





Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group Chapter 4928~Founded February 20, 1986

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Your 2023 Memphis HOG Chapter 4928 Officers

wish you the Happiest Holiday Season

and a safe and prosperous new year

RIDE AND HAVE FUN

remember the reason



























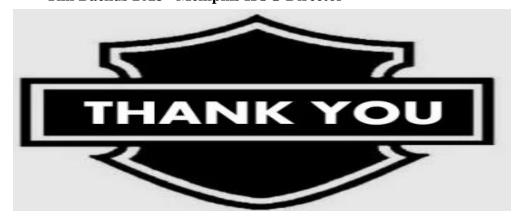




Well, it's that time of the year, put up the Christmas tree, pull out the lights and turn on the blowers for those O so beautiful lawn decorations . Let's get ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Memphis H.O.G. Chapter 4928 has had a pretty good year I believe with over 18,000 miles road as a club. Cathy Coats has had us on Many wonderful events. From the beginning of the year with Mardi Gras. several successful overnight rides. A few H.O.G. Raleys thrown in for good measure, and a great chili/dessert cook off. A wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. All why planning one of the biggest moves of her personal life to Hebrew Springs Arkansas. Thank you, Cathy. And what can I say about this 2022/2023 officers' group, it makes my position very easy when you have such professionals backing you. I appreciate everybody's help. Carol Tactac, Jim Tactac, Susan Miller, Cathy Coats, Larry Allen, Chris & Tracy Taylor, Dave Stockton, Tony Crook, and Roelant Verbeek. Thank you all, great job. On a personal note. I would like to thank the chapter body for your support over the last two years of my directorship. It has been a pleasure to serve such a great organization. With so many awesome people in it. I will be stepping back, but not away, time to do a little more riding and enjoying the scenery. I congratulate Robert Gantt, on his election to become our 2024 Memphis HOG Chapter Director. Robert held this position for three years before me. I know he will knock it out of the park with great leadership. I wish everybody the happiest and safest holiday season. The new year is coming fast, don't forget our first ride will be January 1, 2024 "Ski Freeze ride" and luncheon. A hat will be passed to help support Dream Factory on that day to help bring a child's dream come true. Please support this great effort. This article will wrap up my newsletter writing and editing for now. Again, thank you all for your dedication to the 4928 Memphis HOG Chapter. Keep up the great work, and continue to volunteer, you all make it GREAT. Merry Christmas, and the happy and safe New Year everyone. &

Don't forget there's a lot of exciting new products rolling into Bumpus Harley every day. If you haven't stopped in a couple of weeks swing by you'll be amazed at all the new products for your Harley Davison. Stop by the service department and schedule any of your service needs with Tony, I'm sure they'll be happy to get you in and out the door in no time.

Always remember, friends don't let friends ride alone. Now get out there and put some miles on Tim Backus 2023 Memphis HOG Director





Carol's Corner

December 2023



Hello everyone, and welcome to December!

As 2023 is coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to say that it has been a privilege to be your Assistant Director. We have a great chapter, with great people! I would also like to welcome in the new 2024 Memphis HOG officers!

As we enter this holiday season, with the world going crazy around us, we need to remember why we celebrate Christmas.

Christmas truly is one of the most wonderful times of the year. For many, there are fun parties, cozy homes, fond traditions to celebrate, and gifts to be shared. It's a joyous time of celebration. However, sometimes we get lost in the season and forget the reason we celebrate it to begin with. Among the hustle and bustle, our focus is lost and priorities are misaligned.

Take time this holiday season to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by glorifying the One who gave it all. A child born in humble circumstances and His sacrificial death reflected the same, however, both were significant to humanity. Without the death of Christ, salvation isn't possible. So without His birth, neither is it possible. Jesus coming to Earth that night changed everything and it's a moment we should celebrate with all our hearts.

Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season!

Wishing you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas, as well as a bright and hope-filled New Year!

