



Muletown Chapter 2033

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Assistant Director's Report

It is hard to believe that it is almost July already. Hopefully our extraordinary amount of rain on scheduled ride days is behind us! We have gone on some great rides thus far, and I know the Road Captains have some more adventures planned for us the second half of the ride season.

As of this publication, you should have received, or you shortly will receive a survey for the club in your email

box. The purpose of this survey is to gather information for the Officers to help guide our path. If you have not already given your input, please do so.

Remember, this is your club!

Take a look at the safety feature in the newsletter. Included are some quick tips from the MSF to help

ensure a safe ride. Pay close attention to the staggered two seconds and one second rule. From the newest rider to the sport to the oldest one, it is always good to go back and review safe riding.

Hope to see everyone on the upcoming rides, activities, and chapter meetings.
~ Zero



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Membership Report, Terry Fox

Here it is the middle of June, prime time for vacations & riding!!! As for membership, we are still stuck at 52 members. I'm sitting here resting my butt after a ride of a lifetime with some of my great Muletown friends, led by the best trip planner Rodney! We went to OK & TX. 3000 miles in 6 days and saw some great sites! We went to Meers, Ok., & had one of the best steaks I ever ate. We rode the pig trail in AR almost as good as the Dragon. I scraped my floor boards - scared the crap out of

me. We rode to Amarillo to the Big Texan, but no one wanted to try the 72 ounce steak challenge. I guess we needed Jerry!! We saw the Cadillac Ranch, went to some cool biker bars, and drank Lone Star beer. We saw Austin Speed Shop, no Jesse James, South Fork, Fast & Loud Garage, no Richard or Aaron, but their secretary that is on the show gave us a tour. We saw the mustangs of Las Colinas Statues as seen on Dallas opening, very cool. But the highlight of the trip was

"When they say everything is bigger in Texas, they mean it!!!"

Stokers Icehouse, owned by Rick Fairless, famous bike builder, where he gave us his own personal tour of his place for over a half hour, including his office, board room & shop. What a great guy! If you ever go to Dallas, you have to stop here. When they say every thing is bigger Texas, they mean it!!! So in closing as always,

Screw It, Lets Ride!!!!

Head Road Captain Report, Jerry "Big Country" Knox

It's hard to believe we are already almost halfway through the 2013 riding season.

To date, we have had some awesome rides. If you weren't able to make them all, be sure to check out the photo gallery on the website. Recaps of the rides also appear in the gallery. The Road Captains met on June 6 to complete this years scheduled rides, so be sure to check out the calendar as well. We have some good stuff coming up. As a group, we decided to keep the rides through the hottest part of the summer as "A" rides, or less than 200 miles round trip.

Also, mark your calendars for September 14. Joe Hopper is putting together an overnighter back to the Reelfoot Lake area. More details are to come on this ride, as far as accommodations and so forth. I can almost taste the fried chicken and catfish at Boyette's. Also, October 5 will be the benefit ride for AMBUC's. This ride and charity replaces the usual Turkey Run. These are only a couple of highlights of what is to come in the second half. A lot of other great rides are planned, some to new places, and some old favorites as well. As I mentioned earlier, we will try

to avoid as much of the worst heat that we can. However, if you are riding in the hottest heat of summer, be sure to remain hydrated, and take breaks a little more often. I hope everyone is looking as forward to the rest of this year as I am. Keep the rubber side down, and I'll see you soon. Let's Ride! ~Jerry



Activities Report, Col. Tony Cornelius

Hey Muletown, I hope you and your families are having a great start to the summer. As the Activities Officer I am still looking for those great group activities that everyone can afford and have fun doing. So far we have had a handful of members attend the Predators Game in April and five of us are going to Bristol for the night race in August. Still, it would be great if we (I) can find some activities that more members (and families) would participate in...

So, I'm going to try a different angle and plan/organize (lock-in) three events that don't cost a lot of money, are within 60 miles (one way) and people can decide up to the last day whether or not they can go! I plan to attend each one and will have more details at the monthly meetings prior to each event.

