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Robert Gantt

What is it that people say; April showers bring May flowers. There's no doubt that Spring is here and everything is blooming, but the April showers appear to have some staying power. We are at almost twice the normal amount of rainfall for this point in May and way ahead of the average for the year. I still think we are moving out of the cool wet days and into some great riding weather. (Ok, maybe I'm just wishing real hard, but if we throw positive thoughts out into the ether, it will make things happen).

You will read in more than one article in this newsletter (and certainly hear about at the next chapter meeting) what a great ride we had to Mobile and how we did it without getting rained on. You certainly could not have missed the videos posted on Facebook by Carol. Instead of reading about it or listening to our stories, I really wish everyone of you could have joined us on the ride and been part of the experience. There's good news, we have more rides planned. Our next overnight ride will be on June 8th and 9th to support the Bumpus Tour of Duty. We will ride to Bumpus Jackson, Murfreesboro and Lynchburg, with an overnight stay in Murfreesboro. After that we have a 3 day weekend ride to Eureka Springs, AR in July. I have no doubt we will throw some day rides into the mix. Keep an eye on your email and Facebook for announcements. If you have ideas for rides, destinations or socials, please let any one of the officers know. It's your chapter and we want to hear from you.

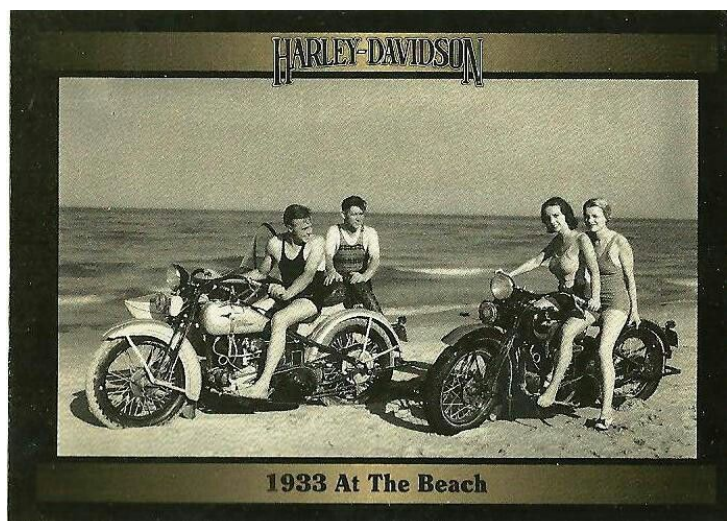
Even though our Chapters main focus is on riding (being a riding club and all), if you haven't been to a chapter meeting or social event recently, you are missing out on the second biggest benefit of being in the Chapter. Spending quality time with your Harley family. Harley riders are a special group of people, we are bound together by the love of riding. Take a look at the Memphis HOG calendar (www.memphishog.com) and make plans to join us at an upcoming event.

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

P.S. Don't forget about Ride 365. If you haven't taken your bike to Bumpus to record your current odometer reading, please do so.



Summer thoughts going out into the ether



We now have four months behind us for the year and approximately 10 rides. Yes, some were planned and some were last minute rides to take advantage of the few beautiful days we were blessed with. If you haven't been on at least one of these rides with the Chapter, what are you waiting for? If you are concerned with riding in a group

we can help you with that, all you have to do is ask! Look for another Group riding class or two, through the rest of the year; it's being discussed. The last thing we want is to let the group riding deter you from riding with the Chapter!

We just completed the Mobile Alabama ride with a group of eight bikes and twelve Chapter members. Those of us that went "assumed" we were going to get wet somewhere over the three day ride. The forecast showed rain on Friday and Saturday, not one drop fell while we were out riding!

Friday was a beautiful ride to Mobile, and even slightly cool! On Saturday we had planned to ride to the Ferry and take it to Fort Morgan and then ride through Gulf Shores and back to Mobile. After viewing the days weather, we decided to go to plan B which was to go to the Mobile Bay HD dealership, and the Battleship and then on to lunch. Just keeping close to the hotel in case the weather rolled in sooner than expected. The officer and road captain team, discussed the pending weather and jointly agreed to change Saturday's plans. So long story short, plan B didn't work out as Mobile was having a massive car show at the Battleship. We made a Plan C which was to go have lunch. Once we got back to the hotel, we all gathered around the patio and awaited the pending storm. We had some great conversation and laughs! I probably enjoyed this as much as the ride...



