



Muletown Chapter 2033

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Assistant Director's Report, Eddie Fisher

This year has flown by as quickly as or quicker than years past. It seems the older I get the faster they go. We have all recently had our Thanksgiving dinners and started our Christmas shopping with the bikes parked in the garage on a battery tender. Hopefully the weather will give us a few nice days to ride this winter.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, I would like to address a few of the many things I'm thankful for. I am very fortunate to work with the best group of Officers in HOG. They spend many of their own personal hours making sure this thing

we call Muletown HOG happens in an orderly and fun fashion. We welcome Ken Stevenson as our new Chapter Secretary. Ken has held many Officer positions in the past and will once again be a great addition to the group. I am also grateful for our Road



Captains. The Captains lead us on approximately 18 rides a year, searching for new destinations and routes. Lots of planning goes into each one of these rides. Also, I am thankful for you, the membership, who come out and enjoy the rides, and who have given generously to our flower fund and chosen charities. You're a fun group to be with!

May the peace and joy of the Christmas season be yours,

~Zero

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Membership Report, Terry Fox

Here it is already December, what a fast year!! It's been a good year & a bad year!! A lot of good safe rides, but a loss of two great friends!! They will be missed and forever remembered!! We ended the year with a total of 55 members!! Three new ones in the last couple months!! Robbie Dugger, Mike Ridings,

& Bridget Thomas, welcome to the club!! I know you'll never find a better bunch of people!!

Here's to a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!! And above all, Screw it lets Ride!!!



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Activities Report, Eddie Mann

You really can't tell it by the weather lately but winter is here. That means letting the bike stay in the garage on that battery tender a little more than I like to. Rides are over for the next couple months but we still have some activities to get us through

the winter. As I write this the Christmas party is just a week away. Since there is no chapter meeting in January we will still meet for dinner on January 19th at Pucketts in Columbia. Then our first chapter meeting will be February 16th at Pucketts. On

February 20th we will have our 6th annual Chili Dump. The competition for the best Chili is serious so fix your favorite recipe and bring it for all to enjoy. If there are any activities that you would like the chapter to look in to just let us know. ~Eddie Mann

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Financial Report, Neil "Tex" Jones



We have a balance of \$846.75. That should be enough to cover the Christmas Party expenses, as well as any other miscellaneous expenses that come up in December. All bills are paid. ~Tex



Scot Stories, Neil "Tex" Jones



We all have to start out somewhere on taking road trips. Crawl before you can walk, or take short overnight trips before ones weeks long. I have worked myself up to the latter, and maybe learned some things along that long highway. I may have told this story before, and if so, tough, you'll have to hear it again. Plus you can see if I tell a story the same way twice, which will tell you how true it might or might not be.

On our first week long trip, T Bone and I learned quite a bit. T Bone leaving from Texas and me from Tennessee, we met up in Little Rock and turned toward the Ozark Mountain in NW Arkansas.

First of all, it was the lean days in 1978 and neither of us were packed with money, so that meant a lot of camping out free somewhere instead of motels. He had a Sportster and I had a Honda 550, small bikes but we were a lot smaller then too. We rode in the wind with our drum brakes and tube tires rolling down the road with a

lot of bravado and a little less sense. Somehow the Lord is often good to fools. Of course we had our camping gear, little as it was, packed in doubled black trash bags and bungeed on the buddy seat (which made a pretty good back support). No rain suits. No tent. No way would it rain on us. At least we never considered it might rain.

It did. Hard. We were in a deserted state campground when the rain started pounding us about midnight. And it rained. And then it rained some more. Our sleeping bags soaked it all up. We finally got so miserable that we crawled under a concrete picnic table, and for some odd reason dragging our hundred pound sleeping bags with us. That would have made a hell of a picture: two half drowned rats under a concrete picnic table in a wallered out hole, watching the rain come down like a firehose.

