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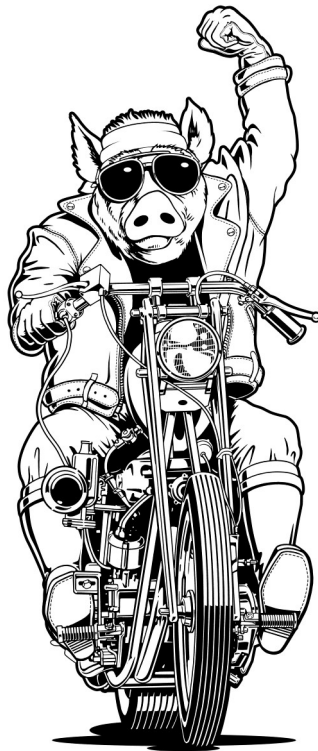
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Assistant Director's Report

Here I sit writing this report for the newsletter with anxious thoughts about the upcoming riding season. I can hardly wait to start riding with my Muletown pals to destinations unknown. Mother Nature has been giving us the cold shoulder quite a bit this winter, and in fact, it is snowing as I look out my window. This will soon pass however, and we will all be back on the highways and byways.

As we look forward to great rides, activities, and fellowship, it is a good time to go through the maintenance check list on your bike. Is it

ready for spring? Are your tires and brakes good? Is there fresh oil in the old crankcase?



It is easy to check your bike for readiness for the riding season, but you also must check yourself out. We all

have a few cobwebs in our heads to clear out, and we may be a little rusty on our riding skills after a winter break. It is good to refresh your safe riding practices.



Go out on a slow easy ride before the first chapter group ride to reacquaint yourself with your bike.

I hope to see you soon!

~ Zero

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Membership Report, Terry Fox

Here it is already February, time to start dreaming of warmer weather and cool rides. So far we have 26 members signed up for the early membership rate; hopefully, we'll have about that many more by our first meeting!!

I must also have to apologize to Denise Earlywine for not recognizing her rejoining at the Christmas party. It is good to have her back, hopefully she won't be teaching every weekend where she can ride with us.

"...time to start dreaming of warmer weather & cool rides."

I know the rest of you are like me tired of this cold weather!!!
Screw it, Let's Ride!!!

Head Road Captain Report, Jerry "Big Country" Knox

Hello Muletown! As I sit in front of the computer writing this, it's in the low thirties, headed to the twenties and beyond, and it sure looks like we may get some snow, sleet, or who knows what! Kind of a bleak forecast for riding, but after all, it is mid-February, and the riding season is just around the corner. In fact, the road captains have already met and planned rides through Million Mile Monday in June.

Speaking of road captains, we have three new ones in the making: Trish Shearn, Jon "Doc" Ullrich, and Tony "The Colonel" Cornelius. It is great to get new ride leaders, and new ideas. We look forward to what they bring to the table, or should I say, road. Along with that, we have some new destinations as well.

As I mentioned, several rides are already planned. The road captains as a group, decided that maybe the first couple or so, not be extremely challenging. In other words, not Dragon-esque. That doesn't mean, by any stretch, they will be boring. Face it, it has been cold, in fact so cold, even I haven't ridden my bike to work since early December. That has to be a record. All of my neighbors can tell you I haven't (not sure how they know when I do or don't! LPSL!). Since that has been the case, when it does warm up some, we need to get used to our bikes...again. In other words, get the RUST out. The road captains, as a group, are dedicated to putting together great rides, and most importantly, SAFE rides.

Another topic we discussed, was making sure we were

taking care of new riders and members. If we have someone who hasn't ridden with us before, be it a new member, or even a friend, we will ask them to ride toward the rear, in front of the sweep captain, if possible, just so they can get used to us, and see how we ride. Usually, the back of the pack is a little slower, and provides more reaction time, if necessary. If it is a friend, maybe the member they are a guest of should ride close with them.

Folks, your road captains are the best! I hope ya'll are looking as forward to this year as I am. It takes time and effort to put together these routes and rides, so support the best! You won't be disappointed. It's time to tell the rust to take a hike!

