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Directors Corner

I hope all of you that participated in the annual Polar Bear Ride with me enjoyed the frozen adventure. This was the coldest temperature, 10 degrees, I have ever ridden in. I found out heated grips and good gloves only go so far. Many thanks for the 12 brave souls from our club who turned out for this event and helped our club raise \$400 for some kids dream. We were braver than the water-skiers this year.

I also hope everyone had a good time at our first club meeting in January at the Sidecar. It was great seeing everyone have a good time and renewing acquaintances with old friends and especially with our several new members.

We will now start a new journey as a club for 2018. I am always excited about new adventures and roads when I am riding and I am just as excited about being your new director for 2018. I want to thank each and every one of you for giving me the privilege of serving as your director. We have a great team of officers assembled to lead our club down the road of new adventures this year.

I want to say thanks to Joe Moscon and his T.E.A.M of officers and road captains that lead us on a fantastic journey in 2017 that left all of us with many memories. Our club will grow and get better through the volunteer efforts of dedicated individuals who put in countless hours so all of us can ride and have fun. Many of these individuals stepped forward for another year of service to our club serving as officers, road captains and committee members. Please take time to thank them for all the hard work they perform for our club.

Many thanks also go out to our sponsoring dealer Bumpus Harley Davidson and to Tim, Mike and the rest of their staff for their support. We could not have our great club without their support. In return let's all make an effort to support them with our purchases and bike service.

Your 2018 officers and activities committees meet each month and works hard at planning great rides and activities for 2018. We will plan some of our traditional rides and events of the past but will be looking for new roads and adventures to lead the group. We have the 115 Anniversary of Harley Davidson and the ride home to Milwaukee this year. This is a bucket list event you need to plan on attending so reserve a week of vacation if you can for this event. I have been to the 100, 105 and 110 anniversaries and each one was a blast.

Most of all I want to ask each member to support as many of the rides and activities of your club as you can. The HOG PEN will only be published 6 times this year so read it when it comes out. Please check our web site calendar for all the monthly activities.

Remember to read The Hog Pen, visit the web site at www.memphishog.com, and watch for email and Facebook blasts on the club activities and news.

BEST WISHES TO ALL IN OUR HOG FAMILY FOR THE NEW YEAR

RIDE AND HAVE FUN and PUT MORE SMILES IN YOUR MILES

LARRY

Assistant Director's Note

Welcome to Memphis HOG 2018! Even though the ground hog (not related) has called for 6 more weeks of winter, we have been working hard on this year's list of rides and activities. It's shaping up to be a fun year. I know it's difficult to make every ride or attend every social event, but have you ever noticed that, regardless of the number of people in attendance, the ones who did make it always say "It was a good ride" or "We had a good time". All we can do as your officer group is to organize the rides and events. It's the Chapter that makes them fun and memorable. Who doesn't like to have a good time?

To help with everyone's planning, we will announce the overnight and long rides as early as possible. So take a look and schedule your vacation time to ride with the Chapter. But don't worry, if you can't make the long rides, we will still have plenty of day rides. If you don't see something you like on the event calendar, let us know. Even if you think we did a pretty good job of planning for the year, but you would like to see more or less of something or maybe you really enjoyed a particular ride and would like to do it again. Please, let us know. We are always open to suggestions. And yes, I know, I just asked everyone of you to tell us what you like and don't like. That's something I'm going to have to live with.

It's your club, let us know how well we are doing at guiding it through the year. All comments are welcome.

Ride, be safe, and have fun

Robert
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Safety Note

Hello! For those of you that don't know me, my name is Jerry Hayes, and I'll be serving as your Safety Officer this year. I've been riding Harley's for over 20 years, and just received my 250,000 mile pin and patch from the HOG Mileage Program. Lots of miles! And, thankfully there were only a couple of minor mishaps along the way.

As we go through the year, I'd be interested to hear from you. Tell me about something you do or don't do that contributes to your riding safety. I'll share anything you send in a newsletter article for everyone else to see. For instance, one of the things I do for safety is I ride with my high beam headlamp on during the day. It is much more visible to oncoming traffic than the low beam. Additionally, I always ride with my passing lamps on. Send me your thoughts at cardoctor@aol.com.