It stopped raining just before daylight. I know because I was awake and miserable all night. The first thing we did was to each take an end to a sleeping bag and twist it tight

and wring it out as best we could, like our mothers wrung out the towels after washing. Then we stuffed 'em in our trash bags, strapped 'em down and hit the road again to blow-dry in the wind. We went to the mountains of eastern Oklahoma and on to southern Louisiana before splitting up and heading home.

I learned a couple of things from that trip. One: buy a rain suit, with my first few being bright blue or orange heavy, hot ones from WalMart, and two: forget the sleeping bags. As my buddy Ken would say, "I have a credit card and motels are everywhere."

Let's saddle up and ride.
Stay dry. ~Tex

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Road Captain Report, Tony "Colonel" Cornelius

Muletown,

Here are a few safety reminders to help you stay safe and avoid an accident, even as the leaves begin to change:

Check the Mechanics

After the summer riding season, your bike may need a tune-up. Check that all parts are functioning correctly and that you have good tread and air pressure in your tires. Make sure your fluid levels are good and that all controls are working properly.

Wear Proper Clothing

Autumn has many temperature changes. It can be quite chilly in the morning and still reach the mid-70s or 80s in the afternoon, depending on where you are. The best thing you can do to adjust to the changes is to dress in layers. You should never wear cotton as a base layer. Use thermal underwear or something with a synthetic blend as your base layer. On top of the base layer, wear comfortable riding attire. Don't wear a hoodie, but rather a zip-up sweatshirt or shirt.

Beat the Wind with Leather

It might be too hot to wear leather during the summer, but it's perfect for fall. Leather motorcycle jackets or chaps can protect you from the wind and keep you more

comfortable while riding. They usually have removable liners .

You can wear riding boots with synthetic liners and wool socks. This combination will let your feet breathe in case they get too warm.

Finally, it's a good idea to wear a pair of synthetic glove liners underneath your leather



biker gloves and pack fingerless leather gloves in a windshield bag or storage compartment. You'll be able to switch in the afternoon when it warms up.

Switch to a Half- or Full-Visor Helmet

Cold air can be harsh on your eyes and make it tough to see clearly, so switch to a helmet with a visor or full face shield.

Bring Your Rain Gear

A raw, chilling rain can cause hypothermia quickly, especially if you're not wearing the best riding attire. Always pack your rain gear, just in case.

Watch for Riding Hazards

Fallen leaves can be very slippery and can cause accidents, and deer are more active during the autumn months – especially during dawn and dusk. Keep your eyes out for any riding hazard so you have time to react. Often midday temperatures may be warm and comfortable for motorcycle riding, while

overnight temperatures may be near freezing. It becomes necessary to be cognizant of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours during the fall. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other elevated surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the

frost yet.

Following these guidelines can help you make the most of your fall riding season and enjoy the weather before any snow or ice sets in.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on some great rides this fall! Please be safe!

"Rumble On!"

Tony "Colonel" Cornelius
Head Road captain



A Lesson Learned, Stephen "Brotha J" Johnson

Hey Muletown, I wanted to tell all the members to really check their insurance policies to be sure they are adequately covered when it comes to Uninsured Motorist Bodily Injury (UMBI) limits. If the other driver has only minimum coverage in Uninsured Motorist Bodily Injury (\$25,000) and you have the same, your insurance company will not pay if your medical costs are more.

I guess I didn't understand UMBI limits, and had only \$25,000. The guy that pulled out in front of me only had \$25,000 also. Cigna insurance has paid out over \$59,000 for my medical claims, and has a lien on any proceeds I get from the accident.

Turns out that Geico will not pay anything toward my medical because he had the same amount of coverage as I did. In the Tennessee laws

(unlike most other states), TN doesn't allow to "stack" the coverages (his \$25k + my \$25k) to pay out. So, my attorney told me that Direct General Insurance will only reimburse for \$25,000 and my insurance (Geico) won't pay the \$25,000 that I had.

