



Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group
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I would like to start off by thanking Jim Tactac for taking over the helm for last month's Chapter meeting. I really appreciate his help and willingness to take on whatever we throw his way. I hear the meeting ran smoothly, and from the pictures it looks like everyone enjoyed themselves.

Here we are heading into the Holiday season. In the next 4 months there are at least as many holidays. Things are going to get busy in everyone's life (busier than usual). Treats to be handed out (no tricks), turkey's to stuff, parties to plan, gifts to wrap (I'll take a Bumpus gift card, any size fits), stocking to hang (by the chimney with care), family's to visit and watching National Lampoons Christmas Vacation (tell the truth you watch it admit it). The weather will turn colder (even though it seems to be taking its time this year) and not as rider friendly. I know Roelant will look for nice days to throw out pop-up rides. We only have 2 planned rides at this time. We will be heading to Backermann's in Whiteville on October 12th, and an overnight ride to Nashville (OK, Franklin) via the Natchez Trace on November 2-3.

Just because we only have 2 rides planned, doesn't mean we don't have other activities planned. HOG Waller is coming your way in October. In November, we have our Annual Chili cook-off and our Thanksgiving Dinner. In December our Christmas Dinner. If I were you, I would make plans to attend as many of these as possible. A good time will be had by all. Please note that you must sign up in advanced for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners (see Roelant's message below or Facebook or watch out for emails from Roelant).

One more good idea for something to do during the cold winter months is to starting planning for Spring. Make some time to perform maintenance on your bike. If you are so inclined, you can do this yourself, or take your bike up to Bumpus and they will cover all of your maintenance needs. I'll be dropping mine off after HOG Waller. If you take your bike up to Bumpus, this would be a good time to remind them that you are a HOG member and have your bike mileage read and entered into Ride 365.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on an upcoming ride (or event).

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, but most of all Ride

Robert
2019 Director





Chapter Members,

We are getting to the end of the year and the holidays will be here before we all know it! We have just a few more big events planned (Hog Waller, Natchez Trace Overnight Ride, Chili Cook-off/Swap Meet, Thanksgiving Dinner/Chapter Meeting, and

Christmas Party) before the end of the year!

If you are new to the Chapter, the HOG Waller is a free event to members. The Chapter provides food, riding/non-riding games, and prizes to those members participate. This is also the time we nominate the members interested in being the Chapter Director for the next year. Once the nominations are submitted, the nominated members meet with the Chapter Dealer Sponsor, Tim Bumpus, and Chapter Liaison, Joe Moscon, to present their ideas and why they would like to be Chapter Director.



HOG Waller Group Photo 2018

At the November Thanksgiving Dinner/Chapter Meeting, elections will be held for the 2020 Director position. Once the Director is elected, the new Director will start the process of picking their officer team to help them plan and organize the events for 2020. This usually starting with the annual Polar Bear ride on January 1st.

As a past Director and officer, I will tell you that there are a lot of planning meetings, emails, and phone calls that go on behind the scenes to try and make the year a success. There are many officer roles to fill and every officer plays a significant role in the success of the Chapter. For those who may not be familiar with the officer roles and responsibilities, I am providing those below straight out of the Chapter Charter provided by HOG National.

Primary Officers:

The duties and responsibilities of the required chapter officers shall be as follows:

- A. **Director:** shall uphold this Charter, conduct chapter meetings and coordinate chapter officer responsibilities.
- B. **Assistant Director:** shall be responsible for promoting membership, membership orientation, membership retention, and keeping the chapter members informed of H.O.G.® programs.
- C. **Treasurer:** shall be responsible for collecting and disbursing chapter funds, reporting financial transactions to sponsoring Dealer/H.O.G.® Manager on a monthly basis, compliance with all revenue recording and reporting requirements.
- D. **Secretary:** shall be responsible for administering and maintaining meeting minutes, annual reports, membership reports on *hog.com*, insurance and legal documentation, event releases, and enrollment releases. These permanent records shall be kept at the sponsoring Dealership.