We arrived at Malaga Inn....

We always try to keep the group rides out of harm's way. These things happen on rides...you never know what the weather is going to throw at you. Everybody adapted to the change in plans. While we didn't get to do what we set out to do, we did get to socialize and enjoy each other's company! By 2:30 pm Saturday the tornado sirens went off and the bottom fell out of the sky. There were 60 mph winds on the bridge where we would have rode back across, but we were all safe and dry! The moral of the story is, don't let the rain keep you from going on a ride! You might just miss out on a great ride if you do....

We have some more great overnight rides planned. I hope you have reserved your hotel room or soon will be. I like the overnight rides most of all, because you get to ride during the day, enjoy new places and things, and spend time with some great Chapter members during and after the ride!

Don't just read about other riders stories, be a part of the story, make it your riding story!

Ride Safe,

Jim Ferguson
2019 Assistant Director
Memphis HOG Chapter

Activities Corner



Amy & Roelant
Verbeek



Here we are in the beginning of May and I am getting restless, the weather is getting nicer, so it is time for some serious riding!!!

Of course the beginning of April did not really cooperate and we had a few rained out events. The Wild Pigs Poker Ride was rained out on April 7 and postponed to April 14. Unfortunately, it was rained out on the 14th as well. It is now scheduled for June 23. The Past Directors Ride had to be postponed due to rain also. We ended up with a great ride to Covington on the 20th of April. We had 17 bikes and close to 30 people participating in this event honoring the past directors of our chapter. It was a beautiful day and we had 2 groups of bikes. The first group consisted of all the past directors (except for Jim Ferguson, who had to sweep for the second group) and our current director. Greg Patton flew the chapter flag on the back of his bike. Wyatt Earp's steakhouse was a great place for a good lunch with awesome friends.

The Thursday before the Past Directors Ride, we had a social at Sling Shot Charlie's. I had never been and was looking forward to the event. A great group of people weathered the rain and found their way to Sling Shot Charlie's. It was made clear that the desserts were outstanding and we should leave room for some. Jim Ferguson decided to not leave room for dessert, but eat it as an appetizer to his meal! The owners had originally been a little hesitant to let us come due to an earlier bad experience with a group of motorcycle enthusiasts. We all behaved extremely well and I am sure changed their opinion about motorcycle rider groups.

The following Wednesday was the 4th Wednesday of the month which meant a HOG group ride to Beale Street's Bikes on Beale. We rode to Beale Street with 6 bikes and 7 members. It was a fun evening, especially since we were able to park our bikes on Beale Street. The previous week had been the first Bikes on Beale of the season and there was no way to park on Beale Street if you were not there at 6. I find it fun to see the faces of many tourists that come to town and see all the bikes parked. We ate a few burgers and chicken fingers at Dyers before heading back to our bikes to ride back home.



Late on April 26, a couple folks decided that the next day would be a great day to go for a ride. Quickly a ride was put together to go the Bald Butcher in Covington. We rode with 5 bikes to the restaurant and were a couple minutes too late for the breakfast buffet, and an hour too early for the lunch buffet. Geez! We ordered our lunch from the regular menu and had a good time talking about this and a little bit of that.

The first weekend of May was our first weekend for an overnight trip, and what a trip it was. We left on Friday, May 3rd from Collierville with 8 bikes and 12 members to Mobile, Alabama. We were a little

worried about keeping it dry that day, but we made it to the Malaga Inn without any rain!! That evening we ate at an awesome beer place called, Loda Bier Garten. Many of us tried a flight of beer and then continued on with their favorite beer from the flight. The hotel was in walking distance from the restaurant, so that worked in our favor. For Saturday we had planned a ride that included a ferry ride from Dauphine Island to Fort Morgan. However, the weather forecasted made us cancel plan A and move on to plan B. Plan B was a visit to the local dealership and then to the USS Alabama and some lunch afterwards. We made it to the dealership and one of us almost left with a new bike, then we drove to the USS Alabama and there was a massive line to get in. There was a car show on the park's grounds and it was almost impossible to get in. We went back to the hotel and moved on to plan C, which had become lunch on the gulf. We ended up at Felix and were seated in our own room, what a treat! After lunch we booked it back to the hotel, bikes were covered up and as soon as we got inside the rain came pouring down. We enjoyed the rest of the day in the courtyard of this wonderful of hotel and made the best of it. In the midst of all this, the tornado sirens started going off and we had to back to our rooms due to a tornado watch. That ended quickly and we found our way back to the courtyard. Dinner at Wintzell's Oyster House where we had the opportunity to see the Kentucky Derby. After a quick walk back to the hotel, we found our way back into the courtyard again. Sunday, we had a beautiful day to ride home. We ate lunch at a Mexican restaurant to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. I love these overnight trips, obviously, because I like to ride, but also, because you get to know your fellow HOG members in a different light.



