



# Bourbeuse Valley MO Chapter 2620

## **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

Like you, we are very excited about riding our Harley-Davidson motorcycles. One of the ways that Don and Chris Thompson, owners of Bourbeuse Valley Harley-Davidson, have increased our enjoyment of riding has been by sponsoring a Harley Owners Group chapter, commonly referred to as HOG. HOG is a Harley-Davidson International Organization and once you join the National Organization, you are allowed to take part in many International, National, State, and Local events, rallies, and rides. Remember, you must be a National HOG member before you can join a local chapter, such as Bourbeuse Valley Missouri Chapter 2620.

Bourbeuse Valley HOG currently has over 100 enthusiastic members. It is a very active chapter with monthly meetings and end of month rides. The chapter also schedules and conducts other events and activities throughout the year. The monthly chapter meetings are held on the **SECOND SUNDAY** of the month (check the calendar for exceptions) at Pizza Pasta and More in Union, MO (from the dealer take Hwy 50 west to first stop light, Prairie Dell, turn left, follow Prairie Dell, turn left and then right into the parking lot). Pizza Pasta and More opens at 9:00am for breakfast if you're hungry, and the meeting starts at 10:00am. If you are not sure if you want to join, guests are always welcome! Weather permitting; a group ride usually follows the meeting. This ride is informal and the destination usually isn't decided until after the meeting. Anyone can suggest the route and off we go!

Bourbeuse Valley HOG is all about **RIDING AND HAVING FUN!!!** And we do have fun! Feel free to visit with us at our next meeting or if you have any questions or need further information, stop in at Bourbeuse Valley Harley-Davidson or call: 636-742-2702 or 636-451-0106. If you decide you would like to become a member just drop by Bourbeuse Valley Harley-Davidson or attend a meeting and ask for a membership form.

## **BASIC DESCRIPTION OF CHAPTER MOTORCYCLE EVENTS**

For those of you who are new to motorcycling or motorcycle chapters, we hope the following will be helpful to you in becoming familiar with what various chapter events are, what is required to participate, and what to expect concerning them. If you have additional questions after reading the following, please do not hesitate to ask any chapter officer, chapter member, or any staff at Bourbeuse Valley Harley-Davidson. The purpose of HOG and the local chapter is to provide the opportunity for you to have FUN with your Harley-Davidson motorcycle and your new friends. We do not want you to miss any of it!

### **Chapter Ride:**

A chapter ride includes: End of Month (EOM) rides, after meeting rides, dinner rides, over-night rides, and other group rides. There is usually no cost to participate and most are for Chapter Members only. Others are for Chapter Members and one guest. There is only one purpose for these rides, to have FUN riding with other members. All Chapter Rides are conducted in a safe manner under the supervision of a Road Captain or other Chapter Officer.

### **Poker Run:**

A typical poker run consists of a designate route map that you will follow. It is your option to ride alone at your own pace or with a small group. There is a cost (donation) to participate that is usually based on how many poker hands you want to play. You normally draw one card at the beginning and additional cards at checkpoints throughout the ride for each hand you play. The cards you draw will be marked on your scorecards. At the end of the poker run you will draw your last card and turn in your scorecard. After all scorecards are turned in, the winning hands are announced for prizes. These prizes can be trophies, cash, or merchandise. Attendance prizes are also given to winning ticket holders at the end of some runs. Poker runs are usually held to raise money for a charity or other worthwhile cause.

### **Other Games:**

There are several other rides, or runs, with various names like Mystery Points Ride. In most cases these rides are very much like a poker run except they incorporate different games that you play for points and prizes. Our chapter's Mystery Points Ride is unique in that you must predict your final score BEFORE you even know what the games are. Some are games of chance while others are games of skill. Regardless it is all for FUN!

### **Friendship Ride:**

Started in 2008, the seven metropolitan area Harley Owners Groups found a way to promote camaraderie through an annual ride. Each chapter starts from their dealer location and all meet up for an organized ride to an end location. The ending location is a place where members of each chapter can meet other HOG members to promote goodwill between all seven chapters.

### **National and State HOG Rallies:**

You just have to be there! They are a weekend of fun, riding, entertainment, field events (games on bikes), and good old FUN! Watch your HOG magazine or our chapter newsletter for further information.

### **How do you to get started?**

All of the chapter events begin with two key objectives: FUN and SAFETY. Your safety, and ours, is the primary concern with all chapter activities. All rides are conducted under the supervision of a Road Captain (or other Chapter Officer), whose primary responsibility is to maintain safety. After all, if it's not safe it's not fun.

So, are you ready to have some fun? Simply become a National HOG member, complete the chapter membership form, pay the annual dues (currently \$15), and start participating in our events and rides. As a member of the Bourbeuse Valley Missouri Chapter you will have a voice in what kind of activities we have and how our chapter works. From time to time the chapter officers, or event committees, will ask for volunteers to help work on various projects. This is when you will have the opportunity to get involved and experience a special kind of fun. Although we refer to it as work, and at times it is, it will also be very rewarding to know you have an active part in the success of a chapter event. That is where the FUN really begins. You may think you can't help because you don't know enough about the event, or that you don't know the other members well enough, but you will learn something new, most likely contribute something new, and you will definitely get to know the other members and make some great new friends.

Sound like FUN to you yet? If so become a chapter member and enjoy. Regardless of if you become a member of our chapter, or any other chapter, **Welcome to the Family, Ride Safe, and Have FUN!!!!**

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP  
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

**- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -**

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

MEMBER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER

## 2010 CONTACT INFORMATION

(Please return with membership form)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:  NEW MEMBER (\$15)  RENEWING MEMBER (\$15)

\*NAME & HOME PHONE LISTED IN BUZZ BOOK?  YES  NO

\*CELL PHONE LISTED IN BUZZ BOOK?  YES  NO

\*EMAIL LISTED IN BUZZ BOOK?  YES  NO

**\*MEMBERS NAME, EMAIL, AND PHONE NUMBERS WILL ONLY BE PUBLISHED IN THE BUZZ BOOK IF YES IS CHECKED**

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

\*\*NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR SPOUSE IF THEY EVER RIDE WITH YOU**

### OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOU:

YOUR BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ANNIVERSARY: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_