Discretionary Officers: These officer positions are optional and at the discretion of the sponsoring Dealership. The duties and responsibilities of the discretionary chapter officers may include the following.

- A. **Activities Officer:** assisting in planning and administering chapter events.
- B. **Ladies of Harley Officer:** encouraging women members to take an active part in chapter activities.
- C. **Road Captain:** assisting in the planning of routes for chapter rides.
- D. **Editor:** assembling and organizing all forms of chapter communications. Ensures all forms of chapter communications are approved by the sponsoring Dealer/H.O.G.® Manager before publication or distribution.
- E. **Safety Officer:** providing chapter members with information relating to the availability of rider training.
- F. **Photographer:** obtaining and organizing chapter images for use in chapter communications and chapter history.
- G. **Historian:** preparing and maintaining an account of the history of the chapter.
- H. **Membership Officer:** assisting the chapter secretary in the chapter membership duties.
- I. **Webmaster:** assembling and organizing material for the chapter web site, social media sites (if applicable), and obtaining approval from the sponsoring Dealer/H.O.G.® Manager before publication. chapter web site and social media sites must comply with the H.O.G.® Chapter Internet Guidelines.

Everyone should know who the existing officers are and have some idea as to what they do. We have some great members in officer roles today, but there are many talented Chapter members who can provide their own expertise in helping the Chapter grow. We are always looking for ways to have more fun with new ride ideas and events. If you would like to be on the next officer team, your time could be at hand! I would encourage anyone who wants to get involved to step-up to be an officer next year. Your willingness to help make the Chapter a better one is all the experience you need. There are plenty of current and past officers who will be happy to help you be successful, but you first must step-up and volunteer!

Ride Safe,

Jim Ferguson

2019 Memphis HOG Chapter Assistant Director



So...What was the pigs name?

Jim Ferguson

Personal Note to the Chapter:

I would like to start off by saying thank you to everyone for the condolences of the passing of my grandmother. She was just one month short of her 101st birthday. She lived a long and well lived life and she enjoyed life very much! I have to say if I come close to living a life just close to how my grandmother lived I would die a complete and happy man! She will be missed by many, and I am so fortunate to get to spend some of her final "good days" with her!

It's not easy losing loved ones and most of us are, of the age, where we have lost someone very close to us. Myself, I've lost all my parental family now. If there is one thing that I learned from all of this and would like to share and pass along is that don't wait until tomorrow to make some final arrangements and inform your loved ones. My grandmother had asked me to be the executor and Power of attorney of her estate while she was still doing well and living on her own. But once she passed, I realized right away that I didn't know as much as I should have about settling her final affairs. Final affairs are difficult conversation to have with loved ones, and to be honest, I was not comfortable having that conversation, so I avoided it as much as I could. Looking back now I wished I had gone into a deeper discussion with her while she was in good health! I'm not going to provide any advice because everyone's circumstances may be different.

Although I'm not planning on going anywhere anytime soon! I am going to try and make my death easier on those loved ones who are left. I am committed to doing some estate planning and documenting my final wishes, so others know exactly what's what! I found out personally just how hard it is on our families that are left when they don't have all of the answers.

Again, thanks for the prayers and condolences, the love from everyone was very much appreciated!

Regards,

Jim Ferguson
2019 Memphis HOG Chapter Assistant Director



Same guy?





Hey Everyone!

It's hard to believe it's October already, and that we're just two months away from ending the year.

With a new year not too far down the road, that means.....yes; the annual completion of the chapter membership enrollment form and release!

Later this year, we will begin contacting all the current/active members on their intent to renew for 2020. It can be a tedious and time-consuming task, contacting everyone, getting the forms returned and ensuring they are filled out correctly, signed and dated, then updating both the national and local membership rosters. At some point, there will be a cut-off date, still to be determined, where members who have not signed a new membership form for 2020, will be removed from the membership rosters.