Our annual Group Riding Class is scheduled for Saturday, February 17 at 10:00 AM in the break room upstairs at Bumpus. Our esteemed Head Road Captain, Dave Stockton will assist me in facilitating the class. Please let me know if you plan to attend. You can RSVP on Facebook or by sending me an email. The class usually lasts about an hour or so. We'll watch an MSF video, and then have time for some open discussion. I especially encourage new members to attend this class as it will help you understand how we ride as a group and why. You'll be a lot more comfortable on your first group ride with us once you've attended the class. And, best of all, there's no test. Everyone passes!

An Advanced Rider course has been scheduled for Saturday, April 28. This is an all-day class taught by MSF certified instructors. I already have 6 hand raisers for the class, leaving 2 openings for the 8 person class. If we have sufficient interest, I'm sure we can schedule another class. Again, let me know at cardoctor@aol.com or at a Chapter Meeting if you are interested. The class will be held at Bumpus, and further details on time, payment, etc. will follow. This is a rain or shine event. By the way, Harley will reimburse you \$50 of your class fee in the form of a gift certificate good for Harley parts and accessories and Motorclothes.

Ride safe!

Jerry

Tech 101

It's no secret to those of you that know me I'm kind of a "techno geek" but why not, it does pay the bills! All of the years I've been involved in the Chapter I've always wanted to have a newsletter article about technology, new tech, old tech, good tech, and even bad tech! So, I am purposely calling this "tech" as it may not always be specific to motorcycling but I hope it will be useful knowledge as you are out and about on your motorcycle.

In this first "Tech 101" article, I want to start off the year with some info around a topic I would say most of us take for granted, but could save our life while out on the road. You know that little device many of us can't put down, or in some cases tied to because of work! Guess what it is yet? If you said the Smartphone then you are correct!

That Smartphone is nothing more than a portable computer with voice capability. We buy it, slap a case on it, and then toss it around like a frisbee, at least I do. But this isn't the only abuse we put our devices through. Many of us abuse our devices every day and may not even realize it. Smartphones and tablets are sensitive to extreme cold and heat. If you leave your devices in your vehicle, or on you bike in cold and/or hot months then you are reducing the life of that device.

In cold months, and here locally we have had some excessively cold days already this year, you could be causing damage to your device(s) by leaving them in your car, or on your motorcycle. Exposing your devices to extreme cold temperatures for too long can:

- Drain your battery
- Make your phone's hardware more brittle leading to cracked screen or motherboards.
- Cause condensation to form inside your screen and inside the electronics.
- Lead to permanent damage if your device is left in "sleep mode."

So, in the cold months make an effort to keep your devices out of the cold. Keep them in a coat pocket or bag but away from your body. Having the device close to your skin could cause internal condensation and over time ruin the electronics. If the device is kept in the cold for a long period allow the device to warm up before turning it back on. Also, use a Bluetooth headset so you don't have to take your Smartphone in and out of your pocket. If you're going to use your device outside in cold temperatures, get yourself a pair of touchscreen gloves. You can leave them on while using your device.

If you must expose your Smartphone, or tablet, to the cold for an extended period then turn them off and don't turn them back on until they reach room temperatures - this will prevent condensation from accumulating inside the device.

In hot months, the temps inside your car can rise 20 degrees or more in just 10 minutes. Although I don't have specific numbers about motorcycles, based on personal experience I would say tour packs can become just as hot. If you keep your phone, tablet, or even a camera on your bike, or in your car, for long periods leave it turned off and when you bring it inside, allow it to cool to room temperature before turning it back on. Overheated electronics can be a fire risk or just plain not work until they cool down, and if then! I recently had an expensive camera go belly up because I didn't follow my own advice.

One last piece of advice, if you have an old mobile phone carry it with you on your extended trips. You can use a phone that is no longer activated to make 911 calls. Be aware that the phone GPS capability won't work but if you can tell the 911 dispatcher where you are they will be able to get to you. Keep it charged as a backup too. If you damage your new phone you can swap the SIM to the old phone and can be back in business. If the SIM is a different size find a Carrier (AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon, Sprint, etc.) and they can do a simple SIM swap to the correct size SIM.

If you have a piece of "tech" you would like to share let me know! This could be your favorite gadget, in case of emergency idea, phone application, etc....

Be Safe and Have Fun,

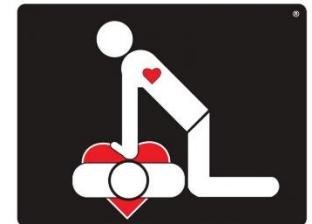
Jim Ferguson
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Road Captains by Dave Stockton

Hello everyone, I'm your chapter Head Road Captain this year. Road Captains are volunteers who lead and sweep the organized rides that the Chapter puts together throughout the riding season. Once the Activities Team and the Officers have determined a ride destination, the Head Road Captain puts together the route including any breaks, gas and or rest room stops, and any meal stops along the way. A GPS file is created and sent out to the Road Captains as well as put on the web page. Road Captains also assist riders who are having any mechanical issues and take charge of the scene in case of an accident.

