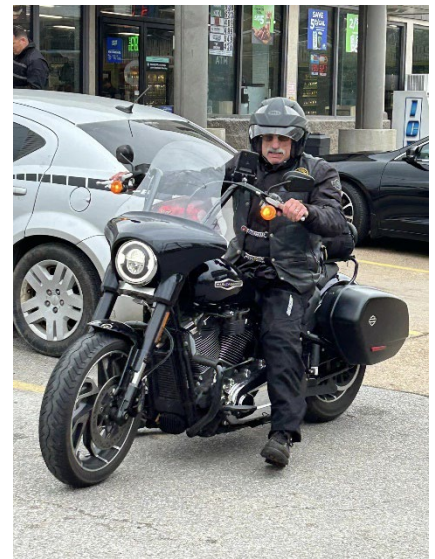




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Last month I hitched my wagon to that rodent called Punxsutawney Phil and his prediction that spring would come early. Based on the flowers and other plants starting to spring up (see what I did there), I would say Phil is spot on this year. This means warmer weather for riding. Always a plus!

Missy has been diligently filling up the calendar with great rides. In addition to the day\lunch rides, she has already posted the overnight rides scheduled through August. Not just one or two overnight rides, but six. The first of which is this week: New Orleans. If you can't make the trip to New Orleans, we have the following upcoming overnight rides to join:

Leiper's Fork, TN  
Ocean Springs, MS  
Chattanooga, TN  
Lobelville, TN  
Hot Springs, AR

If you haven't joined us on an overnight ride, you are missing out. Make plans now!

If better weather results in more riding, this means more opportunities to participate in the ABC's of Touring Chapter challenge. This challenge doesn't just pay out to the winner, there is swag to earn just by participating. Get out and start collecting location pictures!

One last quick reminder, as we come out of winter and our bikes have been sitting for a while, take the time to do a full T-CLOCS inspection. For sure double check the tires and brakes. Verify the tires are inflated to the correct pressure and still have ample tread. They are literally the only thing between you and the road.

Keep the shiny side up,

Robert  
Director





Well, it's March and riding season is just getting started. This month brings us the first overnight HOG trip of the year to New Orleans. I am always excited about going to New Orleans. Our chapter went to New Orleans as a group in March of 2021. I rode to New Orleans on my Dyna which was not as comfortable as my current ride, but it was still a great trip. The trip was so fun that Melissa and I have gone each March since and this will be our fourth annual trip to New Orleans. If you are on the fence about going, you should go. We will be riding back on St. Patrick's Day, but I am sure we will find a way to celebrate a day early before we go home.

In addition to the overnight trip to New Orleans, we currently have two (and possibly three) day rides planned for March. The ride to Ground Zero Blues Club is always a good one. The past director ride will be fun as well. However, if you cannot make these rides or want to ride more often, do not hesitate to call out a friend ride. Sometimes I feel like the great Christopher Walken when he said, "I could have used a little more cowbell" because I always think I could have used a little more motorcycle. In fact, "I got a fever, and the only prescription is a little more ~~cowbell~~ [Motorcycle]."

Ride and Have Fun....

I am here to serve you all. If there is anything you need or any questions you have, do not hesitate to let me know.



Bradley  
Assistant Director





## Treasurer's Report

Happy March, HOG Brothers and Sisters! The weather is getting better for riding every day, and I hope everyone is enjoying it!

Our current bank balance is \$7,595.48, not counting approximately \$100 in income and expenses that haven't yet hit our account. This compares to \$7522.09 last month, the difference being some dues payments and minor expenses.

Reminder, please use PayPal or leave your payment in the drawer at the parts counter at Bumpus if you need to pay for anything.

Be safe!

Bill Clemmons  
Treasurer





## *What's Going On-March addition*

Greetings y'all! I'm so excited the weather is getting better. The February ride to Gilt Edge was pretty chilly, although sunny. One good thing was I saw lots of Daffodils blooming, and that always makes me happy and hopeful for the warmer days. Soon the brown scenery you're looking at will be beautiful and green. I planned rides for February because in Tennessee you just never know what you're going to get, and it might be ok. That being said, let me digress a bit about heated gear...

