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# HOG PEN

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## Director's Notes

Hello Fellow HOGS!

We have enjoyed some very nice riding weather these last few days. I hope you have had a chance to ride and enjoy! The new Tuesday night Bike Night at Miller's Ale House has started off well. Good food, specials, prizes and a good time! Check it out.

I want to thank all who attended and helped out with our Group Riding Training Class last month. Congratulations and a big thank you to our Head Road Captains, Nathan Zaharis and Kevin Dady for a job well done.

We had a big turnout for the Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> club ride to Perry. We were invited to ride to Perry for the annual Chili Cook-off and Florida Bluegrass Festival. Our

group was given free admission to the event and all the chili we could eat! There were over 28 different chili entries of all kinds and the spice gauge went from wimpy to WOW! The Bluegrass music was also great changing bands every hour. Thanks go out to our member Dawn Taylor and her Perry

crew for arranging this free event for us. I am looking forward to next year already!

Don't forget our once a month mid-week "Mental Health" rides. The March ride was a bit wet! See the

ride article in this issue. Come join us and let the girls show you how it's done! Call in sick or take the day off and ride with us, it will be good for your *mental health!*

*See Grabow, page 3*



# ARE YOU RIDING BLIND? Or Do You SEE, SEARCH, EVALUATE, EXECUTE!

This will be my last safety letter with HOG , more on this topic at the end of this safety note .



Every time you ride , do you play the WHAT IF GAME? . What if that car door swings open, as I am riding by on a down town street. Hey are those wheels starting to roll, on that car at the stop sign at the cross street. Does that person on the cell phone SEE ME?... Folks there are thousands of questions you should be asking yourself as you ride, every mile as you go. To SEE is just the basic safety practice we LIVE by as we ride. We search for all types of road hazards and conditions as we ride. During each ride we evaluate each caution signal, weigh our options and execute the proper move to keep us up and on the move.

The practice of SEEing, will keep you sharp and ready in case you have to use your emergency stop and or emergency swerve to keep safe. At least four times a year ( or more ) PLEASE practice your E - STOP. Stopping when you need to is the NUMBER 1 thing, to me that will keep you up right and safe as we ride. ALWAYS keep the rubber on the road!!!! Learn how to swerve to miss objects in your line of travel, single lane and on four lane road ways. Remember when you were learning to go in and out / and around the cones (Left / then right)? This is all well and good at slow speeds, we all need to learn to do these moves at highway speed to become better riders. You never know, when a board falls off the truck right in front of you ....GAME ON ..... Start learning how to swerve at a slow speed and increase your speed, up to the

rolling thunder of highway traffic.

Remember Safety First and the rest of the Ride is always down Hill .....

HarleyWes Safety Dude

Oh , by the way about this being my last safety letter.....APRIL FOOLS HEHEHE

# MEETING NOTICE

When: Saturday April 9, 2010  
Meeting Starts 10:00AM  
Coffee and Bagels 9:30AM

Where: Capital City Harley-Davidson  
1745 Capital Circle NW  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

We will have two long-awaited events at this meeting, the announcement of the winners of the HOG Pen Logo contest, and the winner of the Resort Hotel Ticket Raffle!!

For the HOG Pen logo contest we had a total of 17 entries, and it is a VERY tough field to have to pick one from. We have been getting votes in via e-mail, votes are being collected at Capital City H-D, and for those who missed both of those, there will be an opportunity to vote at this Saturday's meeting. PLEASE, only one vote per member. This is on the honor system, and us HOG's are the type of people to whom that still means something. 'Nuf said about that.

Our dealer presentation this month will be on from Garrett in Service, who will talk about new parts & accessories, service issues, and field questions from the crowd.

