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Director's Corner



by Joe Moscon

So the holidays are approaching. Not sure what that means this year for many people today. It seems like I meet all kinds of people and situations. Some say times are tough, some say things are fine. I think though that many of us are just starting to be thankful just being alive, and we'll just handle most scenarios day by day.

This would be a great year to just look around and have that smile or hand easier to see. For a lot of people that's all it would take to make their day.

Well HOG Waller was a great success! Besides the food and games, of course most know we got us a new Director! Another first for the chapter, too. Like Tom Jones said, "She's a lady. Oh, oh, oh, she's a lady."

She's also very deserving of the position. She has given a lot to this chapter, more than most. It isn't always fun being the Director, so I ask you all to give her all the help you can. Her plate will never be empty, but I promise to her and her mind, because I know her she will always feel like it's half full not half empty!

As we are winding down the year we have only a few things left. Mother Nature has given us some good riding weather to enjoy for those that can. As most

know too, I still can't ride per my doctor. I'm sorry I haven't been able to be out there with you much the last half of the year.

The Christmas party is coming soon. I heard because of last year's performance's, we are having an open mike again this year. So practice a favorite song and what the heck, after you're done just say you were drinking if they didn't like it-LOL. Or, better yet, see if they get up there. There were actually some good singers last year. As far as mine and Jeff's song, uh, I was drinking-LOL.

See you at the party,

Joe D Moscon
Director

Chapter Meeting

Saturday, November 6, 2010

6:30pm

Fresh Slices in Bartlett

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November 3rd

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Assistant Director's Article

J. Carolyn Rice

You've Got A Friend



We all want to take advantage of our benefits provided with our HOG membership. Most of us know that HOG membership entitles us to roadside assistance and reimbursement program, the ride planner software that's available on www.members.hog.com, the HOG magazine, or even being able to call member services for the occasional questions about ABCs of Touring entries, availability of national events, the HOG mileage program, and the replacement of pins or rockers from past years, etc.

However, I have found within the last 6 months that my HOG membership has given me the opportunity to reach out and get to know many new sister chapters throughout the lower 48. I have communicated with over one hundred HOG officers across our nation who enjoy serving their HOG members as much as I do. It is this networking between chapters that has revealed to me, once again, the strong community HOG IS. It is not just advertising "hype". HOG members are REAL family. Whenever you need something, if you ask, you will receive it. That is a given.

The LOH "*Quilt of Memories*" provided the reason to ask other chapters to donate their small black chapter rockers for representation on our commemorative 25th anniversary project. We wanted to show that the Memphis Chapter had piled up the miles over these last 25 years. Our members have traveled all 50 states more than once or twice. We have had several members over the years bring home the coveted ABCs of Touring plaques to show their competitive edge. We have documented our chapter riding over a million miles in one year (2009). We have visited state and national parks that many riders do not know even exist. This "*Quilt of Memories*" has to be so special that it will visually represent our history and our commitment to always being a "*Chapter of Firsts*"- the hard core riding chapter we are.

We have received 115 rockers for "*Quilt of Memories*". Forty-two states and 2 Canadian provinces are represented in this number. We need at least one rocker from Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island and West Virginia to complete the line-up. If you know someone or can secure us a small black chapter rocker from any of these states please drop me an email jcarolynrice@att.net. Our goal is to have at least one rocker from all 50 states on our "*Quilt of Memories*".

It has been very amazing to experience the good will our LOH project has generated. Sister chapters are donating their rockers and asking for photos of our "*Quilt of Memories*" to show their members, share with their LOH officers, and run in their 2011 newsletters. Some chapters are planning rides to Memphis to view the quilt during the 2011 riding season. This will give us yet another chance to meet more HOG members, exchange chapter ideas with them, and ride with more new friends.

The fun has already started. Lew Kirchner, Director of Northern Traverse Chapter in Traverse City, Michigan, brought his chapter's rocker to us recently at a Memphis Chapter dinner ride. Traverse City, Michigan, is 850 miles from Memphis. He arranged his travel plans on a cross-country trip home from California so that he could join us for dinner at Soul Fish, October 5, 2010. He met us at Bumpus, joined the ride to Soul Fish and presented his chapter rocker to me personally at the dinner. We laughed. We talked. We realized we had ridden several national events together in the past. At the close of the evening we wished each other well, vowed to stay in touch, hugged and felt the family bond that only being a member of HOG can bring to each of us.

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Whether you like to ride solo or with a group, we all like to meet other HOG members. HOG is about connections and people. I have met people around the world who I would never have met if I had not been a HOG member.

