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The Newsletter of the
Harley Owners Group
Marietta GA Chapter, Inc.
Chapter #0822

Harley Happenings

Spring Picnic

Debbie Owens, Activities Officer



Marietta H.O.G. Spring Picnic is Sunday, May 4th from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at Coopers Furnace. Mark your calendars and plan to ride for some good food and good fun. Member tickets are free and guest tickets are \$10.00. There will be non-bike games and bike games for all to enjoy. John Murray is our featured chef again with

Pulled Pork and Brisket. Due to the reduced price this year of "FREE", we are asking for members to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If the food won't be a very good passenger on your bike please contact Debbie Owens (dowens@veritasllc.com or 404-216-3418) for other transportation.

We are in need of a game coordinator this year unless of course you like playing "Spud Knockers" and "Balloon Battle". The tickets for everyone will be \$10.00 each after the April 8th Chapter meeting. Get your tickets early so we can get a head count for food; we do not want to run out of the food this year. You can send me an email and I will put your tickets either in the mail or hold them for the day of the picnic. Please let me know if you will not be able to attend the picnic and you already have a ticket.

Rolling Thunder / Maine Ride

Bob Fremin

Information about these rides can be found on the Chapter web site at http://www.mariettahog.com/forums/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=248. If you have questions or need a userid and password for the secure section of the web site, please contact Bob Fremin at director@mariettahog.com.

May 18th Rome Braves Game

Bob Fremin / Janet Bullock

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME! Mark your calendars and join us for a Sunday baseball game. \$12 will pay for your parking and get you a box seat ticket to the game! Sign-in will begin at 9:30am at the dealership and the ride will leave at 10:00am. We will take Powder Springs Road, to Macland Road to Dallas Hwy to US-278 (Cedartown) and then into Rome. We will eat lunch at Fuddruckers (Rome) before heading to the game. Tickets information will be available at the next Chapter meeting. For more information, contact Bob at director@mariettahog.com. Hope to see you there!

2008 Anniversary Party

Debbie Owens -- Activity Officer

Another year and another party has come and gone. This year's anniversary party had 110 HOGs in attendance at the Doubletree Hotel in Atlanta. The theme was what else but HOGs and Riding.

Earl and Rhonda Small attended straight from the airport and were surprised by a singing "Road Hog" with cage for Earl and a Marietta HOG/Harley Davidson handcrafted toilet seat cover and rug set for Rhonda. Frank Boorn was also awarded a singing HOG featuring the song "I've been everywhere, man".

I think we can all agree that the food and room were spectacular. Despite the problems with the speakers and music we all had a pretty good time. We reminisced over the slide show showing rides throughout the 2007 year, danced or just talked with dealership staff and fellow HOG members.

We really value everyone's opinion and would appreciate if you would answer the following survey questions and email them to dowens@veritasllc.com. The obvious improvement would be the music and DJ but what else would you change about the party? Did you like the food and the location? If we don't hear from you we won't know how to improve for next year's party. This is your party and we need to know what you enjoyed or didn't enjoy. Here are the questions:

1. Please rank your overall satisfaction with the event:

Unsatisfied

Somewhat Unsatisfied

Neutral

Somewhat Satisfied

Extremely Satisfied

2. Please rank the following with the same ranking as above:

Event Room

Food

Music

Location

3. Would you attend this event again?

Yes

No (If no, why not)

4. If you enjoyed the event room and food, would you pay an additional \$10.00 more per person to keep it the same?

Yes

No (If no, why not)

5. What would you change about the music selection?

6. What would you change about any portion of the Anniversary Party?

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Chapter Birthdays

Bob Fremin

If you see these Chapter members,
please wish them a HAPPY Birthday.



04/01: Myra LeFevre	05/01: Teresa Boorn
04/03: Brenda Jones	05/03: Doug Kelly
04/04: James Brooks	05/05: Debby Ferst
04/06: Anthony Bedford	05/07: William Culp
04/06: Lisa Gardner	05/07: Marisa Hinton
04/07: Mark Hopkins	05/07: John Keane
04/08: Geraldine Eaton	05/08: Mark King
04/08: Kristi Gibbs-Smith	05/10: Reece LeFevre
04/09: Arthur Perkins, Jr.	05/11: Bruce Bachman
04/12: Brett Zubeck	05/11: Jeffrey Jones
04/13: Thomas Loy	05/13: Joseph Alt, Jr.
04/13: Dean Nipper	05/13: Kenneth Hinton
04/14: Carol Vann	05/14: Christopher Brewer
04/15: Kathy Townsend	05/15: Steve Andrews
04/17: Redus Collier	05/16: Tatan Wang
04/21: Joe Owensby	05/18: Stephen Nichols
04/22: Michael Ahern	05/19: Mauricio Duarte
04/22: Thomas Alexander	05/29: Jack Vann
04/22: Athel Clemmer	05/30: Kevin Magill
04/22: Russ Seltenright	05/30: Thomas Papania
04/22: Dominique Williams	
04/25: Frankie Pence	
04/26: James Brooks	
04/27: Clinton Higginbottom	
04/27: Richard Johnson	
04/28: William Howell	