## Dave Grabow

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We have added a new overnight ride to the lodge at George Bagby State Park in Ft. Gaines GA for June 5-6. We will be leaving Saturday morning from CCH-D, KSU @ 9:30 AM. The ride is about 100 miles. We will plan a lunch stop and dinner at the lodge. The lodge is very nice and the food is excellent. We will also have some local riding and sightseeing while we are there. Plan to join us. Details are on the website and there is a special flier for this event, THANK YOU Jeanne!

Please plan to go to the 2010 Florida State H.O.G. rally to be held October 20-23 2010 in Destin. The first time ever held in the Panhandle and we would love to have a big group from our chapter attend..

Visit <http://www.flstatehogrally.com/> for all the details.

Be safe, have fun riding and I hope I see you on the road!

Dave

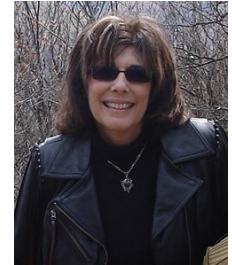
# New Member

By Cindy Dady

## David Sparks

(wife Mary Ann likes to rides with him) - *her name is spelled in two words!*  
*Mary Ann*

David works for Department of Transportation, State of Florida Rides an 07 White Ultra



Cindy's note:

Thank you to the new members who take time out of their busy schedules to chat with me. On behalf of the chapter officers and members...WELCOME to Tallahassee HOG Club! We look forward to seeing you at our meetings, rides and special events. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, go on some fun rides AND be a part of a diverse group of people who have one big thing in common - WE LOVE TO RIDE!

## License to Ride Contest

By Jeanne Giuliani

Activities Director

Last year, we started a License to Ride Contest. Each time you attend a meeting or participate in an official Tallahassee HOG-sponsored ride or event, you get a point.

Points are earned by signing the roster at the meeting or getting a signed "License to Ride" card at each ride. Be sure to ask your Road Captain leading the ride to sign and date your card and turn your card(s) in at the next meeting. When a member accumulates 10 points they receive a contest pin, at 20 points they receive a contest patch, and the top three members with the highest number of points at the end of the contest win spectacular prizes!



## Editor's Corner

Jack deRemer

# What is *Attitude*?



This month I would like to make a few comments on the sometimes elusive subject of *ATTITUDE*.

Attitude and Harley-Davidsons go hand-in-hand.

You find it on T shirts, see it in advertising, hear about it everywhere. You see people who have it, or want it, or are trying to get it. It's not necessarily a bad thing; as it usually says *I think for myself, go my own way, don't lose any sleep worrying about what anybody else thinks of me, and I will question anything that doesn't sound right.*

Sure, we can use it to keep people away from us, but that only saves us aggravation and saves them from wasting their time and ours.

But every once in a while, you come across somebody who was, beyond any doubt, BORN with attitude. Which brings me to my granddaughter, Lyla Rose deRemer. She was born on February 24, 2010, in Jacksonville, FL to our son Danny and his wife Liz.

I have placed a picture of Lyla Rose at the bottom of page 6. Don't look yet. She was eight **DAYS** old when it was taken. **Eight days.** One day longer than a week. Before you turn the page, think about attitude, and people that you know who have it. And think about what **they** probably looked like when **they** were eight days old.

Then turn to page 6. Attitude, this one was born with it.

## APRIL 2010 ACTIVITIES

I've been promising information about our upcoming HOG overnight ride and I'm finally making good on that promise! The overnight ride has been planned for June 5-6<sup>th</sup>. This is the first available weekend we have this Spring!



We'll be riding to the George T. Bagby State Park in Ft. Gaines, GA. It's about a 100-mile ride (2 hours) through the back roads of Georgia. The Lodge at the State Park is in a resort-like setting. You can relax on the shores of the 48,000-acre lake or golf on the award-winning Meadow Links

Golf Course. Nature trails, a swimming pool, beach, tennis courts, beach volleyball, fishing and boating are just outside each guest room door!



