



Muletown H.O.G. Chapter 2033 Newsletter



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Editor's Note

By Eddie Zero

Wow! Another riding season approaching full of Muletown excitement, friendship, and adventure! As I take on this new responsibility of Newsletter Editor for the chapter, let me extend a big thank you for the work that Trish has done over the past few years in this capacity. She has spent countless hours putting together the newsletters and has done a fantastic job! Hopefully I can continue the tradition and meet the standard that Trish has set.

Also, a thank you goes out to Jerry Knox and Jock Floyd for the work they have done for the chapter over the past few years. Jerry was our Head Road Captain who will be replaced by Eddie Mann, and Jock was our Secretary who will be replaced by Eddie "Zero" Fisher.

In this issue you will find our Officer's reports as well as member bios. Be sure to read the article about member Gary Davis. Check out the event calendar as Spring is quickly approaching!

As always, have Fun and Ride Safe!

Asst. Director's Report



By Ken Steverson

Get Ready to Crank It Up

Can you believe this winter? It's been a rough one. I can't remember a winter with so little riding time. I want to thank our Activities Director Rodney Schmitt for keeping things lively during the winter months. The Glow Golf outing and burgers at Betty's and the Chili Dump kept the good times rolling. If you didn't make these events you missed great opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of your Muletown HOG family.

Even though there has been little opportunity to ride since our Turkey Run event, "the times, they are a changing". Spring is just around the corner and our chapter Road Captains have been busy planning another great riding season. It's going to be tough to surpass last season's rides but I know the Road Captains are up to the challenge. I've heard talk of a number of rides in the planning stages, one being to the only licensed Beer Garden in Tennessee and another to an outstanding regional motorcycle museum and raceway. I can hardly wait!! If you have ideas about a ride, please talk with one of our Road Captains or better yet become a Road Captain yourself and lead a ride. We are going to stick with our A and B ride formats and rides will again be scheduled on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. We'll use the 2nd and 4th Saturdays as our rain out dates. We'll also be throwing in a few Thursday evening dinner rides and most likely a few other special rides.

This year the state HOG Rally is going to be held in Jackson, Tennessee. The Rally will begin on Thursday, June 2nd and conclude on Saturday June 4th. I hope that Muletown will be well represented at the Rally. Check

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out the State Rally web site, it's being updated regularly with more news about the rally. Your chapter Web Master, Arnold Conner, has made getting to the Rally web site easy by creating a link on the Muletown HOG web site.

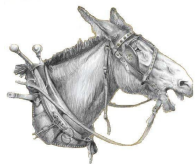
I'd like to ask every member to focus on "growing" the Muletown HOG chapter this year. We all have friends that ride but for one reason or another they are yet to discover the fellowship and fun of the Muletown chapter. New members bring energy and new ideas to an organization. We have a terrific chapter but we can become even better. Bring a friend to our next chapter meeting or ask them to ride with us. Once they experience the Muletown fellowship they will be hooked.

That's all for now, see you on the road. Peace!

Activities Report



By Rodney Schmitt



Muletown's Kicking!!

We wish to welcome all our Former Members back and our New Members into the 2011 Muletown HOG Chapter.

As we start gearing up for the riding season, we would like to hear your recommendations for planned rides, overnights and extracurricular

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Membership/Financial Report



By Jay Morgan

Well it's time to get back in the saddle again. This week the weather is really teasing us, but at least we know winter is slowly coming to an end. Last year's membership ended up at 63 and as of now we have 37 people who have renewed their 2011 dues. I just would like to remind everyone to please make sure their national dues are paid before paying your 2011 dues. As always, if anyone has any ideas about ways to boost the membership please let me know. All ideas are welcome! We also have a couple of new Officers this year and I know they will do a fine job. Please show them as much support as you did for me. I'm sure our rides this year will be as much fun as they were last year. We did find some interesting places. Well this first letter will be a short one, but I'm sure after the March meeting and a couple of rides we will have plenty to write about. Remember to bring all those new signups to the March meeting. See ya soon.....

