





Newsletter of the Memphis Harley Owners Group Chapter 4928~Founded February 20, 1986

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It was a dark and stormy night....sounds familiar doesn't it. Well, that's tonight as I sit here on the couch next to my lovely bride. If it's not familar, check out Snoopy from 1969. I was 4 (Snoopy was 19). Fun Fact: Snoopy was originaly supposed to be called Sniffy, but there was already a character called Sniffy the Pup. Sniffy's first comic was called "Sniffy the Pup in <u>Stormy Weather</u>". Coincedence...maybe. Who am I to say.

Ok, so I digress. It's not my fault. I blame it on the interent. Here's my point. It appears fall/winter is upon us. The available days to ride will be scarce. We will have that random weekend day where we call it "warm", just because we want to ride. That's what I love about us Harley riders. Someone says, "Well, it's not freezing and the sun is out", and we are pulling the cover off the bike and polishing it up.

Until one of those special days hits us, lets take a look at the other events that the Chapter is undertaking. We have the Chili Cook-Off, bring your best chili or dessert and see how it ranks. Serious bragging rights are up for grabs. Next is Thaksgiving Dinner. Join us in giving thanks for what and who we have in ours lives. In December, we have two parties. One for all of us and one just for the Ladies. This year we give Tammie Cladwell (HOG Waller Champion!!) a break, the Ladies Christmas Party is being hosted by my lovely bride, Laura. Ladies, RSVP and bring a Dirty Santa gift. After that is the fun filled Christmas Dinner\Party. Take a look at the calendar and RSVP for all of the upcoming events. We want to see you there.



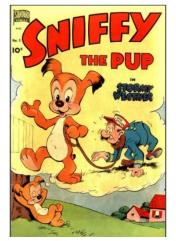
If you didn't make it to HOG Waller this year, you missed a fun time and good food. We could not have asked for a nicer day to play motorcycle games. This year we added a HOG Waller Champion award to the events.

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Suddenly a shot rang out!
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This strip was published on August 30, 1969. 듣



If you came in first or second in an event, you scored points towards the Champion award. I would like to congratulate this years HOG Waller Champion: Tammie Caldwell. Larry Allen and Jim Ferguson tied for second and were only 1 point behind Tammie.

On a closing note, I leave you with Snoopy hanging out by his Harley-Davidson. The original "Joe Cool". Is that a '48 Panhead? You tell me.

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



November is here, and we are rapidly running out of days in 2019. With that said, if you look back to when you joined the Chapter, you bought that new bike, already owned a Harley and just joined for the first time, renewed your previous membership whatever the case was, how was your year? What did you get out of the Chapter in 2019?

Did you:

- · Go to a Chapter meeting
- · Meet some new friends
- Go on a few group rides with the Chapter
- · Go an overnight ride or two
- Go to a dinner social by chance

If not, then why not? I hope we didn't let you down in some way! We are trying to make a serious effort to let every member know they are a valued part of the Memphis Chapter.

I will acknowledge that we are not perfect and sometimes we get wrapped up in our own social circles or preparing for an event. But I have a solution for you. If you ever see the officers or other Chapter members not getting around to you, get out of your seat and walk up to them and say hi, I'm "state your name" I was just sitting here, and it looked like you could use a hand? Can I do anything to help??? Just because we are officers doesn't mean we want to have to do everything! We will always appreciate your help!

The other cool thing you can do is bring us ideas...like hey Jim, I used to be in ABC Chapter and they had this great event/ride that everyone seemed to enjoy, do you think we might be able to do it here? Wow, an idea what a concept! We are ALWAYS looking for a ride or event, ideas from members or anywhere we can get them! No one wants to do the same old things year after year! So, if you want to be even more recognized in the Chapter, bring your ideas, ask to help out, get involved! This is your Chapter the officers are here just to keep it moving forward, but sometimes we need help... While currently on officer topics, we will be voting on the 2020 year Director of the HOG Chapter, at the November Thanksgiving dinner and Chapter meeting. Currently, Robert Gantt has been nominated for the 2020 position, but the position is still open to any Chapter members that are interested in running. Congratulations Robert on your nomination! If you are interested in leading the Chapter in 2020 go by and talk to Tim Bumpus before the November Chapter meeting. Again, we will be voting, on the Director position, at the meeting!

