



# Muletown Chapter 2033

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## Assistant Director's Report, Eddie Fisher

As I write this article the State Rally is in full swing. We have a number of our members representing the chapter in this motorcycle gathering on the Cumberland Plateau in Cookeville, TN. The rally committee did a great job of putting together good music, activities, and rides that really represent what HOG is all about.

In this quarter's article, I wanted to touch a little bit on safety. I read an article in this month's American Iron Magazine that had some good food for thought about crashes involving another vehicle as

well as accidents with only the bike involved. We tend to think that most of the accidents involving motorcycles happen at intersections because the other guy didn't see the bike. While this type of accident is certainly true, the article goes on to state that nearly half of all motorcycle crashes are single vehicle, which means that the rider of the bike was at fault for one reason or another.

Many motorcyclists including myself have always said that you have to ride like your invisible to avoid accidents. This is a good start, but make sure you always think about your strategies

for avoiding a collision with a car. Ask yourself, which direction is my out if that car turns in front of me in an intersection? Think about if you are in a blind spot while traveling down a multi-lane road where the vehicle in the next lane can't see you. He may cross over on top of you into your lane. Another area when we are in a hurry; Am I following too close to the car in front of me? This would make it almost impossible to maneuver around that retread "gator" which suddenly popped out from underneath the car.

Riding on curves is one area of single  
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motorcycle crashes. Make sure you know you and your bikes limitations. Also, if you are just not comfortable with riding the “twisties” and would like to be, get some more training and get out there and practice. Many of our club rides contain curvy

roads. If you get training and practice on your own, you will enhance the safety of the club’s group ride.

I am happy to see more new members join our chapter. It is always interesting and great to get to know fellow bikers.



### Membership Report, Terry Fox

The end of May, my favorite time of year, schools out, and no getting up at 5:00!! Time to ride and enjoy the summer time!! At our last meeting, we welcomed 3 new members: Nina Parker, Alan Hooper, and Brian Ruark. Always nice to have new members, I hope you enjoy our little chapter!!

As I was catching up on my voice mail, after a busy day of golf and

working out, I received a message from another man named Harvey Fisher, who wanted to join. Harvey is like most of us, who raised his family was ready to buy his first Harley. He sounded excited to be joining the chapter and ready to ride!!! I hope we get to meet real soon on a ride!! Welcome Harvey!!

This puts us up to 52 members so

far. As usual if any new members have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me or any of the officers, or members, we are here to help, and all been there, we just want you to feel welcomed!! I hope every one has a great and safe summer and hope to see you on the road!! As usual:

*Screw it lets Ride!!!!*

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### Activities Report, Eddie Mann

As I'm writing this article I am currently at the Tennessee state HOG rally in Cookeville. With at this time 5 other Muletown members. We have proudly represented our chapter at roll call of the chapters.

We've been on a poker run that paid out 10,000 dollars. Saw two great bands so far. Two free meals, went back in

time to a town called Hard Times, and this is just day 2 of the rally. We still have a ride and dinner to Lynchburg, drag races, hill climb events, Charlie Daniels and Three Dog Night in concert.

This is one huge benefit of being a HOG member, going to one of there many rally's be it a State rally or National. Most people you meet at the rally

feel Tennessee puts on one of the best rally's in the nation which is why I love attending.

The chapter was wanting to do an outing to a Sounds game in August right now I'm looking at August 8th when they play Memphis. I will get feedback from everyone at the next meeting and then finalize the event. Until then be safe and enjoy the ride.

### Financial Report, Neil "Tex" Jones



Our current balance is \$1259.85. All bills are paid. Getting to be warmer weather and I'm itching to get in the breeze. See you on the rides.



### Scout Stories, Neil "Tex" Jones



This last weekend I had my youngest daughter Jena and her eight year old son, Cy, come in from Atlanta for a visit. One highlight of their visit is that Cy gets a ride on the back of Papa Jones' motorcycle. Jena told me about a

conversation they had on their way here. Cy: "Mama, do you think it is safe for me to ride on the motorcycle with Papa?" Jena: "Well, yes. He's always a safe, careful driver isn't he?"