It used to be you had to travel to different dealerships to interact and connect in person with your extended HOG family. Now with the internet you can fire up the computer, check in with a sister chapter and let the fun begin. HOG is the best thing Harley-Davidson ever did for all of us Harley owners. You may meet the nicest people on a Honda but HOG connects you with a million plus of your fellow HOG brothers and sisters at the touch of the keyboard. You just can't beat that! Next time you are planning a road trip, include contacting the local HOG chapter for trip pointers, local knowledge, and brotherly/sisterly HOG love.

See you on the road soon.

See you on the road often riding and having fun with friends.

That is what HOG is all about.

Laissez le Bon temp rouler : Let the Good Times Roll!



Activities and Happenings



Jeff LeDuc



Laura LeDuc

Thank goodness cooler weather has come back! Okay, so a little warmer in the morning and a little warmer in the evening would be nice but I'm not going to complain! Eighty to eighty-five degree days more than make up for a chilly start. We've got a dinner ride planned for November 2 to Longhorn Steakhouse. The Chapter meeting is November 6 at Fresh Slices in Bartlett. There is a LOH sponsored ride to Charlene's Tea Room on November 13 – hopefully I won't have to "fire" my Garmin speaker again! If you don't know what that's about, well, you just had to be there last year. Also be sure to come this year to see if a particular member can get more Christmas on her bike than she did last year.

If your day is open on November 7, be sure to come out and participate in the Tribute to Veterans being put on by the City of Arlington. Bumpus H-D and Rolling Thunder Tennessee V are joining together for a ride from the dealership to the Old Depot Park in Arlington for the event. Be sure to RSVP to Keith Gilooly – the first forty bikes will have reserved parking at the event. Let's show our veterans how grateful we are for the sacrifices they have made so that we can enjoy freedom.

Hope everyone has gotten all their pictures done for the saying and ABC's of Tennessee contests. Your pictures and completed forms will be turned in at the November meeting. Hope to see you out on the road riding!



From the Head Road Captain by Greg Patton



Let's hear from one of our newer Road Captains.

Hi Everyone, this is Denisce. Most of you know me as "Niesce". Greg asked me to tell a little about myself and my riding. So here is my story and I'm sticking to it. Growing up with three brothers, I rode trail bikes quite a bit. My parents were members of the Honda Gold Wing club, so I rode with my dad once in a while. In the 70's, my family did a lot of camping and we always had mini bikes and Jawa motorbikes for our version of touring the campgrounds. In case you have never heard of a Jawa motorbike, it could be pedaled like a bicycle or you could turn a switch and pedal HARD enough to start the motor and ride it like a motorbike. This WAS the life. I loved riding then as much as camping. I didn't realize what fun was until Jimmy bought a new Heritage Softail in 2005. I got the privilege of riding two up at this point. This was cool for about a year and a half until Jimmy decided to surprise me with a bike of my own, a Dyna Low Rider in July 2007. This is where the

excitement really began. I took the BRC class and last year the ERC class. Jimmy and I rode together every chance we got, rain or shine. Jimmy never wanted to waste a chance to ride, even in the rain. He would tell me that's why we bought rain gear. I have logged close to 20,000 miles on my bike and have loved every mile of it. Just so you know ladies, in my opinion, the view from the front seat is better than the view from the back and lots more fun. So as Jimmy would say, "Put on your big girl panties, saddle-up and let's ride."



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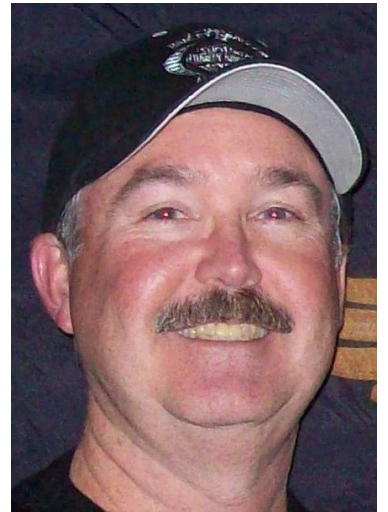
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Message from the Chaplain

My message this month is a simple one that comes straight from the Bible. If we just follow Jesus' command, life would be much easier. Take heart in the message below.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

God Bless
Chaplain Larry





Gassing Up?

By: James R. Davis

The tank is running low so you pull into a service station next to a pump. Down goes the kickstand. The next few things you do could save your life.

