

Muletown News



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SPONSORING DEALERSHIP:

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Check the website for updates on the H-D of Columbia summer concert series. Next event scheduled for July 12

Muletown HOG Chapter #2033

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The Silent Auction held during the Pancake Breakfast on April 25th 2009 was a great success. There were over 25 items donated by local merchants or chapter members available for bidding. The total money raised by the event was \$704.00 which was presented to Randy Nichols, the director of Maury United Ministry during the May Chapter meeting. The LOH would like to thank everyone who helped with this fundraiser!

Hope



Two Up = Heads Up

by Jackie Vaughan

(Submitted By: Arnold Conner)

The person who occupies the back seat of a motorcycle has always been called the passenger. Now they're called co-riders and it isn't simply to be politically correct. The word passenger suggests a person who has no responsibilities for the operation of the machine; one who is simply along for the ride. A co-rider, on the other hand, shares some of the responsibilities for the safe operation of the motorcycle.

Sitting in the back seat means a lot more freedom to enjoy the scenery without worrying about the technical part of the ride. But with the freedom comes the responsibility. A co-rider does not have the right to bury herself in a book or to take a nap. A blanked out person on the back seat is of absolutely no help and may even be an additional danger if the ride has to brake or swerve suddenly. Her reflexive actions (such as to grab the rider wherever she can or to lean away) will probably be exactly the wrong ones.

The co-rider should ride as exactly that, a co-rider. Not a passenger, but a second rider. While it is always preferable that the co-rider has had a motorcycle safety course, even the normal street skills used in everyday driving will help in spotting hazards. Being an extra pair of eyes for the rider doesn't mean being a back-seat nag. It means spotting hazards and knowing how the rider normally reacts and being ready to help in that effort. If the rider does not show that reaction, the co-rider should speak up. An experienced co-rider knows how hard her rider brakes during normal braking, and whether hard-line braking will be necessary. She prepares herself by holding the grab rails and bracing her feet. She does not slide forward, banging helmets and pushing the rider onto the tank. When she spots a pot hole or a large piece of rubber, she knows her rider will soon swerve, and she is prepared to let the bike move under her. She knows when it's OK to move around, and lets her rider know when she will make a move, such as scratching her ankle, which will affect the balance of the bike.

The rider also has the responsibility to communicate with his co-rider. He should let her know when a nasty bump is coming or if he wants to counterweight a turn. He shouldn't play "surprise" just because he finds her reactions funny.

Two-up riding is a team sport. And that means working together to make the ride fun and safe for both.



WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE PATTY & RODNEY?????

As most of Muletown's participating members may know, Patty and Rodney Schmitt were the winners of last year's mileage contest having amassed almost 50,000 miles between the two of them. In an effort to figure out just how they did that, we are going to report on their travels and the miles they're accumulating.



March 20-23 - Andersonville, GA (Andersonville War Museum), Cape Canaveral, FL (JFK Space Center), Delray Beach, FL - **2100 miles**



April 17-20 - Panama City, FL - **900 miles**



May 2nd - Bowling Green, KY (Duncan Hines Parkway) - **400 miles**

May 9th - Ft Payne, AL (River Canyon) - **500 miles**

Incredible...BEST TRIP YET!!! Anyone would LOVE THIS RIDE!!





May 15-17th - Stockton, IL (Morel Mushroom Hunt) - **1400 miles**

Best Mushroom you will ever eat!!!...only grow 3-4 weeks out of the year...sell for \$50/lb.!!



WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE PATTY & RODNEY????? (cont'd)



May 23-25th - Shreveport, LA (Mudbug Festival) - 1200 miles



May 30-31st - Corbin, KY (Col. Sanders KFC), Rogers, KY (Natural Bridge/Red River Gorge) - 700 miles

June 5-9th - 2200 Miles

Savannah, IL (Iron Horse Social Club/Museum)

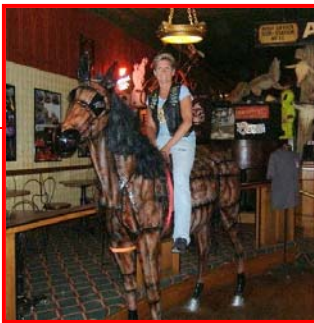
Dubuque, IA (Paul's World Famous Pub excellent \$2 Burger and \$.50/beers)

Spring Green, WI (House on Rock)

Blue River, WI (Roadside Attraction Made of over 40 Motorcycles, 250 Helmets and other items)

New Diggings, WI (1800's Mining Town was larger then Chicago Population Now Approx. 50)

Milwaukee, WI (HD Factory/Museum & Capt. Fredrick Pabst Mansion - Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer Baron)



Saturday June 13th - 500 Miles

Cartersville, GA (Harley Davidson Dealer),

Keown Falls, Walker County GA

Cloudland National Park, GA

To be continued...



This month's spotlight on...

DENISE EARLYWINE



WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST BIKE? Honda 450 Rebel

WHEN AND WHAT PROMOTED YOU TO START RIDING? when I was 6 years old.

I rode along with my father on his bike

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOTORCYCLE RIDE / TRIP SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN RIDING?

A ride to Natchez Trace State Park – where the love of my life proposed to me.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM MOTORCYCLE RIDE / VACATION? Ride from Florida to Alaska and back.

MOST FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP OTHERS PREVENT IT:

Two bikes went down in front of me in a curve. ALWAYS make sure you slow down prior to curves.

CURRENTLY RIDES: Street Glide





DENISE LITTLE

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST BIKE? 1970 Honda 70 mini bike when I was 13.

