



# Muletown H.O.G. Chapter 2033 Newsletter



September / October 2011

## Editor's Note

By Eddie Zero

*Can you believe that it is the end of October already? I talked to a good friend in Michigan who is getting ready to winterize his bike! We in Tennessee should be grateful that we can ride year round.*

*While we are talking about being grateful....thank you to the Road Captains for putting on some great rides this year! Our chapter rocks when it comes to rides.*

*Thank you to our Head Road Captain Eddie Mann who helps keep the Road Captains organized and trained. Eddie has done a fantastic job! Unfortunately he needs to step out of this role due to his work schedule. If you have previously been a Road Captain and are interested in this position for 2012-2013, contact a Chapter Officer.*

*As always, have Fun and Ride Safe!*



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## Asst. Director's Report



By Ken Steverson

The extreme heat of this summer seems to have passed and we had the opportunity to enjoy some very fall like weather on our recent trip to Amish Country. This is a great time of the year to ride and I hope you'll take advantage of upcoming Muletown HOG activities. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Turkey Run is just around the corner and we're ready to cook some delicious fried turkey for that event. Proceeds from the Turkey Run will go to our Chapter charity, Hope House. Zero will be leading a ride to Muscle Shoals, Alabama in mid-November and then it will be on to the annual Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have heated gear and plan on putting the bike up for a couple of months due to winter weather come on out for these year ending activities.

I had a pretty close call few weeks ago in a most unexpected place. I was traveling south on Hwy 31 near the Coca Cola plant, I'm sure you are all familiar with the area. A SUV was traveling in front of me and began the process of making a right hand turn. The highway has a very wide shoulder and the SUV moved onto the shoulder to make the turn. In the process of doing so I was completely obscured from the view of a vehicle entering the highway from the road on the right. Luckily there was no traffic in

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## Asst. Director's Report

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the left hand lane and I was able to swerve to avoid a collision. I was following from a safe distance and under ordinary circumstances the vehicle about to enter the highway would have had clear view of me as I moved down the road. It was the SUV's move to the shoulder that created the problem. Please pay attention to vehicles moving to the shoulder to make a turn, you might find yourself in a similar situation.

That's all for now. Ride safe and keep the shiny side up!

Ken

## Activities Report

By Rodney Schmitt



*Muletown's Kicking!!*



**Attention!! Attention!!** Please look at the chart on page three. Make sure your name is on it and the starting mileage is correct. We have an opportunity to win the inter-chapter mileage contest this year but we need everyone's help. Every mile counts whether you ride 200 miles per year or 30 thousand. Get with me to turn in your starting mileage! Do it today!

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## Membership/Financial Report



By Jay Morgan

Well here it is October already. It's been a great year so far with all that has been going on.

The membership stands at 55 now. We seem to be going up and down this year. We will soon be getting ready to start a new year so maybe things will get better.

Terry Fox is going to take over the Membership officer Role and I'm sure he will do a great Job for the chapter. He may have some Ideas on how to get new members.

If anyone is interested in becoming an officer please let Ken know. We could use the help.

Financial wise we are in good shape. I will share the figures at the next meeting. Before I close, remember those 4 legged critters are really starting to move around so be careful!!

Peace Jay

## 2012 Membership Dues

**\$ 15.00** if paid by the end of the February 2012 Chapter Meeting.

**\$20.00** if paid after the February 2012 Chapter Meeting.

# Activities Report

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FEMALE		MILEAGE
Name	Starting Odometer	
Denise Earlywine	25,834	
Hope Conner	31,315	
Linda Ryan	223	
Martha Alexander	8,043	
Patty "PR" Roberts	7,713	
Tricia Shearn	28,500	

MALE		MILEAGE
Name	Starting Odometer	
Allen O'Leary	386	
Arnold "Stinger" Conner	17,862	
Bruce Tardiff	3,763	
Bryan Robinson	24,564	
Butch Yancy	25,315	
Dan McCulley	34,190	
Eddie "Zero" Fisher	1,230	
Eddie Mann	20,871	
Edward Campbell	12,823	
Gary Shearer Jr.	64,593	
Jay "EZ Money" Morgan	29,468	
Jerry Knox	49,132	
Jock Floyd	15,400	
Joe Baron	1,286	
John Walrath	5,241	
Ken Steverson	6,748	
Len Roberts		
Mark Ryan	11,531	
Michah Worth	769	
Neil Jones	55,077	
Pete Hayes	4,495	
Randy Kinsey	16,299	
Rodney A Schmitt	7,492	
Ron Miller	17,104	
Terry Fox	33,736	
Tony Cornelius	4,487	

