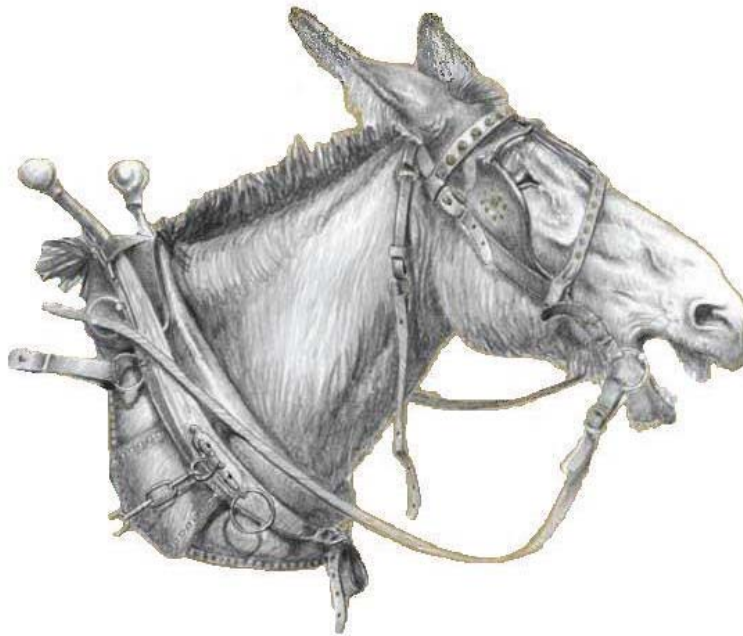


Muletown News

March / April 2008

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP



MULETOWN CHAPTER 2033

**Sponsored By:
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Chapter Membership
Total as of April 2008

-65-



Welcome!

Our newest members:

Richard Lamb

John Pool

2008 Tennessee State HOG Rally

Smoke in the Mountains

Townsend, Tennessee

June 4 -7, 2008

Come Experience the true Essence of the mountains: *There is so much more than the Dragon!*

Have you ever taken a ride on a cloud? When you come to the Tennessee State H.O.G. Rally in The Great Smoky Mountains that is just one of the things you can experience. Get up early one morning, find a spot on one of the near by mountain passes where you can see the mountain tops above the clouds. As the clouds start to rise up from the valleys you will feel the light mist brush against your skin on the way to the heavens. After the clouds have reached their destinations, you can experience some of the most beautiful scenery and fun mountain roads that are sure to give you some lasting memories of our great country. Come ride with us in the mountains of East Tennessee for the 2008 Tennessee State H.O.G. Rally.

You just can't ride it all in one day!

Registration deadline: April 17, 2008 www.tnstatehogrally.com

Harley Owners Group

Upcoming Events

- April 19th** Chapter Lunch Ride: Cahoots – Fayetteville
(Closed Event)
- April 27th** Chapter Lunch Ride: Destination TBD (Closed Event)
- April 30th** Road Captain Training (Closed Event)
- May 10th** Chapter Breakfast Ride: Loveless Café - Nashville
(Closed Event)
- May 18th** Chapter Lunch Ride: Soda Pop Junction – Lynnville
(Closed Event)
- May 20th^h** Chapter Meeting (Open Event)
- May 24th** Chapter Lunch Ride: Florence, AL (Closed Event)
- June 4th - 7th** State H.O.G. Rally: Townsend, TN
- June 14th^h** Chapter Lunch Ride: Henpeck Market (Closed Event)
- June 28th** Chapter Ride / Chapter Meeting
(Closed Event) (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.



So you want to learn to ride?...

Several of our members inquired at the last two meetings about riding classes for beginners. Well, we heard you! Below are the dates through June 2008 that the "Basic Rider Course" is being offered here in Columbia:

April 19 – 20

May 31 – June 1

April 26 – 27

June 7 - 8

May 3 – 4

June 21 - 22

May 24 – 25

June 28 – 29

Classes are Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Classroom instruction is held at Harley-Davidson of Columbia with the riding portion taking place on the course behind Cox Middle School. Classes are limited to 12 students.

Basic Rider Course - \$205 -This course is your "learn to ride" course and/or the course that would serve as a refresher for those of you who haven't ridden in quite awhile. We furnish all the motorcycles and helmets for those of you who don't have one.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ENROLL IN ANY OF THE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING CLASSES, PLEASE CONTACT **MARY KATHRYN @ MIDDLE TENNESSEE MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION CENTER AT **(931)503-1177** OR CHECK OUT THEIR WEB SITE: www.midtenmotorcycle.com**

...You already know how to ride but you want more?..

For those of you that don't need the "basics" but would like to advance your skills, consider the "Experienced Rider Course".**

Experienced Rider Course - \$99 - This course is the "next course" in your motorcycle training experience. You take this course on your own motorcycle and practice advanced turning and braking. This course prepares you for real world riding situations and familiarizes you with the handling of your motorcycle.

If we can get 12 Muletown Members to sign up to take the "ERC" on the same day, they will drop the price to \$75.00 per person (instead of \$99.00). (Please note: At this point in time, the "ERC" is not offered in Columbia. Those that enroll in the "ERC" will have to take it in Murfreesboro or Nashville.)

