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Happy July everyone. I cannot believe it's America 247th birthday. It seems like just yesterday I was celebrating by watching fireworks at the 200th birthday celebration in 1976. Where does the time go? This year's weather has been a little strange. Rain has put the brakes on some of our favorite planned rides. Some of our members suffered house and property damage with the passing storm on June 25, our prayers are out to you. Now the weather will turn very hot and very muggy, which at times is not the best riding conditions either. Remember the number one rule when riding in those conditions. hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Although Our HOG members are all troopers. Getting on the bike still stays our number one focus of enjoyment. I must say being from the north, I do find it Awesome that we can ride 12 months a year. The 99°and 100% humidity does make it a little rough at times. Memphis HOG members remember the future is filled with exciting events still to come. We have movie night at the dealership, HOG Waller, Chili Cook Off, thanksgiving, and Christmas dinner. Cathy Coats has been putting in overtime. Planning some great weekend rides. Also, Larry Allen is working to lock down dates for our experience rider course this fall. Bumpus Harley also has been a very exciting place to be with all the anniversary bikes and new inventory rolling in daily. The group has had many opportunities to do barbecuing at the dealership this year, I appreciate all the volunteers that have jumped in to help support this effort. We will have a couple more cooking opportunities in August and September. On a personal note, I will be stepping back at the end of the year from directors' position please consider becoming the next director of this great HOG chapter and take us into the future. If you have any questions, please ask. I will be more than happy to help with the transfer of leadership.

Don't forget the Bumpus Harley Davison family is standing by ready to support us with your motor clothes, parts, and definitely your service needs, keep those bikes running smooth, yourself looking good and make sure that some new bike chrome is been ordered

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

Tim Backus

2023 Memphis HOG Director





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July 2023

My View from The Back Seat

Jim & I have been riding together for just seven short years. Sometimes as I look over his shoulder, I pretend that I'M in the front seat. As I lean to the side and look out at the road in front of me, (unobstructed by a big, black helmet) I begin to realize just what a great responsibility it is sitting in that front seat. First of all, if you're carrying a passenger, you literally have that person's life in your hands...and they obviously trust you with their life or they wouldn't be back there. Next, you constantly have your eyes searching the road for obstacles (gravel, pot holes, tree limbs, dead animals), constantly watching the side of the road in case some thing runs out in front of you, cars (in front, back or on either side of you) keeping watch as to what they're going to do. Then there's the blinding sun in your eyes or rain hitting your face shield so bad that you can barely see! Not to mention how to maneuver in the event of a skid or a sharp turn taken too fast. A decision that will take place in a split second! That's so much responsibility! And with this responsibility comes, a lot of times, missing all the beauty around you.

Now I on the other hand, am sitting behind my husband Jim, whom I trust with my life! I get to kick back in a nice, cushy leather seat complete with arm rests and speakers. Plus, I get control of what jams we listen to! 🎧 If I'm thirsty, I just reach down into the saddle bag and grab a nice, cold beverage. I can text, read a book, take pictures or videos, sleep (which I have done many times) and sometimes get a little jiggy seat dancing when my favorite song comes on. Life is great! Then there are other times I shut my volume on my headset to silence and really enjoy God's beauty spread out all around me. I feel He had laid everything out in full view just for me! I have seen beautiful sunrises and sunsets, fields of wildflowers, rolling hills and prairies. Farmland that stretches as far as the eye can see, and wild antelope running across the plains. I have looked up to the sky and have seen gorgeous cloud formations of bright white set on a peaceful blue background as I find pictures in the clouds like I did as a child. I've seen views from the Rocky Mountains to the Great Smoky Mountains. I've closed my eyes to smell the pine trees and raise my visor so I can feel the warm sun and wind on my face. Moments and memories like these can never be taken away and I thank the Lord for giving these moments to me. And even though I still want to learn to ride a motorcycle myself, I will never get tired of the moments I share with my arms around my boyfriend and making memories.

And that's MY view from the back seat!