## Head Road Captain's Report



*By Eddie Mann*

It's fall riding time! Just getting ready to pack for the ride to Tellico Plains for the chapter fall ride. There are certain things to be cautious about when riding in the fall. Wet leaves falling on the road is a big issue. Nothing like rounding the curve and there are some fresh fallen wet leaves there to meet you. Another increased hazard are the Deer and Turkey traveling around. They think they own the road and your just cruising though their passage way. Hope everyone got to make some of the many rides the chapter has put together this year. I wish I would have been able to make more, but there's never any disappointment for what the road captains put together for the members. A lot of work goes into thinking about a place to ride that everyone would enjoy, not mentioning making the route and ride fun for all. So if you enjoyed the ride you were on thank the road captain. If there was something about the ride you didn't like that's ok too, we would like to know so we can improve the next time out. The chapter is always looking for new Ideas and people willing to plan and lead a ride, so if you're interested in being a Road Captain let a chapter officer know and they can go over the details of being a Road Captain. As Always Ride and Have Fun



## Safety Corner

By Eddie Zero

As I mentioned earlier, we are fortunate to live in a state where you can ride year round. However, it does get cold in the winter. Did you know that riding at highway speeds in cold weather can cause hypothermia leaving you fuzzy headed (not your hairdo!) caused by reduced body heat? If you are not properly dressed or equipped for the cold weather, you can be in danger of putting yourself at risk for an accident or health problems.

Remember, that warm sun you are feeling before a ride on a 40 degree day can be deceiving. Wind chill alone can drop the temperature on your skin to 20 degrees. Also, plan your ride so your back before the sun goes down. The temperature drops rapidly at this time.

It may be common sense, but part of your ride planning in these coming winter months should be proper gear and clothing. Do you have enough layers of clothing? Heated gear working properly? Are you protecting your face? Are your gloves heavy enough for the predicted temperatures? Have you thought about heated grips? Don't forget about your legs. Chaps? Thermals or UnderArmour? Those toes get pretty cold too on the winter rides. Good boots and heavy socks will do the trick here. Also, if you are fortunate to have heated socks, don't forget those on your ride.

Enjoy your rides this winter, and stay warm!

## Tellico Plains Ride



## Muletown HOG Chapter #2033

### Officers

Director – Bill Isom  
Assistant Director – Ken Steverson  
Secretary – Eddie Fisher  
Treasurer/Membership – Jay Morgan  
Activities Coordinator – Rodney Schmitt  
Head Road Captain – Eddie Mann  
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# Chapter Ride Routes

## Rock Island State Park

08/20/2011

Rt on 99 to 31  
lft on 31 to 270  
rt on 270 to 41  
lft on 41 to longview rd  
rt on longview to unionville deason rd  
rt on unionville deason rd to 231  
cross 231 to coop rd  
rt on coop rd to 82  
lft on 82 though Bell Buckle to 64  
lft on 64 to 41  
rt on 41 to 280  
lft on 280 turns into pocohantus rd. then shelbyville rd. to 287  
lft on 287 to 70 quick rt then quick lft on 287  
287 will cross hwy 56 and turn into great falls rd/287  
stay on 287 though rock island s. p. to 136  
lft on 136 cross river and look for powerhouse rd on lft  
lft on powerhouse rd till it ends at falls  
leave falls on power house rd to 136  
lft on 136 to hwy 70  
lft on 70 to smithville handle bars 2 on lft

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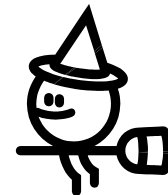
## Amish Buggy Ride

10/01/2011

From dealer,

Left Bear creek pike to Tom Hitch Parkway  
Left to Highway 50  
Right on Highway 50 to Hwy 31  
Left on Hwy 31  
Right on Sheegog Lane  
Left onto Campbells Pike, Stay left until it ends  
Right on 166 north  
4tenths of a mile go left on factory creek road,  
Ride until you hit Cross Road make a left , take it to Eden Road and go left  
Right on Mt. Horab Rd  
Go until you hit hwy 43 .

Total over 40 miles



## MEMBER'S BIOGRAPHIES

### NEW MEMBER: FRANK BECHET

- **WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST BIKE?**

1972 KAWASAKI 350

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

I STARTED RIDING DIRT BIKES IN MY EARLY TEENS. THEN I MOVED UP TO ROAD BIKES WHEN I GOT MY DRIVER'S LICENSE. I'VE ALWAYS ENJOYED WEEKEND GET A WAYS ON MY MOTORCYCLE.

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

RIDING FROM SPRING HILL, TN TO PANAMA CITY BEACH FL TO ATTEND THE THUNDER BEACH MOTORCYCLE EVENT.

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

TOURING THE COAST OF MAINE.