Make every mile a memory! Carol Tactac Memphis HOG 2023 Assistant Director







Welcome Our 2024 Director Elect Robert Gantt



"People keep asking me if I'm back. And I really haven't had an answer. But now, yeah, I'm thinking I'm back!" (John Wick) Yes I'm back and I'm excited about 2024. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to once again lead our chapter down the "Ride and have Fun" road. The 2024 Officer team is already pulling together the plans for next year. If you have a favorite destination or ride that you would like us to consider adding to the calendar, let us know.

Who is "us" you may ask. I am proud to present your 2024 Officer team:

Assistant Director - Bradley Eskins
Secretary - Mike Farina
Treasurer - Bill Clemmons
Membership - Chris and Tracy Taylor
Activities - Missy Eskins
Social Media\Photographer - Jim Ferguson
Safety - Jim Ferguson
Head Road Captain - Roelant Verbeek
Webmaster - Tony Crook

I would like to thank each one of them for volunteering their time to help all of us have a fun and safe 2024.

Our first event is, as always, on January 1; the Polar Bear ride followed by New Year's Day lunch. The weather forecast for New Year's Day (I know it's way too early to even start guessing about the weather) is sunny with a high of 47F. That will certainly be a brisk ride. But if we get lucky with a sunny day, that will help. The New Year's Day lunch will be at Tug's Casual Grill in Harbour Town Square. The Polar Bear ride supports the Dream Factory of Memphis. Please make plans to join us!

As 2023 comes to a close, take a look back and remember all of the fun rides and events the chapter held. All of this was possible due to the hard work of the 2023 Officer team. Please take a moment to say "Thank You" to all of the 2023 officers.

Looking forward to seeing and riding with all of you in the upcoming year.

Robert 2024 Director





ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT December Newsletter 2023



This is my final monthly newsletter. It has been my pleasure to serve as your 2022-2023 Activities Officer. I greatly appreciate the opportunity. My prayers and best wishes are with the incoming leadership. Thank you to each and every one of you who have supported me.

We have the following activities remaining and I need volunteers for the Christmas dinner and I need gift wrapping volunteers for Saturday, Dec 16. I need 2 for the morning and 1 for the afternoon. Please volunteer. Look for your name below.

Many thanks to you all! Ride safe and have fun.

Please review the revised schedule of events below:

DECEMBER DON'T RUN	OVER SANTA CLAUS
Saturday, December 2, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 9:30-12 Tammie C and Dan Benson
Saturday, December 2, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 12-3 Bradley and Missy E
Saturday, December 9, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 9:30-11:15 Shawn and Amanda B
Saturday, December 9, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 11:15-1:00 Dave and Susie C
Saturday, December 9, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 1:00-3:00 Bill C and Mike F
Saturday, December 9, 23	Safety Session "After the Accident" 10 am - noon
Sunday, December 10, 23	Christmas Dinner and Chapter Meeting 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 16, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 9:30-12 NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS
Saturday, December 16, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 12-3 Carol T NEED 1 VOLUNTEER
Saturday, December 16, 23	Wreaths Across America
Saturday, December 23, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 9:30-12 Susan M and Rick B
Saturday, December 23, 23	Bumpus Gift Wrapping 12-3 Dan and Lois B

JANUARY 2024 (as a reminder)

Monday, January 1, 24 Dream Factory Ski Freeze

Monday, January 1, 24 New Year's Day Lunch at a place TBD













MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER HOG Safety Article December 2023

Fellow HOG Members

Many thanks for allowing me to be your Safety Officer for the last several years. I appreciate all the positive feedback I have received from the Safety Classes, Safety Articles, and ERC Courses you have attended. 'The Memphis HOG club has had an outstanding safety record based on the number of miles of riding and the number of club participants we have had at all of our events since 1999 when I became a club member . Be sure on those nice sunny days to take your motorcycle out for a spin using the guidelines below. Our northern HOG MEMBERS are jealous of our long riding season down south.

We are a blessed club of great people and many friendships we have developed. Enjoy the Christmas season with your family and friends.

WINTER CYCLE TIPS

In the south many of us ride our motorcycles all year long. However as the days get colder it takes its toll on the motorcycle performance and on our body's ability to perform as well.

