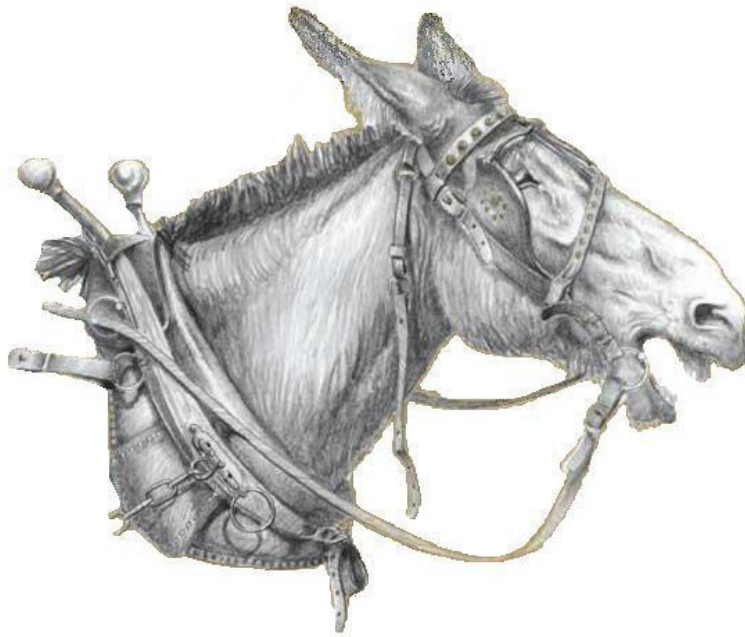


# *Muletown News*

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Total as of February 2008  
**-58-**



# Welcome!

### **Our newest members:**

Timothy LaRonde  
Connie Loftin  
Judy Morgan  
Barbara Morris  
David Morris

## **HARLEY-DAVIDSON HAS COOL BIKES, HOT TIME SET FOR DAYTONA**

Milwaukee (February 5, 2008) - Engines will be revving and the fun will be firing on all cylinders as the Ocean Center Arena will be the heart of Harley-Davidson at Daytona Bike Week 2008.

From the latest bikes and accessories to electrifying music and entertainment to inspiring events like the Women's Day Ride with 500 female riders and the Custom Motorcycle Show contest, the official Harley-Davidson schedule of events for the 67th Annual Bike Week at Daytona Beach, Fla., includes something for anyone with a passion for motorcycles and taste for rebellion.

Harley-Davidson will once again be bringing the heart and soul of Daytona Bike Week directly to you at [www.harley-davidson.com/daytona](http://www.harley-davidson.com/daytona). A motley crew of correspondents will hit the streets, beaches and race tracks to get the beat straight from Daytona. Be sure to catch the online coverage, including a daily blog, photos and video updates.



# Calendar of Events

- February 24<sup>th</sup>** L.O.H. Meeting (Open Event)
- February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>** Daytona Bike Week; Daytona Beach, FL  
*www.daytonachamber.com/bwhome.html*
- March 1<sup>st</sup>** Chapter Lunch Ride: “Miss Mary Bobo’s” – Lynchburg, TN  
(Closed Event)
- March 9<sup>th</sup>** Chapter Lunch Ride: Destination TBD (Closed Event)
- March 18<sup>th</sup>** Chapter Meeting (Open Event)
- March 29<sup>th</sup>** Chapter Ride: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Thaw Swap Meet & Bike Show; Shelbyville, TN (Calsonic Arena) (Closed Event)
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>** Mule Days 2008
- April 12<sup>th</sup>** **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** (Open Event)
- Chapter Lunch Ride: Puckett’s Grocery – Leipers Fork, TN  
(Closed Event)
- April 15<sup>th</sup>** Chapter Meeting (Open Event)

**CLOSED EVENTS** – Are those chapter events which are open to chapter members and one guest per member.

**MEMBER EVENTS** – Are events that are open only to H.O.G. members.

**OPEN EVENTS**- Are those chapter events which are open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members and other guests as desired.



## ...from the editor...

Welcome back! I hope all of you had a very joyous and safe holiday season and were able to spend it with the people you love most.

As most of you who attended the Christmas party heard, I have been privileged with the task of taking over the Muletown Newsletter from Hope Conner. Before I get down to the business at hand, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hope for her great work and dedication in preparing the newsletter over the last couple of years. After preparing this, my first newsletter, I see firsthand the time and energy involved in making it look good as well as making it informative. Thank you Hope for a job well done!!