Also Available:

Women Only Motorcycle Classes - \$205 - Classes designed for women who have never ridden, who feel they may need a little more individual attention, and to provide an non-intimidating environment for women to learn to ride together.

Private Classes: Private classes are available for those who need classes offered not on weekends or who wish to have one-on-one instruction. You name any two days you would like to have class and we will work to accommodate your requests. Private classes cost \$400

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Do you have some free time on your hands? The Ladies of Harley are asking for your help toward a couple of great causes:

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We have teamed up with Don Piggins from the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia to work on a house at the corner of East 9th Street & Maple Ash (a/k/a Mapleash). They held a “groundbreaking” service with the ceremonial “turning of the sod” this past Saturday. That was followed up with some lot preparation and necessary clean up before the footers are dug.

We truly believe this organization is a win-win for everyone. If you have a few hours or even an entire day, please consider helping out this worthy cause. No experience is necessary and no one offering help will be refused! For more information about Habitat for Humanity please visit their website: www.habitat.org. To volunteer, please contact Hope Conner at hsconner@msn.com

A great big “**THANK YOU**” to **BUTCH YANCY** for his efforts in getting International Comfort to donate the HVAC unit for this Habitat House!!!

MAURY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the animal shelter at our April chapter meeting. This small gesture goes such a long way toward the lives of the animals. We would like to remind and encourage everyone to continue to keep the shelter in mind throughout the year. They are always in need of supplies as well as volunteers to assist with the animals in any way possible. Again, no experience is necessary and no one offering help will be refused!



Who knows, you might just end up with a friend for life! For more information about how you can help, please call the Maury County Animal Shelter at (931)540-0897.

THE LADIES OF HARLEY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THESE TWO GREAT CAUSES!

Off To A Great Start In '08

By Arnold Conner

It's really hard to believe but it's already mid-April! Seems like just a few weeks ago we had our first Chapter meeting and were talking about going on the first ride of the year to Miss Mary Bobo's, which by the way if you missed it was absolutely a great day! This event was supported by the largest turnout ever for a planned lunch ride. Twenty-one bikes and thirty members were greeted with sunny skies and chilly temperatures for a ride to Lynchburg, TN for a unique, one of a kind meal. What a great way to start off the year! Thanks again to Hopie C. for putting this together!

The weather has not been as cooperative in weekends since the Miss Mary Bobo's ride and unfortunately has caused us to cancel a few events. I guess ol' Mother Nature is paying us back for some of the better days she's given us over the past few years. Like Jay Morgan (Bear) told me the other day "Everybody's just antsy and wants to ride"! Oh well, I'm sure she'll make it up to us somehow!

The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser held on April 12th was a HUGE success and thanks again to everyone who volunteered to help out. We could not done it without you! Another big thanks to the "Muletown Mafia" for preparing breakfast for everyone who showed up. Financially we should be in pretty good shape for the remainder of '08. Total funds raised should be announced at the April Chapter meeting.

If you haven't done so already you should really check out the "Muletown Update" page on the website www.muletownrider.com We have a couple of really cool contests going that you can still get in on. The "Muletown Chapter Mileage Contest" is in full swing and the "Muletown Chapter's ABC's of Touring Contest" was announced at the March meeting. We've got some great prizes being awarded at the end of the year so don't wait until it's too late. Everything you need to know is on the website.

How about those Ladies of Harley..... Please don't forget to say thanks to the Muletown Chapter Ladies of Harley members for their efforts to help promote our Chapter in several worthy causes here in Maury County. There's more information in the newsletter about their efforts so please don't miss reading about it! The Ladies of Harley Rock!!!

Several of the Chapter Officers will be traveling to Birmingham, AL at the end of April to attend H.O.G.'s Primary Officer Training. Our hope and goal is to learn from the National H.O.G. Instructors and from others about how to make this the best Chapter possible. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you at the May Chapter meeting.

We've got a lot of things cooking for the next few months so stay tuned for more details.

Ride safe and enjoy your Spring!

DOES YOUR MOTORCYCLE “FIT” YOU?

By Eddie Campbell

I have been reading lately about how to choose a motorcycle and they say that there are three criteria for choosing your ride. They are function, fit, and style.

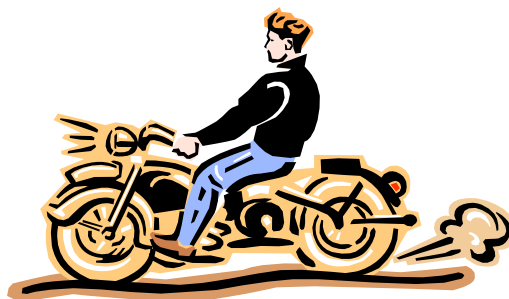
The first of these is how you are going to use your motorcycle. Is it going to be just for around town runs, day trips or road trips with overnights. Most people that love a particular model can make it serve as a road bike if the need arises with some sort of saddlebags, windshield and other accessories.