Wrapping up, if you do get something out of the Chapter and enjoy it as much as many of the members do, then invite a fellow rider to come with you! We are always looking to grow the Chapter membership! If you have a friend that's a Harley rider be sure to tell them about the things we do and encourage them to come to see for themselves!

You are all HOG family and I appreciate you coming out and having some laughs and fellowship with the other members, and myself!

Ride safe,

Jim Ferguson 2019 Memphis Chapter Assistant Director

Activities Corner



I just got back from the Natchez Trace Parkway ride and am trying to warm up a little. It was close to 32 when we left Franklin this morning, so I need the chance to thaw out a little. October is already in our past. Even though the weather is getting colder, we have still had some good rides this month and of course the HOG Waller.

So, what did we do in October that wasn't already highlighted in the previous HOG Pen:

On October 12 some of us went to eat at Backermann's Country Market.

We have been passed it many times, but this was my first time to actually stop and visit. That place gets pretty crowded on a Saturday. We didn't take Highway 64 to get to Backermann's as fast as we could, we took some detours. One of them was Old Jackson Road, that starts (or ends) in Sommerville. It was a really fun road to take, many curves and ups and downs.

The Saturday after was the annual HOG Waller. We had a great turn out. After the chapter meeting and the BBQ lunch we ended up doing the bike games, slow ride, tennis ball game, tire toss, and bean bag toss. Earlier a non-riding competition was had. Madisen McDowell showed awesome skills by placing all 4 tennis balls on top of the 4 cones, mad skills. This year we added an all-around competition, who did the best across all games. It looked like there were about 4 people in the running, John and Madisen McDowell, Larry Allen, and Tammie Caldwell. At the end it turned out that Tammie had gathered the most points and she was all-around champion. And, oh by the way, Robert Gantt was nominated to be the Director for another year.

On October 24, about 11 members found their way to Jim 'n' Nicks for some BBQ and hanging out. It was a very nice event. The Sunday after, a couple members went to Clancy's for some lunch. When we initially showed up, the parking lot was empty, so we weren't too sure about the place. But it wasn't bad at all and after the churches let out, it became quite crowded.

Then this weekend. Eight bikes braved the cold and rode to Tupelo to pick up the Natchez Trace Parkway from there to Franklin. It's a beautiful ride, we even got to see some deer and I got attacked by a hawk, not sure what he thought he saw. That evening we watched the Memphis Tigers beat SMU, so we went to bed happy. This morning we rode to Loveless Cafe in Nashville and then took US 100 all the way to US 64, which we then took home. I have to say, the first 75 or so miles on US 100 coming out of Nashville are fantastic to ride. We probably don't realize it enough, but we live in a very pretty part of our country.

So, what's coming up?

On 11/9, we will have the chili cooking contest and have a swap meet at the same time. If you know how to cook chili, enter the contest. If you know how to make dessert, enter the dessert contest. If you have something motorcycle related to swap, bring it to swap with someone else for cash or another item. If you just want to come and sample some chili and/or dessert, come on down, there will be plenty to go around. Setup starts at 10, chili needs to be ready for consumption around 11.

On 11/21 we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner at Bumpus, which serves as our November chapter meeting. On 11/30 a group will go to the Bartlett Holiday Market. If you plan to go, reach out to Carol Tactac.

On 12/8 a ladies' Christmas party is held at the Gantt residence

On 12/14 we will have our annual Christmas dinner at Navy Lake's in Millington. Tickets can still be bought/reserved, they are \$25 per person. You can select one entree from the following 3: chicken marsala, brisket, and salmon.

Then on 1/1 we will ring in the new year with our polar bear ride to the Ski Freeze event. We'll enjoy some lunch afterwards at a yet to be disclosed location.

Planning has already started for events for 2020, especially around the weekend trips. So, if you have any suggestions or requests for trips, shoot me a note. Otherwise, see you at one of the above events.

Roelant

Baseball, Apple Pie and Harleys' (A Devotional)

What do; Baseball, Apple Pie and Harley Davidsons all have in common? The answer is a "safe tradition". Follow me on a little journey and I'll explain my logic. In the many years I worked in industry there was always a strong emphasis placed on safety. A safety manager once said that all safety rules were written with blood; the rule was written because of an accident or injury. In one memorable safety talk the speaker used a baseball analogy, where the goal of each person on the job was the same as each player who came up to bat. Get home safe! There is excitement in baseball when a runner rounds third and crosses home plate and we hear the home plate umpire yell, "Safe"! I think we should always feel proud when we finish a job safely.