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Schedule of Events

April 5th ; Loren Lilly "Ride to Heaven"

April 5th ; Basic Bystanders Assistance Class (Marietta)

April 6th ; Advanced Bystanders Assistance Class (Cartersville)

April 19th ; Top Gun Ride for Children (Dealership Sponsored)

May 1st – 4th ; Thunder Beach Spring Rally

May 4th ; Chapter Spring Picnic (Copper's Furnace)

May 10th ; ADA Ride

May 9th – 18th ; Myrtle Beach Bike Week:

May 23rd – 25th ; Rolling Thunder (Washington, DC)

May 26th – June 8th ; Bob ride to NY and Maine

June 7th ; MDA Ride (Dealership Sponsored)

June 14th – 22nd ; Laconia Motorcycle Week

June 20th – 22nd ; Maggie Valley, NC

Aug 4th – 10th ; Sturgis (South Dakota)

Aug 26th – Sept. 1st; Club HOG – 25th Anniversary (Milwaukee, WI)

Sept 11th – 13th ; GA State HOG Rally

Sept 19th ; Charlie Maxwell Ride

Sept 20th – 22nd ; Trail of Tears Ride

Sept. 25th to 28th ; Thunder Beach Fall Rally

Oct. 1st – 5th ; Myrtle Beach Fall Pilgrimage

Oct 9th – 11th ; Mississippi State Rally (Meridian, MS)

Oct 12th ; Chapter Fall Picnic (Copper's Furnace)

Oct 16th – 19th ; Biketoberfest (Daytona Beach)

Nov 2nd ; USO Ride (Dealership Sponsored)



Reminders

1. Have you recently completed the Riders Edge course or the Experienced Riders Course? Let us know so that we can publish your accomplishment.
2. Please check with the dealership at the time of your next purchase to be sure that your customer information is correct. Please also check to ensure that your Reward Points expiration date is updated.
3. Have you changed your mailing address or e-mail address? Be sure to let Janet Bullock (janetbullock@bellsouth.net) know so she can update the Chapter records.

Spring Riding

Mike Mason – Safety Officer

Every season has its challenges, and spring is no exception.

First (as always) watch out for cars. In the spring, cars can have frost or dew on the outside of the windows, or fog on the inside. Best practice: If you can't see inside the car, then the driver can't see you.

Second is road conditions. Road conditions can vary dramatically in just one day in the springtime. You can go from icy patches on bridges and overpasses to wet slippery leaves, to riding in warm sunshine, to riding in the rain. By the way, if you haven't already found out, painted lines are extremely slippery when wet.

Third is comfort. Dressing in layers is a must in this time of the year. Remove layers as the day warms. Try to stay covered even in the warmest part of the day to avoid sunburn. For those of you that must go sleeveless (Tony), use sun block often. Also, because rain is always a possibility in the spring, pack raingear on long rides.

With the proper preparation, riding in any season can be a great experience.

Top Gun Ride

Bob Fremin

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 19th. The escorted motorcycle ride departs from Hooters in Kennesaw at 4:30 pm, travels through scenic West Cobb County, to McCollum Field onto the runway ramp ending at the Flight Works Hangar. Enjoy music and food provided from a variety of local restaurants. All proceeds benefit The Center for Children and Young Adults (http://www.umbrellaweb.org/about_us.htm) and The Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation (<http://www.georgiaguardfamily.org/>).

The Center is a nonprofit organization that operates two temporary emergency shelters for abused, abandoned, and neglected children and youth. In 2005 The Center served more than 200 children, youth and young adults from Metro-Atlanta and 25 surrounding counties. The Center relies on special fundraisers such as the Top Gun Ride for Children to bridge the gap between state funding and actual needs.

The GNGFSF assists National Guard families in their time of need. Loans, grants, budget counseling and other programs are provided by this organization.

