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Director~Jim Stingley



Hello everyone, now that spring has arrived I'm sure your mind has drifted at times as has mine to those day's that we often think about in the middle of winter.

The wind in our face and the sun at our backs as we ride down the road on the machines that we have come to enjoy so much, our Harley Davidson motorcycle's. Some of us will head out on an adventure that will take us through several

states and give us the opportunity to see some of the greatest sight's this country has to offer and others will enjoy just getting out and riding the back roads and highways of the Great state of Tennessee, but no matter if you ride east, west, north, south or simply stay local I have no doubt that you will have the time of your life. I have found true enjoyment out of just sitting on my bike and releasing all of my stress; it is amazing what a little wind therapy can do. It is April 24th and today was one of those days! Intense! Today was track day, intense, exhilarating and a great time blasting around Memphis Motorsports Speedway. This was defiantly a wow day, it's not often that you can lay it all out there and ride without the worry of traffic, road debris or animals coming out of nowhere just ride have fun and work on some skills. Let me say THANKS! Bumpus Harley Davidson for putting this event together and giving those that participated a great experience. My point is, no matter how you choose to ride. Just live life to the fullest and enjoy the moment! Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride Often!

Grab Life by the Handlebars!
Jim

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### **MAY CHAPTER EVENTS**

- 2** Chapter Meeting~Breakfast at Slingshot Charlies
- 6** Memphis HOG Bike Night~Sonic Drive Inn-Hwy 70
- 9** Lunch Ride~ Bozo BBQ~Mason TN
- 14** Road Captain Meeting
- 17** Lunch Ride~Olympic Steakhouse~Bells TN
- 21** Dinner Ride-All Star Hot Wings
- 26** Dinner Ride-The Hut~Somerville TN

## **LOH-Denisce Paine/Tammy Stingley**

Hi Folks. Winter is over and spring has arrived with all its glory. It has brought plenty of rain. It's Time to start serious riding.

If you missed our last chapter meeting you missed out on a nice curvy ride just skirting around Memphis. The ride took about 45 minutes from Bumpus to The Butcher Shop, but well worth the ride.

If you missed the meeting for April the winners were as follows: Tammy Stingley won the fuel card and the Sivell's won the 50/50 drawing. Leigh Williams won the RSVP. Gene Cofer won the membership drawing, John Grisham won the meal ticket drawing and Tammie Caldwell was our April Birthday winner.

We have decided to have another activity this month. Ladies come play putt-putt with us on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet between 6 and 6:15 at the Putt-Putt on Summer Ave. One game is \$8.00.

I would like to continue the next part of my article by saying; I have just been made aware of something very unsettling about a fairly new member of our chapter. The name of this person isn't important. We have all been there. Everyone in this chapter is part of one large extended HOG family, new and old members. This person came to a chapter meeting and another chapter event last year to see what we were all about. The individual left both the meeting and chapter event feeling unwelcomed as a new member and went so far, as to say if they didn't belong in a "Click" already, then it's not worth coming to meetings, socials or even being a member of Memphis HOG. Let me start by saying this to this member and every other member of our chapter. I know from years of being a member that no one in Memphis HOG would intentionally try to make anyone feel unwelcomed.

For all of you that know me you would say I'm definitely not "shy", but people that have known me all my life can verify without hesitation that I am very much shy. I came to my first 6 or 7 meetings starting in late 2005. I will say, I barely said five or six words to anyone at a meeting. Don't get me wrong. People spoke briefly to me and I spoke back, but that was the extent. I didn't feel welcome, but that was because I was not ready to venture out and talk. After a few months, I did manage to walk in and start speaking, on my own to people because I knew some names and faces. The more events I attended the more I realized the people in this chapter were becoming more than acquaintances they were becoming friends. I didn't see them often, but the people encouraged me to want to show up and socialize. We all share the love of riding motorcycles. I gradually came out of my shell and started feeling that this group was a big part of my happiness and a part of my family. The people in this chapter have helped me to stand up, feel comfortable, talk in front of people and not be shy. They have stood by my side in the good times and the bad. You will always have someone there if you need a hand or a hug. I firmly believe only close friends and family can bring out that much comfort.

I do understand that sometimes meetings can be a little hectic with us handling chapter business and stuffing down good food, but as a member and an officer we should all remember what it was like our first few times to show up at a gathering in hopes of socializing with friends and really don't know anyone. The fact is we showed up to spend a little time together and make some new friends. Maybe we all should slow down, get off our butt's, mingle with everyone. I don't know about you but, I want to feel that in a group of 30-90 people that someone in that group cares that I came to whatever we are having that day and is really interested in how life is treating me.

I can say with absolute honesty that I know if I had not continued to come to functions I would feel a void in my life that would be hard to fill. Each and every one of you has showed me kindness and friendship that is sometimes as good as it gets. I may ride lots of times in a small group that some call a "click", but I have also rode with everyone in large groups in this chapter every time I get the chance. Maybe that is a large "click". I am not sure I like the term "click" because if a large group of people spend a lot of time together it is inevitable that certain people will determine they enjoy the same types of foods and the same riding styles. Some will find they have the same interests outside of riding a motorcycle and some live closer together than others. That doesn't necessarily mean they are in a click it means we are friends with the same and different interests.

