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Director's Notes

Hello Fellow HOGS!

Maybe changing the time this weekend will lead to a permanent change in the weather! I sure am tired of the cold! If you went to Bike Week before the very last weekend, it was cold! (also wet during the first couple days) Still fun but definitely COLD!

I want to thank all who attended and helped out with our Road Captain Training Class last month. We had over 20 people and 12 new R.C. candidates. Congratulations and a big thank you to our Head Road Captains, Nathan Zaharis and Kevin Dady for a job well done.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday April 3rd. We have been invited to ride to Perry for the annual Chili Cook-off and Bluegrass Festival. Our group has been given free admission to the event and all the chili you can eat! Thanks go to our member Dawn Taylor for arranging this free event. Meet at CCH-D @ 9:00 AM and KSU @ 9:30

Don't forget our once a month mid-week "Mental Health" rides. Call in sick or take the day off and ride with us, it will be good for your *mental health!*

Our next Group Riding class will be Saturday March 20, 2010. If you would like more information on riding with a group or would like to feel more comfortable riding in a group, this class is for you. More details on the class can be found within this publication.

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



Watch Out for the Bear Fatigue Part two!

March 2010

Fatigue is that big bad bear that climbs on your back during a long ride, even under the best of riding conditions .Now let's add rain, cold and heat, now it is "Game On " . In review (February Safety letter) taking extra rest stops during an extended trip is not the only answer, to keeps this beast at bay.

After a lengthy outing what hurts ... It could be you equipment (riding gear) or is your bike set up / adjusted for your riding style and body frame?

Stiff neck and shoulders, you might think about up grading your helmet to lighter model, every ounce counts the longer you keep your lid on during a long ride .



Back ache? Shoulder fatigue? Or any combination of both? Your bike just may not be adjusted (set up) for your body frame. Reaching an extra inch to grip the handle bars will wear you out. Do I need a back rest? Can I lower the frame for a better fit?

One of the best things I put on my Ultra Glide, is an up graded /long distance seat. Folks, hind sight is 20 / 20, this add on should have been one of the first installations I made on my ride.

It is all the little things that add up to make our riding experience enjoyable. The better the fit the better the ride and you will stay fresh longer before that BAD BEAR climbs on your back.

Safety First and the rest of the ride is always downhill.....Sееее Yaaaaaa

HarleyWes / Safety Dude

MEETING NOTICE

When: Saturday March 13, 2010
Meeting Starts 10:00AM
Coffee and Bagels 9:30AM

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

Our dealer presentation this month will be on new products and new general merchandise. Now that good riding weather is finally getting here, Harley-Davidson is introducing a lot of new clothing items and goodies. CCHD also has some great sales running this month, so check them out.

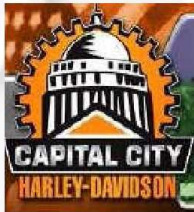
A 'Dealer Presentation' segment will be a regular feature of our meetings. If you have anything topic that you would like to see in this forum, please let any of the Chapter officers know and we will pass it on to Scott and Ben

HOG Pen Logo Contest UPDATED

Along with our new look, we are looking for a new logo for our newsletter! The criteria is pretty simple, it needs only to be original artwork, and have a motorcycle theme or 'feel' to it.

We don't want to stifle our members creativity, so take your best shot.

The winner will receive a free two night stay in a Doubletree resort in one of four major Florida destinations (your choice). Send all entries to the editor. **Deadline has been extended to April 1, 2010.**



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- BUFFALO SHRIMP**
- LOADED FRIES * SPINACH DIP**
- POTATO SKINS * THAI CHICKEN**
- MINI BIG RED**
- MOZZARELLA STICKS**
- MINI BISTRO BURGERS**

THEY'LL ALSO HAVE:

- SPECIAL BIKE-ONLY PARKING
- LIVE MUSIC BY JIMMY GILLIS
- DOOR PRIZES
- CAPITAL CITY HARLEY-DAVIDSON DISPLAYS
- THE "MILLER'S GIRLS" GIVING AWAY FREE STUFF!
- 50/50 DRAWING (WITH THE OTHER HALF GOING TO CHARITY)
- AND THEY ALWAYS HAVE \$5 PITCHERS OF MILLER!

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with **LINCOLN**

\$5 a five dollar
bill gets
your choice ...

- LONG ISLAND ICED TEA**
- CAR BOMB * RED HEAD**
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- GREY GOOSE * KETEL ONE**
- DOUBLE UP FOR \$3**

ALSO

- \$3 PINTS OF BLUE MOON**
- \$3 HEINEKEN BOTTLES**
- \$3 CORONA BOTTLES**

New Members, by Cindy Dady,

New H.O.G. Chapter Members 2010 Welcome to the HOG Family!

