

HOG WILD

First Quarter
Winter 2010
chapter #4938



We Ride and
Have Fun!

Ready for Spring? Photo by Jon Chua

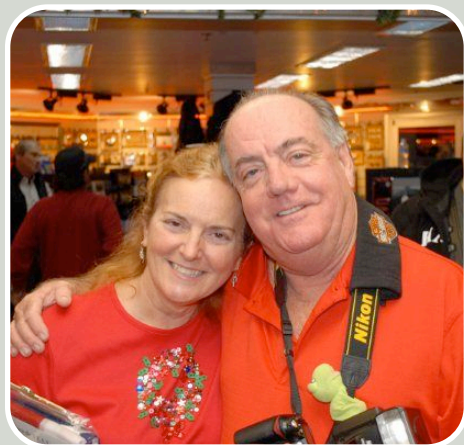
DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Cooper Chilton

It's a brand new year and we're ready to roll! MCC members racked up well over a Million Miles in 2009 and we plan to top that in 2010. At the February meeting, we will learn about the riding contest for the New Year, mis amigos. It will take you to places I'm sure you've never been. Don't miss out on the riding, friendship, and fun of the new contest. In 2009, 17 members rode to each of the contest dams. Each of them received a nice contest patch, thanks to our friend and happy embroiderer, Jim Richardson, and a \$50 gift card to Boswell's. With the luck of the draw, Scott (Knob) Fowlkes presented Pat Sanford an additional award of a 10,000 mile service, from Boswell's. That was appropriate, considering all the hours Pat spent putting the contest together. Our top riders for 2009 were Female Rider – Jolene Ruzinok, with 43,001 miles (!!!) and Male Rider – Fernando

Rodriguez, with 28,873 miles. WOW!! For their endurance in the saddle, they each earned a \$50 gift card. If you haven't reported your beginning miles to our Secretary, Laurie Andrews, please send them to her at lauriea615@comcast.net. We need your participation for the annual Mid-TN Multi-Chapter Mileage Contest. We say "WE RIDE" and our miles talk for us!

Phil has been working hard on our website. Please check it out. One of the things you'll find is the 2010 officer's list including with their contact info. The calendar is up to date and jammed full of neat things to do. Have you tried a Saturday Night Social yet? This has a lot more to do with making friends and talking bikes, than riding bikes, but even in bad weather it keeps you in good company. In January, some of us went ice skating (not



Chapter Meeting Reminder

The next Chapter Meeting is Feb. 18th
Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30
in the HOG Room at Boswell's.

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ANOTHER SAT. NIGHT



**Saturday Night Social to
Centennial Sportsplex and P.F.
Chang's on January 23, 2010**

Photos courtesy of Jon Chua

MEMBERSHIP

New energy and perspective is always welcome, each and every organization thrives on constant renewal, constant regeneration.

It is with great enthusiasm that we introduce Cora Dickson as our Assistant Membership Officer. Cora will be helping organize our efforts to extend a warm greeting to each and every member of The Music City Chapter when joining, upon renewal, and all about town.

Born in Nashville, currently residing in Brentwood, Cora joined our chapter four years ago after she and her husband Ron bought their first Harley. Cora best describes Ron as being her "high school sweetheart, best friend and love of her life" . . .wow!

When not enjoying the view from the ride, Cora enjoys the company of her daughter, Kimberly Rene', son in law Don, three grandchildren Cody, Justin and Makala, along with brothers Brownie and David and 87 year-old dad.

"I love my family, friends, laughing and having a good time. I enjoy the freedom of riding on a HARLEY and seeing the beauty of the world from a different perspective. Riding makes me happy, carefree and full of life. Traveling, and seeing something for the first time renews my spirit. I really enjoy photography; editing and viewing photos to experience everything all over again. I love to fly on jets when I'm in a hurry to reach my destination, but prefer a small airplane, glider or a hot air balloon because the world looks like a giant patchwork quilt. I really like jewelry and recently began designing and making my own.

I am grateful for my family, my friends, and my job and want to live life to the fullest. I hope to touch another individual life in a positive way as so many have touched my life," says Cora.