Saturday July 27th, 2013 – Canoe the Buffalo River, cost – approx. \$35/canoe, plan to leave from Spring Hill HS parking lot at 7:30 am bikes or cars... See website for more info: <http://www.crazyhorsecanoe.com/home.htm>



Saturday September 1st, 2013 – Paintball at Middle Tennessee Paintball, cost – Approx. \$30 per person (all fees, equipment, paintballs included), plan to meet at Spring Hill HS parking lot at 10:30 am bikes or cars... See website for more info: <http://middletennesseepaintball.com/index.html>



Saturday October 26th, 2013 – Miller's Thrillers Zombie Paintball Hayride (hopefully you practiced paintball in September...), cost – Approx. \$20 per person, plan to meet at Poncho's in SH at 6:30 pm

for dinner or meet at Millers at 8:00 pm – open until 11 pm, bikes or cars.

See website for more info: <http://www.millersthillers.net/index.html>



Also, looking to plan a family bowling event in November or December... We can discuss this more at our meetings.



Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Rumble On!



Special Safety Section, Motorcycle Safety Foundation ®

QUICK TIPS: MSF's Guide to Group Riding



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Motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group -- whether with friends on a Sunday morning ride or with an organized motorcycle rally -- is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals (see diagrams on next page). Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should assess everyone's riding skills and the group's riding style.

Keep the group to a manageable size, ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and sweep rider.

Ride prepared. At least one rider in each group should pack a cell phone, first-aid kit, and full tool kit, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

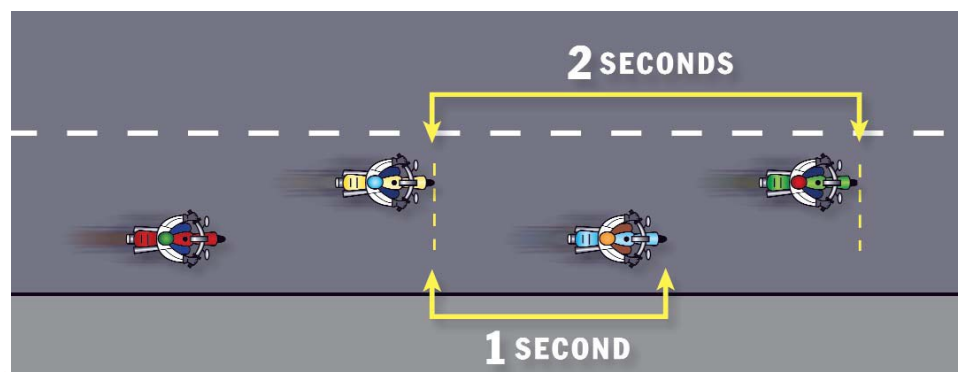
Ride in formation. The staggered riding formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed

Periodically check the riders following in your rear view mirror. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this technique, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

If you're separated from the group, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

For mechanical or medical problems, use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.



Special Safety Section: Hand Signals, Motorcycle Safety Foundation ®

Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up



Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended



Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down



Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up



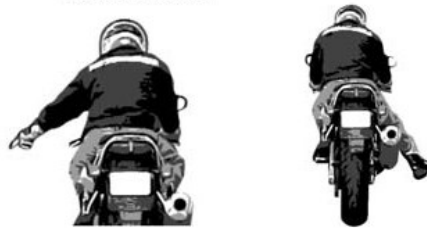
Fuel - arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended



Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up



Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand



Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



You Lead/Come - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front



Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down



Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion



Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward



Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder



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

Well, it is summertime and the kids are out of school. Don't tell them I said this, but I kinda miss them. Board Policy prohibits me from giving you an assignment during the summer. Good thing too...I found some article about turning the back of your helmet into an entertainment center for your passenger and it was all I had. If they want to watch TV, tell them to stay the hell home. Need to travel with

TV? Get a minivan or some other 4-wheeled, gas-guzzling cage, and look twice for motorcycles!