**Make your reservation by May 5th! Call 1-877-591-5575 or 229-768-2571.**

We have a block of rooms reserved ... mention Tallahassee HOG to get our 1-night, discounted rate of \$80 plus tax. There is also a \$5 park fee per vehicle. Please let Dave know ahead of time if you'd like to join our group for dinner Saturday night at The Pilot House Grille restaurant (located within the Lodge).

The area around the State Park is filled with hundreds of miles of scenic roads perfect for riding! The "Little Grand Canyon of Georgia" (Providence Canyon) is just 30 miles northeast of the State Park or you can visit Westville ... an 1850's living history museum in nearby Lumpkin, GA. Whatever you choose to do, just be sure to ... Ride and Have Fun!

Jeanne

# Tallahassee HOG and Bluegrass

By Barry Lindquist

There were 25 bikes that left CCHD the first Saturday in April for the Bluegrass Festival at the Forest Capital State Park in Perry, FL. Dawn & Richard Taylor and Sherri & Billy Dice were working to support this great event in Perry and did an outstanding job to welcome their fellow HOG members. There were Bluegrass pins to put on the vest, the chili was great, the music was fantastic and the weather was absolutely perfect. Some of the great Blue Grass groups we saw and heard were Swinging Bridge, Sawgrass Band, Tallahassee Fiddlers, Mueller Family, Charlie McCoy and Southern Lite, Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, Ernie Evans and Southern Lite, and Mountain Heart.

Special thanks to our Director Dave Grabow and Safety Officer Wes Lewis for planning the ride and getting us there safely as we took 98 down the coast. Every ride has it's stories and I have the inside word that Wes will be using this ride in his upcoming safety presentation.



## *March 17th Mental Health Ride*

*By Jeanne Giuliani*



**The Girls**

What a great day to look forward to ... St. Patrick's Day. Planned for months to take the day off to ride to the Hot Dog Stand in Keaton Beach. Never been there. The weather Tuesday was perfect. How much better could it get?



**The Guys**

Until I woke up Wednesday morning to cloudy skies. Watched Rob Nucatola's weather forecast on WCTV. The radar showed green all around, but Rob said it was just a mist and most was not even reaching the ground. So I geared up and rode out. With only the rain gear top and chaps (because it was only misting, right?). About a mile down the road I realized ... Rob lied! It wasn't mist. It wasn't even just a sprinkle. It was freakin' raining. Oh well, too late to turn around now!

So I headed to Publix to see if anyone else would show up. But what to my surprise ... the Road Captain, Gunner, and one other brave soul ... in their TRUCKS! What's up with that?! We went to the Tally Grill for breakfast. Just after we got our table, my cell phone rang. It was Karen Simmons. She was at Publix. We gave her directions. She pulled up on her bike. So, here we have two women on bikes in rain gear and three men in their trucks. The guys caught hell. Yes, indeed ... it was a great day after all!

**Lyla Rose deRemer. Eight Days Old. Look out.**



## Tallahassee HOG Chapter #0737

### 2010 Upcoming Activities

**Editor's note: More information on our ride schedule is available on our website, [www.tallahasseehog.net](http://www.tallahasseehog.net) Click Activities, and open activities calendar.**

Please direct any questions or suggestions regarding rides to Nathan Zaharis ([zaharisp@embarqmail.com](mailto:zaharisp@embarqmail.com) - 850-766-1077) or Kevin Dady ([kdady@msn.com](mailto:kdady@msn.com) - 850-980-3452), our Head Road Captains. If a ride has a specific contact mentioned, please utilize that contact person.

**Closed (C)** events are those chapter events which are open to chapter members and one guest per member.

**Member (M)** events are events that are open only to current H.O.G. members.

**Open (O)** events are those chapter events which are open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members, and other guests as desired.

**Non-Hog** activities are included in our activities listings as a service to our members. These listings are accurate to the best of our knowledge; however since they are not our events we cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the "Non-HOG" listings.