As your newsletter editor, I would like to introduce you to a new feature that you will see in upcoming newsletters. It is called 'Muletown's Favorite Rides'. Every month or so we will feature a story by one of our fellow Muletown Members on their favorite road or roads; it may be a road they like for its twisties or sweeping curves or maybe because it has great scenery and little traffic. Whatever the reasons, if it's a good road, then why not share it? For additional information or to submit a ride, see the article titled 'Muletown's Favorite Rides' in this newsletter.

I would also like to remind everyone that if you have some good motorcycle related information that you would like to share, whether it's a web site, a great piece of riding gear, an upcoming event, etc., or if you have something motorcycle related that you are trying to sell, please don't hesitate to forward the information to me for publication in the newsletter.

Please also keep in mind that in between monthly meetings and newsletters, "up to the minute" Chapter information as well as updated event information is always available on the Chapter website: <http://www.muletownrider.com/>

Please e-mail any newsletter submissions to [\*\*tshearn@charter.net\*\*](mailto:tshearn@charter.net)

Trish Shearn



# COLD WEATHER RIDING

By Jerry Pallidino (Submitted by Ron Miller)

Spring is here but we still have some cold weather to contend with while riding for the next month or so. This article was written by Jerry Pallidino about winter riding in Florida, but it is appropriate for our early season riding here in Middle Tennessee. He paints with a broad brush, but the article will give you some pointers for cold weather riding.

Hypothermia can happen very quickly if you're not dressed properly. What happens is your body senses the core temperature drop and begins cutting off blood supply to your hands, feet and your head. When the blood flow to your brain slows down, your decision making abilities start to slow down as well. Just like an intoxicated person has problems performing two tasks at the same time, as in clutching and braking, so does a person with the beginnings of hypothermia. You would usually first notice your hand getting numb then your feet and last but not least, your forehead, which can even make you feel like you've eaten too much ice cream too fast. If you've got all these symptoms, I guarantee your judgment has become impaired. If you prepare for a cold weather ride, you should never have to worry about or suffer from hypothermia.

First, start with a good pair of insulated gloves. Cold numb fingers can make for a miserable ride. I've got 3 pairs of gloves, lightweight, un-insulated medium leather with Thinsulate and a somewhat bulky leather pair with heavy insulation. If using the bulky type gloves hurts your throttle clutch and braking abilities, get yourself some heated grips. Heated grips work wonders and here in Florida, may be enough with just a pair of light leather gloves. The warmest thing you can put on your hands are electric gloves but they can be a little bulky.

For your feet, the best boots I've found are [Cruiserworks](#). These boots have a special waterproof insulation which not only keeps your feet warm in the winter, but they'll keep you cool and dry in the summer and they're extremely comfortable.

To keep your face and head warm, a Balaclava or ski mask will do the trick especially when combined with a full face helmet, a 3/4 or at least ear wraps zippered on to a half helmet.

To keep the wind from getting inside your jacket, there are many types of neck wraps available from fabric to leather, even a bandanna helps. Your main concern is the jacket. When your chest is warm it's much easier to keep all your extremities warm. A thick leather jacket or one made of Cadora which is also waterproof along with a couple of layers underneath, is the way to go. An electric vest will keep you warm as toast in even the coldest weather and eliminates the layers you'll otherwise need.

If you're ever caught without all the necessary gear and find yourself shivering, pick up a newspaper and a plastic bag. Shove the paper down your jacket and wrap your neck with the plastic bag and grab a hot cup of coffee. That should make the ride home at least bearable.



Ladies of Harley (L.O.H.) is a program sponsored by the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) for women motorcycle enthusiasts (notice I did not say rider). It does not matter whether you own or are a passenger, you can be a part of L.O.H.

L.O.H. was established to encourage women to become more active in H.O.G. and their local chapters. It is not a separate organization but rather another part of the benefits of H.O.G. It is not a group of women trying to separate from the men, but rather trying to encourage more women to be involved in an activity that is traditionally male dominated. More and more women are moving from the passenger seat to their own bikes, but we still do not want non-riders to feel intimidated.

