

**Kiss of Death**

A tough looking biker was riding his Harley when he sees a girl about to jump off a bridge , so he stops. "What are you doing?" he asks. "I'm going to commit suicide". She says. While he did not want to appear insensitive, he didn't want to miss an opportunity. He asked "well before you jump, why don't you give me a Kiss?" so she does. After she is finished , the biker says "WOW! That was the best Kiss I've ever had. That's a real talent you are wasting. You could be famous. Why are you committing suicide?" "My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl..."

Submitted by Bob Moser

**Mechanic vs. Doctor**

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag, and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?" The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic..."try doing it with the engine running."

Submitted by Michael Smitty Schmidt

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# Hog Wash

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## February 17

I wake this beautiful winter day to find the temp to be in the low 50s. The weather man has predicted a warm morning, and although he predicts some pretty strong wind gusts I make the decision to ride the 30 miles to my office. Dressed and heading out the door, I look like a biker on the outside with my black leather jacket and chaps but underneath lie the khakis and dress shirt that is my normal work attire. For the first time this year I back the bike out of the garage and fire it up. The deep rumble coming out of that V-Twin 96 with a stage 2 carb and Big Radius 2 exhaust sounds so good after a winter of listening to the generic engine on my car.

Heading out the county road, the pavement is wet from condensation and the warm southerly breeze. Careful at first, I take it easy on the throttle as I have found in the past that the power plant on one of these bikes does have more than adequate torque to bring the rear tire out from under the bike on the wet pavement if given too much throttle. Bringing her up to speed, the feeling of the wind blowing across my face and the sense of freedom that comes from the open country around me returns that a winter of being confined to the cab of my car had hidden from memory.

Someone that doesn't ride would never be able to understand the feeling that comes from being on a bike, just you and the road. A smile has come across my face and instead of thinking about the work day and which task to work on first I am lost in my surroundings. Heading up Highway 61, I pass a dead skunk on the road with its stench stealing the smile from my face for a moment. A sharp twist with my right wrist and the smell is gone in a matter of seconds. Wouldn't happen that way in my car, I'd be stuck with the skunk's aroma for 10 minutes. Skunk forgotten, I continue up the road acutely aware of my surroundings. Years of riding teach us to watch the road ahead as if predicting the future when a car comes into sight on a crossroad, or an animal is spotted near the side of the road. Naturally my hand eases off the throttle and my fingers brush the front brake lever as my right foot inches towards the rear brake pedal just in case they are needed. I had thoughts of Larry's encounter with the deer last year and the words he shared with us at one of our chapter meetings last fall. How important it is to cherish the moment and appreciate our friends because Nobody knows what tomorrow may bring.

I pulled in the parking lot and exchanged my riding gear for the briefcase and lunchbox in the tour pack. It was the perfect start to that day of February 17, 2011. Feeling just a little guilty that Jill couldn't have been in her seat behind me to experience the same. That February day I was gifted with 40 minutes of therapy which made the rest of the day go so well.

The cold has returned so I haven't ridden the bike since that day. The weekends have been full of working around the house and haven't graced me with the free time to ride on the same day as the weather wants to cooperate. Jill and I are both ready to get back in the saddle. We have the Leather and Lace dance coming up this weekend to be with friends and the Midland Inn ride later in April but right now it seems as though it can't come fast enough. Take care my friends and I look forward to riding with you soon for some Group Therapy

Gary

### March Birthdays

Chris Schaaf	3/3
Tous Lousse LaParrott	3/11
Tyler Sanders`	3/12
Cal Ratcliff	3/19
Dean Mellstrom	3/21
Cathy Cook	3/30
Robert Hearnes	3/31



### Birthdays



### April Birthdays

Jill Eldridge	4/7
Jimmy Burton	4/12
Sonny Minor	4/18
Bob Crader Jr.	4/19
Jerry Gunter	4/22
Keith Roller	4/27
Sid Whittington	4/27
Gregg Anspach	4/28

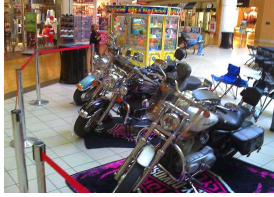


## **Upcoming rides and events:**



### **March 1, Chapter Meeting at Cape Elks**

6-7 pm Chili provided by Barb and Sonny Minor  
Meeting starts at 7pm



### **Friday – Saturday March 18 & 19**

#### **SEMO HOG Bike Show @ West Park Mall**

SEMO HOG display will be in front of Macy's

Arrive Friday night, March 18 at 9:00 p.m. in the back parking lot by Journey's Shoe store  
Showing will be from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 19  
Bikes MUST HAVE tire protection and engine protection for showing

### **Sunday April 3**

#### **Midland Inn Ride**

Meet at Bootheel HD at 11:30am, leave at 12noon  
We will be riding approximately 40 miles to the Midland Inn Bar and Grill  
near Carbondale. We will enjoy lunch before heading back to Cape.

### **April 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting at Cape Elks**

Please contact Steve if you are interested in sponsoring  
a meal for one of our Chapter Meetings  
Remember, you have to be present at meetings to win the Progressive drawing.

### **Saturday and Sunday, April 9 & 10**

#### **Experienced Rider Course**

Please contact Buddy Davis if interested in this course, held in Malden.  
Course cost is \$50. Upon completion of the course, HD will reimburse \$50 in HOG  
Bucks, which can be used at the dealership.

### **Sunday May 1**

#### **New Date for Blessing of the Bikes and Spring Picnic**

Date changed to May 1<sup>st</sup>, due to Easter being on the original date.

Picnic to be held at Bootheel HD.

River Eagle supplying beverages. Details will be in next newsletter.



*When you miss a HOG meeting, you miss a lot!  
You can't win the Progressive or 50\50 if your not there!!!  
Remember to sign in at meeting to get 10% discount at Bootheel HD*

Friends and HOG Members,

The riding season is quickly approaching, and your SEMO HOG Chapter has a great line-up of rides and events for 2011. Why not hone your rider skills by taking an Experienced Rider Course? Or take a ½ day jaunt into Illinois for a visit to the Midland Inn? Or experience the spectacular view from the Bald Knob Cross at the Blessing of the Bikes? And don't miss the fun, entertainment, and great selection of bikes and merchandise at Bootheel HD!

Gary and I often say that buying our Harley was the best thing we ever did. We are excited to be part of this great group, and hope that you are too! Get your motors running! Jill

## 2010 Memphis Overnight Ride



Pictures above are from the 2010 Memphis Overnight Ride. A good time was had by all that attended.

I encourage each and every member of our HOG Chapter to participate in the meetings and rides. The meetings will give you information and input into upcoming events such as the Parade of Lights Float, Spring and Fall Picnics, Million Mile Monday Ride, and some of the overnight rides. Jerry Sanders contributes a lot of time and planning in all of our rides to make them as fun and safe as possible. The price of our dues is very cheap compared to how much you can get out of this Chapter. Whether it is working on the float, riding in a ride, or eating at one of our picnics, a good time is guaranteed to be had. If you don't participate you miss an incredible opportunity to be around some of the best people you will ever meet.

I want to end this newsletter with a couple pictures from the Memphis Overnight last year. To have been there in person was so much better. The first three are of Presi Sams tackling the biggest hamburger I have ever seen one person eat. With Mike coaching her on, she finished it but as you can see in the third picture, the last bite wasn't as good as the first!!! The last two pictures are of a 4 pound hamburger from a different restaurant. Angie Crader gets ready to dig in to that monster in picture 5. How in the world do those HOG girls stay so fit and lookin' fine?



Take care my friends and I hope to see you soon. Gary