LET'S RIDE!!

Activities Report, Col. Tony Cornelius

Hey Muletown,

Most of you missed a great Super Bowl party, even though the game was very one-sided and everyone in attendance appeared to be a Broncos supporter, the company was great and it was nice to see some good friends! I hope you will all consider coming to the 4th Annual Chili Dump on Feb 22nd (see attached flyer) – I’ll buy you a beer!



It’s that time of year again! What time you say? Time to plan some group activities that will cause everyone to say “wow” without breaking the bank... Last year a few of us went to a Predators game and had an awesome time. I am looking for interest within the membership to do another game before the season ends this year. I will have some dates and options/costs at the chapter meeting. If you have never attended a professional hockey game – you really need to!

I am going to look into a spring Sounds Baseball game (May?) and an early summer ride/canoe trip down the Buffalo River (June or July) – come to the chapter meeting(s) for all of the information!



As usual I am always looking for new ideas for chapter activities – If you have some, send me an e-mail. Hope to see you all this year! Rumble On!

THANKS MULETOWN!!

Tony “Colonel” Cornelius * tonywane2000@yahoo.com



DIY, Assignments from the Principal. Jon "Doc" Ullrich

Hey Muletown, just when I thought maybe I was out of assignments for you and it was time for me to find some new angle, I found this piece to share with you. I am so glad the riding season is about here! I have been wrenching the bike a bit this winter and working with others to get my ride closer to where I want it - is it ever done? Haven't done this project myself, but maybe you will be inspired to try.

Ride Safe, Doc



The Collapsible Motorcycle Work Stand is constructed from two full 4'x8' sheets of plywood. To build the work stand you will need:

- Two sheets of 3/4 inch plywood.
- One lb box of 1 1/4 inch drywall screws per bench being built
- One small bottle of wood glue.
- 12 2" hinges if you want it to fold down (strongly recommended)
- Saw
- Hammer
- Screwdriver
- Drill
- [Instructions](#) (Click Here)

Financial Report, Neil “Tex” Jones

Our current balance is \$353.98. All bills are paid. This is the time of year when we try to build up the account from club dues and soon to be 50/50 drawings to fund future needs.

Like you I’m sure, I’m getting a little cabin fever and the best cure for that is riding in the wind. I’m ready for riding weather.

~Tex



Scoot Stories, Neil “Tex” Jones



The older I get, the more I find myself longing for the “good ol’ days,” with one exception—motorcycles. I like the modern stuff on them for the most part. I know I was in my thirties before I had a motorcycle with an electric start. I remember the transition I had, a Honda 550 that had both a kick starter and an electric push button starter. Kind of eased me into the change, I guess. Some of the bikes of the old days were—well—just a little dangerous. Not only were there no helmets, but there were other safety concerns. Those drum brakes were not that good and I had bikes that had no front brake at all. Seems like the old brakes were often smoking when they’d get too hot and they would wear out quick. I remember worn out brakes that would slow you eventually, but they would not lock up the tire no

matter how hard you pushed on that pedal. The tires were tube type and subject to blowout much more than tires today. The suspensions were tight and the bikes rode rough, especially when they were overloaded like when I rode double on a 2 1/2 hp MoPed and a whopping 5 hp Cushman Eagle. That Eagle did not have a battery, but instead had a magneto. The most noticeable and dangerous part of having a magneto is that when your RPMs went down, your headlight and taillight dimmed down to about nothing. Many times at night I’d be waiting at a red light and revving the engine, not to be cool but to keep my lights visible. (Maybe a little bit to be cool too.)

Once I nearly bought the farm when it was dark, raining lightly and I was turning left and there were no turn signals back then so I had my left arm straight out. As I yielded to the

oncoming cars and came to a stop, it was a bit of a trick in holding that arm out and keeping my engine revved to keep my lights visible and keeping my clutch pedal pushed in and shifting the tank shifter back to low, all while managing to have my right foot off the brake and set to hold up the bike. A car came up behind me going too fast and he just barely saw me and shot past me at the last second, missing me by inches.