Make every mile a memory!

Carol Tactac
Memphis HOG
2023 Assistant Director





ACTIVITIES CHIT CHAT July Newsletter 2023



I saw a post on FB about a guy that lost one of his saddlebags going down the highway. It reminded me of the time that James found one side of one of his not attached properly with the lock levers. Since then, I frequently check mine. We can be constantly in and out of our saddlebags knocking against the lever making it loose. Remember to check your saddlebag lever locks periodically.

There was some good riding weather in June. Our lunch rides included Livingston's and The Grind. There was a fun trip to Eureka Springs. We had our dinner social at El Mezcal.

For those of y'all going to the HD 120th Homecoming, ride safe and have fun! See below for upcoming activities/events. Please remember to RSVP for all events.

JULY DANG IT'S HOT

Saturday, July 8, 2023

CANCELLED INCLEMENT WEATHER FORECAST Lunch Ride to Blue Bank at Reelfoot

Thursday, July 13, 2023

Chapter Meeting at Coletta's

Thursday, 7/13-16/2023

HD Homecoming in Milwaukee

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Lunch Ride to Blue Bank at Reelfoot

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Dinner Social Rockhouse Live Collierville

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Crowley's Ridge Lunch Skinny J's Jonesboro

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Beale St Bike Night

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Lunch Ride Phillips Grocery OXFORD

AUGUST WATCH OUT FOR THE SCHOOL BUSES

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Lunch Ride Locke's Grocery Dyersburg

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Chapter Meeting at Coletta's

Friday 8/11-14/23

Copperhead Lodge and Resort

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Dinner Social TBD

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Beale St Bike Night

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Lunch Ride TBD

SEPTEMBER OH FALL WILL BE HERE SOON

Saturday 9/2-4/23

The Springfield Mile, Springfield IL

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Lunch Ride TBD

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Movie Night

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Chapter Meeting

9/20-24/2023

Bikes Blues BBQ Rogers AR Pig Trail HD/Branson

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Dinner Social at 6:45 pm Somerville Music on the Square with food vendors

Wednesday, September 27, 23

Dinner Social at Beale St Bike Night

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Natchez Trace Lunch Ride

Monday 10/2-8/2023

OCTOBER AND YES IT IS FALL AROUND THE CORNER

Saturday, 10/7-9/2023

Myrtle Beach Bike Week Fall Rally

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Scenic Riding Weekend TBD

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Lunch Ride TBD

Thursday, October 19, 2023

36th Annual HOG Waller and Chapter Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Dinner Social TBD

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Lunch Ride TBD

Chili and Dessert Cook Off

11/4/23-11/5/23

NOVEMBER REMINDING US TO GIVE THANKS

Saturday, November 4, 2023 [\[1\]](#)