We have some great overnight rides coming up. June 8 and 9 to Murfreesboro and Lynchburg. We will be staying the night in Murfreesboro at the Best Western. A block of rooms is reserved under my name, Roelant Verbeek. Please call (615) 895-3818 before mid-May to reserve your room. July 19 – 21 we will be going to Eureka Springs to do some fantastic riding around there. We will be staying at the Best Western - Inn of the Ozarks. If you plan to go on this trip, please call the hotel and make a reservation. You can do so by calling (479) 253-9768. The rooms are blocked under Memphis Harley Owners Group. This hotel is very biker friendly, they had a special reservation assistant to handle biker groups. The rooms are \$116.95 per night. Let me know if you have any problems setting up a reservation. Please make your reservation before June 19.

Keep your eye out for some pop up rides now that the weather is getting better!

Roelant & Amy





Hello Memphis HOG!

In March, I took the ERC riding course, something I've wanted to take for quite a while. There were seven of us on that Sunday morning. I've never taken a class like this before so I didn't know what to expect. I must say I really enjoyed it! We had a good bunch of riders and the instructors were really good. I've been riding bikes since I was a kid, although Carol and I are on our first Harley. The ERC class reminded me that you're never too old to learn. It's amazing to see how "inexperienced" a rider can be when you're

going through the various courses the instructors laid out.

I think one of the best tips I took away from the class was remembering "to look through the turn." We sometimes have a tendency to look down while we're making a turn (I noticed I do!) But if you pick up your head and look up the road a bit you get a better picture of where you want to go and it does make handling those big bikes on tight turns a little easier. It really helped me! Overall, I really enjoyed the class and happy I took it. I would encourage all members to take it. Plus, you get \$50 of the cost back from Harley in the form of a gift certificate!!

Last month I had the opportunity to attend the ROC training (Regional Officer Connection) in Nashville. Having never been to anything like this before, I was looking forward to it. Carol was fortunate to have been able to go to the HOT training (predecessor to ROC) when these events were much more elaborate. Such is life. There were about 200 HOG chapter members from Kentucky, Illinois, New York, South Carolina, and of course, Tennessee. There may have been more, but those are the ones I saw.

As with the riding class, I really didn't know what to expect at this. I thought the Harley guys and girl were really good. They kept the class atmosphere relaxed and friendly. Most of the training revolved around legal issues and communication. Legally, they are adamant about waivers being signed and membership forms being submitted timely (not sooner than about two weeks prior to a new calendar year.) All of this revolves around liability insurance. They mentioned several times that the HOG handbook is an excellent reference.

The other major topic was communication. This would include between members, the chapter and HOG corporate, and the chapter and its sponsoring dealer. Jim Ferguson mentioned from his training about the message we may be sending. If you read that, you'll know what I'm talking about, and I'll leave it at that. What I found most interesting were the discussions around membership and dealer relationships.

With membership, the talk seemed to revolve around increasing the numbers. I didn't hear anything different that we aren't currently doing to increase membership. While I agree with expanding our membership, several chimed in with stories about their numbers getting so large, that the chapter split off into several "cliques" and became mini chapters within the chapter. I don't think any of us would want that, and I found it very interesting. Food for thought I suppose as we look to increasing membership.

The dealer relationship was also an interesting topic. I think we're fortunate that the relationship between us and Bumpus is good. As you may know, Carol and I have set up a table at dealer events. We have spoken with Kellyn, and will do that again at the end of this month at their riding academy graduation. I was quite surprised to hear that some chapter's dealers will not share sales/new bike sales with them! Fortunately, we are getting a steady stream of those and follow up on all of them.

Overall, I enjoyed the training and would go again. If you ever have the opportunity, I would seize it.

