



Muletown Chapter 2033

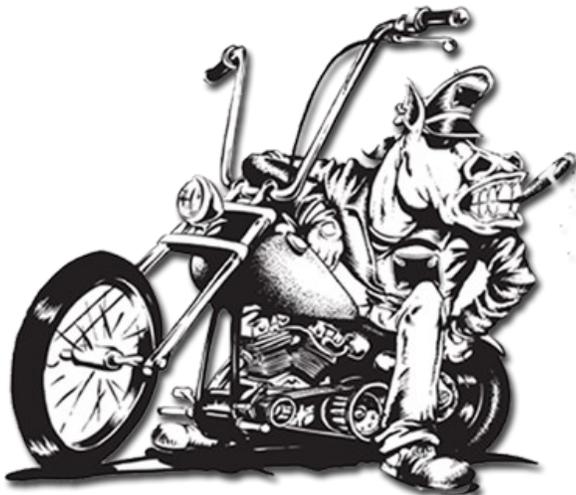
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Assistant Director's Report

Here we go again.... another great year of riding with our Muletown Friends! I can hardly wait to see what adventures are in store for us as we head out on rides and activities.

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and predicted that spring will come early this year. I believe by the recent weather we have been having, he was correct. I trust many of you have already performed your safety checks and have fired up your bikes a time or two. Don't skip going over your Harley thoroughly before

heading out this spring. Your tires will have lost pressure sitting in the garage this winter. How's your tread wear? If you have any doubt as to the readiness of



your bike, go see Sean at the dealership for a maintenance check.

Speaking of safety, we all get a little rusty by not riding our bikes over the winter

months. It is always good to review safe group riding procedures and start out slow as you get reacquainted with your bike.

By the time you read this article, our March Chapter Meeting should be underway with the first ride of the year planned for March 19th. As always, we welcome you to get involved with ride and

activity ideas and becoming a Road Captain.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

~Zero



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- "Colonel" Tony Cornelius, Head Road Captain
- Eddie Mann, Activities Director
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Membership Report, Terry Fox

Well here it is the first of March and we have already had 70 degree weather just right to knock the dust off!! So far already we have 48 members, with 3 new ones since the first of the year!!! I would like to welcome Jeff Polk, Rick Harris, & Ken Godert to the chapter!! I know you'll never find a better bunch of people or go on

better rides!! I talked to a lady the other night, and her and her husband are going to come to the next meeting & check us out!! I would also like to thank all of our old members for their continued support!! And an extra shout out to Mark & Linda Ryan, from Maryland for their continued support for several years!!!

We got some great rides planned, so as usual,

Screw it lets Ride!!!!

~Fox



Activities Report, Eddie Mann

My first bike week was in 1998, as I'm writing this I'm at Daytona's 75th Bike week. Things sure have grown in the last 18 years. I actually was first led here by the owner of our sponsoring dealer. He knew all the ins and outs of the area. What a great trip. You didn't have that long of lines to stand in, you could park almost anywhere for free. Not anymore it has grown but still worth the trip if you were ever

thinking of going. Destination Daytona and going out to the Speedway is two days people watching you can't get much of anywhere else. As far as our Muletown activities those that came out to the Chili Dump made it a great success. The road captain's have rides scheduled starting this month. This year's State HOG rally will be in Memphis this year so if you're interested in it go to

tntstatehogrally.com and get pre registered. There is a 10 thousand dollar poker run again this year, and if you're an Elvis fan this rally is for you. ~Eddie



Secretary Report, Ken Steverson

When I received Doc's reminder that the officer's articles for the newsletter were due I had to wonder what in the world does the Chapter Secretary write about. It's not like I have the chapter bank balance to report, that's for Tex to handle. Nor can I report on new members or the number of members in the

chapter, Fox would be really upset if I did that. Let's see, upcoming rides and activities, nope someone has that covered too. Stealing another officer's thunder just wouldn't be right. I can't even report on the last officer's meeting as those minutes have been published and are on the web site for everyone

to read. So what then? I must admit that I'm dumbfounded and absolutely confused. If you have any ideas let me know and I'll see what I can come up with next time.

