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## Muletown Chapter 2033

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### Assistant Director's Report, Eddie Fisher

As the old saying goes.... "Time flies when you're having fun"! I can't believe our annual picnic was a short time ago and, as always, it was a good time with Muletown friends.

We have had some great rides and activities so far this year with more to come. I have to give thanks to our outstanding Road Captains and Officers who get together each season to plan and execute these functions for the club.

Time also moves forward with life events both joyful and sad. We have had members who have had the excitement of moving to new homes,

grandchildren born, getting new jobs, and members who have traveled on great motorcycle adventures. We also reflect on the loss of Joe Hopper and Larry Shearn who have passed on due to illness. We will miss them both.



Looking to the future, our annual charity ride is coming up on Oct.31<sup>st</sup>, to benefit Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center. We always ask for as many club members to participate as possible, and to bring a friend. The annual Christmas party is just around the corner also.

All of these activities take place due to the hard work of your officers. Please consider getting involved as a future officer and or road captain. It be rewarding for you as well as the club!

~Zero

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## Membership Report, Terry Fox

Fall is in full swing!! It sure feels good to put a light jacket on and ride. We still have 52 members. Remember if you know anybody that would like to join, they can join now for \$20.00 and this will be good through next year!!

Be safe out there!!

As always screw it lets ride!!!




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## Activities Report, Eddie Mann

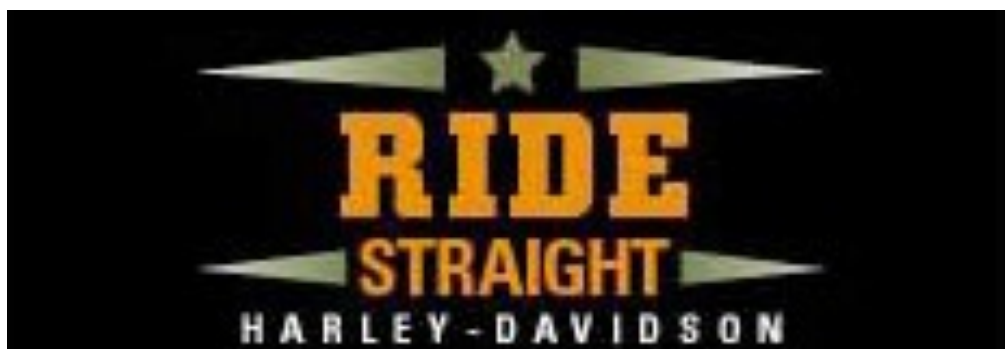
If you're reading this it's because Doc was willing to take on a late article from the Activities Officer. I sort of got called out at the Chapter Picnic for being late and thought I'd give it a shot. If you just missed our Chapter Picnic for this year you missed a great chance for fellowship and dining with close to 30 members and guess. The weather was perfect for this event and Henry Horton State Park provided an excellent pavilion to have it at. Speaking of a State Park, I hope everyone is

enjoying the chapter challenge for this year and visiting as many State Parks as possible. Fall is my favorite riding season and the time for me to start my Sprint on the State Park visits. You really get a grasp of Tennessee culture and history by visiting the parks. Our deadline on the park competition is the November membership meeting and winner announced at the Christmas party.

Oct 31st will be our fundraiser for our chosen charity the local Vanderbilt Cancer Center. The

ride is called the Scare away cancer ride and planning is still underway but I'm sure our members will come out and support such a needed cause.

Our final activity for the year will be our annual Christmas Party on Dec. 12 so mark your calendars you don't want to miss out on this one. It has always been a good time with food, fun, and presents for all, more will be announced at future meetings. See you on the road or at the next meeting. ~Eddie Mann



## Financial Report, Neil "Tex" Jones

At this time we have a bank balance of \$1279.85. All bills are paid. In short, we are banked up and solvent now. We will have some big bills between now and the end of the year with the club picnic,

Christmas party, and other miscellaneous expenses, but we should be okay. It's starting to feel "fallish" and that's fine riding weather. Looking forward to the upcoming great club rides planned. ~Tex



## Scoot Stories, Neil "Tex" Jones



I had a strange happening while riding my scoot the other day and it got me to thinking. Let me say first, I know we all watch the cages that could pull out in front of us, move over into us, or tailgate us, just to name a few, that keeps us cussing those careless car drivers that put our lives in peril. And they receive the heat of our verbal wrath fully due and coming. We can never be defensive enough as riders.