For the last 15 years, during work hours, Cora is an Administrator for Emergency Physicians Billings Service, with 17 ½ years prior to that with CompMed/Medaphis . . .that's 32 years with 2 employers . . .pretty darned impressive.

Cora's favorite ride is Sturgis, where she enjoys the beautiful scenery sans helmet and wearing flip-flops, with a close second being the beautiful hills of Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia.

Cora's goal as a membership assistant is "to make sure all members feel welcomed to our Music City Chapter and that they want to become part of our family. Our family will continue to grow and I will strive to get to know each of you. Thanks to each of you for joining our wonderful Music City Chapter family."

Those are fine sentiments, please join me in welcoming Cora to our family as Assistant Membership Officer, I'm sure her passion for riding and family will be felt by all of us.

Cora can be reached at (615) 351-0748, or cora999@comcast.net

John Dedrick
Membership Chairman

RIDING IN A GROUP

Well, here we are at the edge of a new riding season. I don't know about you but I'm ready for all the rain, snow, and cold weather to just move along so we can get down to the business of wearing out our Harleys.

Last year was a season full of miles and memories. The chapter conducted no less than 150 events, the majority of which included riding. Along the way were national and state rallies, overnight trips to fun and interesting places, bike games, a "Dam Ride Competition," weekly dinner rides, and winning the 2008 Mileage Chapter Challenge (and for 2009 can you say "Million-Mile Chapter?"). And, I don't know this for a fact, but I think we probably ate more food than any chapter. Remember one of our favorite sayings is "Eat to Ride, Ride to Eat."

Seriously, as the weather improves we will begin to do more organized rides so I would like to refresh your memory with some group riding tips:

- Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness and concentration. Clear your mind of distractions and strong emotions (anger, frustration, etc.) Know your limits and ride within them; never above your abilities.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Music City Chapter activities... how are we doing?

The Harley Owners Group mission statement is simple, "To Ride and Have Fun." In 2009 the activities committee successfully planned and coordinated over 155 events in order for the membership to do just that, "To Ride and Have Fun." We had a great year in 2009, riding great roads, seeing the great state of Tennessee and beyond on a Harley Davidson, some really cool Dams, eating some great food, making memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Tess and I had a ball being the Activities Officers last year (So much that I decided to do it again for 2010). If you think you are

- Mental
- Physical
- Motorcycle
- Environment
- Experience level
- Come to the ride prepared
- Arrive with a full tank of gas.
- Bring appropriate riding gear for the expected range of conditions.
- Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the "rubber band effect."
- Always ride in a tight but courteous staggered formation or single-file line.
- Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike directly in front of you. Always look ahead at least 4 seconds ahead.
- Riding side by side is very dangerous and against the law in our state. The only time bikes are to be side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection.
- Never come up on the motorcycle in front or beside you.
- In a staggered or single-file formation, do not pass the bike in front of you.
- If an exit is missed, stick together as a group, proceed to the next exit, and then return to the correct exit.

having fun in the chapter participating on the planned events, try volunteering and get even more involved. What a great time! I feel that we have a great chapter and it's great because of the passion and personalities of its members. There is no way for one person to plan and coordinate all the activities that Music City Chapter does. I would not have been successful as an Activities Officer in 2009 if it wasn't for a few folks that assisted and supported me. I would like to sincerely thank the following people for all their enthusiastic assistance serving on the activities and Dinner Ride committees in 2009:

Tess Sanford, Jim Ryan, Stacie Ludford, John Dedrick, Ginny Dedrick, Jim Richardson, Becky Richardson, Jim Bradford, Derek

- When in a curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside of the curve, in case the inside rider has to use the full width of the lane to safely negotiate the curve.

These tips are by no means all-encompassing. The greatest lessons are learned by watching and listening to those with experience and then applying those lessons by putting rubber on the road.

Finally, I would like to introduce you to Mike Lovely. This year Mike will serve as the Assistant Head Road Captain and will be my right hand man for all things "Group Riding." Mike and his wife Jody have been chapter members for many years now and are proud parents of a 2010 Screamin' Eagle Ultra. He and Jody have served the chapter in other areas such as the Activities Committee, Metro Police Charities, and State Rally Volunteers. I look forward to working with Mike and I ask that you give him your fullest support.