Patti's Settlement

Thursday, November 16, 2023

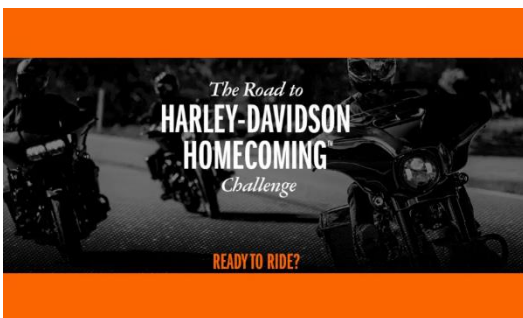
Lunch Ride TBD

Thanksgiving Dinner and Chapter Meeting

Sunday December 10, 2023

DECEMBER DON'T RUN OVER SANTA CLAUS

Christmas Dinner and Chapter Meeting





MESSAGE FROM HOG SAFETY OFFICER **HOG Safety Article July 2023**

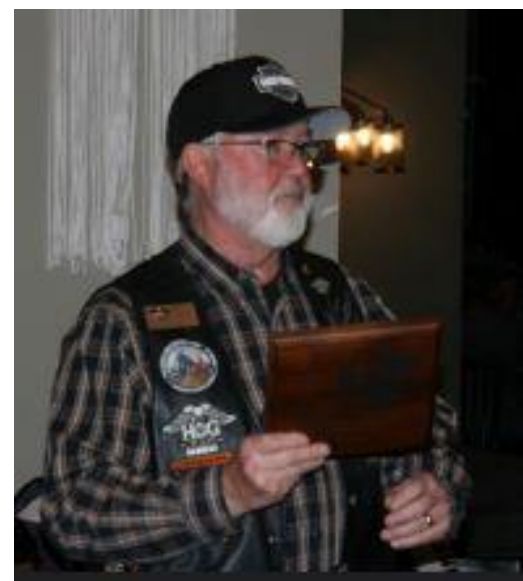
BEAT THE HEAT IN THE SUMMER WHEN RIDING

Riding in the South in the Summer time can be lots of fun but it can also be dangerous. Riding in July and August when the temperatures reach the high 90's or even in the 100's could be life threatening if not taken seriously. I have been on Memphis HOG rides when two riders with passengers had the passengers pass out from dehydration and heat exhaustion. Below are some tips to make your summer riding safer.

1. Drink lots of water before the ride and hydrate your body before leaving the house. The older we get our body does not signal thirst like when we were young causing us to dehydrate more easily.
2. While on the road be sure to drink Gatorade, or water but be sure to also put electrolytes and salt back in your body by eating pretzels, a pickle or other salty snack food at each 2 hour gas stop. Remember tea, coffee and caffeine drinks make you dehydrate faster in the heat.
3. When you are riding your bike at speed your body is evaporating water very fast with the air moving by. You never feel the sweat because it evaporates quickly making you cooler. However, you are dehydrating very fast like being in clothes dryer.
4. A couple of items I use to stay cool are a neck cool collar and a hydration vest. I wear these over a cotton T-Shirt. These are filled with water absorbing beads that soak up water and keep you cool as the water evaporates. Cycle world carries them and industrial welding houses carry them. You can easily find them on Amazon.
5. Another item I wear is a light weight mesh motorcycle jacket that I wear over the hydration vest. This allows the vest to not dry out as fast while I stay very cool longer before having to re wet the vest at a stop. This also gives me road rash protection in case of an accident. Harley makes these jackets and I have a Harley one that is silver color and reflects heat. A black jacket will absorb heat so may want to look at Cycle World or other online bike store for light colored jackets if all Harley has is black. Remember your black helmet is also absorbing heat and will be significantly hotter than white or silver.
6. If you are a rider that feels they need maximum protection like light leathers or a nylon riding suit I just read an article that said open the vents on the clothing until it reaches 90 degrees. Above ninety keep the vents closed or your body temperature will rise because the vents will let heat in and raise your body temperature above 98 degrees.
7. Remember to use a good quality sunscreen on face and exposed body parts. It will help you avoid skin cancer when you get over 50. I have been there and it is not fun going to dermatologist every 6 months. Also wear a light colored long sleeve T Shirt as it will actually keep skin cooler than having sun beating down directly on your skin and will provide some sunburn protection. Also wear GOOD SUN GLASSES to protect eyes and help from getting cataracts in your old age.

KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP SO THE CHROME REFLECTS THE SUN
SAFETY OFFICER LARRY

**BE SAFE OUT THERE AS SOMETHING IS ALWAYS OUT THERE
TO RUN INTO KEEP THE SHINEY SIDE UP
SAFETY LARRY**

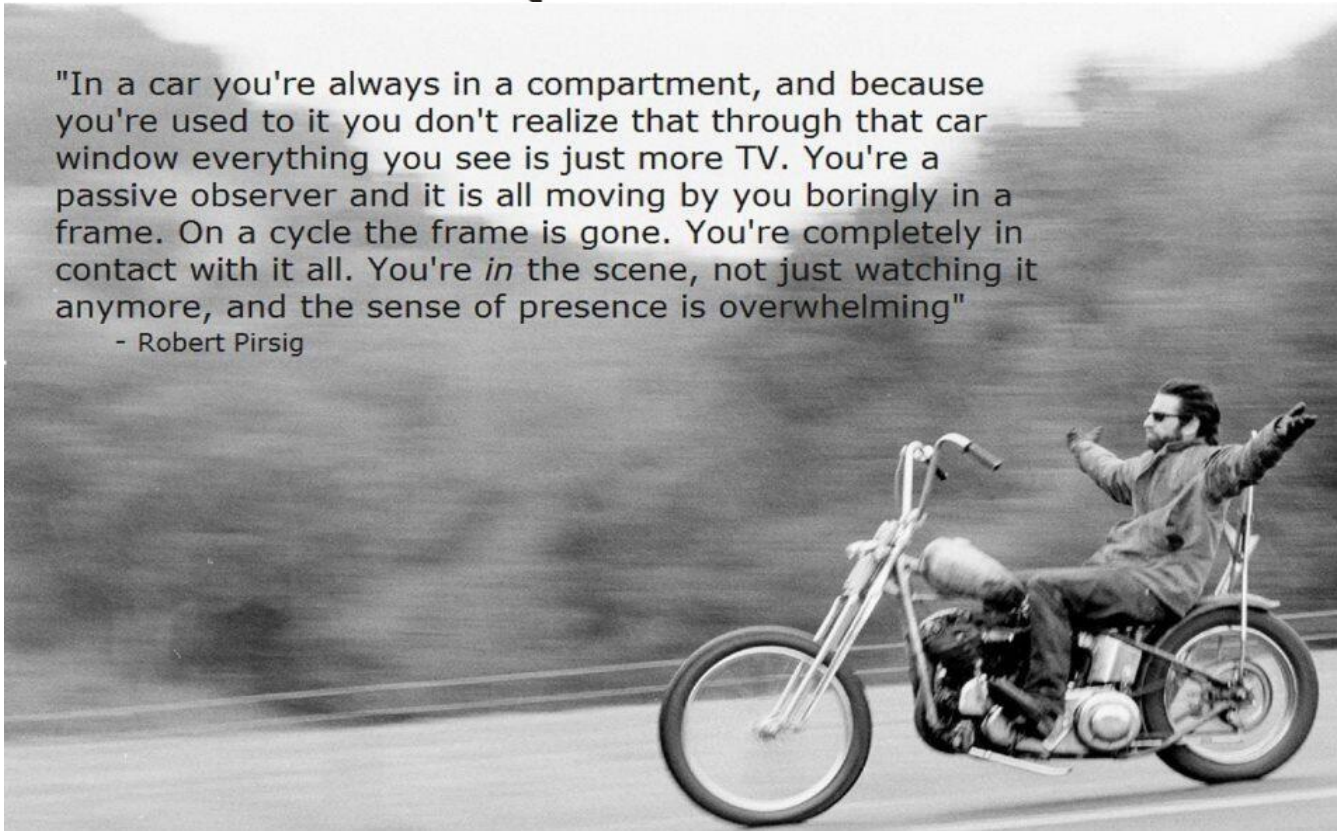


Membership Alley 2023



"In a car you're always in a compartment, and because you're used to it you don't realize that through that car window everything you see is just more TV. You're a passive observer and it is all moving by you boringly in a frame. On a cycle the frame is gone. You're completely in contact with it all. You're *in* the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming"

- Robert Pirsig



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





The Treasurer's Corner

July Susan Miller 2023

Update from the Treasurer's corner...