Yes there are those very dangerous car drivers out there we watch out for, and we have to be alert for many crotch rocket riders who drive sometimes at insane speeds, often cutting in and out of traffic. And there is

one more group: some Harley riders.

They are the worst of us (Harley riders). You know the type. They drive with a certain arrogance that says to all that they do indeed own that stretch of road and it is just their generosity and benevolence that we are allowed to travel on it, as long as we stay out of their way. Those of you who know me have picked up on my seething sarcasm here.

I know this tale is the long way around the block, but this all leads to my point.

The other day I was riding by myself on a two-lane 50 mph road at 55 mph. I was on the right side of the lane.

Suddenly a Harley rider comes flying by me on the left side of my lane. MY LANE! I could have easily

pulled over to ride in the left side of the lane at any time. Mr. Big Shot comes blazing by me with his straight pipes and ape hangers handle bars (just describing here, not putting down any pipes or handlebars) with a mad look on his face. Not even a wave or any greeting, just a look that showed his arrogance and his a\_\_.

Well, I've covered all the stereotypes. Next newsletter I probably need to tell a lighter kid/scooter story. But for now I feel better. Thanks for listening.

Be safe and drive as defensive as you can. Remember knuckleheads come in all forms.

Let's saddle up and ride.  
~Tex



## Road Captain Report, Tony "Colonel" Cornelius

Muletown,

Here are a few safety reminders to help you stay safe and avoid an accident, even as the leaves begin to change:

### Check the Mechanics

After the summer riding season, your bike may need a tune-up. Check that all parts are functioning correctly and that you have good tread and air pressure in your tires. Make sure your fluid levels are good and that all controls are working properly.

### Wear Proper Clothing

Autumn has many temperature changes. It can be quite chilly in the morning and still reach the mid-70s or 80s in the afternoon, depending on where you are. The best thing you can do to adjust to the changes is to dress in layers. You should never wear cotton as a base layer. Use thermal underwear or something with a synthetic blend as your base layer. On top of the base layer, wear comfortable riding attire. Don't wear a hoodie, but rather a zip-up sweatshirt or shirt.

### Beat the Wind with Leather

It might be too hot to wear leather during the summer, but it's perfect for fall. Leather motorcycle jackets or chaps can protect you from the wind and keep you more comfortable while riding. They

usually have removable liners .

You can wear riding boots with synthetic liners and wool socks. This combination will let your feet breathe in case they get too warm.

Finally, it's a good idea to wear a pair of synthetic glove liners underneath your leather biker gloves and pack



fingerless leather gloves in a windshield bag or storage compartment. You'll be able to switch in the afternoon when it warms up.

### Switch to a Half- or Full-Visor Helmet

Cold air can be harsh on your eyes and make it tough to see clearly, so switch to a helmet with a visor or full face shield.

### Bring Your Rain Gear

A raw, chilling rain can cause hypothermia quickly,

especially if you're not wearing the best riding attire. Always pack your rain gear, just in case.

### Watch for Riding Hazards

Fallen leaves can be very slippery and can cause accidents, and deer are more active during the autumn months – especially during dawn and dusk. Keep your eyes out for any riding hazard so you have time to react. Often midday temperatures may be warm and comfortable for motorcycle riding, while overnight temperatures may be near freezing. It becomes necessary to be cognizant of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours during the fall. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other elevated surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the frost yet.

Following these guidelines can help you make the most of your fall riding season and enjoy the weather before any snow or ice sets in.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on some great rides this fall! Please be safe!

"Rumble On!"

Tony "Colonel" Cornelius  
Head Road captain

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**It is about the bikes and the people,  
after all.**

## Chapter Purpose

*The purpose of this chapter is to promote responsible motorcycling activities for local Harley Owner Group (H.O.G.) members by conducting Chapter activities and encouraging members to participate in other H.O.G. events. Chapter activities and operations shall be conducted in a manner consistent with a family oriented, non-political, philosophy. We are dedicated to advancing the enjoyment, image, and safety of the sport of motorcycling.*

## We do more than ride!

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