The apple pie tradition comes from the antique kitchen cabinet called the pie safe. Here, the pie safe was used to keep the pie safe from hungry persons while cooling so it could be served at the proper time. Finally, Harley Davidson safety has to do with the ubiquitous warning sign, a black bar with an exclamation point inside a triangle. The Harley Owners' manual is so full of those warning signs that it makes you wonder if they think that we have no common sense at all.

I love the line in the Warren Zevon song where a man in trouble calls his father and says, "Send lawyers, guns, and money Dad, and get me out of this." America is a litigious society and we take seriously the expression "cover your butt". So, we paper our walls with warning signs, but not everywhere is like here. When Mathilda and I travel overseas I tend to notice the different types of warnings they use. One time we were walking along a paved mountain path in the Alps Mountains in Germany and we stopped at a gate. On the other side of the gate was a narrow rutted rocky path that lead to an unguarded cliff. The only warning sign was in English (not German) and it said, "Warning Alpine Dangers Ahead". Short, sweet and to the point. You are responsible for your own actions.

One of the big signs in the Bible was the rainbow that God sent to Noah. It was the first-ever rainbow. With the rainbow God was saying, I love you, the flood is over and it's okay to come out. A rainbow is an optical phenomenon that is dependent on 3 things; water droplets in the air, bright sun light and the specific position of the observer. So, whenever you see a rainbow, remember every rainbow is unique to each observer. It's your rainbow and you are loved.

That's my view from behind the handlebars, Peter Doorley





Where: Bumpus HD Whitten When: Saturday, November 9TH

Setup at 10:00AM Judging starts at 11:00AM

Entry fee is \$5 per chili entry or dessert entry.

Bring your best chili (along with the necessary fixin's) and desserts and get ready to win!

(If you are entering a chili, it would also be helpful if you brought an extension cord)



History of the three-piece patch

The AMA, American Motorcycle Association, was founded in 1924 as an organizing arm of Motorcycle Manufacturers and mainly supported by the Motorcycle Manufacturers to promote motorcycle riding in America. They sanctioned groups of riders from the same area that rode together as motorcycle "clubs". Some wore complete matching dress outfits with the name of their motorcycle club stitched on the back of their shirts and jackets. At events, the AMA gave awards for the best-dressed club, so this was the start of motorcycle club's patches.

The Hollister riot, also known as the Hollister Invasion was an event that occurred at the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) sanctioned Gypsy Tour motorcycle rally in Hollister, California from July 3 to 6, 1947. The term one-percenter was coined after the AMA is said to have responded that 99% of motorcyclists were law-abiding citizens, and the last one percent were outlaws. The AMA now says they have no record of such a statement to the press and call this story fictitious. This then began what is today known as Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs and one-percenters. Clubs that were not sanctioned by the AMA and non-members of the AMA were banned from attending AMA events.

In order to designate themselves as an outlaw club to all other clubs, the one-percenters cut their club patches into three separate pieces. The top rocker was the name of the club, the center was the emblem of the club, and the bottom rocker was the local from which they came. These outlaw motorcycle clubs put on their own events and parties and did the opposite of what the AMA had been doing. There were no Best Dressed awards, they "chopped" down their bikes to go faster and look different, rode with no mufflers, they would drink, and do other "wild" things. Such is history.

The term "colors" is used in referring to a MC's patch set up. In the case of a 3 piece, one is placed over the top of the middle large graphic patch and one placed underneath it. The "rockers" are usually curved bars with the top bar designating the club name and the lower bar designating the location of the club. The two rockers are separate from the middle, larger graphic type patch, hence the term three-piece patch. MC's differ from motorcycling organizations as they traditionally have "prospecting" time required before the club members decide whether the individual will be accepted into the group and allowed to wear or "fly" the "colors" of the group. Most club "colors" will also have M/C printed on the "rocker" or a separate "cube" patch with M/C on it to further clarify it as a club rather than an organization.

Many national organizations in the early 1980's set policy to unite their "rockers" with their patch to make it one piece to avoid any designation or confusion within the motorcycling club community. H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) is one example.

