



Muletown Chapter 2033

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Assistant Director's Report

Muletown, We are already halfway through the riding season. Hard to believe isn't it. We have traveled to a number of new destinations so far this year with only one rain out ride if my memory serves me correctly. The Road Captains will be hard at work planning the second half rides soon. As always, please give your input as to where you would like to see us take our rides.

I have just returned from a 9 day, 3700+ mile tour of New England with Flat Jay and the Boys planned by Rodney Schmitt. What a great adventure! We

visited the Harley Vehicle Operations where all of our touring bikes were built, saw the Woodstock Music Festival site, ate a lobster in Maine, and traveled over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge just to name a few highlights. I may write about this trip in



a future edition of the newsletter.

All the fun we have in the club with activities and rides doesn't just happen by chance. It takes effort and dedication by your Muletown

Officers. I am always grateful that we have such a good bunch of Officers working behind the scenes to make things run smoothly. If you are interested in an Officer position for 2017, please let me know. Pending the Directors approval, we would transition

you into an open position near the end of this year so you would be ready to go in January of 2017.

We should have a list of any open positions by the end of October.

I look forward to riding with you throughout the rest of the year!

~Zero



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

I'm sitting here trying to decide where to start, so I'll start at the membership report! We have a total of 55 members, with 3 new members that I would like to welcome to the chapter!! Jeff Polk, who I haven't met yet, & Sam & Dawn Broyles who I met on last weekends ride!! They seem like a lovely couple who will fit in with our chapter & have a cool looking trike. If y'all need

anything feel free to contact me! As most of you know 7 of us just got back from a 9-day, 3700 miles up the east coast, my body or brain hasn't recovered yet! But what a great ride!! We rode switch backs in W.V. For 2 days, went to Gettysburg, toured the York H. D . Plant where all the dressers & trikes are made. It was on my birthday, so I got treated nice with a card & hug!

Celebrated my birthday in Vt., where the boys took care of me! Went to Laconia bike week, Maine for some lobster, headed south to Orange County Choppers, Woodstock, Ocean City, Md., Chesapeake Bay Bridge, all the way down to Savannah, up to Andersonville Prison, the back home. Another great ride, in a short time! Thanks Rodney!!
~Fox

Activities Report, Eddie Mann

It has warmed up and the riding season is in full swing. I hope everyone is enjoying their bike rides and visiting the Tennessee Court houses. So far we have had some great chapter rides and the road captains are meeting to plan the second half of the riding season. If anyone has a ride they would like to have planned let you road captains know and we will try to work it into the schedule.

A few chapter members and I just got back from a Ride up and

down the east coast. No better way to see the country than on a Harley. We saw Coal mining towns, Steel mill towns, visited the Harley production factory, the U.S oldest brewery, the home of Woodstock, the battle grounds in Gettysburg, had lobster in Maine, spent some time at the longest running motorcycle rally in Laconia, road across the Chesapeake Bay, visited the river walk in Savannah, and ended the trip visiting the POW museum in Alabama.

I'm sure I left a few things out; the point is there's no better way to see this country than on your motorcycle. ~Eddie



Secretary Report, Ken Steverson

Good Grief Charlie Brown!!! The spring riding season is already over; where has the time gone? Seems like only yesterday the smell of honeysuckle was in the air, guess we'll have to wait until next year for another whiff of that "nectar of the gods." Luckily we still have summer and fall to go and I know we'll rack up lots

of miles in the next few months. I want to thank our road captains for putting together some really super rides this spring. Zero took us to Chattanooga, Trish led a ride through some of the most beautiful Middle TN backroads and Eddie challenged all of us on some nice curves to Fat Daddy's just to mention a few. I can

hardly wait to see what's next.

~Ken



Head Road Captain Report, “Colonel” Tony Cornelius

I finally mustered the courage to ride my bike this past weekend, three months since my surgery. After dinner on Father’s Day just seemed the perfect time to “get back on that horse.” I rode for about 20 minutes and it was AWESOME, but it was HOT! I came to my first stop sign and quickly remembered how steamy it can get above that twin cylinder furnace! I got back home and downed a Gatorade and thought, this is a great topic for the next newsletter (laugh)! It’s great to be riding again and I hope to make some rides really soon as I get more confident with longer rides (I actually have ridden every day since Father’s day). Heat is a real concern when riding in the summer months and I think it is worth discussing. I pulled these tips off the “Lost Adventure” website. I hope you enjoy!