**All rides are Rain or Shine ... on 2 wheels or 4! If you're not sure, call your RC!**

#### **April 10 Sat: Chapter Meeting - (C)**

Our HOG meeting will be filled with excitement this Saturday! We have the HOG chapter logo contest and the hotel raffle ... both winners will be announced at the meeting. Don't miss it! At Capital City Harley-Davidson; meeting starts at 10AM; social hour begins at 9AM with coffee, donuts and bagels. After-meeting lunch ride to The Blue Parrot restaurant on beautiful St. George Island. Road Captains Nathan Zaharis (850-766-1077) and Mike Scott (850-510-9099).

#### **April 14 Wed: Mental Health Ride - (C)**

Lay out of work ride for all riders that want to skip a day of work. Meet at Centerville Road Publix at 9AM for a good day of riding with Good Friends that won't TELL! Destination is Hamaknocker's Oasis in Panama ... the long way! Road Captains Jim Berhalter (850-445-2366) and Karen Simmons (850-591-1390).

#### **April 14-18: Angel City's 5th Annual Spring Rally - Non-HOG**

Angel City is located off I-75, Exit 122, in Unadilla, GA. It incorporates an Old West theme and is the perfect environment for anyone riding on a steel horse. Please visit <http://angelcityrally.com/> for more details on events, lodging, etc.

#### **April 18 Sun: Lunch Ride - (C)**

Meet at Centerville Road Publix at 9:30AM; KSU at 10:00AM. Destination is Stinky's Fish Camp (3550 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee). This is a new restaurant to our area, but it's pretty famous in Santa Rosa Beach! Don't let the name of the place scare you ... with a name like that, it better be good! Assuming good weather, we'll take a route that will last about an hour. For more information or to see their menu, please visit . Road Captains Jack deRemer (850-443-8351) and Billy Dice (850-295-2404).

**April 23 Fri: 89th Annual Thomasville Rose Parade - Non-HOG**

The 89th Annual Thomasville Rose Parade will be held on Friday, April 23, 2010, at 7pm in downtown Thomasville. For more info, please visit <http://www.downtownthomasville.com>.

**April 23-25: 14th Annual Leesburg Bikefest - Non-HOG**

Please visit <http://leesburgbikefest.com/> for more information.

**April 29-May 2: 11th Annual Spring Rally at Thunder Beach - Non-HOG**

Please visit <http://www.thunderbeachproductions.com/> for more details on events, lodging, etc.

**April 30 Fri: Full Moon Ride - (C)**

Meet at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 6PM; KSU at 6:30PM. Come join us on this special Full Moon Ride to a quaint little Brinson, Georgia restaurant, The Pond House. Located just 7 miles from Bainbridge, the food is outstanding and the house specialty is smoked pork chops. Other choice menu items include prime steaks, chicken, grouper, catfish and other seafood delights. MasterCard/Visa accepted. Helmets required. Road Captains Jerry Coney (954-665-4703) and Jack deRemer.

*And in case you missed it last Wednesday, here's a news update:*

## **Motorcycle Chrome to be Banned by January 01, 2011**

**Tallahassee Democrat**

Wednesday April 1, 2010

In an unprecedented move that has put the motorcycle industry on alert, the Department of Transportation has passed a bill that intends to outlaw "chrome finishes that cover any engine, frame, or headlight assembly on new motorcycles."

"Chrome is the silent killer," asserts DOT spokesman Melvin P. Meyers, "and if we can rid motorcycles-- especially cruisers-- of the shiny chrome that distracts motorists and causes accidents, our roads will be a safer place."

Last year, Meyers earned the respect and bafflement of sportbike enthusiasts when he tried to pass an amendment that would have legalized wheelies, and the move to eliminate chrome has led one motorcycle advocacy group to proclaim that, "[Meyers] is not only trying to undermine the cruiser business, he's also a closet crotch rocket junky who harbors a deep desire to see only sportbikes on public roads."

In other news, Happy April 1st!