



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

April Activities

Officer Meeting	Apr 1 st
Dinner Ride	Apr 5 th
LOH Meeting	Apr 10 th
Chapter Meeting	Apr 14 th
MVP Ride 2	Apr 14 th
Poker Run	Apr 15 th
Dinner Ride	Apr 17 th
Road Captain Meeting	Apr 19 th
Running of the HOGs	Apr 21 st
MVP Ride 3	Apr 21 st
Crabshack Bike Night	Apr 25 th
MVP Ride 4	Apr 29 th

May Activities

Posse Kickoff Party	May 2 nd
Posse Ride	May 3 rd
Posse Ride	May 4 th
Posse Ride	May 5 th
Posse Ride	May 6 th
Officer Meeting	May 7 th
Chapter Meeting	May 12 th
Road Captain Meeting	May 17 th
Dinner	May 22 nd
Picnic Ride	May 26 th
TN State Rally	May 29 th
TN State Rally	May 30 th
TN State Rally	May 31 st

June Activities

TN State Rally	Jun 1 st
TN State Rally	Jun 2 nd
Foglight	Jun 2 nd
Officer Meeting	Jun 5 th
Chapter Meeting	Jun 9 th
LOH Meeting	Jun 12 th
Dinner Ride	Jun 19 th
Road Captain Meeting	Jun 21 st
Patti's Settlement	Jun 23 rd
MVP Ride 5	Jun 23 rd
Patti's Settlement	Jun 24 th
Million Mile Monday	Jun 25 th
Dinner Ride	Jun 28 th

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then select the Calendar button to see things for yourself.

The Memphis chapter is adding two new members to the roster this month.

Ryan Mayhue
Paul Southerland

We look forward to meeting you.
Hope to see you on a ride soon.

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READ ON!

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Chaplain Doorley



Life's sound track

Last month we planned the ride so this month we'll add a sound track. Remember when we were kids and we would ride our bicycles? Maybe we gave the bikes names or not, but at times we would sing along to some special music or theme song as we rode around. Do you remember the Lone Ranger theme a.k.a. William Tell overture by Rossini or "Kill the Wabbit" by Elmer Fudd a.k.a. Ride of the Valkyries by Wagner. Back then choices were limited and life was simple. Now we have AM, FM, HD, XM satellite radio with hundreds of stations along with CDs, or for the ultimate play list we can up load thousands of songs on our iPod or mp3 player.

Has the sound track to your life changed? Is your song "Born to be Wild" by Steppenwolf, "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd, or "I'll Fly Away" by Albert Brumley? Is it secular, spiritual or both? Maybe it's something by Elvis, Hank Williams, Andy Williams or Paul Williams, Gretchen Wilson or Brian Wilson or Wilson Picket, Willie Nelson, Ricky Nelson or Nelson Eddy.

Are you keeping up with the Jones; George, Tom, Mickey or Mrs.? Do you enjoy Money, Cash, Paycheck, Diamond, Jewel, Dollar, Nickelback, or a Golden Earing? Are your favorite artists; youngsters, seasoned performers or 200 year old dead white guys like Beethoven, Bach and Brahms?

Do you listen intently, sing along, use it as background or maybe some of each. Songs have influence; they can make us smile, pump us up, mellow us out, or convey a story that can bring a tear. I've noticed that my preferences tend to change, what was once the song I had to listen too is now one I can skip past.

God has a sound track too. You may hear Him in a moving spiritual song, a hymn or sometimes you can even hear Him when it's quite, as that still small voice. Remember the bible story when Jesus was in a boat on the water with some of his disciples, and up came a terrible rain and wind storm and the disciples were afraid, so Jesus spoke and told the water and the wind to calm down and it did. We know that the molecules that make up wind and water don't have ears to hear, so how did He do that? From a science perspective sound starts as a vibration that

pushes through the air in waves and these waves travel around until they are picked up by the listener's ears and then these vibrations are translated by our brains into information. Our God has such a deep connection to His creation that the wind and water obey Him. Have you ever called out (prayed) to God during a storm and asked Him to calm the storm? Maybe he calmed you more than He calmed the storm. With God you can call out loud or call in your thoughts, either way He hears your voice, I don't know those details on how it works but I'm glad it does. Linking this letter to last month's letter, God is not only thinking about us he is listening for us to call Him. We shouldn't call on God only when we're in trouble; He gave us the miracle of our brains so we could apply knowledge and experience to avoid the trouble situations where we need Him to bail us out. Never the less, the good news is if we do need Him we can just call, so we should send up a simple thank you, every once in a while, for the little things so when we need a big thing we'll be in practice.

Remember God Loves you and so do I.