So . . . yeah . . . some of the good ol’ days were good ones. And there were some I don’t miss. Kind of summed it up once when I was on a mc trip with my buddy T Bone. We were waiting at a red light, me on my bagger and him on his Road King. I told him we had come a long way from MoPed, Cushman Eagle, James and Service Cycle (our first bikes). Indeed, I think. Indeed.

Let’s saddle up and ride. ~Tex

4th ANNUAL MULETOWN H.O.G. CHAPTER
DON'T DUMP - NO JUNK!

Chili Cook-Off



February 22, 2014 - 5:00 P.M.

Location: Denise & David (Earlywine) Fisher's
2234 Franklin Pike Lewisburg, TN 37091

BRING A QUART OR A POT OF YOUR BEST CHILI FOR THE CONTEST
~ Chili's To Be Judged By Special Guests! ~

WINNER RECEIVES A \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM H-D OF COLUMBIA

AFTER THE CONTEST WE'LL DUMP ALL THE CHILI TOGETHER - THEN STIR & SERVE!

**Bring your favorite beverage & anything else you would like
with your Chili & we'll have a feast! We will also have a fire pit
and make S'mores!**

**Directions: From the Dealership: Take HWY 99 east to HWY 431 and make a right (head south)
travel 10.3 miles and the house will be on your right. The house is on the corner of Walls Rd and
431. You must turn onto Walls Rd to access the property/driveway.**



Industry Insider, Contributions from H.O.G National



U.S. State H.O.G. Rally- What, How and Why

What is a State HOG Rally and how are they started? State HOG Rallies are a Harley-Davidson Motor Company event for each state. These HOG events are planned and executed *by* volunteer HOG members *for* HOG members. These events are organized under the direction of the Harley-Davidson HOG Manager. Rally proposals are submitted to the HOG Manager at Harley-Davidson. They are reviewed and often selected by you the HOG chapter and dealership representative. At that point, planning is allowed to move forward. Support from Harley-Davidson Motor Company comes in several ways such as HOG Rally Coordinator Training, resources to assist with a rally's insurance, artwork designs, website construction and more.

There are 8 core rally committee positions recognized within the rally program. Chapter members volunteer to support the needs of each of these 8 committee members, possibly in the registration area, rides being planned and field events etc. Rally committee members must be a national HOG member, but do not necessarily have to belong to a chapter or be a chapter officer. The rally coordinator is the lead for a rally team and works closely with the Harley-Davidson HOG Manager.

After the proposal is selected the committee begins to plan for the coming year. This involves several key items: wrapping up the current year and insuring all invoices are paid, legal and historical archives are sent in along with a final financial accounting, the new rally committee begins work with the local CVB or maybe the Chamber of Commerce in securing support from the area the rally will be held in. Also support from the Harley-Davidson Dealers from around the state in which the rally is held in. With the guidance from the Harley-Davidson HOG Manager the core rally committee transfer of funds and rally assets from one rally to another and the planning of the upcoming rally is put into motion.

Why are there state HOG Rallies? There is strong camaraderie that exists between Harley riders and HOG members. The state rally program offers another opportunity for the HOG members to celebrate Harley-Davidson Motorcycle ownership by gathering to enjoy each other's road stories and ride together. State HOG rallies can take you where you haven't been before or return you to places you've seen and enjoyed in the past. As a HOG Member, there is always a new adventure waiting for you when attending a US State HOG Rally. It is also the journey to the location, the riding you do when arriving at a rally and of course the ride afterwards - wherever the road takes you. It is that experience of meeting new friends and seeing your old pals.

US State HOG come in various sizes and types. Some large, some small, some stationary and some are riding rallies. In any case there is one or more which will meet your needs for a HOG event. State Rallies are a member benefit; however there is usually a guest policy that is in place to allow the non-HOG member entry. Although HOG members receive all rally benefits versus what a guest would receive. There are a few guidelines the committee must adhere to, but their passion is to make sure you have a fun safe time at the rally.



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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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WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

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