I have had the opportunity to talk to some of our new members and am thrilled to have them join our local HOG Chapter! They have so many interesting riding, work and/or military experiences. I encourage you to welcome and get to know them at our meetings and rides!

Cindy



Welcome New HOG Members

Robert Machin
General Contractor
2000 "Police" Road
King

Mick Corrick
Retired
2003 Anniversary Edition
ElectraGlide Standard

Debra Sides
Associate Member
(rides with Member Ed Fortune)
Nurse-LPN for a Pediatrician in Marianna,
Florida
Ultra Classic

March 2010 Activities

Is Spring ever going to get here? Will the rain ever stop? The weather hasn't been great for riding, but it hasn't stopped us either! We've had great turn-outs for our rides and they've been a lot of fun. We appreciate all who have joined us on our rides and hope to see more soon, especially when it warms and dries up! It won't be long ... the Ground Hog's days are numbered!



We have lots of great rides and events planned for the next few months and we hope you'll join us. Check out our website (www.tallahasseehog.com) for more info. And don't forget ... for every HOG ride or meeting you attend, you get a point toward our License to Ride Contest. We have a lot of members who are really close to earning their pin or patch. Come to the next meeting to see who gets theirs (and get a point for yourself)! If you have any questions or suggestions for activities, please let us know.

Ride Safe!

Jeanne



2/21/2010 Sunday Lunch Ride to Spring Creek
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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!

Resort Hotel Ticket Raffle!!

What a deal we have for you!! The Tallahassee HOG Chapter will be selling raffle tickets for a two nights stay at the Doubletree Resort of the winner's choice in Ft. Lauderdale, North Miami Beach, Tampa, West Palm Beach, or beautiful Key West!! This package is good for any two nights (again your choice) thru December 31, 2010.

Tickets will be sold at our February and March meetings, and the winner will be drawn at our April meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 each or three for \$10.00.



Saturday March 20 Group Riding Training *All Local Clubs*

We will be conducting a Group Riding Orientation for those interested in learning or refreshing their group riding skills. This is a must for those who have recently purchased a new bike. We will show the Rider's Edge video, go over the Tallahassee HOG Best Practices, and then will

take a short ride. Meet at Capital City Harley-



Davidson at 9am. Assisting Road Captains: Jerry Coney, Wes Lewis, Jeanne Giuliani, and ... it could be you! Other RC's are needed to assist with this ride too. Please contact Head Road Captains [Nathan Zaharis](tel:850-766-1077) (850-766-1077) or [Kevin Dady](tel:850-980-3452) (850-980-3452) to sign up.

Pre-Ride Inspections. Always

By: Jack deRemer

February 21, 2010

I was at the Road Captain training yesterday and we discussed all the finer points of group riding, such as the briefing, hand signals, riding formations, and the importance of the pre-ride inspection. After the class we had a nice little lunch ride, and then Sally and I took off for a while, enjoying what was the first good riding weekend in some time.

The next day, Sunday, we were getting ready to head out for the Chapter lunch ride. While Sally was finishing up in the house, I was getting the bike ready and packing what we would need. For once I was a bit ahead of schedule so, remembering what we had just talked about yesterday, I thought about the pre-ride inspection. Now, I will admit that there are times when the weather is great, or I'm running late, or I am so charged up about getting out there that I have either foregone a pre-ride inspection, or modified it to a 'pre-ride glance'. The times like *hey, I was just out yesterday, everything was fine, and I've got less than 500 miles since I had my 5K service.* But today, fresh out of training mode, I was going to do it right.

It was a very short pre-ride inspection. I rolled my bike out, and the first thing I looked at was my front tire; it looked OK, good tread, fully inflated, and, hold on, *what is THIS?* I got down on the floor, and there is a Phillips head screw imbedded between the treads. I knew right away that either 1) it was a little one and didn't penetrate the tire, as the tire was fully inflated, or 2) the screw **had** punctured the tire, and was sealing the hole that it had made until it got worn down by the road and popped out. So I grabbed a pair of needle nosed pliers, gave it a little tug, and heard the chilling 'psssst, psssst' of escaping air with each tiny tug. And I was **15 minutes** away from taking off with my wife on the back of the bike, to enjoy a lunch ride with friends, while we are awaiting a call about the birth of our second granddaughter who is due next week in Jacksonville. Holy cow.

Repairing a tire at home or having the dealer come fix it under my extended service plan is not a big deal. But none of us like to think about how that ride would likely have turned out had I not found that screw. Rest assured I have mended my pre-ride inspection habits for good.

I thought it was important to share this with all of you, in the hopes of reminding everyone how important these basic steps are.

