

Muletown News

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

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MULETOWN CHAPTER 2033

Where Would You Like To Ride?

Greetings Muletown Chapter!

Welcome to the start of our 2009 riding season. It's hard to believe but we'll soon be celebrating our fourth anniversary as the Muletown HOG Chapter. After a lot of miles and events later we're still as strong as ever and are looking forward to a great year! I'm sure you've all heard, but just in case you've been hibernating all winter and haven't, our sponsoring dealer, Harley-Davidson of Columbia has opened up their new store. They're still in the process of putting the finishing touches on it, but from what I've seen it's going to be first class! As always, we appreciate Bill Isom and his staff for their support and the opportunity they give us to be affiliated with the HOG organization, Get on over and visit them soon!

The Chapter Officers have already been hard at work planning our events, the Road Captains have met and have ride destinations planned for the next few months and the Ladies of Harley will be holding their first meeting. I'm sure if last year was an indicator the LOH will undoubtedly have some really cool ideas about ways that the Muletown Chapter can help support our community and charitable causes.

The chapter is only as strong as its membership. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to come out and get involved. We're always looking for suggestions for rides and other activities, or just a lending hand.

So that brings me to the question, where would you like to ride? We have a new link on our website called "Ride Suggestions"? We're always looking for ideas so don't be shy, visit the link and offer up some ideas. Please keep in mind that the rides are scheduled several months in advance and the destinations are reviewed for suitability before being scheduled. Suitability requires that a destination have the ability to handle a large group and provide safe, adequate motorcycle parking. Other factors such as distance, road conditions, weather, time-of-day, day-of-week, and difficulty of ride are also considered. Be sure to include the name and location of the destination, your name and any comments you may have.

I for one am looking forward to another great year!

Ride safe, and see you on the road!

Stinger



Just a couple of quick updates.....

I am pleased to announce that we have two new Officers joining our ranks this year. **Jock Floyd** has agreed to accept the position of Chapter Secretary and **Jay Morgan** has agreed to serve as our Membership Officer. A big "thank you" to both of them for volunteering to help in these roles. We look forward to working with you and are excited to have you on board!

Stinger

Muletown Officers:	Bill Isom – Director	Arnold Conner – Asst. Director
	Ken Steverson - Treasurer	Eddie Campbell – Activities Coordinator
	Jock Floyd – Secretary	Jerry Knox – Head Road Captain
	Hope Conner – LOH Director	Tricia Shearn – Newsletter Editor
	Jay Morgan – Membership Officer	

CHAPTER MILEAGE CONTEST

Back for 2009 is our chapter mileage contest. As most of you are well aware, last year's winners, Rodney and Patty Schmitt, blew the rest of us away with the number of miles that they racked up in their travels across the states. The good news for the rest of us is that, as last year's winners, they will not be eligible to participate in this year's contest. That leaves the door wide open for the rest of us. The mileage contest for 2009 will start on February 17, 2009 (our first chapter meeting of the year) and will end on November 21, 2009 at the completion of our annual Turkey Run. First place prize for each a male and a female winner will be \$100.00. A random winner will be selected from the rest of the participants for a \$50.00 prize. Members who want to participate should e-mail their name and starting mileage to muletownhogmileage@yahoo.com.

Chapter Communications

The primary means of communication for Chapter Events and ride information for 2009 will be the Muletown Chapter website: www.muletownrider.com. There has been no timetable set as to when we will have the informational bulletin board back up at the dealership, so please refer to the website for all Chapter updates and information.

50/50 Rule

The Muletown Chapter observes the 50/50 rule. If there is 50% or more chance of rain, or if it is 50 degrees or less, a scheduled ride will be subject to cancellation. Please refer to the 'Weather Forecast' link on the Chapter website for the determining forecast.

EVENTS CALENDAR

February 28th	Chapter Lunch Ride: “Magical Mystery Tour” – Location TBD	(Closed Event)
March 14th	Chapter Lunch Ride: Puckett’s Grocery; Leipers Fork, TN	(Closed Event)
March 17th	Chapter Meeting: Park Place Catering; Columbia, TN	(Open Event)
March 28th	Chapter Lunch Ride: Hickory House Restaurant – Pulaski, TN	(Closed Event)
April 2nd - 5th	Mule Days	
April 11th	Chapter Lunch Ride: Mrs. Maples Restaurant – Smithville, TN	(Closed Event)
April 16th	Road Captain Training: The Garage; Tradewinds Drive; Columbia, TN	(Closed Event)
April 21st	Chapter Meeting: Park Place Catering; Columbia, TN	(Open Event)
April 25th	Pancake Breakfast: Park Place Catering; Columbia, TN	(Open Event)
	Chapter Ride: Location TBD	(Closed Event)
May 2nd	Chapter Lunch Ride: Miss Mary Bobo’s - Lynchburg, TN	(Closed Event)
May 16th	Chapter Lunch Ride: Beacon Light Restaurant – Bon Aqua, TN	(Closed Event)
May 19th	Chapter Meeting: Location TBD	(Open Event)
May 30th	Chapter Lunch Ride: Fall Creek Falls – Pikeville , TN	(Closed Event)
June 13th	Chapter Lunch Ride: Paris Landing Restaurant – Paris Landing, TN	(Closed Event)
June 16th	Chapter Meeting: Location TBD	(Open Event)
June 27th	Chapter Lunch Ride: Emerald’s Restaurant – Waynesboro, TN	(Closed 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.