Thanks!
Carol & Jim



A Great Weekend Ride

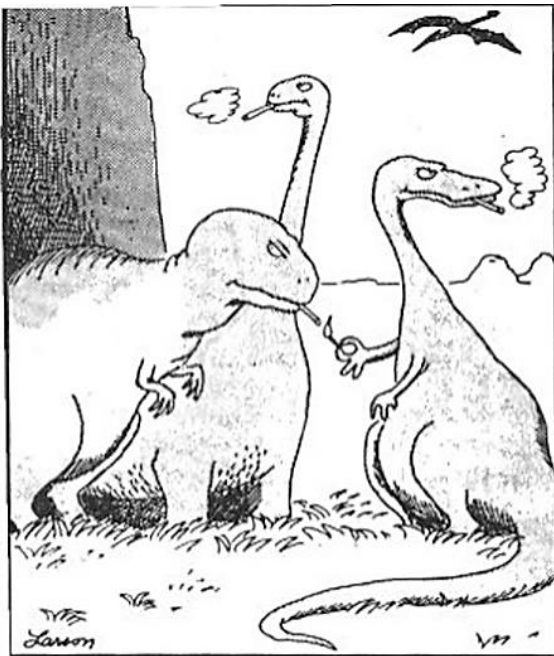
By Peter & Mathilda Doorley

The first weekend in May is always a good time to get out of town and go somewhere else. Cold weather or heated gear is not generally needed, and the chances of rain are a lot less than in April. Riding with the H.O.G. chapter is the easiest way to do a weekend ride. All the major planning is taken care of and all you need do is reserve a room at the destination hotel. It's nice to know all the big choices have been vetted by our experienced activities team. So just put your name on the list and you're good to join the ride. This month's ride to the Malaga Inn in Mobile, Alabama was the third time for Mathilda and me and we thoroughly enjoyed the trip. We had a smooth ride down to Mobile and on our way home on Cinco de Mayo we had lunch in a small Mexican restaurant in Mississippi. Our chapter is known to celebrate at the drop of a hat, even if we have to drop our own hat or sombrero.

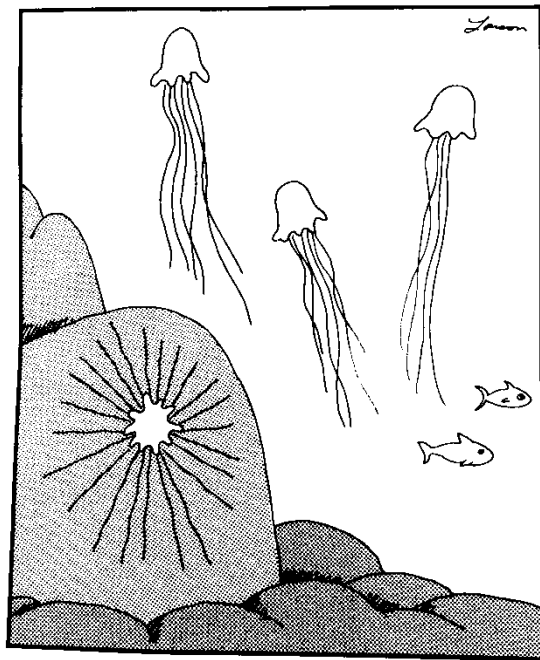
There are a lot of good eating places just a short walk from the Malaga Inn and after we cleaned up a bit on Friday night we had dinner at the LoDa Bier Garten where there were over 200 beers on tap to choose from along with wine, water and sweet or unsweet tea. On Saturday, our day to see Mobile and the surrounding area, we went quickly went from plan A all the way to plan E or F while successfully dodging the rain. After a great seafood lunch at Felix's we wound up socializing in the cavern/alcove off the courtyard at the Inn. There we had fun laughing and telling road trip stories, and after the rain abated we walked over to Wintzell's oyster house and had a great Seafood dinner. At Wintzell's we got to watch the history-making Kentucky Derby and also spotted some Star Wars folks on May the forth (be with you). After dinner we walked or Ubered back to the courtyard to socialize beneath the beautiful blooming flowers and trees. Some of us even tried the delicious loquat fruits (similar to apricots) that were there for the picking.

If you haven't been on an overnight chapter ride in a while or haven't ever been on a weekend road trip, we highly recommend riding with the chapter as soon as you schedule allows. Day rides and dinner rides are fun, but you really get to know other chapter members on overnight trips.

