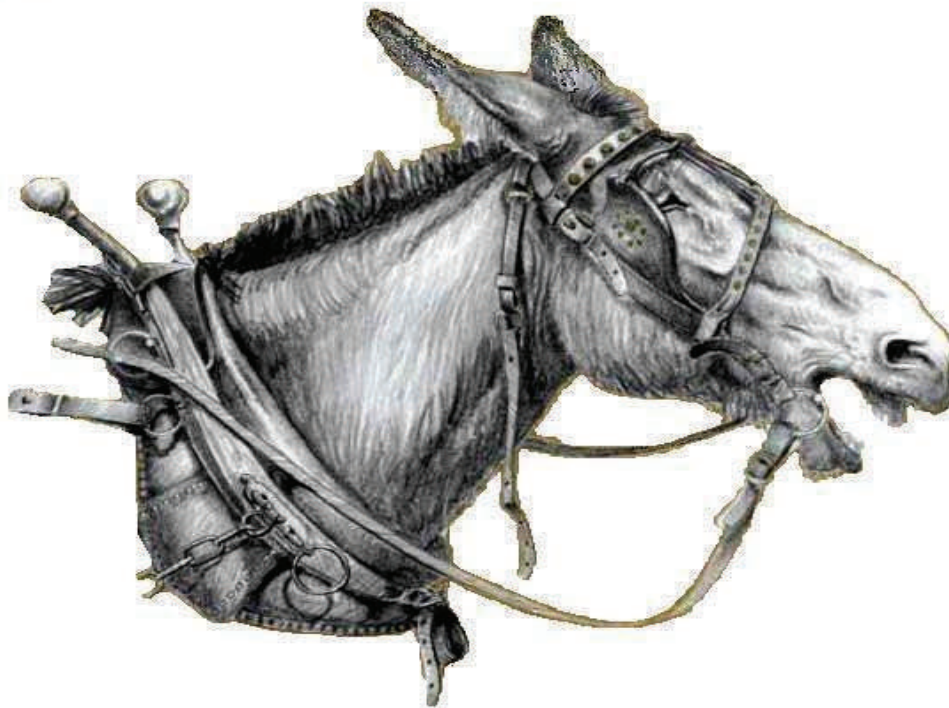


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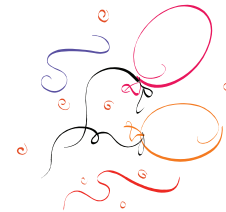


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 Total As Of February 2007

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Our chapter is losing a valuable officer and two great friends. Frank & Cindy Sanford are moving back to Florida at the end of February. Although I can certainly relate to the desire to be closer to family, I feel a great sense of loss for our Chapter. Cindy has been the driving force behind the Ladies of Harley for the past two years. Because of her determination we have had several great events. It was Cindy who coordinated our first chapter picnic and our first Christmas party. Both were a lot of fun and helped to encourage the growth of the Muletown Chapter. Cindy has always worked hard to make our gatherings an enjoyable time together and Frank is always right there beside her helping to do the same.

Good luck Frank and Cindy ! We wish you both the best . You will be missed.

Hope Conner
 Newsletter Editor

Ride & Events Update – Chapter Website



With the new riding season upon us it will be important to check the website for information about upcoming rides and other activities. The Chapters website be the primary means for communication to our membership!

The “Muletown Update” page and “Calendar” page will provide all of the information you need to know about events taking place in the Muletown Chapter

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What's Ahead For The Muletown HOG Chapter In 2007 ?

By: Gary Shearer

Muletown is heading into the second half of its 2nd year in existence. Time sure flies when you're having fun! I wanted to take this opportunity to announce some changes that are being planned for the 2007 calendar riding season. As we continue to move forward as a chapter, we continue to learn more about making our chapter everything you want it to be. I am not sure we could ever learn everything about running a successful chapter, but we are having fun trying!

In 2007, we are going to reduce the frequency of riding events. We will also have our ride calendar planned ahead for up to 3 months in advance. Chapter events will most likely be on an every other week schedule. For example: we might have a Saturday and/or Sunday ride scheduled on the first weekend of the month. The next week we might have a week night dinner ride scheduled, but not a ride on the weekend. This is an effort to allow folks to plan ahead so they can enjoy more of the chapter events. It was determined at our recent brain storming meeting we were trying to do too much. We are also going to start planning chapter events on a quarterly basis rather than every month. It is difficult for members to plan on attending chapter rides when they find out about the rides 1 or 2 weeks prior. This will give our members ample notice of the planned events so they can make their schedules accordingly.