Peter Doorley



Director's Corner

The riding weather has finally arrived and with it come

some great events for us all. A dinner ride on April 5th to Mimi's Italian restaurant, a breakfast Chapter Meeting on April 14th



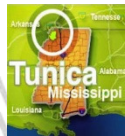
with a chapter ride following the meeting to Holly Springs, MS. This will be a great time to hunt down those Civil War sites if you are participating in the Blue and Gray contest. Holly Springs has many Civil War sites. This ride is also an opportunity to earn an MVP point. On April 17th there is a



dinner ride planned to Sweet Peas Table. Come out and enjoy some home cooking at this family owned restaurant in Bartlett, TN. On April



21st we will have our annual "Running of the Hogs" ride to Tunica, MS. This year we will participate with the Ghost River and Southern Thunder Chapter's. We will meet at Bumpus Whitten and ride to Southern Thunder where we will all be escorted by the Tunica police department into the town of Tunica. Watch your email



blasts for more details. This will be another opportunity to earn an MVP point. On April 25th we will have our first bike night of the



year at Joe's Crab shack and we will end the month with a dessert ride to Bell's Drive In in Henderson, TN. This is also another opportunity for an MVP point.



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Please note that in the event of rain, the ride to the dinner may be cancelled but we will still meet to eat and socialize.

Greg Patton

First, I would like to thank everyone that came to the Chili Cook Off Social and helped make it a great day. And to all those volunteers that helped, could not have done it without you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. There were 14 desserts entered. The winners were 3rd place Jim Stingley, 2nd place Wally Sisk, and 1st place Dave Stockton. There were 17 chili's entered. 3rd place went to Kelli Werkmeister, 2nd place Wally Sisk, and 1st place Carolyn White. What a great job!!!

Congratulations to Michele Poland the winner of the March "Snacks For Your Ride" basket. April's basket is Gardening/Earth Day/Spring. You may bring items to any event, leave them at the parts counter at Bumpus or bring them to the April 14th meeting. Make sure that you put your name on it so you will get a volunteer point. Keep in mind the May basket is Mother's Day and June will be Father's Day.

Also don't forget about Drop Your Drawers. We sent our first package to SrA Natalie Mills, who is Dave Leutwyler's sister. Dave also has a brother that we would like to send the next box to. Items needed are beef jerky, sunflower seeds, hard candy, gum, snack crackers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand lotion, baby powder, wet wipes, sunscreen, shampoo, chap stick, disposable razors, bath soap, DVD's, small games, note pads, pens, hand sanitizer wipes, no liquids or gels due to being flammable. Once again, bring them to any event, or leave them at Bumpus at the parts counter. Be sure to put your name in the bag to get your volunteer points.

Next LOH meeting is April 10th at 6:30pm, dinner at Rafferty's 505 North Germantown Parkway. Then, those who wish, will go just around the corner to NBS Fitness 564 Trinity Creek Cove where David Allen will show us around his gym.

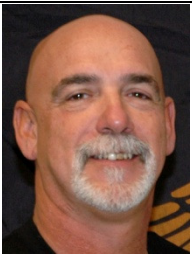
Tammy Stingley



Ladies Of Harley



WOW!! Hard to believe that it is April and the riding season has begun and the weather couldn't be any better for this time of year.



Assistant Director

Hello Memphis Hog members, I would like to pass on some information about the 2012 Tennessee State Hog Rally May 29th through June 2nd.

Online registration is now open, pre-registration is \$35 and on-site registration will be \$45.

This year for the first time the rally will open on a Tuesday. This is due to the fact that there is so much to see in the area and miles and miles of great roads to ride, they would like for everyone to have plenty of time to see and do as much as you can and have fun.

On Tuesday May 29th pre-registered attendees will ride to Cumberland Caverns for lunch, and attend a Bluegrass Concert. This is a \$30 value and absolutely free for those who have pre-registered and are at the rally on May 29th. For more information on the rally schedule, please visit www.tnstatehogrally.com. Pre-registration will close on April 10th!

Riding season is here so I would like to invite everyone to come out and ride, have fun and make some great memories.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe and last but not least Ride often!!

Jim Stingley



- Tammie Caldwell
- Betty Christy
- Sam Davidson
- J. Carolyn Rice
- Patti Romano

Historian

The Art of the Motorcycle

Allow me to reminisce about an event that took place in the Pyramid back in 2005. The last one of the Wonders Exhibits was - The ART of the MOTORCYCLE. It was open from April 22 - October 30 and the title sponsor was Bumpus Harley-Davidson. "The Art of the Motorcycle, presented by WONDERS, The Memphis International Cultural Series, is based on the landmark exhibition first presented at the Guggenheim Museum, New York, in 1998." It was amazing. Every motorcycle was presented like a beautiful work of art, and there were 91 bikes on exhibit. We rented the headsets and Jay Leno was our tour guide as we wandered through the exhibit.



