

Experienced Rider's Course – April 18 and/or April 19

Lynn Sullenger and Rick Earnheart (Bootheel Motorcycle Training) will be offering the Experienced Rider's Course again this year. The cost is \$50. Current H.O.G. members receive a \$50 rebate, **so it is essentially free for us.** You also receive a patch and a pin from H.O.G.

Lynn and Rick have been offering this course to us every year at no profit to themselves. They are very dedicated to making riding safe for all of us. It is a great opportunity and a great course. Even experienced riders learn something from it every time they take it. **Everyone should update their driving skills every so often, even if you think you don't need it.**

This course is taken on your own bike. There is a limit of 12 people for each class. If Saturday, April 18, is filled, then they will open Sunday, April 19, for another class. Contact Randy Davis at rkd buyer@hotmail.com or 573-651-3083 to register. Payment is required at time of registration and an application will need to be filled out.

Mark Your Calendars - May 5

For our May 5 chapter meeting, we will be doing something new.

We will be grilling food from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and then have our meeting.

Minor's will be having some sales specials for us also.

Where: Minor's Harley-Davidson (in the back)

Minor's announces that Ladies Night has been scheduled for sometime in April. It will be a garage party evening, and everyone is to bring their own bike. There will be special discounts offered between the hours of 5-7 p.m. Exact date TBA.

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April/May 2009



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Director's Letter

Hello everyone.

The weather is getting warmer, and I am seeing more and more bikes on the road. (I love it.) Well, to start off, I would like to thank Smitty for the great taco soup that he brought for the February meeting. I would also like to thank Bill and Karen Gibbs for the tasty waffles at the March meeting. They were to die for. Thank you guys. At this time, I want to give Jill and Dan Braswell, Margaret and Jerry Sanders a big round of applause for the Leather and Lace Dance. Great job guys. Thank all of you who donated gifts for this event.

Danny & Michelle Tumbleson and Alan Null are going to chair our Halloween party. I am looking forward to see what they come up with. Hope to see you all at our rides in the next few months. Hey, it's good to see that we're having more members coming to the meetings. Things seem to be looking up. Randy Davis is cooking our dinner at the April meeting. Well, that's all for now. So remember to put something exciting between your legs... ride a Harley.

Steve Floyd



April Birthdays

- 3 Bradley Vandeven
- 4 Bill Pratt
- 5 Victor Klaus
- 6 Alan Plapp
- 18 Sonny Minor
- 20 Connie Porch
- 22 Jerry Gunter
- 24 Jimmy Hyde
- 28 Greg Anspach

May Birthdays

- 1 Tom Holhouser
- 1 Allan "Gambler" Parker
- 7 Chip Hileman
- 8 J. Fred Held
- 9 Bob Moser
- 9 Robert Fisher
- 17 Orland Bollinger
- 21 Connie Riddle
- 23 Jim Long
- 24 Michael Schnurbusch
- 28 Bruce Hacker
- 30 David Strong
- 31 Carl Hardin

New Members:

Thomas J. Matthews
Ronnie Bowers
Terrence Kelley
Mark Sisson



**Belated
Birthday!**
Sue Britton
February 26

An engineering student is walking on campus one day, when another engineer student rides up on a shiny new Harley Davidson motorcycle.

"Where did you get such a functional bike?" asked the first.

The second engineer replied: "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes, spread her arms wide and said: "Take what you want."

The second engineer nodded approvingly: "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit."

Got any clean jokes you would like to submit for the newsletter? Email them to me, and I'll pick some for upcoming newsletters! shebellmt@hotmail.com

SEMO H.O.G. Minutes

There was no room for the minutes, so they will be posted on the website in a password-protected page.

Upcoming Rides/Events:

50's Dance - Saturday, April 4th

Arena Building
8 – 12 p.m.



Giant City Ride – Sunday, April 5th

Meet at Hardees at 11:30 a.m. Leave at noon.

Monthly H.O.G. Meeting – Tuesday, April 7th

Randy Davis will be cooking dinner for us that night!
Everyone show up early and let's have dinner together.

Experienced Rider's Course - April 18th (and possibly 19th if we fill the 18th)

Bootheel Motorcycle Training - Malden Air Strip
Preregistration and prepayment required. Contact Randy Davis, information on page 4.

Blessing of the Bikes at Bald Knob Cross – Sunday, April 26th

Meet at Hardees at 8:30 a.m. Leave at 9:00 a.m.
Spring Picnic to follow at Capaha Park.

Veteran's Run – Sunday, May 3rd.

First hand starting 9:00 a.m. at the L&D Patio in McClure, Illinois, ending 12:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau. For additional information contact Sherry Parsons 573-545-4591 or Gary Mouser 573-262-3321.

May HOG Meeting – May 5th – at Minor's

Cookout from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Minor's will be having sales specials for HOG members.