L.O.H. membership allows you to not only participate locally, but also in L.O.H. activities at various H.O.G. rallies and events. These could be workshops, seminars, or other special events. The only requirement for membership is that you must be a member of the Harley Owners Group. There is no additional cost. Log on to the Harley Davidson website and view the information found under the riders section for H.O.G. members. When you register all you have to do is select the L.O.H. for your membership and you will receive a patch and a pin that distinguishes your involvement.

So what does L.O.H do? This is where your involvement helps to answer that question. Our schedule for the meetings will be posted on the chapter website. We will go over activities and events that we are planning. We have already begun to work on some great local charities and fundraisers.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. We will be meeting at Teresa Hamrick's home. Please email me at [hsconner@msn.com](mailto:hsconner@msn.com) if you need directions.

Hope to see you there!

Hope Conner

# Muletown Membership: What's It Worth?



By: Ken Steverson

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Ever given any serious thought to the value of your Muletown membership? I suppose that most of you have at least given it a little thought or you wouldn't be a member. Our Chapter dues hardly dent your pocket book, but even given the low cost most folks won't spend their hard earned bucks on something that they don't perceive as a reasonable value. Here are my top 10 reasons your Muletown membership, at a measly \$15.00 a year, is a real bargain:

- Reason 10: All the gleaming chrome of those Muletown bikes motivates you to keep your bike showroom clean.
- Reason 9: You really don't mind helmet hair because everyone has it.
- Reason 8: For those that don't have hair, you have plenty of company, and you don't have to worry about helmet hair.
- Reason 7: No one will kid you when your chaps cause your jeans to bunch up at your butt and look like you've got a full diaper. We've all been there.
- Reason 6: You get to hear all the Donnie Cooper stories. Haven't heard them? Where have you been?
- Reason 5: Ever so often someone makes a wrong turn on a ride and we get to see beautiful scenery and neat landmarks twice. What about it Ron Miller?
- Reason 4: You and your family get a free meal at the annual chapter picnic
- Reason 3: Members get a free gourmet meal at the annual Christmas party. We do love to eat!
- Reason 2: During the riding season you have the opportunity to participate in at least 2 well planned rides a month, nothing to think about, nothing to plan, no reservations to make, its all done for you, just show up, ride and enjoy.
- Reason 1: You get to hang out with some of the greatest folks around and they all understand why you ride and love your Harley Davidson.



### **Muletown's Favorite Rides**

Early one Sunday morning last fall, I walked over to my garage and I heard it. My Electra Glide was calling me. I looked over and saw the chrome winking at me. "Let's go for a ride" it was saying. It was going to be one of those scorchers today but it was early and I figured that we had a couple of hours or so to ride before the heat got unbearable. So I yielded to its urging and I put my riding gear on and hopped into the saddle. I backed it out of the garage and fired up the big V-twin. It rumbled quickly to life, anxious to get out on the road. As I slid it into first gear, it hit me. Where were we going? The Electra Glide just wanted to get going but in my past experience, I have found it better to have some sort of plan even though we might not follow the plan or the route exactly.

Then it hit me. I wish there was some resource for our Chapter members' favorite rides. I have heard our fellow members talking about some great road, some beautiful scenery, or a neat destination that they had been on recently. I like to explore but I also like to try to find that special route that someone told me about. I had maps and even a GPS but they couldn't describe that road with the twisties, the tree covered lane, or the scenic views that I wanted to find.

So, the Muletown Chapter is soliciting your favorite ride. It can be anywhere from about an hour to all day. It can be a local ride or one that takes some planning to get it ridden in a day. It can be one route out and another back home. We need to know about how many miles it is, how much time it takes, turn by turn directions, level of difficulty, and what makes it one of your favorite rides. We need road names or highway numbers. Favorite stops along the way would be helpful. We are going to try and publish a list of these rides on the web site and maybe in the newsletter each issue. A form has been developed so you can turn it in to the Chapter. (Form available on next page)

Then the next time your bike starts calling you, check the list of our Chapter members' favorite rides and head out on the highway. You'll feel just like one of the explorers from days gone by. Ride and have fun!

By the way, here is a web site that has some great rides: [www.motorcycleroads.us](http://www.motorcycleroads.us)

Submitted by Eddie Campbell



## Muletown's Favorite Rides

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Ride** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Ride:**

**Approximate Distance:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Submissions may be dropped in the Chapter Suggestion Box at the dealership,  
given to a Muletown Officer or e-mailed to [tshearn@charter.net](mailto:tshearn@charter.net)\*\*\*