MC patches as recognized today

1 and 2 Piece Patches

When you look at the different patches on the market, you should consider what they mean to the different clubs and riders. A 1-piece patch will represent a social motorcycle club, a family club or an RC. Most 1-piece patches will be approved of by other MC's unless the logo has been copied from somewhere else. You may also have problems if the patch is very similar to the local MC. The 2-piece patch is a bit different, as it can mean many different things. If you want to be safe with a 2-piece patch, you need to ensure that the design of the patch does not encroach on the patches of the local MC's.

3 Piece Patches

A three-piece patch normally means that the club is a traditional MC club. With the top rocker being the club name, the middle being their patch and the bottom being the territory they exist in. There are also a few 3 piece patch clubs where the bottom rocker has something other than territory, such as a saying. The traditional MC is one that adheres to the protocols and traditions established. There are few exceptions, but, traditional clubs

are approved by the local dominant. The traditional 3 piece patch club is not necessarily a 1% club or even the dominant club.

Rockers

The curved patches at the top and bottom are known as rockers. The only time they can be worn is if they have been approved by the dominant riding club in the area. Any social riding club should not claim a territory which is what rockers will do. It is also important that you not have the state name on your vest unless the club has approved this.

The HOG logos you wear on your vests and jackets are intended to be worn with only one rocker – a top rocker proudly displaying your local chapter name. Article X "Trademark License" (#4) of the Annual Charter for HOG Chapters states: "The current HOG eagle logo shall be displayed only with the official chapter name, which official chapter name shall be displayed above the HOG eagle logo and within the official HOG chapter chevron as depicted below." Wearing a lower rocker conflicts with the trademark license granted with the Charter.



In Canada and the US, the abbreviation "MC" or the wearing of a bottom rocker can have a special social meaning. It is often used to designate territory. It is reserved for the "MC" community and its members to designate affiliation to those mutually recognized in the "MC" world.

The vests and jackets of people wearing lower rockers may become objects needed by "prospects" of other (three-patch) motorcycle clubs as a requirement for membership. Since the very early days there has been an agreement between HOG and many other motorcycle clubs that as long as we do not authorize the use of lower rockers, our vests and jackets will not be removed from our members. Norscot, our chapter patch supplier, does not and will not supply lower rockers and Harley Owners Group won't authorize a chevron to go below the large HOG patch.

This is true even if the "3rd" rocker is not designating a territory and merely a nickname or club name. The use of a lower rocker violates the long-lasting agreement that HOG has had with the motorcycle club community.

Remember it's not only you that you effect by wearing a lower rocker but all of your brother and sisters in HOG Please follow the Charter and respect the above agreement to avoid putting yourself in conflict with those clubs that wear lower rockers. Wear the HOG logo and your chapter chevron proudly ... don't wear a lower rocker!

The Diamond patch with "1%" or "13" worn with the 3 piece back patch, signifies the club is a 1% or 1% support club. While rare, they may not be the dominant club for the area but will be sanctioned by the local dominant. There are also a few areas where the lead club is not a 1% club, but those are few.

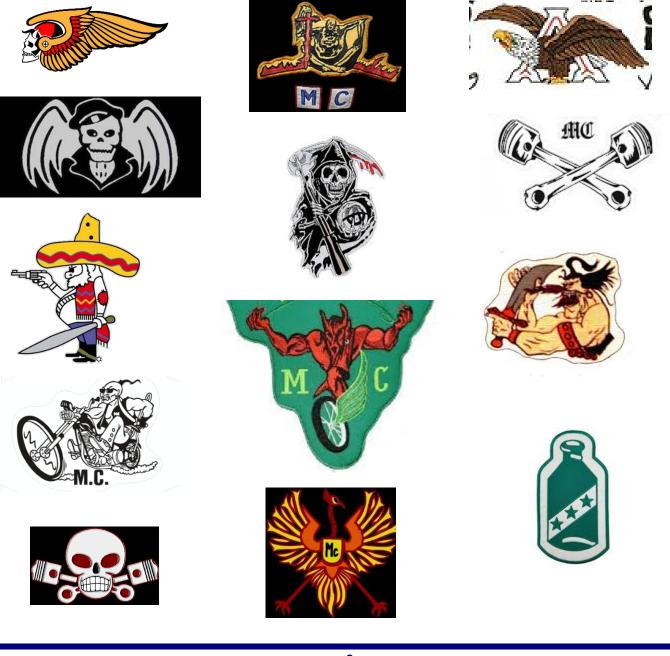
The 9 patch indicates that the biker has Indian blood and refers to the 9th letter of the alphabet. The ace of spades patch indicates that the biker is willing to fight to the death for their rights. A patch with a flag design will relate to the country of the biker.