Registration fees are \$30 per adult and \$10 for children under 12 years of age. You can register online at: www.TopGunRideAtlanta.com or pick up a form at the dealership.

For more information call (770) 333-9447 ext. 105 (Sherri) or email: RSVP@umbrellaweb.org.

Stranded? Never! (HOG® Roadside Assistance)

HOG® members can take comfort in knowing if something unexpected happens on the road, you'll never be left stranded. The HOG Roadside Assistance Program Standard Package is included with all full and full life memberships

The Standard Package may be used by current full and full life members once per year, maximum \$100 coverage. Road America is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you break down call Road America toll free to arrange for a tow to the nearest Harley-Davidson dealership. Members also receive reduced rates on the Deluxe and Ultra Roadside Assistance Packages – which provide additional coverage. Refer to your HOG Membership Manual for more information or visit members.hog.com.

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ABC's of GA Ride

Janet Bullock

On March 1, 2008 13 riders on 12 bikes departed from the dealership on a chilly Saturday morning. Although the day began chilly, the afternoon warmed up nicely. Ken Bechely lead an ABC's of Georgia ride thru some beautiful areas southeast of Athens including the Oconee National Forest. Pictures were taken at Bishop (6 points), Greene County (6 points), Union County (6 points), White Plains (6 points), Taliaferro County (6 points) and Sparta (6 points). We now have a B, G, S, T, U and W and 36 points towards the ABC's of Georgia tour. One note to keep in mind, when you travel to White Plains, make sure you stop at the Post Office and say hello. They were very excited to see 12 bikes pull into the very small parking lot. Thank you Ken for a wonderful day of riding.

Marietta H.O.G. Cookbook Fundraiser

Gail Smith

The Ladies of Harley are building a cookbook as a fundraiser this year for the chapter and for The Center for Children & Young Adults (CCYA - <http://www.umbrellaweb.org/>). Half the profits from this fundraiser will go to CCYA! Pre-orders are being taken at chapter meetings or contact Gail Smith. Cookbooks will sell for \$12 and will be a 3-ring binder, so additional recipes can easily be added. Please help support the CCYA and your Chapter!

Anyone can submit recipes! The cookbook will contain 200 recipes submitted by chapter members. The deadline for submitting recipes is April 20th or once 200 recipes have been submitted. Go to: <http://www.typensave.com/> at the login prompt, enter your name as the Contributor (as you would like it to appear in the cookbook), the Group Login is "hoggrub" and the Password is "loh". Once logged in, look to the left of the window, you will see "Add Recipe". Recipes do not have to be your own, just your favorite!

We are also having a "Design the Cookbook Cover" contest! The winner gets a cookbook for free! The cookbook dimensions are 5-1/2" x 8". Send your design to Gail Smith @ gmathewsmith@earthlink.net.

LOH Coastal Ride to Charleston

Gail Smith

Join us May 16-18 on a ride to Charleston! The ride leaves from ESHD Friday (5/16) sign-in begins at 6:30 a.m., ride leaves at 7:00 a.m. (4 wheel are welcome to join!). We will have a pickup point on the east side of Atlanta, not yet established. The hotel is the Days Inn Patriots Point (\$95/night) in Mt. Pleasant, just east of Charleston. It is a good central location to downtown Charleston, the beaches, and the Francis Marion National Forest.

More about the ride: We will take highway 20 to Augusta, GA, where we will get off the hwy and take 278/78 the rest of the way. The top speed will be 65 for the ride, we will stop every 90-100 miles for fuel stops and will stop for lunch. If you have additional questions, contact Gail Smith @ gmathewsmith@earthlink.net. Hope you can join us!

Ladies of Harley

Gail Smith



We are off to a great start in 2008 with many activities and rides already on the calendar! The Center for Children and Young Adults (CCYA) is our signature charity for this year and we have several fundraisers planned to help this wonderful organization. You will notice we have boxes setup in the chapter room to collect non-perishable foods and toiletries, so be sure to bring those travel shampoos and soaps you have or pick up something extra next time you are at the grocery store. We also have a Christmas in July planned with many opportunities for you to help.

LOH meets every 3rd Tuesday for a planning meeting and social gathering. The location can change each month, so be sure to check the Event Calendar at www.mariettahog.com for next months meeting spot! We also have Saturday rides most months on the Saturday following the LOH meeting. In February, we had a Saturday lunch ride to the Tea Leaves & Thyme in Woodstock! It was a bit cold so we had just as many 4-wheel as we did bikes! The guys took off for a steak lunch while the ladies enjoyed a nice luncheon at the tea room! Hope you will join us for our next gathering! For more information on how you can participate with the Ladies of Harley, contact me @ gmathewsmith@earthlink.net.