As we left the exhibit, I turned to Peter and asked him if he thought he might like to buy a bike and start riding again. He was way ahead of me. He'd already picked out the one he wanted. We were moving into our "life after kids" phase of life. With Peter's beautiful Memphis Wonders Catalogue in front of me, here are the motorcycles that were on display "from the Collection of Tim Bumpus, Bumpus Harley-Davidson of Memphis"

1911 Harley-Davidson 7A - 10.17 cj; United States; Power output 4 hp; Top Speed 40 mph

2004 Harley-Davidson V-Rod - 1,130 cc; United States; Power output 115 hp; Top Speed 150 mph

By the way, if any of you were volunteers for that event please send me an email; fm5px@aol.com.

Know Your Officers:

Assistant Director - Jim Stingley

Jim Stingley was born in Danville, IL and grew up in Georgetown, IL. In October of 2000 Jim and Tammy moved to the greater Memphis area. (They will be celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary this April). He always had an interest in motorcycles but didn't seriously pursue riding until 2006 when his two daughters were grown. In the past seven and a half years Jim has owned three motorcycles; the last two were Harley Davidsons.

Since joining the Memphis HOG chapter in the summer of 2008 Jim has served as road captain and assistant head road captain. Tammy Stingley currently serves as our LOH Chapter Officer.

As a fellow HOG member his longest trip to date was a 1300 mile journey which included a 642 mile day. Jim must love the open road for he makes his living as a professional truck driver. So far he has visited 12 states, and he enjoys the riding contests such as the HD sponsored ABC's of riding and our local challenge, the Blue and Gray contest. Jim has been on many great rides with Tammy and with the chapter and chapter members. However, the ride that stands out the most was the 2011 ride home with his brother Ken. It was their first road trip together on motorcycles and the highlight of this ride was simply "the opportunity to share the road trip experience with my brother."

Jim's advice to new Memphis HOG members is to "come out and ride with us, get involved, it's the best way to get the most enjoyment out of your HOG membership".



Safety Notes

The weather has been fantastic and I am sure there has been a lot of riding being accomplished. Just a friendly reminder that in our haste to enjoy sunshine, clear skies and beautiful temps we have to do a little more than just dust her off and roll. Don't forget the TCLOCS procedure we mentioned at the beginning of the year. Make it a routine and improve your safety and fun quotient.

Also, take time to SEE. We are always looking around enjoying the beautiful roads and scenes. But it is crucial that we SEE in order to have a safe ride. SEE is what we are doing when we Search, Evaluate and Execute while enjoying our machines and the open road.

SEARCH is aggressively scanning for potential hazards. They exist in front of you, behind you, beside you and sometimes even above you. Ever ride a nice winding two lane country road and come across a low hanging branch extending out over the road? Make sure your eyes are taking in more than just the sights.

EVALUATE potential problems. Anticipate what might happen. Calculate worst case scenarios and come up with your "What if?" solutions. If you predict the worst, and prepare for the best, you will maximize your safety and enjoyment.

EXECUTE is the key. If you have aggressively scanned your surroundings and thoroughly evaluated possibilities and reactions you will be well

equipped when it is time to execute. Then it is time to remember three key action steps.

