



**JONESBORO HARLEY OWNERS GROUP
(H.O.G.) CHAPTER #0133**

JONESBORO HOG TALES

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**WE WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
CONTACT US ANYTIME REGARDING ANY ISSUES OR CONCERNS!!**



A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF GARY WARD (Gman): DIRECTOR 2010!

First of all, I would like to reflect on 2009! The Jonesboro Hog Chapter in 2009 grew from around 40 members, to a fantastic Group of 110 Members. I want to thank all our officers from 2009 in their dedication and hard work. A special Thanks to Sherie Calderon for her commitment as Secretary. Sherie spent several late night hours working on HOG and we all appreciated her time! Sherie, you're a keeper!

2009 proved to be one of the best years ever for our local Chapter. We experienced several great local rides and events and great fellowship. Furthermore, the Group held several overnight rides to some fantastic places. Thanks to all our 2009 Members!

Now it's time to look forward to 2010! I am very excited as we enter the New Year and look forward to the Rides and fellowship we will experience this year. We will continue our weekly rides along with several extended rides and events. This year's Officers are dedicated to making 2010 even better than 2009 and they all want to personally welcome all our past Members and, of course, New Members to our Chapter.

Local Chapter member requirements are simple, you must own a Harley, be a National Hog Member and like to ride and enjoy good fellowship. If you meet our criteria, (Come on)! Local membership runs from January thru December, therefore, 2010 applications and dues are now due. Local dues are \$20.00 each for Rider and associate member. We have a special kick-start offer thru April 10th. Please contact me (Gary Ward) for details!

Last year, we found that text messaging, emails and Facebook, were very good tools for communicating our rides and events, and will be continued for 2010. If you can receive **Text, please contact me at **870.530.3946**. If you use Facebook, look for name "Harley Hog", Jonesboro, or email search jonesborohogs@msn.com. If you are not on our email list, drop me a personal email at wardgman@hotmail.com!**

See Ya on the Road in 2010! Come on, Let's Ride!!!!

**Gary Ward
Director!**

FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR!

As the new Assistant Director for 2010, I would like to echo what Gary has said. Last year was a great year for riding and building friendships. I am looking forward to more good times in twenty-ten! We'll try to get in as many rides as possible, weather permitting. However, don't let the cold weather keep you away! We meet each week for dinner or rides during the colder months. Sure, we drive when we can't ride to meet, but it's a good time. Come out and check us out, and don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

RIDE ON!

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FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:

We're looking forward to another good year of riding and camaraderie. Already on the calendar is a B-BQ Membership Drive in March. Other activities will be planned including a fish fry, picnic, and several trips. Where do you want to go? What do you want to do? We want your input to make this a year to remember. Let's ride, let's eat, and let's have fun!

DONALD COMBS
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FROM YOUR LEAD ROAD-CAPTAIN:

As you can see the club has a lot of great plans and we will be going on quite a few really nice rides during the year. Unfortunately, at this time of the year we want to ride but are, too often, stuck inside because of rain, snow, ice or the cold.

When there is a significant lay off (such as the winter) a lot of our riding skills, both mental and physical, erode. After you have looked at, cleaned, waxed and checked everything you can think of on your bike; try and spend a little time fine tuning your mental riding skills.

Group riding and motorcycle safety are two important areas in which we all need to continually sharpen our skills. Below I have listed a few websites that have a ton of articles and video clips on the two subjects.

I have seen this video several times and each time I watch it, I pick one or two new tips.

[MSF Group Riding Video](#)

www.break.com/usercontent/2007/5/Motorcycle-Safety-Foundation-Guide-To-Group-Riding-287130.html

The following websites are dedicated to motorcycle safety. There is enough information here to keep you busy for a couple of hours.

www.msgroup.org/Default.aspx

www.msf-usa.org/

www.motorcyclesafetyinfo.com/

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FROM LADIES OF HARLEY:

Welcome all Ladies of Harley. 2010 is promising to be an exciting year for the Jonesboro HOG chapter. This includes the ladies too. The only requirement to join in the fun of a Nationally recognized group of ladies -- is that you be a current member of the chapter. You do NOT need to own a motorcycle or even ride one. (But if you do -- that is great too!!!) As a group we have voted to meet on the last Friday of each month. Our first meeting will be on February 26 at 6:30. We will be meeting at the Jonesboro Bowling Center for fun and fellowship. Please bring all your ideas, comments, and suggestions for YOUR 2010 LOH group to this get-together. I am looking forward to seeing you all not only at our outings -- but also at the rides and events that our 2010 Jonesboro HOG Chapter has planned for us this year.

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OUR LOCAL RIDE SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY's: 6:30 P.M. Leave from the Harley Shop

SATURDAY's: 12:30 P.M. Leave from the Harley Shop

SUNDAY's: 1:30 P.M. Leave from the Kum & Go Hilltop until Harley Shop re-opens on Sundays

Remember to check www.hdjonesboro.com web site for other events. Log in and click Customer Corner tab located top right of the Home Page, then click Jonesboro Hog tab! Also, be sure to check your e-mails monthly for our Monthly Calendar!

Monthly HOG Chapter meetings will be held every first Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Harley Shop, all members and guests are welcome! Come check us out and tell us what you would like to see from our Chapter. Remember, Jonesboro Hogs is your Chapter and your input is important and acknowledged!