Strawberries' Ride – Saturday, May 16th

Meet at Hardees at 1:00 p.m. Leave at 1:30 p.m.

Editor's Note

The newsletter is certainly full this month! Isn't it great? I'm so excited that riding season is starting again. I am also going to be working on some new ideas for the upcoming newsletters. I want to try to start putting some pictures in here, so I hope to be able to remember to bring my camera with me to meetings and events. I got some great ideas at Primary Officer's Training last week. I would like to try taking pictures of new members and getting a basic bio on them to print. I would also like to feature some of the established HOG members, so the newer people can get to know us, too. Would everyone try to put together a little auto-biography on themselves? It doesn't have to be complicated. What you ride, when you started riding, your most exciting trip, what you like about the club and a picture of yourself (and your bike?). Please submit some suggestions for the column name (HOG Spotlight or something clever), and we'll pick one. Email all of this to me at shebellmt@hotmail.com. Sheri

Assistant Director's Note

Riding season is starting once again (and aren't we all glad?!). As Asst. Director, I am going to be working on inviting all new Harley owners to our rides and meetings in an attempt to get our membership up and give everyone a chance to be a part of our family, so we can all Ride and Have Fun together. We are also going to be working on a mentoring program for new riders. Mentors should be willing to be in contact with the new riders, offering to ride with them in smaller groups, offer riding tips or maintenance tips, keep them informed of group rides and activities and just encourage them, in general. Women mentors would be very welcomed, also, as sometimes new women riders just need a little encouragement to give them the last bit of courage to throw their leg over a bike of their own. Any members interested in becoming a mentor to a newer rider, please contact me at larryleeds@semo.net or 573-429-5026. Also, if you know any new riders interested in this program, please have them contact me.

Larry

Missouri Senate Repeals Mandatory Motorcycle Helmet Law March 13, 2009

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. (AP) - The Missouri Senate votes to allow people at least 21 years old to ride a motorcycle without wearing a helmet. Missouri has required riders to wear helmets for decades, but some lawmakers have been trying to overturn that law, arguing that it infringes on civil liberties. Even under the repeal, riders would still need to wear a helmet on interstate highways.

Critics of changing the law include a Kansas City senator whose son died in a motorcycle crash 10 years ago. Democratic Sen. Yvonne Wilson says requiring helmets has saved people from serious brain damage or death.

The Senate voted 23-6 yesterday to pass a motorcycle insurance bill that contains the helmet provisions. The measure now moves to the House where it has passed before.

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2009 Calendar of Events

April 4	50's Dance – Arena Building , 8 – 12 p.m.
April 5	Giant City Ride
April 16-18	Alabama State Rally in Montgomery
April 18	Experienced Rider's Course (ERC) in Malden \$50
April 19	Possible ERC, if the 18th fills up
April 26	Blessing of the Bikes at Alto Pass
26	Spring Picnic
April 28	Board Meeting at Minor's
May 3	Veteran's Run
May 5	Monthly Meeting at Minor's - Cookout from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
May 16	Strawberries' Ride
May 28-30	Arkansas State Rally in Rogers
June 3 - 6	Tennessee State Rally in Murfreesboro
June 4 - 6	Kansas State Rally in Lawrence
June 5-7	Rebel Yell Rally in Oran
June 7	SEMO HOG Annual Poker Run
June 11-14	Kentucky HOG Rally in Paducah
11-14	Illinois HOG Rally in Springfield
June 20	Buddy Bess Poker Run, starting in Cape and Poplar Bluff
June 25-28	Indiana State Rally, Evansville to Columbus
June 26-28	National HOG Rally in Oklahoma City
June 29	Million Mile Monday
July 11	Larry's Annual Float Trip (thanks to Jerry's new boat!)
July 16-19	Little Sturgis
16-19	Iowa State Rally in Sioux City
July 26	Boyett's Ride
Aug 1-9	Sturgis
Aug 8	Evansville Bar and Grill Ride
Aug 2	ADA Poker Run
Aug 14-16	Root Hog Rally (9 th Annual) – Grassy, MO
Aug 28	17 th Bar and Grill Ride
Sept 11-13	Missouri HOG Rally in St. Charles
Sept 20	Fall Family Picnic
Sept 27	Shriner's Poker Run
Oct 4	Vet's Run
Oct 8-10	Oklahoma State Rally in Ponca City
Oct 11	Patty's Settlement Ride
Oct 24	Halloween Party
Oct 27	Board Meeting
Nov 1	FoRR Toy Run 1 p.m. at the Eagles
Nov 7	Elephant Rocks Ride
Nov 15	21st Annual SEMO HOG Toy Run 1 p.m.
Nov 29	Parade of Lights
Dec 5	HOG Christmas Party at the 4H Building