- 3) Bring your membership form and dues with you to the next chapter meeting Thursday, 1/13, at Brendalay Grill.

Again, we are thrilled to be your membership officers and look forward to an exciting 2022.

Now, let's go ride!

Chris and Tracy Taylor

2022 Membership Officers



Happy New Year Memphis HOG!



Another year to look forward to some great rides, good food, and a lot of laughs!

As I transition away from membership to be your 2022 Secretary, I would like to let all of you know that I will do my very best to ensure our records are accurate, and up to date.

To that end, I will also need a little help from you.

I have written in the past about ensuring that when you sign in, that what you write is legible. And, at this time, I want to remind everyone how important that is.

When you sign in on a sign-in sheet for a ride, a social dinner, a chapter meeting, etc., it is VERY important that we can read who it is that is signing in. All the points that are awarded are based off those sign-in sheets. If I can't read your name, you won't get the points that you expected, and earned. Now, I will make an attempt to decipher a name I can't read, but it would so much easier if that isn't necessary.

As you know, the sign-in sheet asks for a printed name and signature. I am not concerned with the signature, but when you print your name. So, I am asking, (begging, pleading, or otherwise!!) that when you sign in, PLEASE make sure your printed name can be read. If it can't be read, you may be giving up points you should be getting and are expecting.

It will truly be appreciated!

I am looking forward to stepping into this new role, learning something new, and helping the chapter. It really is a pleasure working for all of you!

See you at the next ride, social, or meeting. Looking forward to another great year!

Thanks everyone and be safe!!

"Every Ride A Memory"

Jim





Treasurer's Spot

Noticed the title? A Treasurer's job isn't a glamorous one. No safety articles, words of wisdom or activities to report, so I'd rather call this a spot rather than an article. I would like to start out by giving a big shout out to my predecessor, Bob Browder, who has been the reigning Treasurer for 3 years. From the financial documents and records that he has passed on to me, I can say that Bob

was very meticulous in his bookkeeping! So, thank you Bob for the smooth transition and the offer to help going forward!

A little about me... geez where do I begin. I graduated from Murray State in '93 with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems. I had originally planned on becoming an accountant, but during my years at Murray, I found computers and networking very interesting and fun to troubleshoot, so I shifted my degree and today, I'm a manager in the Telecom department at International Paper, specializing in data services (firewalls, vpn, and IPS).

On the personal side, I'm married to Michael Miller since 2014. I have a son, Kyle (26), who currently lives in Martin, and we are raising Michael's daughter Cheyen (13). You will seldom see my husband, as Cheyen participates in competitive cheer, and when he isn't supporting that, he's working on his second hobby, antique pulling tractors or he's supporting me with my garden tractor pulling.

I grew up riding on the back of my dad's bike. You might say that fueled my passion. While I didn't start on a Harley, that's what I'm on now and why I'm here today.

I'll be providing the financial update during the monthly meetings going forward. The HOG books are available for review to anyone within the chapter. All I ask is to let me know that you are interested, and I'll be glad to set up time, or answer your questions via email.

As of Jan 1, 2022, the current balance in the HOG checking account is \$9201.93. This includes 2022 membership dues received and deposited during 2021. This doesn't reflect annual and other expenses that are paid throughout the year for things like photo storage, website hosting etc.

I'd like to thank Tim Backus for the appointment of being the HOG Treasurer this year, and I hope that I fulfill this role beyond his and your expectations!

Susan Miller



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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 \$25 cash or check at the Bumpus HD Memphis parts counter.
2. Bring it to the next Memphis H.O.G. activity. Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events.
3. Mail the form and a \$25 check made out to "**Memphis HOG Chapter**". Mail to:

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

To get to the Memphis Chapter Membership Form follow the following link:

<https://www.memphishog.com/membership>



2022 Officer Team

- Sponsor:** Tim Bumpus
Director: Tim Backus
Assistant Director: Roelant Verbeek
Treasurer: Susan Miller
Secretary: Jim Tactac
Activities: Cathy Coats
Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton
Membership: Tracy & Chris Taylor
Safety Officer: Larry Allen
Photographer: Tony Crook
Web Master: Tony Crook

Participation Points and Club Mileage through
 January 10, 2022
 Max Points = 3
 Max Mileage = 160

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Daniel Jackson	3
1	Mike Farina	3
3	Bill Clemmons	2
4	Roelant Verbeek	1
4	Vincent Vargas	1
4	Shepard Taylor	1
4	Tara Taylor	1
4	Jim Tactac	1
4	Carol Tactac	1
4	Susan Miller	1
4	Clare Jackson	1
4	Jim Ferguson	1
4	Janice Ferguson	1
4	Melissa Eskins	1
4	Bradley Eskins	1
4	Paul Dunaway	1
4	Kristi Dunaway	1
4	Bob Browder	1
4	Timothy Backus	1
4	Kathleen Backus	1

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Daniel Jackson	160
1	Mike Farina	160
1	Bill Clemmons	160
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Chapter Events



2022

January

06 **Memphis HOG
Officers Meeting**
6:30pm. The Officer meeting will
be held at Brendalay Grill

13 **Memphis HOG
Chapter Meeting**
Join us for good food an

20 **Memphis HOG
DinnerSocial**
Join us for good food and
socializing beginning at 6:30pm.
Cocina Mexicana Grill
2798 New Brunswick Wolfchase
Memphis TN 38133

February

03 **Memphis HOG
Officers Meeting**
6:30pm. The Officer meeting will
be held at Brendalay Grill

10 **Memphis HOG
Chapter Meeting**
Join us for good food and
socializing beginning at 6:30pm.
Brendalay Grill, 6259 Quintard St,
Arlington, TN 38002

20 **Memphis HOG
Fourth Annual
Mardi Gras Party**
Join us for good food and
socializing at Bumpus Harley
2160 Whitten Rd
Memphis TN 38133
Time TBA

March

03 **Memphis HOG
Officers Meeting**
6:30pm. The Officer meeting will
be held at Brendalay Grill

10 **Memphis HOG
Chapter Meeting**
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socializing beginning at 6:30pm.
Brendalay Grill, 6259 Quintard St,
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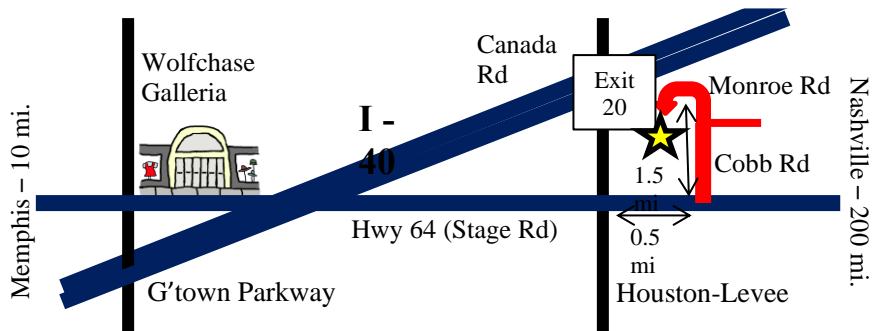
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- Join our members-only Facebook group
Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/282199048513345/>

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

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

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