I do have a little something for you though. We challenge our students to read 10 books over the summer. Research shows that it will keep their skills sharp over the summer and they may even grow a bit. Now I know, I am talkin to the likes of Fox and Spoon here, so no books without pictures

being recommended. Truth be told, I can't stand reading any book –don't tell the kids that either! Doesn't mean you cant find something good to read though...you might even learn a thing or two. Looking forward to catching up with everyone at the next ride I can make...having 2 kids going to college might be the death of me! Your assignment is below.

Ride Safe, ~Doc

10 Things to Read that Even Doc Read!

Harley-Davidson Presents Pope Francis Two Motorcycles And A Leather Jacket

Motorcyclist takes photos of wolf chasing him on highway

Motorcycle sale ad of the YEAR

9 Ways Motorcycles Teach Self-Worth

It can't be denied that Harley Davidson...

Sunken Motorcycle Fished Out of a Lake After 56 Years

Very Cool: New Helmet Gives Motorcycle Riders Augmented Reality Like Iron Man

World's Most Expensive Motorcycle

1,000's of motorcycles descend upon Welcome Stadium

And one to read aloud at the DMV...

10 Things Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles



Financial Report, Neil “Tex” Jones

We have a current balance of \$690.09. Overall, we're staying solvent and keeping a balance in this range. All bills are paid. Some things have been paid in advance, like the shelter rental for our club picnic in the fall.

It is still good riding weather with temperatures not too hot yet, though close perhaps on some days. And it's always a good time to "get in the wind" and ride with friends. ~Tex



Scoot Stories, Neil “Tex” Jones



I used to work with a good ol' boy a few years ago who was a good motorcycle mechanic and a good one to ask if you were having scoot issues. He could tell some tales too. One of the best happened was when he lived in California and worked as a mechanic and part time service manager at a Harley dealer.

As he described it, just every now and then, you see some strange things in the shop. Surely, the strangest, he said, was a customer who had bought a new Road King and then had a few thousand dollars of extras installed. He was there with the finished bike when the customer came in and had some "bike talk" with him. His wife was with him and had driven him there to pick up the bike. My buddy said she had her arms crossed

and glared at her better half. Studying the couple, the mechanic said he sized up right quick that spending all that money on a new motorcycle and extras might not have been her idea.

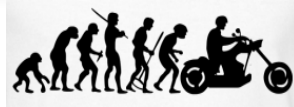
"Then I really started to wonder" my friend said, "when he (the customer) put on his helmet and asked me as he threw a leg over the bike, 'Now, it's one down with the left foot for low and pull up after that to shift, right?'" He asked if the customer was really ready to ride and tried to discourage him, but the man said he'd be fine. The customer started his new bike, kicked it in first gear, gunned the engine to near red line and then popped the clutch. The bike fishtailed out and sped forty feet into the brick wall of the building next door. He hit the wall so hard it cracked his helmet. As everyone rushed to

help him as he lay dazed on the ground, it was the wife's comments the mechanic most remembered. Stooped over and wagging a finger two inches from the guy's nose, she yelled, "Now, don't you feel like a fool!"

My buddy said the guy was actually okay, although he probably saw stars the rest of the day, and the guy's insurance paid he later heard and, as the story went, the man went into another hobby. Didn't know what hobby, but did know it was not motorcycles. No word on what his wife was up to.



Puzzles, Games, and Jokes



The Heart Surgeon and the Motorcycle Mechanic

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a motorcycle when he spotted a well known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage,

"Hey Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked,

"So, Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over and whispered to the mechanic ...

"Try doing it with the engine running!"



Word Scramble

TBUAKREO _____

MTINACW _____

RSEOPSTRT _____

SWENHDLID _____

NMWLEUOT _____

EFLVERIE _____

OCUBLMAI _____

EEISDRFA _____

Just one reason why we don't buy Russian motorcycles!



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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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