Until then ride safe and keep the shiny side up. ~Ken

Head Road Captain Report, "Colonel" Tony Cornelius

Muletown, In this issue I want to focus on defensive motorcycle riding. I have to admit over the years (especially my younger years) I did some pretty stupid stuff on a bike both on and off road, and I'm betting like most of you, I still love to accelerate hard and speed down the open road. At some point in our lives though, we begin to understand that we are not indestructible and that our safety isn't always in our own hands...

I'm guessing that most of you are past this point, but it's still important for us to revisit and discuss ways to protect ourselves and our family while we are doing something that brings us so much enjoyment. We are truly our brother's keeper and while we are not always in control of other riders and motorists, we can help control our fate!

Here is some Slightly-dated but still valuable information from DefensiveDriving.com's Defensive Driving Course:

Knowing when collisions involving motorcycles are most likely to occur can help you ride safely in dangerous situations:
Left Turns – Nationally, the most

common crash between cars and motorcycles is at an intersection when the automobile driver is making a left turn in front of a motorcycle. In 2008, there were 2,554 two-vehicle fatal crashes involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle.

SLOW DOWN AT BUSY INTERSECTIONS AND BE PREPARED!

Blind Spots – Motorcycles riding alongside a lane of cars are often out of view of the driver. An unsuspecting driver may collide with a motorcycle as the driver tries to change lanes.

DON'T SIT IN A BLINDSPOT – STAY VISIBLE TO OTHERS!

Hazardous Road Conditions – Motorcycles have to be very concerned about road obstructions such as potholes and fallen tree limbs. Railroad tracks may be a minor problem for drivers, but a motorcyclist may have to slow down or change lanes to avoid these obstacles.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD AND SCAN! DON'T BECOME DISTRACTED!

Weather Conditions – When the road surface is wet or icy,

motorcycle braking and handling abilities are impaired.

SLOW DOWN – THE CONTACT PATCH BETWEEN YOU AND THE ROAD IS SMALL TO BEGIN WITH!

Strong Winds – A strong gust of wind can move a motorcycle across an entire lane if the rider isn't prepared for it. Wind gusts from large trucks passing in the other lane can be a real hazard.

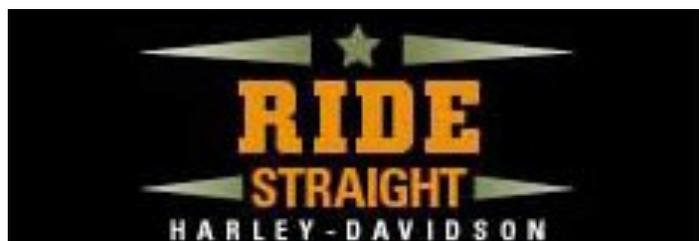
BE PREPARED – STAY UP ON THE HANDLE BARS WITH FEET ON FLOORBOARDS.

Large Vehicles – A large vehicle such as a van, bus, or truck can block a motorcycle from a driver's view. The motorcycle may seem to suddenly appear out of nowhere.

LEAVE EXTRA SPACE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND LARGE VEHICLES – STAY VISIBLE!

The friends/colleagues I have lost through the years on motorcycles have always involved excessive speed (or exceeding safe speed for the conditions) and/or high blood alcohol content.

Please be safe (and defensive) out there. Rumble On!
~Colonel



Financial Report



As of our February Officer's Meeting our chapter was reported to be in good standing financially with a balance of \$873.16. With more dues coming in and other events this will be a great year for our chapter.



April

Cindy Fox

Lori Mann

May

Pete Hayes

Ron Miller

June

Terry Fox

Mary Jane Knox

James Ruark

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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.