I used Valentine's Day as an excuse to buy Bradley a heated jacket. (It arrived the night before our Gilt Edge trip but was incorrectly delivered to our neighbor 🙄) We went to New Orleans last year during Spring Break and it was pretty cold on the way home. I didn't want a repeat of that. Heated gear can get pricey, so my plan is to get the pieces over time. How many occasions occur throughout the year when people ask what you want, and you don't know what to say? So, for a birthday? Add the pants. Father's Day? Add another piece, and so on. We have so many sunny days that we could ride if it wasn't so cold. So, if you like that idea and would like to extend your riding season, feel free to steal it.

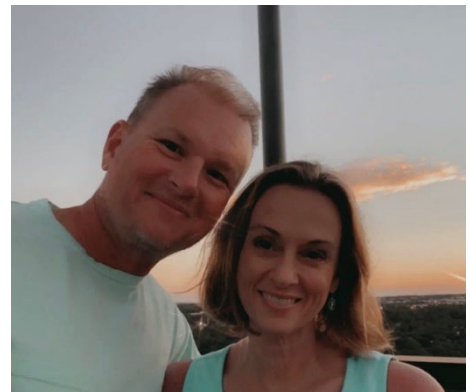
We have some fun things coming up in our calendar.

- Saturday March 9 is our Chapter day ride to Clarksdale, MS where we will have lunch at Ground Zero Blues Club.
- Tuesday March 12th Chapter Meeting at Kooky Canuck
- Thursday the 14th through Sunday the 17th First Chapter Overnight of the Year to New Orleans (Woo Hoo 🍒)
- Thursday the 21st Dinner Social at Rotolo's Craft and Crust in Collierville
- Saturday the 23rd Group Riding Class (you probably need this for a patch)
- Saturday the 30th Past Director's Chapter Ride to Greg and Jim's in Colt, Ar.

Don't forget about the Most Valuable Volunteer Award. The person with the most volunteer points at the end of the year will get a \$150 gift card to Bumpus HD. Now in addition to patches and the sheer goodwill of volunteering, there is one more advantage to giving us your time and talents. Lizzy has asked that we help out with grilling at the dealership when they have special events, and that could occur up to twice a month. This helps them but it helps us too. We can attract new members and we make money to do fun things through tips. Some dealerships don't ask their members to do things, and we are lucky that they support us and want us around. She will try to avoid events being planned on our Chapter Ride days. They want us to ride and have fun too.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Chapter meeting and making some fun memories with the group this year. Pick a few trips you like and join your friends. These are the good old days.

Missy Eskins  
Activities Officer





**Chris & Tracy  
Taylor**

## Membership Alley

Happy March everyone! We certainly are looking forward to many fun times as riding season, well, warmer riding season begins. There are multiple rides and overnight trips planned, and we hope to see you there.

As of writing this, our current group sits at 77 active members. I'm sure some of those folks that forgot to renew will be doing so in the next few weeks, so look for that number to grow. If you have any questions about membership, don't hesitate to ask.

Now, let's go ride!  
Chris and Tracy Taylor  
2024 Membership Officers



# MEMBERSHIP



Wow, I am almost forgot to send out an article for the newsletter. Robert wouldn't be surprised, but I made a lot of stink about being really early last time around. So, here I am listening to a concert on YouTube of my man crush. His first song is Nobody to Blame but Me. So, I better get this article out.

What's new in Road Captain land.... Well, we had our first road captain meeting of this year. We had a great turnout. The majority of the time we talked about the responsibilities of being a road captain, lead or sweep. To me, it really boils down to being able to solve a problem on the spot.....my GPS is wrong, now what, my route stopped, now what, the road is closed, now what? Below are a couple of bullets that we discussed:

#### General Guidelines for a Road Captain:

- Is expected to lead a group of riders in a safe manner until the final destination has been reached.
- Will execute his or her best judgement in situations not specifically covered in these guidelines.
- May change the route as actual road and/or weather conditions dictate or may cancel the ride when necessary.
- May instruct any rider to ride in a specific position within the group or to leave the group entirely for reasons of misconduct, disorderly or unsafe riding or for faulty or unsafe equipment.
- Will lead the ride at a pace that is appropriate for the riding abilities of the group, obeying all traffic laws.

We will be putting together an updated Road Captain Handbook with lots of good information for not only the road captains, but everyone.