1) **Watch very carefully for signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke.** Your body will send you signals that it’s having trouble with the heat, which can include cramps, nausea, headaches, extreme fatigue, flushed or pale skin, dizziness, and heavy sweating. Left unchecked, you can develop Heat Exhaustion, which is a form of mild shock. If you’re feeling these symptoms, it’s time to pull over, rehydrate, rest and recover for as long as it takes. Don’t be in a rush – sometimes a rider doesn’t want to inconvenience their friends by holding things up. How long do you think a trip to the hospital will hold up the ride? If Heat Exhaustion is allowed to develop into Heat Stroke, you’re in big trouble. Your cooling system shuts down, and body

temperature can rise to as high as 105 degrees. Brain damage is possible and you’ll likely have an erratic pulse and trouble breathing. People with Heat Stroke often pass out – not something you want when you’re riding. For more tips on avoiding and recognizing Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke visit the American Red Cross website.

2) **Bring more water than you think you’ll need.** Water is vital for keeping the body cool, but it also is necessary for digestion, for flushing toxins out of your body, and for lubricating your joints. It also cushions your organs and tissues, so when you get dehydrated, your body just won’t work properly, things will start to shut down, and you’ll physically crash. The worst thing is that by the time you start feeling bad, you’re already in trouble, so STAY HYDRATED. That means drinking plenty of water before you get on the bike, and consuming 1 liter of water every hour, especially in extreme temperatures. Try to get water that includes electrolytes (like SmartWater) to help replenish vital minerals.

3) **Include stops on your route where you can cool off.** One of the best ways to rejuvenate yourself is by getting out of the heat, into a cooler environment. You meet interesting people in rural convenience stores, and many have large ice freezers outside. We place our helmets in the freezers while we go inside for a cool drink. A quick stop can enable you to ride another 45 minutes even in the worst heat, so plan your ride along roads that have services and conveniences no more than 1/2 hour apart. If

it’s in the 100’s and you’ve got a two hour ride before your next stop, you’re going through unnecessary misery and risk.

4) **Dress properly and keep your skin covered.** Seems like simple, advice, but it’s amazing how many people don’t follow it. Any areas of skin that are exposed will be much harder to cool, as the sweat will evaporate from the air rushing over it at speed. This means you’ll dehydrate faster. It may seem counterintuitive to cover yourself with clothes in the heat, but look at the Bedouins in North Africa – they’re covered head to toe. Of course, on a motorcycle you need to wear abrasion and impact resistant gear, which can be heavy but, In my experience, the people who are effected most by the heat are those who don’t cover properly.

5) **Wear a cooling vest.** When temperatures rise over 90 degrees, a cooling vest is worth it’s weight in gold. Basically, it’s a vest that is filled with tiny beads that retain water. This is a much better solution than soaking your t-shirt, as cotton doesn’t retain the water and it evaporates quickly. You soak the vest, shake off extra water, then put it on under your riding jacket. The moisture forms a cooling layer next to your skin. Cooling vests are as cheap as \$30 and run up to \$100. Our favorite cooling vest is made by Silver Eagle Outfitters.

Remember, if you’re on a ride and you feel any signs or symptoms of a heat injury safely pull over and the sweep will make sure you get the care you need. Ride safely and I hope to see you all really soon! Rumble On!! ~Colonel

Scoot Stories, Neil "Tex" Jones



We have all seen them. And more or less have been like them. Insta-Bikers.

Quickly after buying that first Harley, it all starts with maybe getting the dealer to throw in a couple of tee shirts in the deal. And we are on our way. Giving HD free advertising and getting to stick our chest out and tell the world—"I be one bad a__ biker. I don't smile for pictures anymore."

Some insta-bikers are funny too. I once worked at a freight dock, loading and driving trucks. One day I rode my scoot to work and drove right by the dock. I noticed one new guy who had all the MC accoutrements, including a

large black billfold standing halfway out his back pocket and connected by a chain, a leather wrist band (nice touch), Doo-rag, tattoo on a forearm, etc.

Later I introduced myself and got to speak with him. I asked if he was a biker and owned a bike. He said no, but he'd buy one before too long. Kinda sad really. You could tell right off he wanted to be a biker, but that's an uphill battle without a bike. He probably couldn't afford it then. Just could afford the image, the look. It gave him a certain warm feeling perhaps, just like those two tee shirts I got made me feel. There are lots of folks out there who like the image and who want

to be real bikers, whatever that is. You see it in the eyes of some folks when you ride by in a group, like we do in the HOG chapter, and some people look with a slight smile on their faces and probably good thoughts of riding along with the pack too and think "Some day, one of these days"

Makes one want to rack off his loud pipes going under an overpass, and tell the world. "I'm here and I'm loud and I'm riding with buddies, and no matter what I am doing in the future, for the moment I know how it feels to be happy and having fun." And, after all, life doesn't get much better 'n that. Let's saddle up and ride.
~Tex



Financial Report



On the financial side of things, the chapter is doing well. As of June 1 our bank balance was \$1452.25 with no outstanding debts. Unless we have unforeseen expenses we should be in good shape for our chapter picnic and Christmas party.



July

Pat VanLeersum

Lori Mann

David Payne

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August

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September

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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.