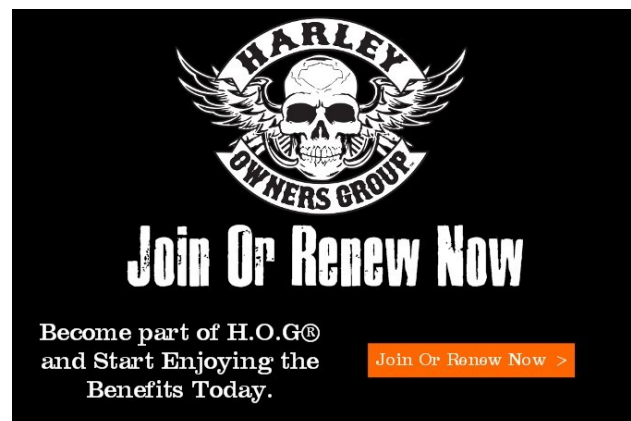
While this is time-consuming, it is something that needs to be done annually. This is not a local chapter requirement, but rather a national HOG requirement. The forms we all sign are legal documents and waivers, all of which relate to liability issues. The form cannot be altered or modified in any way. So, when that time comes to renew, and of course we hope everybody does, your prompt attention to that will be greatly appreciated. Note: The enrollment forms can't be signed/dated until after the first of year.

Carol and I have really enjoyed working as the Membership Officers this year. It has really given us a chance to really get involved with the club. I have mentioned in the past that we have gone on most of the rides this year, whether it's been an overnight, a weekend, lunch or dinner rides, they have all been great. Great laughs, good food! So, to those of you who have not gotten involved with the group rides... get out there with us.

On another topic, for those of you who were at the chapter meeting on September 10th, you know that I was the "guest host" for the meeting. Robert, Jim Ferguson and Roelant and Amy were all away on vacation, so I filled in that night. Having never done that before for the chapter, I just want to acknowledge how much time goes into preparing for the meeting. I did it one time, and spent a fair amount of time preparing, and hopefully it went off without a hitch.

So, here's a shout-out to everyone who has served as a Director, past and present, and a thank you for the time you put into it. I got just a small glimpse of what's involved, and I think most members probably are not aware of what goes into it. Robert, thank you for the opportunity!!

Till next time...
"Every Ride A Memory"
Jim Tactac





Activities Corner

September came, and September went. This was a month I had been looking forward to for quite some time, not because of the great riding weather, but because of a great vacation to Italy, inclusive of meeting some HOG members from Algeria, how crazy is that. Some Memphis HOG activities took place during the month too.....

- As like all other months, we started out with the chapter meeting on September 10 at Robilio's Sidecar Café. I have nothing more to

mention about that, because I wasn't there. Big shout out to Jim Tactac for covering several officers during the chapter meeting.

- From September 18 through the 21 a good number of chapter members went to the TN HOG rally in Johnson City, hopefully one of them will have written a review of the trip. I bet it was a great opportunity to meet other folks and ride in the beautiful surroundings of Johnson City.
- A couple folks that stayed home went for dinner to the Brunswick Kitchen. The weather was awkward and, in some places, it rained cats and dogs (at my office as well as the Brunswick Kitchen) and in others it was dry (at my house). So, many folks selected their 4 wheeled vehicles and didn't ride their bikes. Dinner was good and so was the company.
- That weekend a group of members rode to Holiday Lodge and some lunch at Lake Sardis. The last miles of the route were interesting, I was expecting to see a dirt road every turn I took, but we made it.
- September 25 was the last Bikes on Beale for the year and a group rode together to hang out on Beale Street for the evening. Unfortunately, we ended up catching some rain, which made for an early night.
- On September 28 we had movie night at the dealership. We ordered pizza, ate some popcorn, and watched Wild Hogs. I think it was a great event. Big thank you to the Bumpus team who hooked us up with a projector, popcorn, and a wall to project the movie on to.
- The first Saturday in October a fairly large group went to Redbone's in Jackson, TN for lunch. The weather was great and so was the food. Richard Cooley showed me a different way back home and I really enjoyed that route.

We have some great events coming up for the remainder of the year (yes, year).