Peace, Jay



Activities Report

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activities. We teed off January with Glow Golf, Chilled in February with a Chili Dump Party and plan to roll into March with riding events.

April is perhaps our most crucial month as we prepare for our Chapter's only fundraiser, the Annual Muletown Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser and Silent Auction scheduled for April 16th. So start spreading the word, we are hoping to make this a great success!

*New for 2011 we are participating in a Multi-Chapter Mileage Contest. Every mile counts, so whether you ride 100 miles or 10,000 miles a year we need your support! **REMINDER: Please submit your 2011 starting mileage immediately (rschmitt@usit.net) to be included!** Let's earn the bragging rights as the most riding chapter in Middle Tennessee!*

Your ride and activity recommendations can be submitted on the "Ride Suggestion" link on www.muletownrider.com or directly at rschmitt@usit.net. So keep your suggestions coming and remember... Screw it, Let's Ride!

*Ride Safe,
Rodney A Schmitt*

Head Road Captain's Report



By Eddie Mann

Welcome to another riding season with the Muletown Hog Chapter.

Our goal is to have as good or better planned rides as we have had all the previous years. With the success of last year's rides this will be a feat. If you have a favorite destination you would like to share with the chapter let a Road Captain or Officer know and we will do our best to plan the ride. If this is going to be your first ride with the chapter and you're wondering how we keep everyone together, here's a section from our Muletown Chapter Group Riding Handbook that helps explain it.

No Rider Left Behind Section.

When the "lead group" is unable to safely slow down to allow the "split group" to catch up, the last rider of the "lead group" will stop at each turn along the way as a "marker" for the "split group." They will join the split group as they pass until they catch up with the "lead group." In any case "split groups" should continue on until the rest planned stop or destination.

So if you notice you're the last bike in the lead group and the bikes in front of you turn, you should safely pull over to the side of the road and wait for the bikes behind you to catch up. If the group in front of you turns again before you catch them someone will be waiting at that turn to show you the way. It's the goal of the Road Captains to have everyone arrive at the final destination safely and together, and no one worrying about being left behind.

Let's Ride and Have Fun, Eddie Mann

Safety Corner

Ed. Note: Each month we will try to include a safety article into the newsletter. Our webmaster Arnold Conner has searched out some very good information. The following article although dated, is still very relevant.

Quality Harley-Davidson leathers can be purchased at the Columbia Harley-Davidson Superstore.

Leathers Really Are Worth The Price

20+ times more effective than your jeans

By: James R. Davis

(Submitted By: Arnold Conner)

And, with the colder weather the odds are that many of you have begun wearing leather chaps and heavier jackets. Though pretty expensive, there's ample proof that these provide far more than protection from the cold.

In studies of 'survivability' of various garment materials to a 50 MPH ride on asphalt, for example, denim lasted no more than FOUR FEET before wearing through. Kevlar, on the other hand, lasted EIGHTEEN FEET. But standard motorcycle quality (about three times heavier than fashion jacket material) lasted EIGHTY-SIX FEET. That's more than 20 times as effective as your jeans in protecting your hide.

[The tests were reported in the September 1988 issue of Cycle magazine.]

Gary Davis's HCP Gun Class



By Eddie Zero

Did you know that we have a retired Miami Dade Police Officer within our membership who teaches a Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit class? Our own Gary Davis is that member! Gary has recently been certified to teach this class.

Five members of the Muletown HOG chapter recently gathered at the Country Hearth meeting room to complete the book work portion of the class. This activity was followed up with actual target shooting at the Charlie Haffler Memorial Range. Each student was required to meet the class requirements in order to pass and be eligible to apply for a state carry permit. The feedback from some of the Gary's students was very positive.

Gary is planning on scheduling one class per month. For more information, contact Gary Davis at our next chapter meeting.