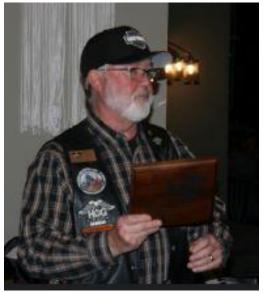
- 1. **Avoid black ice**. This is just a name given to water frozen spots on the road, which occur when the temperature is below freezing. It's hard to see, but you need to anticipate it being on the road under freezing conditions. Bridges and shady parts of the road are most susceptible to these conditions. If you get on black ice don't brake or make sudden moves. Stay upright, pull in the clutch and coast your speed down to a manageable level.
- 2. **Avoid frostbite and hypothermia**. I covered this before so I won't go into details. Your nose, earlobes, fingers and toes are the first parts to get frostbite. Keep them covered. Riding at 30 MPH on a 45 degree day can put you in danger of frostbite. Keep copy of this chart in your bike for reference.
- 3. **Stay warm and well insulated.** Put on a base layer of moisture wicking thermal underwear. Dress in layers with leather or heavy nylon type motorcycle jacket and chaps. Use gauntlet style gloves for your hands to seal out wind. Ski pants and bibs work well for this purpose also. Clothes should be snug but not overly tight to restrict blood flow. Wear a full-face helmet or at least a ¾ style with a ski type mask and even a face shield. A neck warmer or baklava on your head is a plus. Also use a windshield in winter to keep the wind off your chest.
- 4. If you really ride a lot in cold weather make an investment in electrical warming gear. You can't beat some of the electrical outdoor clothing they now make. They make jackets, vests, pants, socks and gloves. I personally wear the electric vest and socks. Many of these clothes are lithium battery powered and very light and no longer need to be attached to your bike battery. Motorcycles also come with heated grips and seats. With these items and dressed properly I have ridden in 20 degree weather and stayed warm. I find the electric vest keeps my core body temperature up enough that the warm blood flows out to my other body parts. Some people also use chemical heat in those packets you get at outdoor stores to keep hands and feet warm.
- 5. Experts also say to drink lots of liquids because you will get dehydrated faster in cold weather. Carry some water and sugary snacks on your bike. Try to stay away from caffeine and alcoholic drinks. However drinks with sugar can give you carbohydrates, which help your body produce heat.
- 6. Motorcycle issues:

- Your bike tires will be harder and have less grip in cold weather until they get warmed up. This will take longer.
- Air cooled and carburetor equipped bikes take longer to warm up. Batteries will be less potent in cold weather and need to be charged up.
- Bike cables will potentially not work as smoothly in cold weather due to lubricants being thicker. Spray with silicone in winter in joints and moving parts.
- 7. If you store your bike for the winter do the following:
 - Store your bike off the ground and/or pump up the tires to at least 45 lbs so the tires don't get flat spots sitting on a cold hard floor.
 - Fill your tank full of gas and use a fuel stabilizer to avoid gas turning to varnish and gumming up your fuel system. A full tank will also have less moisture develop due to changing temperatures.
 - Use a trickle charger for your battery to keep it charged up during the winter.



Merry Christmas to all!!

KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP SO THE
CHROME REFLECTS THE SUN
Larry Allen 2023 SAFETY OFFICER





Membership Alley 2023

Happy holidays! As always, the season approaches quickly and comes to an end just as fast. We hope everyone gets the chance to enjoy the time with friends and family.

It's that time of year to turn in new membership forms and annual dues. Everyone is required to submit a new membership form. I'll say it again...**EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A NEW FORM FOR 2024**. When completing the membership form, it needs to be dated **January 01, 2024**.

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 any of our planned activities remaining this year.

Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check or PayPal. Checks need to be made out to Harley Owners Group Chapter #4928.

If you use PayPal, you need to add \$2.50 to cover the PayPal service charge. The account is memhog4928@gmail.com and the total paid must be \$27.50.

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We love new members! Remember, word of mouth is one of the best ways to attract attention to our group. If you know someone who is interested, please contact us with their contact information and we'll handle it from there. We are looking forward to the Holiday Season and a smooth transition into 2024.