WHEN AND WHAT PROMOTED YOU TO START RIDING?

Spike bought a Goldwing (1985) after having a bad wreck 25 years earlier on a bike. I finally gave in and rode on the back and then decided I would rather ride my own.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOTORCYCLE RIDE / TRIP SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN RIDING?

Hauling our bike to our hometown of McKean, PA. LOVED IT!

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM MOTORCYCLE RIDE / VACATION?

We are taking a 1200 mile ride this coming July 4th weekend through MS, AR, MO, IL & TN. This will be my next dream ride!

MOST FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP OTHERS PREVENT IT:

When I first got my license and was riding solo, a dump truck came flying up onto the road, scared me to death! I slowed down, cussed at him and stayed in control. Always be aware of your surroundings and on the defensive!

CURRENTLY RIDES: Fat Boy



EVENTS CALENDAR

July 4th	Chapter Breakfast Ride: Stan's Restaurant; Columbia, TN	(Closed Event)
July 18th	Chapter Breakfast Ride: Breece's Restaurant; Centerville, TN	(Closed Event)
	Chapter Meeting	(Open Event)
July 25th	Chapter Dinner Ride: Fish Camp Restaurant; Centerville, TN	(Closed Event)
August 1st	Chapter Lunch Ride: Fall Creek Falls; Pikeville, TN	(Closed Event)
August 15th	Chapter Overnight Ride: Guntersville, AL	(Closed Event)
August 18th	Chapter Dinner Ride: Buffalo Wild Wings; Spring Hill, TN	(Closed Event)
	Chapter Meeting:	(Open Event)
August 22nd	Chapter Lunch Ride: EC's Tim's Ford Lake Home; Winchester, TN	(Closed Event)
September 5th	Chapter Lunch Ride: "God's Country" Ride; Sarge's Shack; Frankewing, TN	(Closed Event)
September 12	Cruzin' the County: Chapter Ride	(Closed Event)
	Chapter Meeting and Family Picnic; Maury County Park	(Open Event)
September 26th	Chapter Overnight Ride: Smoky Mountains; Maryville, 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.



Chapter Membership
Total as of June 2009

-63-

Welcome!
Our newest members:

Henry R. Culpepper, III
Donald E. Ledford
Randy O. Barton



AHEAD OF HER TIME!

Written by "ChromeTop" Jun 10, 2009
as posted on vtwinmama.com
(submitted by Hope Conner)

I attended a Ladies Night Garage Party a couple of months ago at Pat Rogers Speedway Harley-Davidson in Concord, NC. The format was typical "garage party" and was geared toward new riders and those ladies who were thinking about riding. We split into groups and visited motor clothes, parts & accessories, service, and sales for a presentation by each area geared towards our needs. The local HOG chapter was also there to invite us to join the chapter. The dealership did a great job and provided dinner, adult beverages (along with tea and soft drinks for those of us who rode in), music, a "poker run" with great prizes, and useful information. One of the most valuable parts of the evening, however, was watching a young lady (who was a good bit smaller than me) back up to a Sportster that had been laid on its side and pick it up. It's one thing to watch videos, but entirely another to see if firsthand! I know now without a doubt that it can be done. One of the ladies said, "Yea, but that's a Sportster...what if it were my Road King?" The answer was that her bike would actually come up easier because of the lower center of gravity and because the bags would keep it from going all the way down like the Sportster does.

Last night, I had the opportunity to attend another Ladies Night at the same dealership. While there were many similarities—hospitality, presentations by the different groups, poker run, etc.—last night was very special because of the guest speaker, Kathy Davis. Kathy is 80 years young and has been riding Harleys since 1947. She has had, I believe she said, ten Harleys in her lifetime. Her first was a 1939 model which she called a "K" (I assume it was a Knucklehead) and still has one of her favorites, a 1948 Tour Glide, which her son brought to the dealership for us to see. Kathy has been a member of the Motor Maids practically forever, and has missed very few of the Motor Maids conventions. She brought photographs for us to see, including one of her on her 1939, and some of her Motor Maids apparel. One of the more interesting items she showed us was a "kidney belt" which was an absolute necessity on the early model bikes she rode—black leather and blinged out. Even though most of us no longer need the protection these days, it was a pretty cool look, especially with the knee-high laced up boots she wore back then! She also brought a plaque and letter she received from H-D in 1996 commemorating the more than 500,000 miles she had ridden to that point. Kathy told several stories, but one I particularly remember is that she rode her first motorcycle to work every day and had to cross a viaduct to get there, which became icy and very slick in the winter. She attached a sidecar to her bike just in the cold weather to help keep it upright crossing the viaduct. She told us that she actually quit jobs in order to go on motorcycle trips—"You can always find another job," she says, "but sometimes you've just got to ride." When asked what people thought of her when she first started riding, Kathy told us that there were very few female riders, and people assumed she was not a lady, but "I was always a lady." I particularly liked Kathy's response when asked for her best piece of advice to us: "Ride defensively. If a car wants the space you're in, say Bye-Bye and let the car have it." That attitude is why she believes she has never wrecked a bike. "Oh, I've laid them over, but never because of a wreck. Why, one time I forgot to put my kickstand down, and over it went." Kathy was absolutely precious, and although she still rides, it's now behind her son on the back of her '48. Spinal stenosis, however, keeps her from doing that very often.



My friend who attended the event with me started out the evening thinking she might like to learn to ride. After listening to Kathy—who is now Sharon's hero—I believe she just might do it.

The picture is of Kathy on her bike. I'm the one in the cap standing behind the bike. My friend Sharon is in front.