Billy Anderson
Head Road Captain

Deweese, Barry Perry, Teresa Perry, Jon Chua, Laurie Andrews, George Eads, Mike Lovely, Jody Lovely, Kurt Herzog, Melissa Herzog, John Gatto, Cheryl Gatto, Joe Siano and Pat Siano. I also want to thank Bubba Boswell, Gary Bagwell and Cooper Chilton for giving me the freedom and encouragement to do it my way.

If you run into any of these people, stop them and say thank you, because they made 2009 a great year.

What is the Activities Committee going to do in 2010...? We are going to plan and organize events so that you can "Ride and Have Fun." There have been a few changes to the Activities Committee this year. Tess

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ON THE SAFE SIDE

Wow, is anybody else looking forward to a dry 50° + day? It seems like it has been a while! I know there are those out there with heated seats, grips, gear, etc., but unfortunately, the rest of us just have to wear a bunch of layers until we can't put our arms down. I'll wait 'till it warms up a little. Well, those warmer days will be here before you know it, yee ha!. I can't wait to jump on my bike and hit the road--wait a minute isn't there something I need to do first? Oh yeah, TCLOCS... (see below). It's not too cold to check out some of this stuff now, and re-read the owners manual. This will make the pre-ride check go smoother the next time you want to ride.

So, you're on one of your first rides of the season, oh baby! Then...Clunk! Bang! #&%*! Whoa, what was that?...hope my rim is not bent, 'cause that pot hole about had me for lunch. SEE where you going, if you haven't noticed this winter has taken its toll on our roads, plus a bunch of sand and cinders have been dropped on the roads to combat the snow. You can handle it, if you scan what's in your path, evaluate the obstacles and have the time to execute your plan to avoid an obstacle. Drivers are even less likely to expect a bike this early in the season, so don't assume they see or hear you--be prepared.

LADIES OF HARLEY

Hello there all my Harley friends! Here we are ... a new year and another newsletter ... so I thought I'd start this one off by honoring women in motorcycling. I realize I'm a little early as H-D honors us in May, but thought why not drum up the excitement and get the ball rolling a few months ahead? And, since we have the epitome of lady riders right here in our Chapter, who better to talk about than our very own Jolene Ruzinok!

Jolene started riding in the early 1980's on a Honda 350. Unfortunately, she didn't get much seat time (less than 1,000 total miles), but always loved to ride. On May 5, 2008, she completed the Riders Edge course and her

Where are you going to go on your ride? Not to worry just check out the Ride Line, or calendar of events on the web site. Riding is fun, riding in a Harley squadron is... if you don't know, come check it out. We are lucky enough to have many experienced road captains at MCC. If you are new to riding in a group talk with any one of us, and ride along for a new experience. Don't say I didn't warn you, it is very addictive! Just ask any of the usual suspects that ride in a group any chance they get. Experienced or not, continue to improve and take a Riders Edge class they are available Boswell's. If you can, go the extra mile on March 6th and take the Accident Scene Management class last held two years ago.

Ride Safe, Have Fun, Repeat...

Douglas Dick
Safety Officer

Note: TCLOCS...how's the Tire pressure, tread depth, brake, clutch and throttle Controls, do the Lights all work, are the Oil, gas, transmission, brake and other fluids within specifications? Are the Chassis and shocks lubricated and set for your riding style and carrying load? Lastly, before taking off don't forget the Side stand or you may not make it out of the driveway.

passion caught fire again. She went right out and bought a 2005 Fat Boy which she absolutely loved. It was a beautiful bike, but as we all know, those Softails don't have any storage and there comes a time when you want to travel and realize you need more.

On March 15, 2009, she purchased an Ultra Classic. As with most women, it's all about what catches our eye and Jolene confirms it was the color that finally "got me." She had wanted an Ultra after her first year of riding, but wanted it to have some of her personality. This was the one that finally did! And, so her journey began ...

POLAR BEAR RIDE 2010



A few photos of this year's hardcore group of Polar Bears.

*Photos courtesy of
Jon Chua*

'TIS THE SEASON!



Some of the fun from the MCC Holiday Party. What a wonderful way to celebrate together. Thanks, Bubba!

photos by Jon Chua

CHARITIES OF MCC


Music City Rides . . . And does charity work!!!