Now, let's go ride! Chris and Tracy Taylor 2023 Membership Officers









The Treasurer's Corner

December Susan Miller 2023

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our November account balance started at \$7,775.71, and we ended the month with \$5,997.66 We had income in the amount of \$2,105 from Grilling Tips, 50/50, Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinners and Memberships

We had expenses of \$3,883.05 for Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners, Directors Gift and for Checks for the checking account.

Reminder, please use PayPal or leave your payment in the drawer at the parts counter at Bumpus if you need to pay for anything.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions (email preferred - susan_miller@outlook.com).

Susan Miller 2023 Treasurer













The Webmaster Photographer



www.memphishog.com

Hello everyone and Merry Christmas.

Our site was accessed 166 times in the last 30 days. I have a favor to ask of everyone, for the purpose of getting accurate session data, it would be helpful to your Webmaster if everyone could get in a habit of accessing Memphis HOG directly. That is type in "memphishog.com" in your Browser URL rather than accessing the website from a Google search or whatever Browser you use. Or just save memphishog.com in your Favorites to click on when needed. What that would help us with is discerning the true searches for information from nonmembers. The Wix data shows 16 visitors this past 30-day period. What we don't know is if the 16 were actual visitors checking us out, probably not. This is not a requirement – it's just a favor to me. And along the same subject, if you have security software on your computer which gives you data of websites tracking you, yes you will see Memphis HOG.com tracking you. This is where the "Google" access versus "Direct" access data comes from, nothing else is gathered on you.

Remember you can click on the button "HOG Ride 365" at the lower righthand corner of our Home Page. It should take you directly to what Harley has recorded for you based on your mileage check-in at Bumpus. It is important to make sure your get your mileage recorded. I had mine recorded in January and will do so again by the end of December. It does not hurt to remind the Service Department to record your mileage.

I loaded our Thanksgiving dinner photographs this week. Sorry for the delay. I tried to get a photograph at least once of everyone that attended.

Next year Jim Ferguson will be taking over as Photographer. He is a much better Photographer than I and he has toys to go with the camera. You will see me still taking photos from time to time but I intend to relax a little and just take everything in.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party.

Tony Crook

Webmaster/Photographer







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

2023

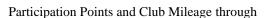
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Carol Tactac

Larry Allen

2023				
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Place	Name	Points		
1	Tammie Caldwell	101		
2	Tommy Caldwell	100		
3	Roelant Verbeek	72		
4	Frank Rector	70		
5	Susan Miller	63		
6	Kevin Allen	61		
7	Jim Tactac	60		
8	Dan Benson	58		
9	Mike Farina	57		
10	Timothy Backus	52		
11	Bradley Eskins	51		
12	Robert Gantt	48		
13	Al Torres	47		
13	Jim Ferguson	47		
13	Bill Clemmons	47		
16	James Coats	46		
17	Dave Stockton	45		
18	Christopher Taylor	43		

Top 20 Club Mileage				
Place	Name	Miles		
1	Tammie Caldwell	9054		
2	Tommy Caldwell	9030		
3	Mike Farina	6993		
4	Bill Clemmons	6813		
5	Frank Rector	6261		
6	Kevin Allen	5656		
7	Susan Miller	5414		
8	Bradley Eskins	4739		
9	Dave Stockton	4605		
10	James Coats	4490		
11	Dan Benson	4105		
12	Roelant Verbeek	3861		
13	Larry Allen	3644		
14	Cathy Coats	3464		
15	Robert Rehkopf	3347		
16	Tracy Taylor	3318		
16	Christopher Taylor	3318		
18	Bob Browder	3218		
19	Al Torres	3146		
20	Jerry Hayes	2995		



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Dec.4,2023 Max Points = 200

Max Mileage = 18136



2023 Officer Team

Sponsor: Bumpus Harley Davidson

Director: Tim Backus

Assistant Director: Carol Tactac

<u>Treasurer:</u> Susan Miller <u>Secretary:</u> Jim Tactac **Activities:** Cathy Coats