Turn off your motor

If gasoline were to spill as you bring the nozzle to the tank or as a result of overflow or as you take the nozzle out of the tank, you risk setting it ablaze. You should be concerned not just about a hot engine or exhaust pipes, but also any electrical system.

Take your helmet off

If your helmet is on you cannot determine if a fire has started, as easily as you can without it and, particularly if the helmet is attached to the bike with an audio system cord, you cannot evacuate the area quickly should a fire be detected.

Get OFF your motorcycle

For some reason this step seems to be ignored more often than any other. Maybe it 'looks' good. Maybe it's just too much work to get off when you're tired. Whatever, putting fuel into your tank while you're straddling the bike is dangerous! If there is a gasoline spill your crotch will get wet. Then what do you do?

Take off both gloves then eliminate static by touching the filler cap with one hand and the pump hose with the other
Fill the tank, but not to the top

Gasoline expands as it warms up. Some gas tanks are not sealed units and if you fill them to the top they can easily leak. Some motorcycles have dual (side-by-side) tanks that are connected internally. There is a 'secret' you should know about filling these bikes - when putting gasoline into the higher tank WATCH the level in the lower one. Since you are on your side stand the bike is leaning and overflow from the higher tank will go to the lower one. Obviously, with this kind of system you cannot fill the highest tank without overfilling the lower one. This is one reason why owners of these bikes tend to sit on them when they fill up - to keep the bike vertical so they can load as much gasoline as possible. But it's obvious why you shouldn't do so (odds are good you will stop and put your side stand down before you have burned up enough gasoline to prevent leakage.)

Do not smoke within 20 feet of a gas pump

Keep your ignition switch in the OFF position any time your filler cap is off your tank. (Especially do not use your CB.)

Earlier I asked what you would do if gasoline spilled onto your crotch. Actually, I should have asked what you would do if it spilled on any part of you or your clothes. This is so important I will offer my own suggestions at this point.

DRENCH with water!

THEN take that article of clothing OFF!

DO NOT WALK IF THERE IS GASOLINE ON YOUR CLOTHES!!!

Static electricity can easily ignite gasoline fumes.

Allow wet clothes to dry OUTSIDE. If you happen to be at home, DO NOT PUT THESE CLOTHES INTO A WASHER/DRYER!!!!

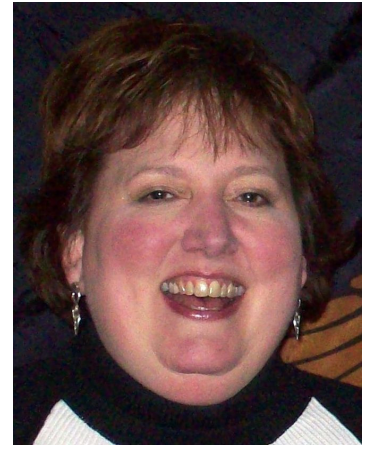
If you can smell gasoline on them there is enough to ignite.

If you swallow gasoline, drink MILK, not water!

Keep the Shiny Side up

Larry Allen

Safety Officer



Ladies Of Harley by Pam Powell

WOW, where did 2010 go? It is hard to believe the year is almost gone and that the holidays are approaching quickly. As we all know, November is a month for being thankful. I know I have a lot to be thankful for at this time. I am very thankful for all the friendships I have made since we became members of this chapter. We would never have met most of you had it not been for a common love, our Harleys! I hope you all have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends!

We have begun working on our ornaments for the Enchanted Forest Christmas Tree. Our theme this year is "Finnegan's Travels." The tree will be decorated with ornaments the ladies make out of pictures you have submitted. The preview party will be held on Friday, November 19th. If you are interested in going, please contact The Enchanted Forest Festival of Trees at 901-525-TREE or www.TheEnchantedForest.org

Our November LOH meeting will be on Saturday, Nov. 13th. This will be during our lunch at Charlene's in Halls, TN. Lunch is scheduled for 11:00. They will be decorated for Christmas, and you can do some shopping while we are there. If you plan on going with us, I need you to please RSVP by November 5th. I need to let the tearoom know how many ladies and MOH (Men of Harley) to expect for lunch. Watch your email for more details about departure time and location. If the weather is nice like it was last year, we will make this a ride.

Our LOH Christmas party will be Sunday, December 19th at 2:00p.m. Mark it on your calendar! We will play Dirty Santa at the party. Everyone needs to bring a wrapped \$15.00 gift. There will be a potluck sign up sheet at the Chapter Meeting and the LOH/Tea Room Meeting. More details to come!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!



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