The chapter has an excellent safety record on the hundreds of organized rides we've done through the years thanks to the dedication of the Road Captains.

If you're interested in volunteering to be a Road Captain please let me know. If possible, try to attend the Group Riding Class at Bumpus at 10AM on Saturday Feb 17. We discuss group riding in general and further explain the role of the Road Captains at this session.



CPR Class
Details coming soon.

CHAPTER EVENTS			
February Events		March Events	
1 st	Officer & Road Captain Meeting	1 st	Officer & Road Captain Meeting
6 th	Chapter Meeting at SideCar (6:30pm)	6 th	Chapter Meeting at SideCar (6:30pm)
10 th	Valentines Party at Bumpus	17 th	Breakfast at Blue & White (7:30am)
17 th	Group Riding Class at Bumpus (10am)	20 th	Dinner Social - Pearl's Oyster House
18 th	Pinot's Palette (2:30pm)	30 th	RiverKings Hockey (7pm)
26 th	Date Night at Range USA (6:30pm)		

Membership

If you haven't renewed your National and Local Hog Chapter Membership you need to do so by February 28, 2018. We will be purging the membership roster and the closed Chapter Facebook page on March 1st, 2018.

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 \$20 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 \$20 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>



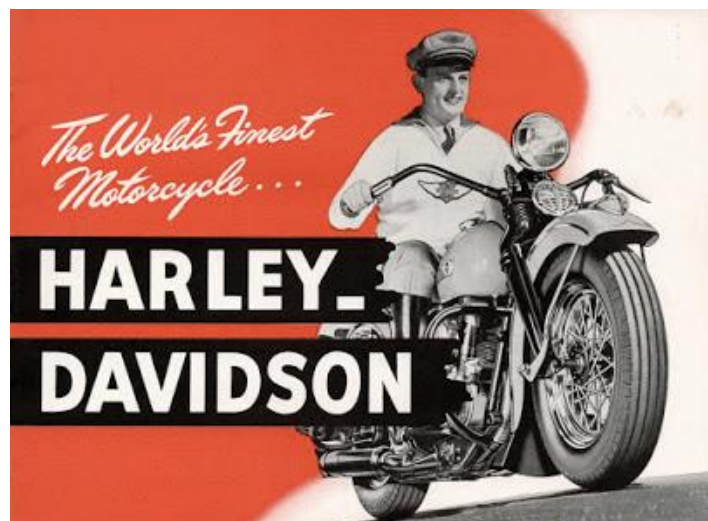
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Secretary: Linda Gibson
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Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton
Membership: Jim Ferguson
Safety Officer: Jerry Hayes
Photographer: Tony Crook
Newsletter Editor: Robert Gantt
Web Master: Tony Crook

Up Coming Rides

We are still working out the details, but mark your calendars for these upcoming overnight Chapter rides

May 26-27	Springfield Mile, Springfield, IL
May 29-June 2	Regional Rally, Maryville, TN
Aug 17-19	Balloon Fest, Centralia, IL
Aug 29-Sept 2	Ride Home – HD 115 th
Oct 5-7	Barber Vintage Days
Nov 10-11	Patty's Settlement (TBD)





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To make our official announcement to the motor cycle community...we're hosted an epic kick-off party last November to launch the biggest and best speed shop in Memphis...now with our partners at Memphis International Raceway the event schedule is loaded with excitement...keep an eye out on our Face Book Page and all of our social media to come spend some time with us this season under the lights and show us what you got. We have open track nights planned with Free Runs on the track, food, beverage, music, and fun. Sooo....if you got a hot bike you built to run you gotta bring it to get it! Come join the entire T-Daddy's SPEED SHOP staff Brought to you by Bumpus Harley Davidson Memphis at MIR for a riding season that will prove to be second to none!

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Sincerely,
Mike Marchky
General Manager
Bumpus HD Memphis



We are doing something new this year. Bumpus is collecting toys for Toys for Tots. If you would like to help support this, we are going to collect toys for Toys for Tots all year long for Bumpus. If you bring toys to any Chapter Meeting you will receive one free 50/50 ticket. One ticket per donation, not per toy.

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- Join our members-only Facebook group
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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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