Keep in mind that.....Road Captains share no responsibility or liability for actions of others that may be deemed irresponsible or occur due to inadequate rider skills. One of my other hot buttons is "knowing your group." Know the skill level of who is riding behind you as the lead or in front of you as the sweep. This is actually a very good habit for non-road captains to have as well. Who is in front of you that will stop at a red light, a stop sign?

Another item we discussed was about what we should carry with us, what is a proper set of tools? How about a fire extinguisher? How about a first aid kit? Some of us carry a list of ailments, medications, and other things we believe first responders, or our fellow riders need to know about us. I remember getting my first set of contact lenses and the optician telling me to make sure to carry a notice with me to let folks know I wear contacts. So, here you go, I wear contacts.

I hope you are glad to be receiving the GPX routes to all our rides, I post them on the Facebook page for the event, I email them to all active members from road captain email address, I also post them on my Harley Davidson profile. Then on top of things, Tony puts them in our Dropbox so that you can grab them via our website.

Ricky Skaggs just got introduced on stage, so it is time for me to close this down. I hope to see y'all on many future rides, and oh yeah, that mileage trophy this year, it's mine!

Remember, Life is good!

Roelant/Dutch  
Head Road Captain



As of this writing it is March 2nd. The year is moving right along.

If you have not already noticed, we have a link on the Home Page for access to our database of .gpx routes. The button in the lower righthand corner labeled "Routes .GPX Files" takes you there. When you get to that page follow the instructions for downloading the file. Select a route for download to a stick and then from the stick transfer the file to your Harley GPS or Garmin device. Many of these routes were developed by Dave Stockton but as I loaded them, I noticed many other contributors from over the years from various HOG Members. Many are no longer members but it's something they left us as they move on. I renamed several of the files so that we can easily recognized the intended journey. I've ridden many of them.

Perhaps I'm a little eat up with technology and this is not intended to be a sales presentation but, I am a Garmin fan. When you see me on a ride, I'm probably running both the Garmin and the Harley GPS. On the latest model, Garmin Zumo XT, all you must do to share a route with your friends is pull up alongside another XT user, put it in "Share Mode" and transfer the route over to them without even getting off the bike. That feature and weather radar are the coolest features on the new Garmins.

#### Website Statistics Last 30 Days

Site Sessions: 217  
Unique Visitors: 94  
Direct Entry: 153  
From Google: 62  
From Facebook, Bing and Yahoo: 22

#### Devices Used From:

Desktop: 112  
Phone: 84  
Tablet (iPad): 21

That's all for this month. We have a great group folks in Memphis HOG. Y'all keep on riding and be safe.

Tony Crook  
Webmaster



# Chapter Events



## March

**05**

**Officers Meeting**  
6:00pm

**09**

**Chapter Lunch Ride**  
Ground Zero Blues  
Club, Clarksdale, MS

**12**

**Chapter Meeting**  
The chapter meeting will be held at Kooky Canuck, 1250 N Germantown Pkwy # 123, Cordova, TN 38016. Join us for good food and socializing beginning at 6:30pm.

**14**

**Weekend Ride to the Big Easy (14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>)**  
Ride to the Crescent City, New Orleans. The hotel is the Hotel Royal.

**21**

**Chapter Dinner Social**  
Rotolo's Craft and Crust, 1337 W Poplar Ave, Collierville, TN 38017

**30**

**Chapter Lunch Ride**  
Past Directors Ride  
Greg and Jim's, Colt, AR

## April

**02**

**Officers Meeting**  
6:00pm

**06**

**Chapter Lunch Ride**  
Slug Burger, Corinth, MS

**09**

**Chapter Meeting**  
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**18**

**Chapter Dinner Social**  
The Kitchen Table, 12062 Forrest St, Arlington, TN 38002

**20**

**Overnight ride to Leipers Fork**  
More details coming

**27**

**Chapter Lunch Ride**  
Hollywood Café 1585 Old Commerce Rd, Tunica Resorts, MS 38664

## May

**04**

**CPR Class**  
United Methodist Church, 8350 Walnut Grove Road Cordova, TN 9am – 1pm

**07**

**Officers Meeting**  
6:00pm

**11**

**Chapter Lunch Ride**  
Mission BBQ  
Clarksville, TN. Meet at Bumpus 6:30 am KSU 7:00 am

**14**

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**18**

**Chapter Lunch Ride**  
Rattlesnake Saloon,  
Tuscumbia, AL

**23**

**Chapter Dinner Social**  
TBD

**24**

**Overnight ride to Ocean Springs, MS.**  
More details coming

# National and Local Membership

## To Join HOG National

To join the Memphis HOG Chapter, you must first be a full or associate national HOG member in good standing. Visit the Harley Owners Group website to read about HOG Events, Membership Types and Membership Benefits. [www.HOG.com](http://www.HOG.com)

Once you receive your national membership number. Use can use this number to join Memphis HOG.