The third criteria is style and as we all know, the choices for how your bike looks are virtually endless. You can personalize your bike however you want to plus it gives you a sense of pride in ownership. With just a little art work or a piece of chrome your bike becomes really yours and takes on its own personality.

However, that second criteria which they call fit is probably the most important of all three in making your bike both a pleasure to ride as well as safer and more easy to handle. Items that you must pay particular attention to include handlebars, seat, saddle height, grips, foot controls, road pegs. I know from experience what a difference some of these things make for the rider. When I bought my current motorcycle, I rode it for a while and then made the adjustments. I had it lowered, changed the handle bars, adjusted the road pegs and what a difference that made. Changing the bend of the elbows and the position of the back was amazing.

So, if your bike just doesn't feel right sometimes, think about the adjustments you might try to improve the “fit”. You can read more about customizing your Harley on the HD website:

http://www.harley-davidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/Genuine_Motor_Accessories/Customize_your_harley.jsp?locale=en_US



Miss Mary Bobo's

By Hope Conner

After many days of praying for clear skies and warmer temperatures March 1st finally arrived. Not quite as warm as we had hoped for but the sun could not have shined any brighter that day. A total of twenty one motorcycles with thirty hungry people weaved their way through the back roads of middle Tennessee lead by the great navigator Joe Hopper.

We arrived at our destination early enough to allow us to take two parade laps through town. This gave Donald Cooper an opportunity to take in the sights and give a shout out to a few women he seemed to know. After parking our bikes and warming up a little we headed for the feast that awaited us.



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Due to such a large group we had to split up into three groups and dined in separate rooms of the house. Each group had a hostess who sat with us and shared the history of the Lynchburg area and the house itself. The meal was even better than we had anticipated. There were several dishes made with Jack Daniels along with many other great meats and vegetables. Even Denise who normally does not eat seafood raved about the cat fish. The entire meal was fabulous.

After such a big meal we took our time strolling through the square before heading back to Columbia. Spike met a few ladies in town who asked him to pose for a picture with them. He was the only one in the picture without a red hat on.

We had a terrific day for riding and enjoying the company of great people. When I look back at the month of March now I realize how blessed we were that day. Every weekend since it has rained or has been very cold.

We all agreed that this will definitely become an annual event. So if you were not able to make it this year I hope you will be along for the ride next year!

Engine and Exhaust Modifications: A Thing of the Past?

By Ken Steverson

Ever heard of CARB? Well, if not, meet the California Air Resources Board. I know, we live in Tennessee, a long way from California, so what's it to us? A recent \$1,000,000.00 settlement between CARB and Dynojet Research, Inc. could have arms longer than those of your local law enforcement agency. Dynojet Research is the maker of the popular "Power Commander" used by many to change the air/fuel mixture and timing of their motorcycles and work in concert with a set of aftermarket pipes to improve horsepower and torque. Dynojet also agreed to develop a CARB-certified Power Commander that many experts feel will be next to useless.

The CARB action only impacts Dynojet at this time but many are willing to bet that others will soon feel the scrutiny of CARB. Dynojet certainly isn't the only manufacturer of devices intended to enhance engine performance. Likewise, how long is it going to be before CARB turns its attention to makers of aftermarket exhaust systems?

So you ask again, what does that mean to us in Tennessee. Maybe nothing at the moment. However, so much of what happens in California, eventually finds its way to other states. It may only be a matter of time before our legislators or state environmental agency begins looking more closely at motorcycle engine and exhaust modifications. If that happens your ability to modify your bike's engine may become a thing of the past.

Want to know more about the Dynojet settlement? Check out LT Snyder's editorial in the April 2008 edition of [Motorcycle Consumer News](#).

Miscellaneous

Hello Muletown,

For those that inquired at the March chapter meeting, we have put together a Road Captain/Group Riding training class. The date is Wednesday, April 30. It will be about a three hour class and will begin at 6:00 p.m. Location is "The Garage". This class will fulfill one third of the requirements for present Road Captains as well as those who wish to become a Road Captain. Let me know if you are interested in attending this class, so we will know how many to expect. If for some reason you aren't able to make it, don't worry. We will have another class this fall, probably in the September/October time frame.

Till then, ride safe!

Jerry Knox

jknox2303@charter.net

The Ladies Of Harley will be selling T-Shirts to help commemorate the Chapter's involvement with Habitat for Humanity. The price is \$10.00 each and they will be available in several sizes. Arnold will e-mail everyone when they are available for purchase.

A great big **"THANK YOU"** to everyone who participated in the Chapter Pancake Breakfast this past Saturday. Because of your efforts, this event was a big success!! A special **"THANKS"** to all those who volunteered their time especially EDDIE CAMPBELL and the "MULETOWN MAFIA".

Classifieds

For Sale:

Harley Detachable Standard Height Windshield fits bike with 39 mm forks (Dyna or Sportster) \$75.00

Mustang vintage seat fits most Dynas maybe Sportsters too. \$150.00, new it would cost you over 300.00.

Contact Ken Steverson at kwsteverson@charter.net