In addition to becoming a "million mile" chapter last year, we broke all previous fund raising records by collecting more than \$38,000 dollars for the Metro Police Department's Charities. This would not have been possible without the help of enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers.

Once upon a time there was a young boy whose parents taught him the meaning of hard work at an early age. At 9 years old, he was selling popcorn and peanuts at the Grand Ole Opry. At age 12 he purchased a Sears Cruiseair motor scooter to deliver newspapers. He traded his scooter for a Vespa and eventually owned two Hondas before purchasing his first Harley. He currently owns a 2010 Harley Davidson Screamin' Eagle Ultra Classic. I'd like to introduce you to Ron Dickson, the 2010 Assistant Charities Director.

Ron was born and raised in Nashville. He graduated from John Overton High School and went to college at the University of Tennessee where he earned an MBA. His prestigious career includes Vice President of Financial

Affairs, Tennessee State University and Dean, School of Technology, Chattanooga State Community College. Today he is the owner of FASTSIGNS in Nashville and is married to his high school (and current) sweetheart, Cora Dickson. They have one daughter, Kimberly, and three beautiful grandchildren named Cody, Justin, and Makala. Ron's hobbies include woodworking and flying where he has logged over 1,000 private pilot hours. He also enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends. I encourage everyone to spend some time getting to know him and his lovely wife, Cora. When you see Ron, ask him if he's got any extra Screamin' Eagle coupons. . . .

If you want to meet new people and become more active in the chapter, I encourage you to volunteer during our charity events. You will make a difference in a families' life in our local community while having fun with your MCC friends. . . 

Rubber Side Down!!!!

Tess Sanford, aka Pinkie
Charities Chairperson

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

has moved on to be the Chapter Charities Officer, although she won't be far away. I'd like to welcome David and Donna Walker and Joe and Pat Siano to the Committee. Joe Siano has bravely accepted the challenge of being my assistant this year so that there will be a smooth transition next year.

For those of you who don't know Joe yet, Joe and Pat came to us last year looking for a new "Harley Family" from Middle Tennessee Chapter. They found a home and we love that they chose us. Joe is a transplant from Brooklyn, N.Y., he is the one with the not so southern accent. Joe served in the U.S. Navy as a radar technician and has continued in the technician/management field as a career. He has been riding motorcycles sense he was 22 years old. Joe rides a 2002 Harley Ultra Classic but has got the bug for a new ride.

The Activities Committee is already planning events for 2010. Check out the Web-Calendar and see. If you have any ideas that you think may be a good event/ride let us know.

"Ride, Eat, Visit, Sleep...Repeat"

Pat Sanford
Activities Chairman

LADIES OF HARLEY

Six days after purchasing her shiny new ride (and with already 1,000 miles under her belt to be sure it was broke in), Jolene was on her way to Key West, Florida, with a friend. They traveled via Panama City Beach and spent a night with family in St. Petersburg. In April, Jolene was back on the road again this time with her husband, James, as they traveled back to Florida to experience Thunder Beach in Panama City. A few weeks later they headed out to North Carolina for an overnight trip/ride of the Smokey Mountain Parkway with some riding friends.

With the unpredictable spring weather behind her (not that that hampered her riding any), Jolene moves full throttle into the riding season! In June she attended the Tennessee and Kentucky State HOG Rallies. She also rode to Kansas that month, where she met up with some friends, and then rode to Oklahoma City for the National Rally. With the assistance of one of her Midwest buddies (who ironically has a similar motorcycle), she carried the Music City Chapter Flag in the Parade of Flags at the Rally.

In addition to racking up the miles daily through and around Tennessee, Jolene continued her journey and joined the Chapter in Maggie Valley for our annual overnight event in July. In August, she and James made a quick weekend ride up to Cleveland, Ohio, for a surprise 80th Birthday party for his father. Then she was off again to East Tennessee for another Chapter overnight to work on the dam competition list.

Then came September and Jolene's milestone. She participated in the HOG Pony Express Ride traveling from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, ALL BY HERSELF! She says, "This was the most amazing vacation of my life and I met some really great people." Total miles logged for this trip alone were 6,500!