Muletown HOG Chapter #2033

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Director – Bill Isom

Assistant Director – Ken Steverson

Secretary – Eddie Fisher

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Head Road Captain – Eddie Mann

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MEMBER'S BIOGRAPHIES

NEW MEMBER: MARTI ALEXANDER

- **WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST BIKE?**

A HONDA TL 125, FIRST STREET BIKE WAS A SPORTSTER

- **WHEN AND WHAT PROMOTED YOU TO START RIDING?**

IN THE LATE '90S MY EX-HUSBAND RACED ENDUROS, THEREFORE IT WAS A DIRT BIKE FOR ME. I STILL WANTED THAT STREET BIKE SO I GOT A SPORTSTER IN 2003.

- **WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOTORCYCLE RIDE/TRIP SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN RIDING?**

RIDING TO OXFORD, MS (OLE MISS) TO HAVE LUNCH WITH MY SON. EAT, VISIT FOR A WHILE, AND THEN BACK ON THE BIKE TO HEAD FOR HOME BEFORE IT GOT TOO LATE!

- **WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM MOTORCYCLE RIDE/VACATION?**

A CROSS COUNTRY TRIP WEST. UP THE WEST COAST TO ALASKA.

- **FROM A SAFETY POINT, WHAT WAS YOUR MOST FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD YOU PROVIDE TO OTHERS TO PREVENT IT?**

ON THE TRIP HOME FROM OXFORD, MS, I FOOLED AROUND TOO LONG AND IT GOT REALLY COLD. I WASN'T PREPARED. I WOULD RIDE FOR 15 MINUTES THEN STOP AND DO JUMPING JACKS. IT WAS AFTER MIDNIGHT WHEN I GOT HOME AND I WAS SO STIFF I ALMOST HAD TO CRAWL TO THE HOUSE.

NEW MEMBER: MICAH WORTH

- **WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST BIKE?**

A Suzuki RM-80. I was 8 yrs old.

- **WHEN AND WHAT PROMOTED YOU TO START RIDING?**

I rode motocross as a child. I always had dirt bikes growing up which led to street bikes when I got my driver's license.

- **WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOTORCYCLE RIDE/TRIP SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN RIDING?**

(Ed. Note; Micah did not have a reply for this question)

- **What would be your Dream Motorcycle Ride/Vacation?**

Sturgis

- **FROM A SAFETY POINT, WHAT WAS YOUR MOST FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD YOU PROVIDE TO OTHERS TO PREVENT IT?**

I went into a turn too fast and laid my bike down. Received lots of road rash. I would advise to not ride beyond your abilities.

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Muletown Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Destination / Place
February 26 th	5 pm	Don't Dump – No Junk Chili Cook-Off (CLOSED EVENT)	Eddie and Lori Mann's Lyles, TN
March 15 th	7 pm	March Membership Meeting (OPEN EVENT)	Park Place Columbia, TN
March 19 th	10 am	A – Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	Miss Annie's Restaurant & Beer Garden St. Joseph, TN
April 2 nd	9 am	B - Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	Crawdaddy's Cookeville, TN
April 16 th	7 am	Pancake Breakfast and A – Ride (Pancake Breakfast - OPEN EVENT) (Ride - CLOSED EVENT)	Park Place / Ride destination TBD (After Pancake Breakfast. Ride starts at noon)
April 19 th	7 pm	April Membership Meeting (OPEN EVENT)	Dolan's Spring Hill, TN
May 7 th	9 am	A – Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	Brass Lantern Lawrenceburg, TN
May 17 th	7 pm	May Membership Meeting (OPEN EVENT)	Buffalo Wild Wings Spring Hill, TN
May 19 th	6 pm	Dinner Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	Cajun Steamer Bar & Grill Franklin, TN
May 21 st	9 am	A – Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	Sewanee, TN
June 11 th	9 am	B – Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	Big Sandy, TN
June 18 th	9 am	B – Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	Rattlesnake Saloon, Tuscumbia, AL
June 23 rd	6 pm	Dinner Ride (CLOSED EVENT)	TBD
June 27 th	6 pm	Million Mile Monday and June Membership Meeting (Meeting - OPEN EVENT) (Ride - CLOSED EVENT)	Meet at HD of Columbia / Ride to Bruster's