A few days before we went to press, I heard from another member who rode down to Bike Week, and planned to take advantage of the sales get some new tires. This is a VERY safety conscious rider, for sure. Riding two-up, they did a good pre-ride inspection. As their new tires were being put on, the installer called them over, and showed them **this**. If this kind of damage is on the ground when you check your bike, you'll never see it. Thank goodness they made it OK.



Tallahassee HOG Chapter #0737

2010 Upcoming Activities

Editor's note: More information on our ride schedule is available on our website, www.tallahasseehog.net Click Activities, and open activities calendar.

Please direct any questions or suggestions regarding rides to Nathan Zaharis (zaharisnp@embarqmail.com - 850-766-1077) or Kevin Dady (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!

March 13 Sat: Chapter Meeting - (C)

At Capital City Harley-Davidson; meeting starts at 10AM; social hour begins at 9AM with coffee, donuts and bagels. After-meeting lunch ride is ... Wes and Jerry's **Wild Adventure!** A ride not too far or short, but one of Wes' favorite quick rides, when you just have to get away! We will be riding through beautiful canopy roads and rolling hills of farm land of North Florida and South Georgia ... ending at a local hometown jewel of an eatery (and Wes' favorite place for a quick bite) ... The Salty Dawg Pub. The best wings and sandwiches for over 20 years right here in our own back yard! They also have darts and pool tables, IF YOU GOT GAME! This is going to be a fun one and a quick get away to get back home. LET'S RIDE! SEEEE YAAAAA THERE ... Road Captains Wes Lewis (850-694-2064) and Jerry Coney (954-665-4703). Remember ... helmets required in GA.

March 14 Sun: Daylight Saving Time Begins

Mar 17 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 the Keaton Beach Hot Dog Stand. There's more than hot dogs at this place too! They also have a variety of seafood and sandwiches, but we've heard their hot dogs are the best! Road Captains Dan Beeman (850-556-6076) and Jerry Coney (954-665-4703).

Mar 20 Sat: Group Riding Orientation - (C)

9:00AM at Capital City Harley-Davidson. We will be conducting a Group Riding Orientation for those interested in learning or refreshing their group riding skills. This is a must for those who have recently purchased a new bike. We will show the Rider's Edge video, go over the Tallahassee HOG Best Practices, and then will take a short ride. Assisting Road Captains: Jerry Coney, Wes Lewis, Jeanne Giuliani, and ... it could be you! Other RC's are needed to assist with this ride too. Please contact Head Road Captains Nathan Zaharis (850-766-1077) or Kevin Dady (850-980-3452) to sign up.

Chapter rides (cont'd)

Mar 21 Sun: Lunch Ride - (C)

Meet at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 9:30AM; KSU at 10AM. Destination is Whippoorwill Sportsman's Lodge located on the water's edge of beautiful Lake Talquin. It's only about 35 miles from Tallahassee, but seems like it's a million miles away from the city! You might even see a white squirrel there too! Road Captains Nathan Zaharis (850-766-1077) and Jeanne Giuliani (850-251-7920).

March 26 Fri: Full Moon Ride - (C)

Meet at Capital City Harley-Davidson at 6PM; KSU at 6:30PM. Destination is the Backwoods Pizza and Bistro in the quaint little town of Sopchoppy! We heard the food is really good and the atmosphere is incredible! Road Captains Billy Dice (850-295-2404) and Red Barnes (850-251-6346).

Mar 27 Sat: 42nd Annual Springtime Tallahassee Parade - Non-HOG

For more info, please visit <http://www.springtimetallahassee.com>.

More Safety Stuff.....

We can't say enough about riding safe. Now that the weather is improving, most of us will be spending a lot of time on the road. If you haven't ridden much in the past several months, good habits can get rusty. Many safety issues are under our control but a lot of safety issues involve being alert and being able to react quickly to unexpected events. Two cases in point:

Motorcyclist ejected after hitting deer

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — A Niceville man was seriously injured in a motorcycle wreck at the intersection of Range Road 213 and Range Road 214. The accident occurred at 2:55 p.m. Sunday, according to a report from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Michael James Jago, 49, was traveling east on Bob Sikes Road when a deer ran across the road. The front of the motorcycle hit the deer. Jago was ejected on impact. He was wearing a helmet. The motorcycle slid across the road and was found on the south shoulder.

Alcohol was not a factor and no charges have been filed, according to the report.

Jago was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola where he remains in serious condition.

Motorcyclist killed in crash with black bear

UMATILLA, Fla. (AP) — A motorcyclist who collided with a black bear on a Marion County road has died.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the bear ran in front of Ronald Roy Stanley while the 51-year-old was riding his motorcycle Monday night.

Stanley was pronounced dead at a Tavares hospital. His wife, who was riding another motorcycle behind him, wasn't hurt.