In October Jolene rode down to Biketoberfest with some Music City friends, and from there headed to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to meet up with one of her newfound Pony Express friends. The two then continued on to New Orleans, a place Jolene had never been to before and states "was quite an experience."

On top of all the amazing events and opportunities Jolene participated in, she completed all 30 of the dams for the Music City Dam Competition. She says, "This was an amazing opportunity to ride with

chapter members, share lots of laughs, and just have a great time." Isn't that what it's all about? "Ride, Eat, Visit, Sleep ... Repeat!" The rest of 2009 she enjoyed other Chapter rides and just getting out and about on her bike.

Jolene's original 2009 riding goal was 30,000 miles. She had accomplished that in September during the Pony Express Ride, so she ended up raising her goal another two times! She realized she was 116 miles from 43,000, so she finished the last 117 in the drizzle and rain. When she pulled in the garage, she laughed out loud when she realized she went 1 mile over. (43,001)

Jolene confides, "I used to be afraid to go out alone because I am somewhat geographically challenged. James decided that a GPS system would give me the freedom to go out and about and know that I would always be able to make it home. It has given me the freedom and the confidence to jump outside of the box and reach for the stars. Much of my life has been lived in an extremely structured environment. My Harley has given me the freedom to live life in a more relaxed manner. James has been the greatest supporter of my adventures. He has encouraged me to reach out and go for my dreams. I am very fortunate to have such positive support behind me.

"2009 was the most amazing year of my life! I achieved things that I would never have dreamed in the past. I've always been strong-natured, but riding has given me a confidence that is like no other. I think it's important to also say that the people I ride with are the backbone to my love of the ride. Without their support, encouragement, and friendship ... it would only be a ride. As it is, it's a passion and a lifestyle."

Couldn't have said it better myself. Jolene is an inspiration to us all! And, I hope you take a little something from her journey last year and apply it to your own. With that said, I look forward to you joining Jolene and I on many adventures we have planned this year and especially the Women's Rider Event in Milwaukee in May.

Smiles and Miles,
Stacie Ludford
Your Ladies of Harley Officer

DIRECTOR...

me!) and more of us, 48 folks, to be exact (yes me!), met at P.F. Chang's for dinner. If you didn't make it - - we missed you.

It's all about riding and having fun. If you're not finding rides and fun, you're just not looking. Check out the calendar. MCC's got it going on.

Ride Safe and Have Fun!!
Cooper

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 18 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 for dinner, Meeting at 7:30
- 20 Chili & Banana Pudding Cook-off at the Sianos' - 5:30 pm
- 27 Boswell's Ladies Garage Party - 9:00 am
- 28 Lunch Ride to Miller's Grocery in Christiana - 10:00 am

MARCH

- 6 Motorcycle Accident Scene Management Class - 9:00 am
- 6 Saturday Night Social at Bailey's Sports Bar in Rivergate - 6:00 pm
- 13 Newcomers Ride - 10:00 am
- 14 Lunch Ride to Montgomery Bell State Park - 11:00 am
- 18 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 20-21 Casino Overnight - Details to come

APRIL

- 10-11 Barber Motorsports Museum Overnight - 9:00 am
- 15 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 30 Hookie Day Ride - 9:00 am

MAY

- 6-9 Panama City Overnight Trip - 9:00 am
- 20 Chapter Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 27 Hookie Day Ride - 9:00 am

All Rides depart from Boswell's on Fessler's Lane unless otherwise noted.
Be sure to check the Ride Line or Website for updates and departure details
as well as destinations for the Tuesday Nite Dinner rides!



Trip to The Biltmore in Asheville, NC



Christmas Baskets ready to go!

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Boswell's Harley-Davidson

401 Fesslers Lane

Nashville, TN 37210

Mileage Contest

got miles?

We need your beginning mileage asap! If you have not already, please send your mileage, bike model and year to Laurie Andrews at lauriea615@comcast.net

MCC Weather Policy

During non-daylight savings time, we use the 40/40 Rule: scheduled Chapter Rides will be canceled if the high temperature is 40 degrees or less OR the chance of rain/snow is 40% or more. Check the Weather Channel or weather.com

Ride Line

Call 242-6067, option 8 for the latest ride updates & dinner ride destinations.