When one is just is hanging around, he has no part of the patch. When he is sponsored by a full member and approved by the club as a prospect, he may wear the lower rocker that only says "Prospect". In some areas, the prospect wears the "Prospect" rocker at the top of the vest. Some clubs even allow the lower rocker saying prospect and the upper rocker with the club name, but not the main patch.

Some MCs entitle a member to wear a "NOMAD" bottom rocker. This is only when that member continues to exhibit a lifestyle within the common definition of the word nomad. (no mad: A member of a group of people who have no fixed home and move according to the seasons from place to place in search of food, water, and grazing land. A person with no fixed residence who roams about; a wanderer).

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How many of the following MC patches can you identify? All but one are real. If you don't know all of them, no fear, the answers can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.



























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:

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To get to the Memphis Chapter Membership Form follow the following link: <u>https://www.memphishog.com/membership</u>



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 Could you name all the MC patches? If not, here are the answers:

Hell's Angels The Highwaymen The Banditos The Mongols Outlaws

The Pagan's SOA (not real) Vagos The Warlocks Sons of Silence The Black Pistons The Cossacks The Boozefighters



Soldiers ride Harley-Davidsons made for the US War Department in 1918







November 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.

9 Chili Cook-off and Swap Meet

Come show off your awesome chili and/or dessert! Entry fee is \$5 per chili entry or dessert entry. Some serous bragging rights will be at stake. We will also be holding a swap meet during the cook off. Anything motorcycle related that you'd like to get rid of, bring it and see if you can get someone to take it off your hands. We will start setting up at 10 am, with the main event starting at 11. If you plan to enter a dessert (or more) or a chili (or more) please let us know, so that we can have enough space set up for everyone.

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 Te'kila Mexican Bar and Grill, located at 1335 N Germantown Pkwy at 6:30pm.

Ladies Chrsitmas Party The ladies Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 8th at Laura Gantt's house from 1pm to 4pm. Yes that's right, Laura is hosting, we are giving Tammie a break this year. Address available upon request. Please bring a wrapped gift (\$20.00) for Dirty Santa. Also bring your favorite dessert or appetizer. Please RSVP.

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.

January 2020

Polar Bear Ride Come ride with your friends to the 43rd Ski Freeze Memphis location and donate to a great cause. All proceeds benefit the Dream Factory of Memphis. Donuts and coffee will be served at 9:30, KSU at 10:00.



News Day Lunch 12:00pm More info to come



Memphis HOG Chapter Meeting TBD

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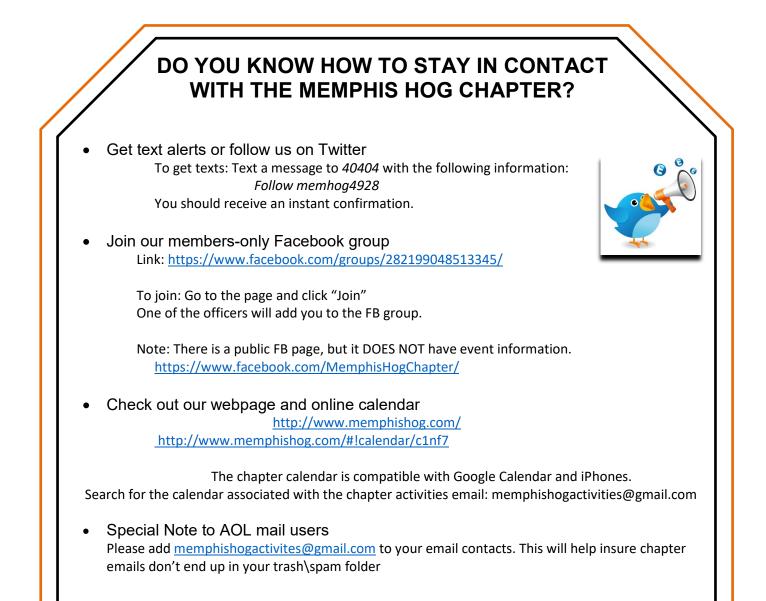
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