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

HITTING AN EXTREMELY DEEP POT HOLE AND LAYING DOWN MY BIKE. WEAR THE PROPER EYE PROTECTION FOR THE WEATHER CONDITIONS. (GOGGLES IN COLD WEATHER) KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD AND BE PREPARED TO STEER AROUND HAZARDS.

### Special Thank You

A special thank you goes out to member Tony Cornelius for donating a couple of Titans tickets to help Hope House. The tickets were auctioned off at our October Chapter Meeting with the proceeds given to our chapter charity.

A thank you also goes out to our Asst. Director Ken Steverson. Ken won the 50/50 raffle at our October Chapter Meeting. Ken gave the money he won to the club to help with expenses.

### Answers to July / Aug Crossword Puzzle

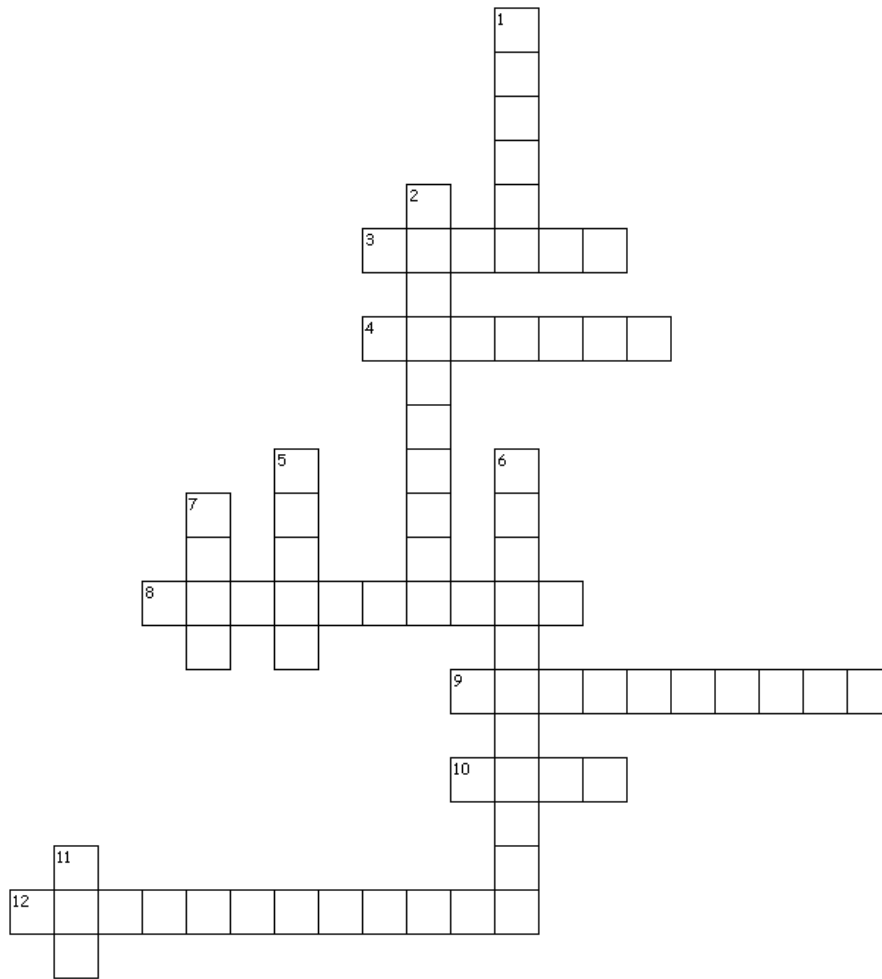
#### Across

2. Trish
6. Denise
8. Dehydration
9. Turnitin
11. Fiftysix
12. David

#### Down

1. Hopehouse
2. Turkeyrun
3. Usedbikes
4. Tony
5. Boots
7. Sargesshack
10. Nationaldues

# Muletown Crossword



## Across

3. What Rodney forgot?
4. November will have three of these.
8. What is missing at the Wheels Through Time Museum?
9. New Harley touring bike.
10. What you could find in your lane this time of year.
12. Who puts together great rides?

## Down

1. Ken bought a big jug of this.
2. Where can you find the Chapter Board?
5. No candy equals this.
6. Dempsey rides on how many of these?
7. Who in the club hails from Texas?
11. Who is next year's membership officer?



## Muletown Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Destination / Place
Nov 5th	10 am	Annual Turkey Run (Closed Event)	Park Place Columbia, TN
Nov 19th	9am	A – Ride (Closed Event)	TBD Muscle Shoals, AL
Dec 17th	7pm	Annual Christmas Party (Closed Event)	Park Place Columbia, TN