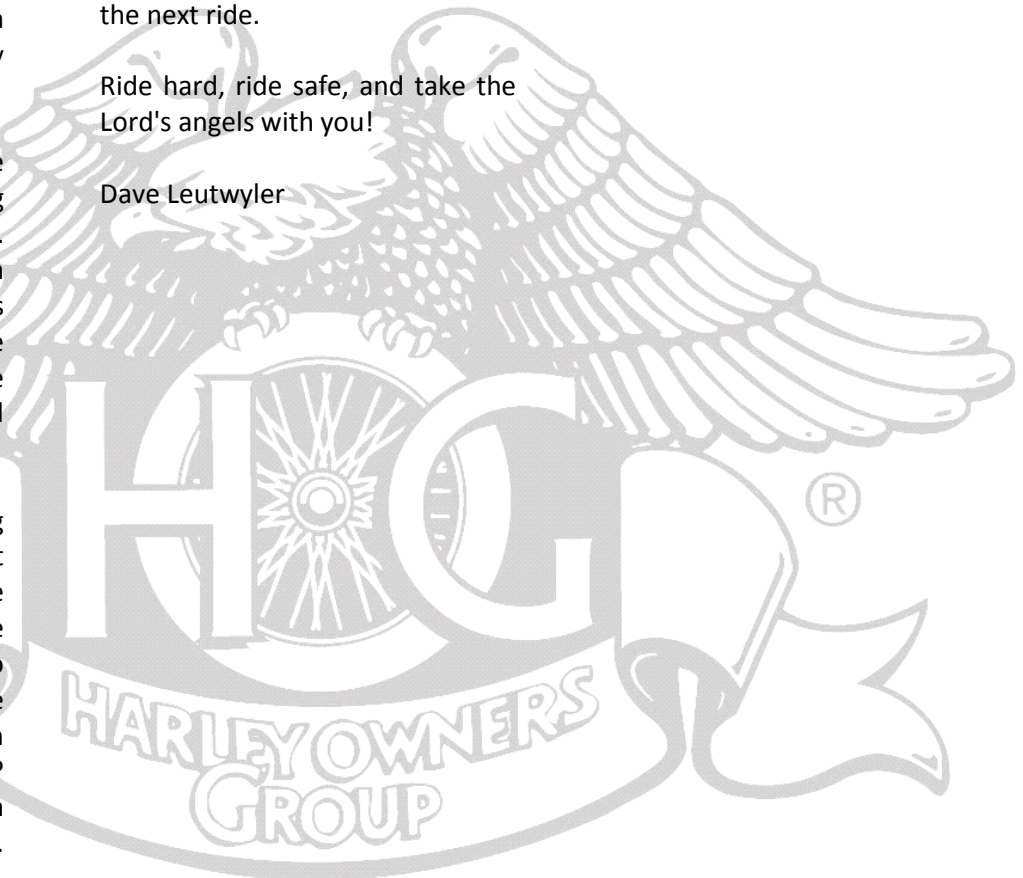
- 1) Adjust your speed.
- 2) Adjust your position.
- 3) Communicate your intentions.

What and how you do those three things will be determined by your evaluation of the anticipated problem that just became a reality.

SEE what you are doing as you ride so that we can all SEE you again on the next ride.

Ride hard, ride safe, and take the Lord's angels with you!

Dave Leutwyler



**Assistant
Head
Road
Captain**



I just got back from Bike Week in Daytona Beach, an event I've been attending since 1994. I've been going to this with friends from a couple of other clubs. The Mid-South Sport Riders (MSSR) is a local sportbike and sport touring club I've been in since 1990. The Motorcycle Sport Touring Association (MSTA, formerly the HSTA or Honda Sport Touring Association) is a national sport touring club I joined in 1997. Because of the focus of these two organizations, there haven't been a lot of touring bikes in the members' garages, including mine, for many years. For this reason, many of my trips to Daytona and back have been made trailering bikes down behind RVs or SUVs, or flying down and renting a car. In 2003 I bought a Heritage Softail and decided I was tired of caging it or flying. Since then I have ridden down and back, many years by myself as few of the other attendees had a long-range bike to ride. This year a couple of the MSSR guys joined me on the ride. John, a friend who joined the MSSR with me in '90, bought a new GoldWing last year to add to his sportbike and cruiser garage, and Chuck recently bought a Honda VFR1200 sport touring bike.

The weather was great, the best we've seen in many years,

with lows in the 60's and highs in the 80's. We only had one light shower just before we got there the entire trip. We had a great time as always. I also had a good time riding down and back with them, but haven't had a problem doing the trip solo for years, joining the rest of the crew when they got there.

I never get lonely on the road because when you ride a Harley people just naturally seem to want to talk to you when you stop for gas, etc. Think about it, this almost never happens when you're traveling in a car. My unscientific analysis on this ride was that strangers seemed more likely to approach me than John or Chuck when we were near the bikes. John and Chuck both noticed this, and I explained to them that I think that Harleys have better name recognition and are just "cooler" to the general public. We pull up and their bikes' motors are whirring and purring like a quiet air conditioning compressor while my Harley motor is unabashedly thumping and jumping around, making a scene, much like they did 40 or 50 years ago. It's the visual image along with the traditional sound, and there's no doubt the Harley just

generally attracts more attention. Much of the conversations with strangers tend to lean toward the past Harley a friend or a relative owned or how they really want to get one someday or how expensive they've heard they are. Even when I'm in a hurry, I hear them out and try to offer my opinion or advice if it's requested.

At last count I've owned 26 motorcycles in my riding life and worked at and managed a couple of dealerships in the mid 70's to early 80's. I've had numerous Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, and Kawasaki bikes through the years. All of the foreign manufacturers build great bikes, and you can find something to accommodate just about any type of riding you like. While I doubt John or Chuck will ever own a Harley, I also doubt I'll own anything else in the future (although I did like the touring version of the Can-Am Spyder I rode). I can appreciate the technology and engineering that goes into their fine machines; they just don't do it for me anymore like they did in my serious sportbike days. One of the reasons is: you get lonely on the road when you ride a Honda.

Dave Stockton



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