Our May-June account balance started at \$8468.34, and we ended the month with \$8699.54. We had expenses in the amount of \$112.00 Wed Exp.\$38.85 Exp.\$18.00 Door Prize (dinner). We had mostly income from 2023 membership renewals, Grilling Tips. patch sales,50/50

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





The Webmaster
Photographer

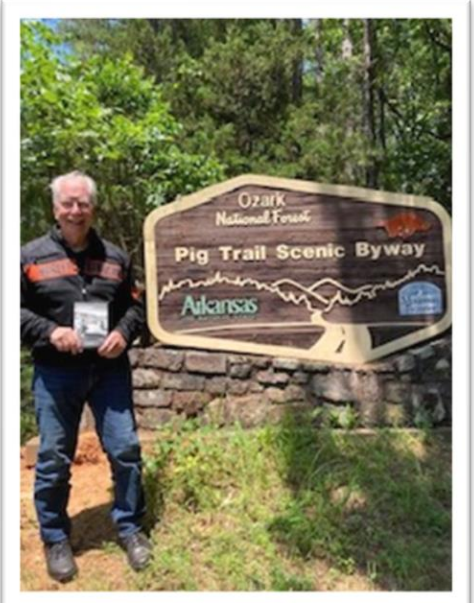
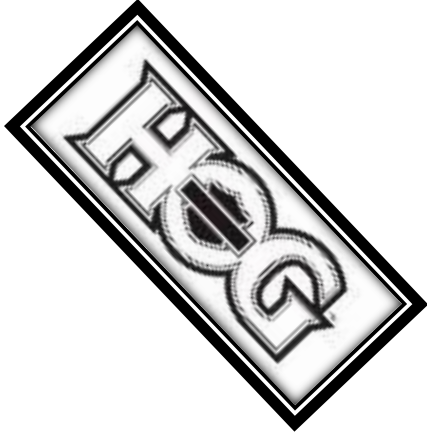
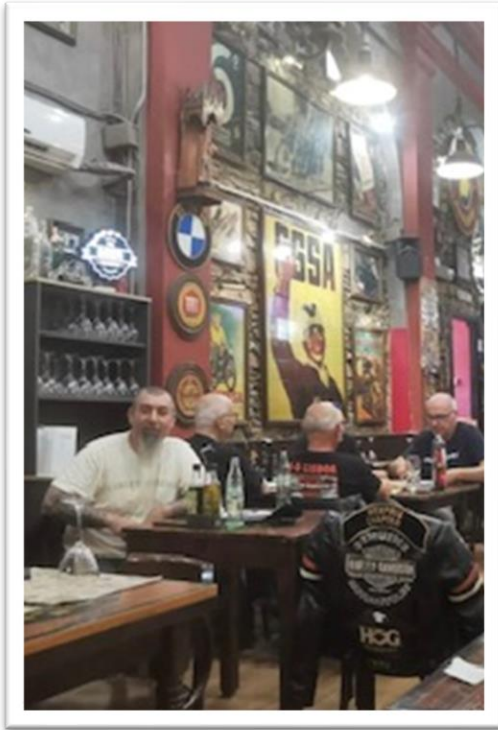


Memphis Harley Owners Group

Chapter Mission Statement & Purpose
"To Ride and Have Fun."

It's not the destination, "it is the journey." Finding interesting places and riding our Harleys to get there with a bunch of great folks.





2023 HOG WALLER T-SHIRT

Hot off the design table, here's a preview of this year's 2023 36th Anniversary HOG Waller T-shirt, which will be on sale shortly more details to come. stay tuned for more info.



[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 Officer Team

- Sponsor:** Tim Bumpus
Director: Tim Backus
Assistant Director: Carol Tactac
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

2023

Top 20 Participation Points		
Place	Name	Points
1	Tammie Caldwell	46
2	Tommy Caldwell	44
3	Frank Rector	36
4	Roelant Verbeek	32
4	Dave Stockton	32
6	Jim Tactac	29
6	Mike Farina	29
8	Larry Allen	28
9	Susan Miller	25
9	Bradley Eskins	25
11	James Coats	24
11	Dan Benson	24
13	Christopher Taylor	23
13	Ed Lowe	23
13	Bill Clemmons	23
13	Timothy Backus	23
17	Tracy Taylor	21
17	Rick Barbee	21
17	Kevin Allen	21
20	Jerry Hayes	20

Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Susan Miller	3131
2	Dave Stockton	3058
3	Tammie Caldwell	2952
4	Tommy Caldwell	2838
5	Frank Rector	2638
6	Mike Farina	2312
7	Bill Clemmons	2278
8	Larry Allen	2167
9	Bradley Eskins	1787
10	James Coats	1737
11	Jerry Hayes	1695
12	Jerry Rice	1649
13	Dan Benson	1444
14	Roelant Verbeek	1176
15	Ed Lowe	1140
16	Dave Carlson	1104
17	Robert Rehkopf	1026
18	Mark Taylor	1021
19	Pauline Rector	1013
20	Richard Cooley	1008

Participation Points and Club Mileage through July 10, 2023 Max Points = 89 Max Mileage = 8753



Memphis HOG Patches



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



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

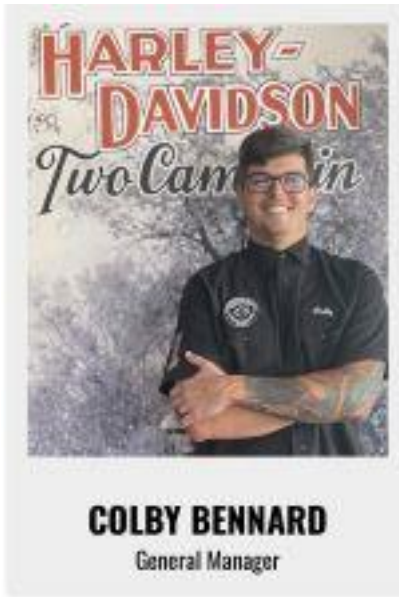


*HOG Heritage Logo
Small \$6.00
Large \$15.00*

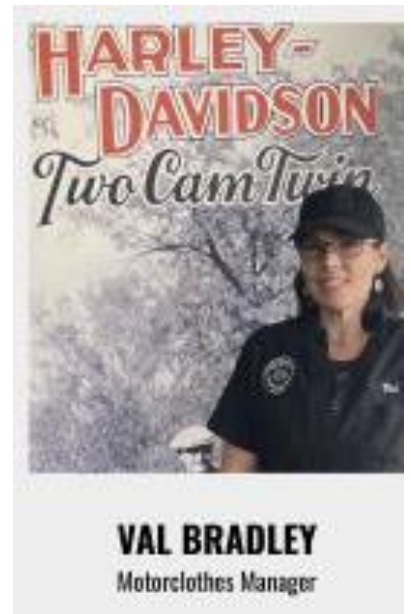


**MEMPHIS HOG'S
July Employee of the Month**

**Lea Vanelli
Parts Specialist**



COLBY BENNARD
General Manager



VAL BRADLEY
Motorclothes Manager



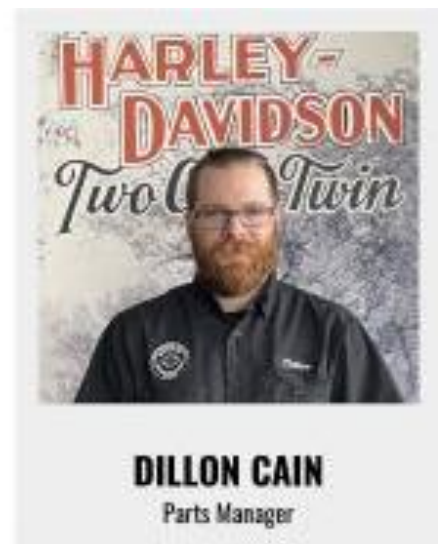
Reggie Butler
Master Chrome Specialist



Tim Bumpus
Dealer Principal



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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Traditional styles and designs or ones to complement your bike



Bags, Bags, and More Bags



Custom Chaps



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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

**Harley Davidson
Nylon Jacket Size XL \$30
Dave Stockton
378-1466**

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

**New Jean Jacket
Perfect for spring riding season
Size Large 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**



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



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

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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/bumpusmphs/videos>

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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.