Some other exciting news; Head Road Captain, Ron Miller, is working hard to make arrangements to have Jerry "Motorman" Paladino come to Nashville and hold a riders training session for the Muletown HOG Chapter. We will need around 10 riders to participate. Jerry Paladino is a retired motor officer who resides in Florida. He now spends his time teaching riding techniques to civilians. Many of you have borrowed my DVD done by "Motorman" and witnessed his superior skills. The cost will be \$100 per rider if we have 10 members interested in the class. This is a very rare opportunity to have an expert instructor come in our own backyard and teach us how to "Ride Like A Pro"!!! My hat is off to Ron Miller for his efforts on this project. If you would be interested in this class, please let Ron Miller know.

Look forward to seeing everyone again soon!

Ride and Have Fun!

Gary Shearer
Assistant Director

Harley To Introduce A New Model in Europe?

Harley Davidson recently introduced a prototype Sportster XR 1200 at the International Motorcycle Show in Cologne, Germany. The style is said to be based on the Harley XR 750 dirt tracker of days gone by but it is based on the Sportster platform.

The prototype was developed for the European market only and performance will be Harley's emphasis. Harley is looking to increase the 1200 to 85 to 90 horsepower. The bike is to have 43 mm Showa front forks, four piston Nissin brake calipers and lightweight cast wheels, all intended to add to the handling characteristics and high-performance.

Depending on public response the XR 1200 may be available in Europe this year.

Things To Consider & Perhaps Save Your Life, Or Your Hide

- Left turning cars are most frequently involved in fatal motorcycle accidents
 - Deer are most active at dawn and dusk
 - Be prepared for the crash: helmet, long pants, over the ankle boots, full finger gloves, and leather year round
 - When approaching an intersection where an auto is stopped don't worry about eye contact with the driver, pay attention to the vehicle's wheels, if they begin to turn chances are you haven't been seen and the vehicle is about to move into the intersection
 - Don't assume it is safe to proceed because you have a green light. Pause a second and make sure no one is trying to "beat the light".
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Winter Riding Apparel Tips

By: Ron Miller

This time of the year many of us put our bikes away until Spring. Some of us ride all through the winter. If you want to enjoy winter riding, here are some tips to make it more comfortable.

My favorite next to the skin fabric is polypropylene, both pants and shirt. In a heavy winter weight, it's a good way to trap the warm air next to the body. I never ride in the winter without it. Available through Cabela's and other outdoor outfitters, it is a relatively inexpensive way to get started. Greene's Military Supply on Lebanon Rd. in Nashville also carries a heavy weight top and bottom at a lower price than Cabela's.

For a shirt I favor a wool shirt that doesn't need to go to the cleaners. Pendleton makes a washable quality wool shirt. It is fairly expensive but very warm. If you are allergic to wool, then a thick fuzzy cotton shirt may be for you. I have several, and they are a good alternative to wool.

On top of the shirt, I favor a vest made of Polar Fleece or Polar Tec. They zip up and have a collar that you can sink your chin behind. Cabela's carries both the shirt and various vests. My favorite vest for cold weather biking came from LL Bean, and I love it!

When it is below 50 degrees, I like to wear a polypropylene balaclava under my helmet. They are thin and don't add much bulk. There are various other items for wear under the helmet, as well. One I like comes down and covers the ears. Add the basic black leather triangle, and not much cold air will get in. Or a good alternative is a full face helmet, and you can dispense with the balaclava.

Of course a heavy leather jacket and gauntlet gloves are needed. Harley makes gauntlet gloves that I have been very happy with.

On the bottom part of my body, I use the polypropylene pants under insulated jeans. On top of that I wear either leather chaps or the Harley winter riding pants. They are waterproof and keep the wind off. Heavy wool socks or polar fleece socks are used when it is about 45 or above, and I am only going to be out for an hour or so. Below 45, or if I am going on an all day ride at about 50, I need heated clothing.

Gerbing makes a good heated vest that is \$139 and carries a lifetime warranty. Into the vest you can plug gloves and also socks with a Y connector. The vest needs to be fitted close to the body, and it isn't necessary to wear a lot underneath it. The Harley jacket is so warm; it doesn't have to be fitted as tightly. With the heated clothing you can ride in temperatures in the 30's and still be comfortable.

A thermostat is handy on the Harley jacket as it puts out so much heat. One is not needed on the vest. Both jacket and vest come with an off/on switch, which is all that is needed on the vest.

The heated vest is what I use more than anything else. If you want to get started, that is the place to begin. When it gets below 50, wear a non heated vest over the heated one for extra warmth without a lot of bulk. With the vest comes an SAE connector that is easy to connect to the battery. It takes two hands to plug the vest into the connector, though, and if you ride off without plugging it in, it will get mighty cold mighty fast--voice of experience. For about \$75 you can get a BMW connector that connects to the battery and attaches to the horn assembly. The vest can be plugged into that with one hand. If you ride off without plugging it in, it is a simple matter to plug it in one handed--another comment born of experience.

This is just a basic primer that covers what you need to know to get started. If you have any questions, or want more detail, just call or email me.

Ron Miller
Head Road Captain / Safety Officer

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