I hope you never need to use this type of insurance, but wanted you all to have the information. Merry Christmas Muletown! ~Brotha J

Editorial, Jon "Doc" Ullrich

Hey Muletown, Well, the winter weather has arrived - TN winter weather that is...28 one morning, 52 the following week and hey, you may be reading this on a day that hit close to 70 degrees! Of course the good thing is there are still riding days left if you don't mind grinning and bearing

through a cold morning ride in order to get to that glorious afternoon ride.

Speaking of rides, for your pleasure we are going to end this edition with pictures from our HOG family members sharing memories from this riding season and a great

piece from chapter member, Rodney Schmitt. Thanks to all of them for taking the time to share with us.

Merry Christmas Muletown! May peace and joy be with you and your family this holiday season. ~Doc



"Definitely the State Rally!" - Tony "Colonel" Cornelius



White Sands - Terry Foxx



"I was just riding around Columbia." - Nina Parker



"Last ride with my brother Joe." - Doc



New Member, Jeff Polk, and his ride.



"....our Chapter Charity Ride. I have never been so proud and humbled as I was on that day! Not much more I can say." - Trish Shearn



“One of the day rides on this years Tn. State HOG rally was a trip down memory lane to Hard Times USA. It is a 700 Acre farm. The owner of this farm built an entire town. Complete with service station, bar, general store, doctors office, post office, chapel, stables, and post office. I believe in October he opens the town up to the public for a Blue Grass Festival. It was something to see how someone would build his own town just the way he liked it.” - Eddie Mann





"Why am I sending you a picture from our ferry ride when it poured like a monsoon? This was the first time I rode my bike after Larry's passing. Being on the bike, that day, with all the rain, a chill to the bone, among good friends, and then cloud-splitting sunshine on the ride home.....made me feel so alive! That's a feeling that I had been missing!" - Trish Shearn



Oatman, AZ. - Terry Foxx



"It was a year to remember as well as a year to forget. We had great rides but lost great friends. Every time I hit the starter on my now hopped up Road King, I will remember the good times with our friends who aren't with us physically, but in our hearts." - Jerry "Big Country" Knox



"This is from the day we bought bike. Although I'm just a passenger on it it's mine!" - New Member, Bridget Thomas



A Picture's Worth, Rodney Schmitt

It is said a picture is worth 1000 words. As another riding season has come and gone 2015 provided me the fortunate opportunity to share another cross country trip with a few loyal friends on incredible scenic back roads.



It's amazing the sights a person can experience on the seat of a motorcycle covering 9 states, 5200 miles in just 11 days, from Tennessee to California.



From dirty bikes to dirty faces,



through the struggles of bike breakdowns and 114 degree temperatures, it's all worth it!



There is nothing like riding the Western States from the Grand Canyon,



To the White Sands,



Across the Famous Route 66



and of course the infamous Devil's Hwy (100+ mile route which is the longest twistiest road in America).