Cy: "Most of the time, but he leans over the motorcycle in the turns." Hmmm? Guess I better watch that. And the rest of you guys better watch those leans in the turns.

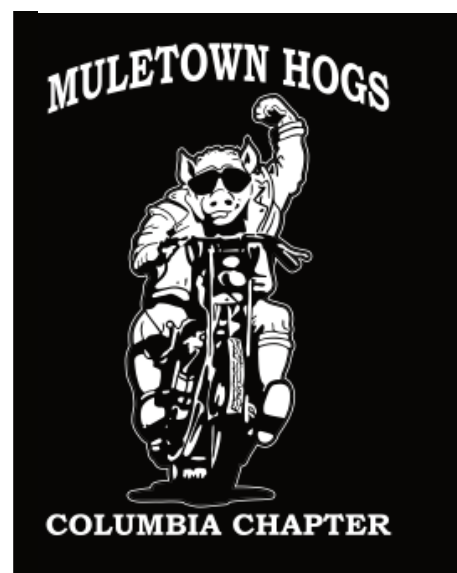
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### Special Report, Muletown 10th Anniversary T-Shirts!!

Hello Muletown Members,

Terry Fox has done it again with organizing our club's 10 year anniversary t-shirt!!

He is taking orders until the July chapter meeting, \$12.00 short sleeves, \$15.00 long sleeve, 50/50 cotton & polyester, available in black or blueish-gray in male sizes!! Contact Terry for orders at [ffxtrr@att.com](mailto:ffxtrr@att.com). ~ Zero



## HOG Family Updates, Jon “Doc” Ullrich

Hey Muletown, Don't we all just love it when the nice weather rolls around! Well, that is until we hit the rain. That's ok, not too many of us in danger of melting!

I hope you are getting out there and riding between the

raindrops. Don't forget to share a picture or two with your HOG family. We all love to see the view on each others' rides! Drop me a line or a text with a picture anytime. I will get it in our Fall newsletter and we can all look

back on the summer rides together. Until then, ride safe—especially on those backroads!



## Road Captain Report, Tony “Colonel” Cornelius

Hey Muletown,

Just got back Saturday from my first HOG Rally – what a great experience! I had been trying to think of what I was going to write for the newsletter so I was hoping to get inspired while I was in Cookeville.

On Friday morning we went to stage for a group ride to the bike drag racing event at the nearby drag way in Buffalo Valley. I was shocked when I came around the corner and saw what had to have been nearly a hundred bikes already waiting and many more coming in behind. The motorcycle police escort must have numbered ten alone. When they called for the safety briefing I was ready to hear the most detailed account of group riding safety that I had ever heard, then it came, “ride to your own limits and pull off and wait for the sweep if you're not comfortable. We'll be heading out in about five minutes.” What? That's it? I was thinking to myself that this is going to

be a catastrophe! Turned out to be my inspiration for my article and... Guess what – also turns out that we all do things the same way when riding in a group and the ride went perfectly!

In the military we call this standard operating procedure or SOP. This practice allows us to ride together in Muletown or with any other HOG group in a safe and fun way. It's so very important that we understand our own riding “SOP” aka “the Group Riding Handbook” which can be found on the chapter's website so that we know the person in front of us or behind us is going to react the same way in any given situation whether they are from our chapter or another.

The other thing we need to do (most importantly in my opinion) is practice riding in a group environment. It's everyone's individual responsibility to stay familiar with the “SOP”. Please take some time to review it if you haven't for a while. If you are

new to group riding, please download a copy, learn it, and ask as many questions as you need until you feel comfortable riding in the group.

Most of all – ride on as many group rides as possible, especially when you are first starting out. Now, did I think the safety briefing I mentioned earlier could have been a little more detailed? Probably, but in the end it was each and every rider that already heard their local road captains briefings dozens of times and had been on multiple group rides that knew what needed to be done – and did it professionally!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on the rides this season. Come on out and keep in practice with a small group so you're ready for the big group ride when the time comes!

Safety Always - Rumble On  
THANKS MULETOWN!!

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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**

- Harvey Fischer
- Alan Hooper
- Nina Parker
- Brian Ruark



New member, Nina Parker, and her ride.