That's our view from behind the handle bars.



The real reason dinosaurs became extinct



When jellyfish travel at unsafe speeds

In the Spotlight

Get to Know.....Amy Verbeek

The third installment of our *Get to Know* section of the HOG newsletter where we put some of our members in the spotlight. In this installment, Amy Verbeek answers the questions she was sent and if you'd like to know more about her, find her at one of our HOG events and ask away.

- If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?
 - Watch reruns of Game of Thrones.
- What skill would you like to master?
 - Horticulturist.
- What state or country do you never want to go back to and why?
 - I am not sure that I ever visited a state or country that I don't care to return to.
- What do you wish you knew more about?
 - The truth about global warming.
- What would be your ideal way to spend the weekend?
 - Doing nothing and not leave the house.
- What's the best single day on the calendar?
 - Easter.
- What are you interested in that most people don't know about you?
 - I am a big fan of Marvel movies.
- What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?
 - Vote.
- Where is the most interesting place you've been?
 - The Netherlands.
- What is the luckiest thing that has happened to you?
 - Meeting my wonderful husband, Roelant.
- What is the most impressive thing you know how to do?
 - Cooking grouper without ruining it.
- What kind of motorcycle(s) do you own?
 - None.
- Where were you born?
 - Natchez, MS.
- How long have you been riding motorcycles?
 - 2 years on the back.
- Married? Single? Children? Grandchildren?
 - Married, 2 children, 2 stepchildren, a cat, and a dog.



Really Bad Motorcycle Jokes

(AKA Dad jokes)

Q: What internet web browser do motorcycle riders use?

A: Chrome

Q: What do you call a Harley Davidson with no tires?

A: A groundhog

Q: What do Harley riders put on pancakes?

A: Hog cabin syrup

Q: What kind of motorcycle laughs a lot?

A: A Yamahahaha

Q: What do you call a pastor on a motorcycle?

A: Rev.

Q: Why couldn't the motorcycle make it cross country?

A: It was two tired

Q: How do Jedi keep their motorcycle tires in place?

A: They use the forks

I saw a man painting pictures of bikes on a local church roof. Cycleangelo

A friend of mine works for a company that makes bikes. He's their spokesman.

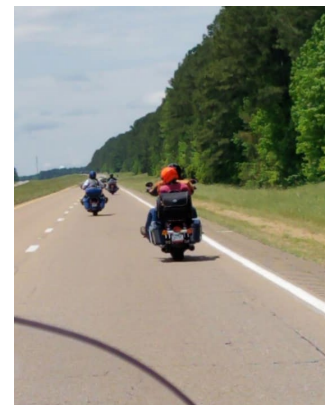
My dog used to chase everyone on a bike. Then I took his bike away.

A bank manager friend has given up riding his bike. He has lost his balance.



I actually saw this many people on a motorcycle when I was in China, but the dog in the sack on the side really ups the game. Cracks me up.....Robert

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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.
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Join HOG for a weekend ride to support the Bumpus Tour of Duty the weekend of June 7-8. We will visit Bumpus Jackson, Murfreesboro and Lynchburg. We will stay at the Best Western in Murfreesboro. Please call the hotel (615) 895-3818 to reserve your room. We have a block of rooms held under Roelant Verbeek's name.



Chapter Events



2019

May

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

03 **Overnight Ride to Mobile, Alabama**
Great time was had by all!

14 **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.

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

30 **Dinner Social**
Join us for a dinner social at the Wolf River Brisket Co. located at 9947 Wolf River Blvd #101, Germantown, TN 38139 at 6:30pm

June

06 **Memphis HOG Officer Meeting**
Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm.

08 **Tour of Duty Overnight Ride**
The Chapter will heading out of town on the Bumpus Tour of Duty. Jackson, Lynchburg and Murfreesboro. KSU TBD

11 **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.

20 **Dinner Social**
TBD

23 **Wild Pigs Poker Run**
SideCar Café, located at 2194 Whitten Rd. KSU 10:30AM

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

July

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

09 **Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting**
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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**
TBD

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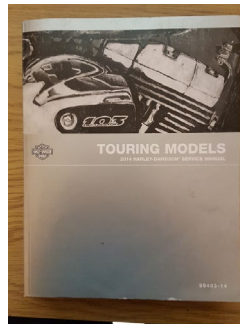


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One of the officers will add you to the FB group.

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/>

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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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