## To Join the Memphis HOG Chapter

Download the Memphis HOG membership form and fill it out.

There are three ways to submit the form:

1. Drop off the form along with \$25 cash or check at the Bumpus HD Memphis parts counter.
2. Bring it to the next Memphis HOG activity. Check the Events Calendar for upcoming events.
3. Mail the form and a \$25 check made out to "**Memphis HOG Chapter**". Mail to:

Memphis HOG Chapter # 4928

Bumpus Harley Davidson

2160 Whitten Road

Memphis, TN 38133-6004



Top 20 Club Mileage		
Place	Name	Miles
1	Roelant Verbeek	578
1	Robert Gantt	578
1	Richard Cooley	578
1	Kevin Allen	578
5	Frank Rector	470
5	Tim Mitchell	470
5	Jim Ferguson	470
5	Mike Farina	470
5	Bill Clemmons	470
5	Timothy Backus	470
11	Doug Wyant	433
11	Dan Benson	433
13	Mike Zdancewicz	327
13	Robert Rehkopf	327
15	Wayne Thompson	290
16	Bradley Eskins	288
17	Melissa Eskins	251
18	Al Torres	180
18	Susan Miller	180
18	Daniel Jackson	180



## 2024 Officer Team

**Sponsor:** Bumpus Harley Davidson

**Director:** Robert Gantt

**Assistant Director:** Bradley Eskins

**Treasurer:** Bill Clemmons

**Secretary:** Mike Farina

**Activities:** Missy Eskins

**Head Road Captain:** Roelant Verbeek

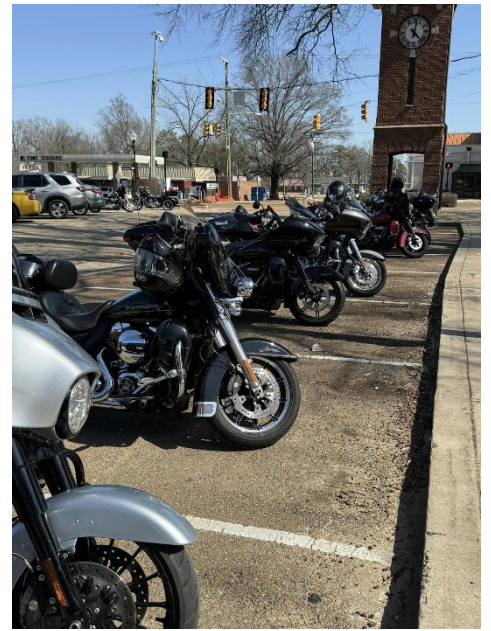
**Membership:** Tracy & Chris Taylor

**Safety Officer:** Jim Ferguson

**Social Media:** Jim Ferguson

**Web Master:** Tony Crook

Participation Points and Club Mileage through February 24, 2024  
 Max Points = 17  
 Max Mileage = 578



## *Memphis HOG Patches*



*Memphis Chapter Top Rocker  
Available in Gold and Silver  
Small \$25.00  
Large \$40.00*



*HOG Logo  
Available in Full Color and Silver  
Small \$6.00  
Large \$15.00*



*HOG Heritage Logo  
Small \$6.00  
Large \$15.00*

**Yes, we sew on patches!**

- Top & Bottom Rockers - \$10
- Large Center Patches - \$15
- Pocket Size Patches - \$7.00
- (\$14 to keep pocket open)**

Drop off and pick up, or for small simple patches, call for an appointment and we'll sew them on while you wait.



**Accessories and Gift Ideas**

Make it a special gift by adding your name.



**DUCK FARTS**

*Call us for an e-copy of our 60-page color catalog to see more of the leather products we make in our shop.*

# Lakeland Leatherworks

10305 Monroe Road, Lakeland, TN

Shop: 901.290.5726

Cell: 901.484.5725

@LakeLandLeatherwork

**WALLETS**

We can do any kind of design you want on a wallet.