Please don't stop coming to join our group. Show up & get involved. I will guarantee if you do you will find more friends than you can handle. Stop any officer or our official greeter when you arrive. Any one of us will be happy to show you around, introduce you to some folks that will make you feel like you want to comeback, ride the backroads and stop for a bite at a restaurant that you won't forget. Believe it or not, you will get out of anything you do what you put in to it.

## **Chaplain~Michele Bryant**

Oxford Dictionary's definition of the word "Clique" - A small group of people, with shared interests or other features in common, who spend time together and do not readily allow others to join them.

As kids, we dealt with cliques in school. For some, that was a positive experience. For others perhaps it was negative. As adults though, I feel we should be able to put the negativity behind us. Now, I find a clique to simply be a group of friends with a similar interest who hang out together.

Do I have a particular group of friends in the HOG club that I have a tendency to hang out with more than others? Yep...guilty! You can't help but have a special connection with certain people who share your passion. Would I exclude anyone from any of our activities? Never intentionally.

In initially meeting me, most might think I'm a pretty quiet, keep to myself type person. (And I am definitely an introverted type personality.) Until you get to know me! Then you might say I'm blunt and I can be a bit of a smart-aleck. (If you ask for my honest opinion on something, be prepared to get just that.)

But Memphis HOG has brought me out of my shell and made me more sociable and outgoing than I ever thought I would be comfortable being. I certainly never imagined myself getting in front of large groups of people and speaking publicly.

Now you might be wondering...where are you going with this? Started out with a definition about cliques and then go into a description about myself. Well, I just want to point out that you can get a lot out of Memphis HOG too. As Brian and I told new members when we were greeters a few years ago, "You get out what you put in."

This is our seventh year with the Memphis Chapter and we've seen a lot of people join and then never try to really engage with us. I can see where older members are hesitant to do more than just a simple

introduction because they have also seen too many people bail after only one or two events. Unfortunately, I've found myself having the same attitude at times. You wonder...Do I bother trying to get to know this person if they aren't going to bother to try to belong?

We are a family though. And we want to see our family grow. To new and old members who haven't been around much lately, all I can say, is get involved. Introduce yourself (or reintroduce yourself because some of us are really bad with names). If you don't have someone to sit with at dinner, and Brian and I are there, come join us.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."  
Luke 6:31 NIV





## **Assistant Director~Brian Bryant**

Hi to everyone and hope everyone is doing well. First, I want to say how sorry we were to hear about Michael. We hope and pray he will have a speedy recovery. In knowing him, he should be back up and running with us soon. Our heartfelt prayers are with him and Patti at this time.

We are still having trouble with the weather. It would seem Mother Nature doesn't want to play very nice. I think it is just going to be that way this year. Don't worry; it's still going to be a good riding year.

So we're closing out April with a bike night on Wed. night, Skills Night on Thursday, a couple of porker runs for good causes, Poncho's-Dinner Ride which should be good. We'll be starting out May with a Memphis HOG Bike Night at Sonic for just a simple night out and hang out at the drive in like you were young again. We also have Bozo's BBQ-Lunch Ride > great BBQ!! One of my favorites. I see we have another lunch ride that has not been announced yet I am sure it will be somewhere neat. All Star Hot Wings-Dinner Ride if you like hot wings. These are some of the best in Memphis.

And closing out the month of May is the anticipated TN Rally. This is the week of 24<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>. Time to go blaze through some of the prettiest roads and curves in the country. You'll have rides every day, bands playing every night. Harleys everywhere and from my understanding HOG members are coming from all over the U.S. So happy May, ride safe and have fun.

Brian



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## Future Happenings

Bumpus Skills Night            May 7, 14  
 Cystic Fibrosis Poker Run   May 16  
 Make a Wish Poker Run      May 23  
 Tennessee Hog Rally         May 26~May 30  
 Eureka Springs                 June 12~June 14

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### 2015 Road Captains

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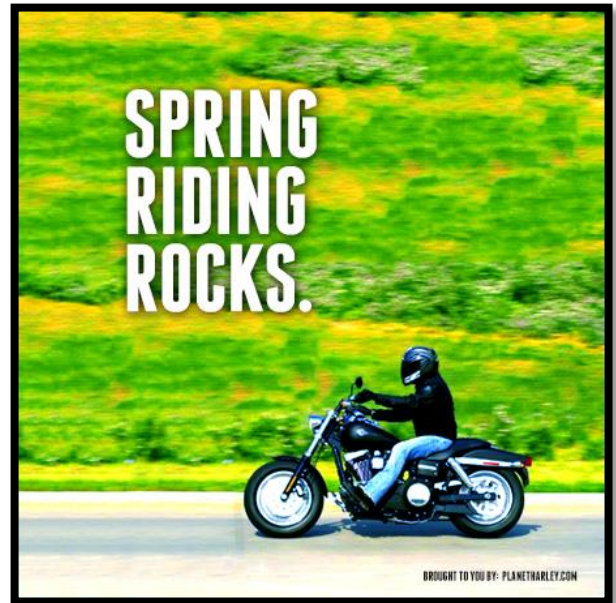
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