The LOH will be collecting donations for the Maury County Animal Shelter at the March 17th Chapter Meeting. Each person that donates will receive one free raffle ticket. The following is a list of items the shelter is always in need of:

Hartz Puppy Milk Powder
 Purina Puppy Chow
 Purina Kitten Chow
 dry dog and cat food
 flea shampoo and spray
 leashes
 brushes/combs
 hair dryers
 pet taxis
 dog and cat treats
 rawhide chews
 dog and cat toys

stainless steel feeding dishes
 small litter boxes
 cat litter
 portable pens
 metal pooper scoopers
 towels
 dish towels
 Lysol
 paper towels
 bleach
 cotton balls
 spray bottles

large garbage bags
 exam gloves
 dish gloves
 laundry soap
 liquid hand soap
 brooms
 dust pans
 large string mops
 heavy garden hose
 office supplies
 pet hair clippers

and most importantly:

volunteers, and GOOD HOMES FOR ALL THE ANIMALS. Monetary donations are always appreciated and never declined!

PET SPOTLIGHT!

Lila is a Torti Tabby! Her name is from the Sanskrit meaning “playful, amusing, charming.” All of these are true of Lila and top of that she is a beauty. Lila is 3 years old, litter box trained and longing for a forever home. Lila would make a wonderful indoor companion. Come and meet her. Opt to adopt!! Please adopt a shelter pet!



Harley Davidson of Columbia Superstore

by Eddie Campbell

Well, the riding season is almost here. We have even had a few decent riding days already and everyone is anxious to get out and put some wind in our hair. Along with the new riding season comes a new chapter in Harley Davidson history in southern Middle Tennessee.



The newest Harley dealer is now open. *Harley Davidson of Columbia* located on Harley Davidson Blvd. just off of Hwy 412 East at I-65 is open for business. A magnificent rock and glass structure stands as an edifice to the longevity of the American motorcycle. At 105 years old the company continues to promote the thrill of motorcycle riding for the young and old alike. The new dealership is a testament to the longevity of the HD brand.

With hundreds of bikes on the floor and merchandise arriving every day, the folks at HD of Columbia are putting together not only a new store but a destination! From the huge centerpiece ramp inside the building, to the "orange lounge" this is truly going to be a biker tourist venue. The facility is touted as one of the "greenest" buildings built in the area today. Stop by and ask the staff about the construction techniques that made this a historic undertaking.

I think we are going to find out with the new facility, the entertainment, the food and the camaraderie that this is going to be **the** place to be when experiencing motorcycle riding.



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Date: 2/12/09

To: Membership

From: Jay Morgan

Subject: Memo

Hello, I don't know about you, but I am ready to ride and looking forward to the 2009 season.

I want to thank Randy, Eddie, Ken and the rest of the crew for the great job they have done keeping the chapter up and running. Ever think of what goes in that little card you stick in your wallet? Printing, paperwork, laminating, keeping rosters up to date, I sure didn't!

I know Arnold shot out an email about Chapter and National dues money and I just wanted to remind everyone to get their national dues paid prior to paying the Chapter dues.

On a new note, every month this year I'd like to do a bio on a member, using five short questions. This would be to let people know a little more about you. Look for Muletown member bio in next month's newsletter.

We have a new Harley Dealership so when the weather is right, we will have a place to meet, eat, and shoot the bull.

We have a lot to look forward to blow off the dust, kick the tires, and let's ride. And remember don't kick any mule chips on a warm day!

Catch you on down the road,

Jay Morgan



Member Bio

_____ Name

What was your First Bike?

When and what promoted you to start riding?

What has been your most memorable motorcycle ride/trip since you have been riding?

What would be your Dream Motorcycle Ride/Vacation?

From a Safety Stand Point what was your most frightening experience and what recommendations would you provide to others to prevent it?