**EXTENDERS**

We also make vest extenders, Indian Head, skull, and other designs for the snap top are available.



**SIDE HOLSTERS**

**Custom Saddle Bags**

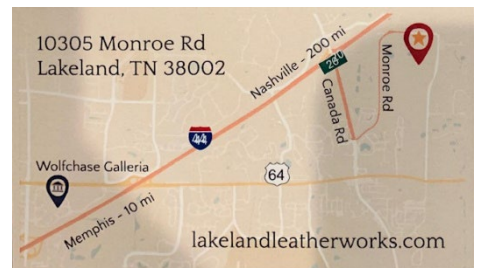
Traditional styles and designs or ones to complement your bike



*Bags, Bags, and More Bags*



**Custom Chaps**



BTW...The ride on Monroe Road from Canada Road to Chambers Chapel is amazing.

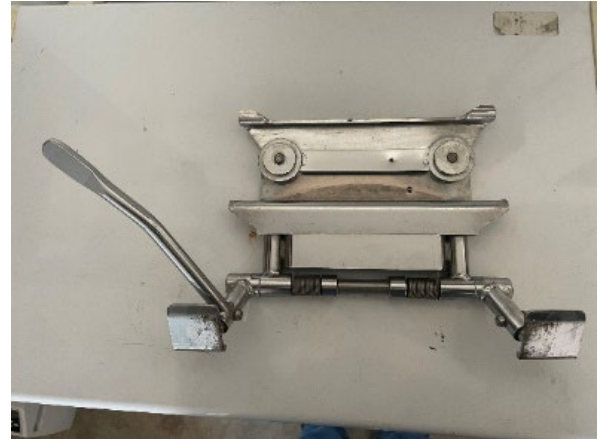
**For Sale**

1- Harley Davidson indoor/outdoor waterproof motorcycle cover. Part# 98721-90 fits Sportster or Dyna. Very good condition. Cost new \$110 Asking \$50

2- Harley Davidson indoor/outdoor waterproof motorcycle cover. Part# 98724-92B fits Dyna, Softail models, and V-Rod.  
Cost new \$115 Asking \$50  
Call Larry 378-7318



**Motorcycle Center Stand**  
**Asking \$125**  
**Call Larry Allen**  
**378-7318**



**Harley Davidson Chrome Motorcycle Wheel**  
**For 2000 and up Touring Bike Like New**  
**Size 16+3 For Front Wheel**  
**Larry 378-7318**



Mini Ape Hanger – 9 Inch Black 1-1/2 Inch Fat. These are the Harley Davidson Chisel for the Road Glide. New Harley retail price is \$319.95. I'm asking half price at \$160.00. No Cables. These bars raise your hands/arms up about 2 inches from stock with your hands a little closer together.  
Contact **Tony Crook at 481-0730**





Ape Hangers for Sale 10" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for a Cruiser, Standard Harley. I used these on a Softail. Purchased new from J&P Cycles \$724.  
I'm selling these at half the retail price. \$360.  
Contact **Tony Crook at 481-0730**



Ape Hangers for Sale 18" Chrome 1-1/2 Diameter Fat. With 3 Polished Stainless Steel Braided Cables, Brake, Throttle and Clutch. Fitment is for Cruiser, Standard Harley. I used these on a Softail. Purchased from J&P Cycles \$724.  
I'm selling these at half the retail value. \$360.  
Contact **Tony Crook at 481-0730**

**For Sale by James Coats**

XL Leather Jacket w/zip out quilted liner.  
Excellent condition. \$150. Message me.



## DO YOU KNOW HOW TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH BUMPUS HARLEY DAVIDSON (MEMPHIS)?

\*Join our members-only Facebook group

<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

<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](mailto:memphishogactivities@gmail.com)

\* Special Note to AOL mail users

Please add [memphishogactivities@gmail.com](mailto:memphishogactivities@gmail.com) to your email contacts.

This will help ensure chapter emails don't end up in your trash\spam folder



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Website: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/>

Event calendar: <http://www.bumpushdmemphis.com/check-out-our-events--calendar>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BumpusHarleyMemphis/>

Twitter: [@BumpusHDMem](https://twitter.com/BumpusHDMem)

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/bumpusmphis/videos>

### INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER?

Ads are free to current members selling personal items, i.e., 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 any Chapter Officer to set up your ad.