Bottom line, despite what you ride

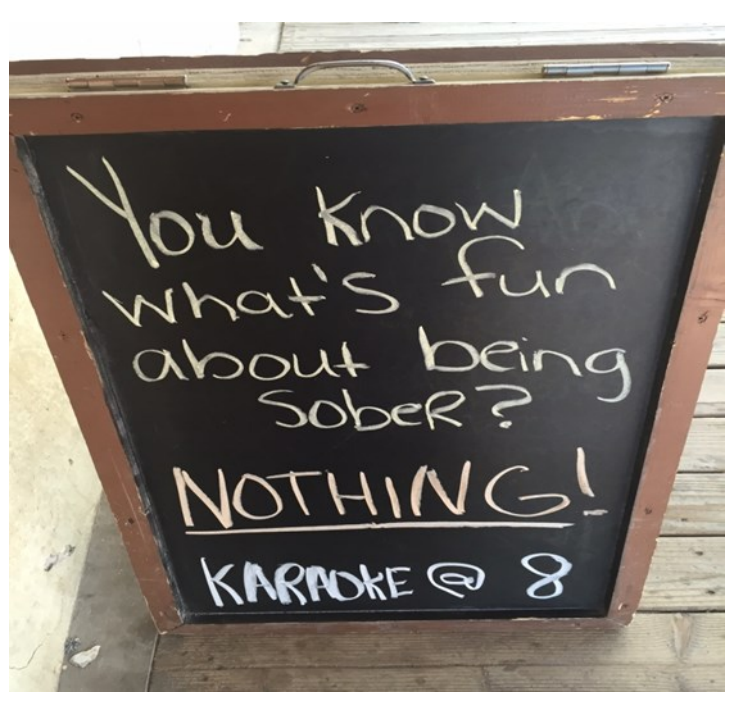


If you are with a few good friends,



clear skies, an Ice Cold Beer





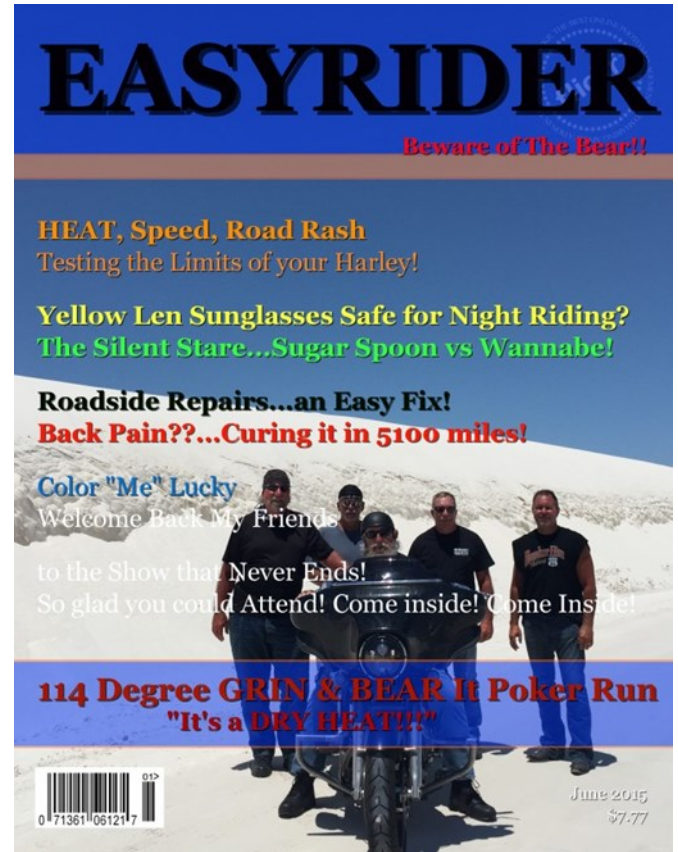
and a place to rest your head



at the end of a 10 hour day of riding...IS the TRUE definition of "Living the Dream". Despite radical weather changes, bike breakdowns it creates memories and friendships for a life time in spite of the occasional JackAsses you may come across on the road!



While we are unable to control our amount of time on this earth, we can control the amount of adventures we take, so never forget to live every moment as if it could be your last!



Take care and ride safe, ~ Rodney A Schmitt



In Memory of Lannie "Mr. B" Boswell

Music City HOG reports, "The motorcycle world is saddened by the loss of the Founder of Boswell's Harley-Davidson. The 89 year old Patriarch was a legend in the Nashville Motorcycle and Golf business, which spanned for over 66 years. His love for both sports and the people associated with them was unwavering. Mr. Boswell will be remembered as one of the true greats, as a husband, father, grandfather, businessman, mentor and friend!"

A devoted husband, he was survived by his wife of 62 years, Doris Boswell. Those interested in honoring his passing are asked to make a donation to Shriners' Childrens Hospital in Mr. Boswell's memory. On November 24th all Boswell locations were closed for business to respectfully acknowledge his passing.

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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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