<u>Head Road Captain</u>: Dave Stockton <u>Membership</u>: Tracy & Chris Taylor

<u>Safety Officer:</u> Larry Allen<u>Photographer:</u> Tony Crook<u>Web Master:</u> Tony Crook







Memphis HDG Patches





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

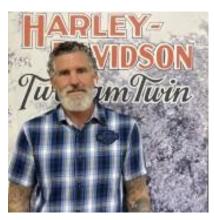




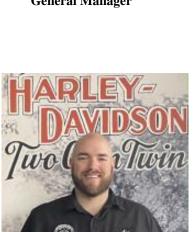
HTG Logo Available in Full Color and Silver Small \$6.00 Large \$15.00



HTOG Heritage Logo Small \$6.00 Large \$15.00



Jarad White General Manager

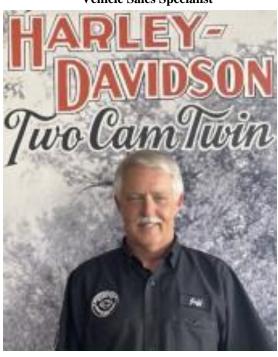


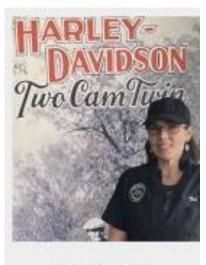
Lee Bumpus Motorcycle Sales Manager



MEMPHIS HOG'S
December Employee of The Month
Jeff Winfield

Vehicle Sales Specialist





VAL BRADLEY Motorclothes Manager



Jeff Olchawa Internet Sales Manager



Ryan Kilby service manager





DILLON CAIN Parts Manager

Yes, we sew on patches!

Top & Bottom Rockers - \$10 **Large Center Patches - \$15** Pocket Size Patches - \$7.00 (\$14 to keep pocket open)

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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available.



SIDE HOLSTERS

Custom Saddle Bags

Traditional styles and designs or ones to complement your bike



Bags, Bags, and More Bag.







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

For Sale

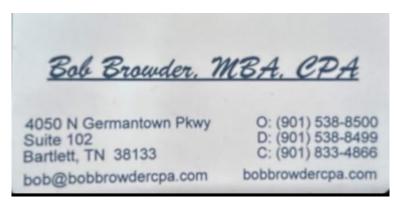
1- Harley Davidson indoor/outdoor waterproof motorcycle cover. Part# 98721-90 fits Sportster or Dyna. Very good condition. Cost new \$110 Asking \$50

For Sale

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



Harley Davidson Chrome Motorcycle Wheel For 2000 and up Touring Bike Like New Size 16+3 For Rear Wheel Larry 378-7318









Motorcycle Center Stand Asking \$125 Call Larry Allen 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 Crusier, 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.

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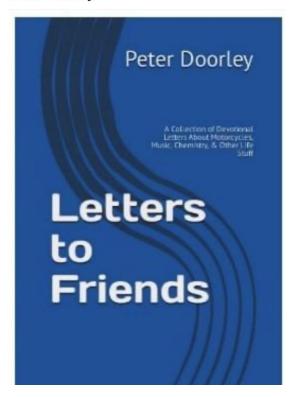
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Peter Doorley

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Search Amazon in books for Peter Doorley

I published a book on Amazon, It took a few years, but now I can check it off my bucket list. You can find it by searching - books Peter Doorley-



For Sale by Carol Tactac

Ladies lace-up Harley-Davidson riding boots. Gently worn. Size 8 \$60 Cash Only. Will hold for 24 hours with a \$20 deposit. No deposit, no hold.



For Sale by James Coats

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



Gently used ladies Harley-Davidson mesh jacket. Perfect weight for spring through fall. White with black trim. Buckle accents on each side. Size XXL please see photo of Harley size chart for sizing. Very light stain on front left of the zipper. (To the right of the zipper in the picture) Originally \$... See more







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

*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

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 <u>memphishogactivites@gmail.com</u> 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

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

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.

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 Tim Backus to set up your ad.