- On October 19, we will have our annual HOG Waller. We will be at Shelby Forrest (not to be confused with Shelby Farms) at pavilion 6 (the same pavilion from last year). The HOG Waller will serve as our monthly chapter meeting.
- On October 24, we will have our monthly social and a yet to be determined place.
- November 2 and 3 will be the last overnight ride of the year, taking the Natchez Trace Parkway from Tupelo to Nashville. I am jealous of the members that get to go, because I have wanted to ride the Natchez Trace Parkway for quite some time. Please look in your email inbox or on Facebook or on the chapter's calendar for additional information.
- On November 21, we will have our chapter's Thanksgiving dinner at the dealership. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 for this event. Please let me know before November 1 whether you will be there or not. This will also serve as our November chapter meeting.
- While you are at it, put the Christmas party on your calendar as well. We'll do that on December 14. We are selling tickets for this event for \$25 per person. The event will be held at the Navy Lakes RV Park, like last year. This will also serve as our December chapter meeting.

Depending on the weather, we will probably be scheduling some weekend lunch rides, so keep your eye out for some pop-up rides!

Enough for now, until next time.



Michael Grandi Robilio

Memphis - Michael Grandi Robilio, 62, of Memphis, was called to his eternal reward on Monday, September 16, 2019.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Fred Robilio, Sr. and Rose Grandi Robilio, and siblings, Mari Angela Robilio and John Fred, Jr.

Michael is survived by his siblings, Dena Robilio Lawing (Al) of Kentucky, Richard Robilio of New Mexico, Ralph E. Robilio, Tonia Robilio Graf of North Carolina, Nelsa Robilio of Memphis, four nieces and nephews, Lisa Lawing of Arizona, Richard Lawing (Rhonda) of Kentucky, Starr Sampietro Woods (Caan) of the UK, and Jason Graf (Danielle) of Tennessee and many loving cousins and extended family members.

As the owner of Robilio's Sidecar Cafe, Michael dedicated 19 years of his time, love and resources to numerous charities, especially St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and the Wild Pigs Poker Run.

Mike was a good friend to the Memphis HOG Chapter. Many of our Chapter meetings have been held at SideCar and Mike always went out his way to insure they provided us with good service. In addition to Chapter meetings, Mike and SideCar hosted our Annual News Years Day lunch after the Polar Bear ride.



Joining and Participating in an MC vs RC

We've already discussed a bit of RC\MC history, in last month's newsletter so it's time to cruise into the why and what. Why do people join and what is expected of them when they do? People join riding clubs because they want to be part of a social group who shares their love of riding, find friends to ride with, improve their riding skills by learning from others and learn more about group riding. People join motorcycle clubs because they seek a brotherhood bond with other riders, they want the unconditional support from a family, they want an organizational framework that they can find their place in, they want to be associated with the club's image and reputation, and they want to make a lifelong commitment to the club.

Before I continue, I want to say that not all RC\MC's follow the exact same rules. Each club has its own set of rules and charter. So here we go. Joining an RC is as easy as showing up. Just like all of us when we decided to join the Memphis HOG Chapter. We showed up at a meeting or event and filled out a membership form.

Joining an MC is more involved. To become a full-patch member of an MC there is a path. It can take years of waiting before you become a full-patch member. And there is no guarantee that you'll ever become one. When you join the club, you become a hang-around member. You can hang around with the club but cannot take part in serious matters concerning the family. At this stage, you are on your own, if anything happens to you, the club is not responsible for you. From hang-around, you become a prospect or probate. While on probation, you can ride with the club, attend meetings (maybe not all meetings) and carry out activities with the club. After this stage, the existing full-patched members vote to determine whether you can remain or leave. Generally, this takes a unanimous vote of the full-patch members.

RC's afford a person a ton of freedom in what they choose to participate in and what not to participate in. That has to be the best thing about them. Noncommittal, or in other words, not mandated to attend specific functions or meetings. You can attend, or not attend based on what you feel like doing. The independence of an RC is based on your preference, not the officers or group as a whole.