Some Biker Wisdom - Thanks to Ruth Mason for sending this in.

1. Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.
2. Life may begin at 40, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 110 mph!
3. You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience. The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck. If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.
4. Midnight bugs taste best.
5. Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
6. Never try to race an old geezer; he may have one more gear than you.
7. It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.
8. The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.
9. Never be afraid to slow down.
10. Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.
11. Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.
12. Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.
13. Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.
14. Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.
15. If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.
16. A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
17. Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.
18. Young riders pick a destination and go... older riders pick a direction and go.
19. A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.
20. Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
21. Always back your bike into the curb and sit where you can see it.
22. Work to ride and ride to work.
23. Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.
24. Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.
25. When you look down the road, it seems to never end - but you better believe it does.
26. Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish.
27. Keep your bike in good repair - motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.
28. People are like Motorcycles - each is customized a bit differently.
29. Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.
30. Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.
31. The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.
32. The twisties - not the superslabs - separate the riders from the squids.
33. When you're riding lead, don't spit.
34. A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2AM to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.
35. Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.
36. If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.
37. There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.
38. Don't lead the pack if you don't know where you're going.
39. Practice wrenching on your own bike.
40. Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.
41. Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.
42. Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.
43. A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith and use up a lot of fuel.
44. If you can't get it going with bungee cords and electrician's tape, it's serious.
45. If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there won't be.
46. Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.
47. There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.
48. Thin leather looks good in the bar but it won't save your butt from "road rash" if you go down.
49. The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.
50. Always replace the cheapest parts first.
51. You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.
52. Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.
53. There are two types of people in this world - people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.
54. "It is good to have an end to a journey but it is the journey that matters in the end."




April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Director's Meeting	2	3 Thursday Supper Ride	4	5 Loren Lilly Ride Bystander's Assst Class (Marietta)
6 Adv Bystander's Assst Class (CV)	7	8 Chapter Meeting	9	10	11	12 LOH Ride (Helen)
13 Frankie's Lunch Ride	14	15 LOH Meeting	16	17 Thursday Supper Ride	18	19 LOH Ride Top Gun Ride
20	21	22	23	24 Leave for P.O.T.	25 P.O.T. (AL)	26 Police Mem Ride P.O.T. (AL) Ride for The Son
27 Return from P.O.T. (AL)	28	29	30			
	* Denotes additional details on next page	Last Update: 01-17-2008 by Bob Fremin				

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May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			May 9 th - 18 th Myrtle Beach	1 Thursday Supper Ride	2	3 Highlands, NC Ride
4 Chapter Picnic	5	6 Director's Meeting	7	8	9	10 AUA Ride Barber Motor Spts
11	12	13 Chapter Meeting	14	15 Thur Supper Ride	16 LOH Coastal Ride	17 LOH Coastal Ride
18 LOH Coastal Ride Rome Braves Ride	19	20 LOH Meeting	21 MUA Braves Game	22	23 Rolling Thunder	24 Zebulon Ride Rolling Thunder
25 Rolling Thunder	26 Memorial Day Maine Trip 01	27 Maine Trip 02	28 Maine Trip 03	29 Maine Trip 04	30 Maine Trip 05	31 Maine Trip 06
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2008



New Chapter Members

Bob Fremin

Please welcome the following new members from our February meeting to our H.O.G. family: Ed Stoutzenberger, Cristal Stoutzenberger, Dale Tomlin, Scott Malutinok, John Firth and Ali Firth.



Please welcome the following new members from our March meeting to our H.O.G. family: Cherie VanHuss, Jeff VanHuss and Brenda Ward.



Not pictured are Brenda Ward, David Boswinkle, George Carli, Yona Hackl and Joe Owensby.



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Upcoming Chapter Meetings: April 8th & May 13th - Time: 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Earl Small's HD; HOG Meeting Room

THE EVENT



REACHING THE WORLD THRU
“**RUN FOR THE SON**”

Saturday, April 26

Riverside Park-Cartersville, GA

Registration Starts at 9:00 am

Ride Starts at 10:30 am

Lunch at 12:30 pm

Bike Show/Bike Games-1:30 pm

\$25—Donation

\$10—Rider Fee

\$15—Bike Show Entry

Contact: theevent@earthlink.net