

Muletown News



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What A Ride 2008 Has Been!

As we wrap up what has been an incredible year for the Chapter I would like to first take this opportunity to thank the Officers Group and Road Captains for their support and untiring dedication to the Muletown HOG Chapter. It is sometimes unbelievable how much work goes into planning our rides and activities, in trying to mix things up, and to keep things fresh for the membership. The behind the scenes work that it takes to operate this Chapter is incredible. To Eddie, Hope, Ken, Trish, Jerry, and all of the Road Captains, thank you! We couldn't do it without you! I have personally made some mistakes this year, partly from my own stubbornness and an affection to bite off more than I can chew, and partly from being overwhelmed with other responsibilities. For this, I apologize. I can assure you that this Officers Group will continue to work hard in support of the Muletown HOG Chapter into next year.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Randy Kinsey who served as our Chapter Secretary for the past two years. Unfortunately, Randy had to step down a few months ago due to his work schedule and didn't feel that it was fair to the Chapter not to be able to offer 100%. I can attest that the Secretary's position is probably the most demanding of all the Officers positions and Randy certainly did a fantastic job. Thank you!

I would like to also say thank you to all of the Chapter Members for their continued support as well. We have a solid core of folk's that can be counted on to show up for our rides and events, to dig deep into their pockets for worthy causes, and to donate their time and energy to help those less fortunate. You know who you are, and we appreciate your efforts as well!

As we move forward we are anticipating many great things! As everyone knows, our sponsoring dealer, H-D of Columbia will be moving into their new location later this month. We are excited about the possibilities that brings and are looking forward to our continued association with Bill and his staff. The Chapter extends our gratitude to H-D of Columbia for giving us the opportunity to be associated with Harley-Davidson, and the Harley Owners Group.

Hopefully 2009 will bring us many days of good riding weather. I can assure you that the Officers Group will continue to work hard to plan our activities and will always keep the Chapters best interest in mind and will continue to support the growth and harmony of this organization.

Have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, a HAPPY NEW YEAR..... And remember, you NEVER ride alone.

Arnold Conner

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Thank You!!.....

What a fantastic group of generous people you are! With every charitable event that was announced so many of you stepped up to volunteer your time and money. It didn't matter what the cause was, the members of Muletown Chapter 2033 were eager to help. I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you that helped to make our year a great success. I am looking forward to 2009 knowing I can count on each of you to respond to the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Hope



The winners of the “cutest pet” contest:

Cutest Cat: *Skut* (happy companion of Patty Roberts Schmitt)

Cutest Dog: *Elvis* (happy companion of Teresa Hamrick)

Hope Conner and Patty Roberts Schmitt proudly present the Director of the Maury County Animal Shelter with a check in the amount of **\$415.00** which was raised through our “Cutest Pet” contest.



Remembrances – by Eddie Campbell

Well, the holiday season is here and the riding season is just about over for the year. It's been an amazing ride this year with new roads, old favorites and some great food and adventures. We never seem to get tired of the wind in our faces and the journey just around the next bend. I am anxious to sit back and begin planning the next ride that will leave us with fond memories forever.



However, let's not forget some of the events that not only let us enjoy the ride but let us help others less fortunate. Rides like the CMA's Toy Run, The Muletown Turkey run and the Dierks Bentley ride for Vanderbilt's Children's Hospital are some of the ones that we can take advantage of each year. There are lots of events of this nature that we can choose to take part in through out the riding season.

So as we sit back and start dreaming about the next riding season, the smells of spring and the fellowship, lets save a little time for some of the charity rides that help so many while we are having fun doing what we like to do. **RIDE AND HAVE FUN!**



Leaders of the Pack

As the end of 2008 is quickly approaching us, I paused for a minute or two and looked back over the past riding season to where we have been and where we are going. It has been quite an eventful year for me to say the least. It started with meeting a wonderful lady, being appointed as the new Head Road Captain, getting engaged, married, moving, and finally, selling a house. After accomplishing all of this, I just have one word to say. Whew!! Things in my personal life have taken me away from some of the Chapter events this year, but I have seen understanding from you all. I want to thank all of the other officers for their help in picking up my slack. All in all, I feel this was a very good year for Muletown. We had some great rides, great food, great company, and great times. From Miss Mary Bobo's to the Turkey Run, we covered quite a few miles this year. We were able to conduct two Road Captain training classes, one in April with the help of James Schulthies of the Music City Chapter, and one in November. I want to personally thank all who attended these classes. As a result, we added three new Road Captains, and a couple of others in the works. To me, it is awesome to see people step up to take a leadership role in this capacity. Being a Road Captain is also a position of pride in leading the rides to various places, whether it is to an old favorite or somewhere we have never been. It is always a challenge to find those perfect roads to ride, but I know I speak for all the Road Captains when I say we are always looking. I am very much looking forward to see what 2009 holds for us. I am excited about our new Road Captains and their ideas. I plan on meeting with all of the Road Captains before the February Chapter meeting to plan the first quarter rides. I encourage all of you to give us ideas. Some of these guys are chomping at the bit to find routes we haven't been on before. You can send your ideas to me by e-mail at simpleman12r@yahoo.com . To me, Muletown is a large extended family, and I look forward to spending more time with my "family" in 2009! 'Til then, Ride Safe and remember, "Rubber side down"!

See you on the road,

Jerry



Congratulations to....

The winners of our mileage contest:

Rodney Schmitt with 27,968 miles



Patty Roberts Schmitt with 20,858 miles



The winner of our ABC's of Touring contest: Jock Floyd





CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP TOTAL AS OF DECEMBER 2008

-79 -

Welcome!

Our newest member:

Gordy Schnarrs

Tidbits!

- Our next Chapter meeting will be held in February 2009. Please stay tuned to the Muletown Website (www.muletownrider.com) for the exact date and location.
- Membership renewal fees for the Muletown Chapter will increase to \$20.00 for 2009. Additional information will be forthcoming as to when and how they will be collected.
- Our sponsoring dealership, Harley-Davidson of Columbia is planning on moving into their new location at the end of this month with the scheduled opening of their state-of-the-art building being in January of 2009. Please refer to the dealership website (www.hdcolumbia.com) for more information.
- We are always in need of volunteers to help make our chapter the best it can be and to keep the ideas fresh. Anyone interested in becoming an officer please contact any of the existing officers for more information.
- Last but not least, please be safe this holiday season whether you're on two wheels or four. Your Muletown Chapter Officers wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to another great year of riding and camaraderie in 2009!

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