MC's, at least the ones in the traditional sense, are highly structured brotherhoods. RC's can be the same, but with MC's, you have the membership that is bonded together by a process and common goal. MC's are usually a more intense form of brotherhood. The members live and breathe the MC. MC's are an extension of the real family. Meaning, they are with each other so much, the brotherhood becomes one with each other. Many MC's dictate that members must ride a minimum number of miles per year or must attend all chapter rides.

A Patchholder will not discuss any club business, whether it's about membership numbers, club goings on, or any member's personal information with anyone outside of the club. They understand that they are a Patchholder 24 hours a day, whether or not they are wearing their colors. Everything they say or do in public can affect the club. They also understand that if they get out of line, that they are subject to be counseled for their own good and for that of the club. Wearing a patch is more than getting together for good times. It also means getting together for the other times, too. It constitutes a lot of work. It's committing themselves to a lifestyle and family.

Is one better than the other? That depends on what you are looking for. Both are centered around the love of riding your motorcycle and wanting to be part of a group of people who share this love riding.

RG



Bumpus Harley-Davidson



Membership

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>



2019 Officer Team

Sponsor: Tim Bumpus

Director: Robert Gantt

Assistant Director: Jim Ferguson

Treasurer: Bob Browder

Secretary: Mathilda Doorley

Activities: Amy & Roelant Verbeek

Head Road Captain: Dave Stockton

Membership: Carol & Jim Tactac

Safety Officer: Steve Lyon

Photographer: Tony Crook

Web Master: Tony Crook

Historian: J.Carolyn Rice

Dealer Liaison: Joe Moscon



HOG Waller

October 19 10:00AM
Meeman-Shelby Forest
State Park Pavillon #6

You MUST RSVP for the HOG Waller because the chapter is catering BBQ lunch. Free to members and \$5.00 for guests.

Meet at Bumpus Whitten at 8:30 am with KSU at 9:00 am and ride to Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park Pavillon #6.

Chapter Events



2019

October

03 Memphis HOG Officer Meeting

Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm.

19 Hog Waller!

Meet at Bumpus Whitten at 8:30 am with KSU at 9:00 am and ride to Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park Pavillon #6.

24 Dinner Social

TBD



November

02 Overnight to Nashville and Natchez Trace

Come ride the Natchez Trace parkway from Tupelo to Nashville. We'll ride the parkway on Saturday, November 2 and stay in Franklin and return on Sunday, November 3. Meet at Bumpus at 8:00 with KSU at 8:30.

07 Memphis HOG Officer Meeting

Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm.

09 Chili Cook-off and Swap Meet

More info to come. Get your chili, soups and desert's ready!

21 Thanksgiving Dinner

Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner at Bumpus. Dinner will be catered. Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, sweet potatoes, rolls and cranberry sauce. And don't worry, there will be dessert; pumpkin and apple pie. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$15.00 per person. This will also be our November Chapter meeting.

December

05 Memphis HOG Officer Meeting

Kooky Canuck, located at 1250 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm.

14 HOG Christmas Party

Join us for Christmas dinner and Party at Navy Lake. We will have DJ (Go Vince!), cash bar and door prizes. Dinner includes your choice of Smoked Brisket with scalloped potatoes, Poached Salmon with scalloped potatoes or Chicken Marsala with spinach fettuccine. All dinners include shrimp appetizer, squash and zucchini vegetable mix, house salad, dinner rolls and apple cobbler a la mode. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and must be paid in advance. This will also be our December Chapter meeting.

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 Robert Gantt to set up your ad.



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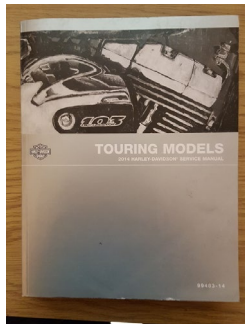




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- Get text alerts or follow us on Twitter
To get texts: Text a message to 40404 with the following information:
Follow memhog4928
You should receive an instant confirmation.



- 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 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

- Special Note to AOL mail users
Please add memphishogactivities@gmail.com to your email contacts. This will help insure chapter emails don't end up in your trash\spam folder

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