



## Montgomery HOG Chapter

**What is HOG?** Harley-Davidson® established the Harley Owners Group® (HOG) in 1983 in response to a growing desire by Harley® riders for an organized way to share their passion and show their pride. The HOG is a group of fellow Harley-Davidson® motorcycle owners and enthusiasts who have a passion for Harley-Davidson motorcycles and a common goal to “Ride and Have Fun.” There are nearly 1,000,000 HOG members world-wide!

**What is the Montgomery HOG?** The Montgomery Chapter (# 0046) is one of nearly 1,400 chapters located throughout the world. Each Chapter must have a sponsoring Harley-Davidson dealership, and Montgomery HOG is fortunate to have one of the best, Tim Russom, the owner of Montgomery Harley Davidson. The local membership is nearly 250 members. You will meet some of the best new friends you could ever hope to meet.

**What Montgomery HOG is not?** The Montgomery HOG is not a “controlling” organization. You can choose to participate to whatever level you wish. What you get out of your membership (meetings, rides, fellowship) is entirely up to you. HOG meetings are always alcohol-free and smoke-free.

**What is HOGLINES?** This is the monthly newsletter that you get free with your paid Chapter dues. You will see articles from the Director, list of upcoming events, safety articles, monthly financial statement, monthly Chapter Meeting minutes, fun articles, and articles on recent and upcoming Chapter rides. The *Hoglines* is available for download on the Montgomery Chapter web site.

**How to join HOG?** You can join HOG by having a Harley-Davidson VIN #. If you bought a new motorcycle from Harley-Davidson, you will be given a year’s membership free, courtesy of Harley-Davidson! Or go to the web site and easily join or renew!

**How to join the Montgomery HOG Chapter?** You must be a national HOG member to join the Montgomery Chapter. To join the local Chapter, just show up at a meeting, as our guest, and complete one form. It’s that easy!

**What is the cost?** *H.O.G.:* A full membership is \$45 for one year, \$85 for two years, or \$120 for three years. You receive a free H.O.G. pin and patch for joining, and a “renewal rocker” for your pin and patch every time you renew. A one-year full membership is automatically issued to anyone who purchases a new, unregistered Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Other ‘life’ membership rates or ‘associate’ rates are available and described on the HOG web site. Montgomery HOG: membership for Chapter #0046 is \$20/year . less than \$2/month. H-D Montgomery pays for the local Montgomery HOG first year dues for qualified first-time Harley buyers! In order to participate in this offering you must take the membership form you received at the time you purchased your new bike to a chapter meeting. At the meeting, just give the completed form to the Chapter Secretary, who will do the rest!! Come to a meeting as our guest and decide if you want to join. There is *no* pressure. Just a bunch of new friends and fellow enthusiasts!

**When and where are the meetings?** Montgomery HOG Chapter Meetings are held monthly (the third Saturday of each month), from 10:00am at the HOGPEN, 663 Northeastern Blvd., Montgomery, AL - next to the Harley-Davidson dealership. Plan to come early and stay late; we HOGs love to socialize! Officer Meetings are also held monthly, on the second Thursday of the month at the HOGPEN, and Chapter members are always welcome!  
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**When and where are the rides?** Typical Chapter rides are held on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Times and distances vary, so best to check the Chapter newsletter or web site for details. And, good news, food is usually a critical path for HOGs!



**What is a HOG Rally?** Most U.S. states and many countries hold a Rally each year. HOG members can ride to a HOG-sponsored event on their own or with fellow HOG members. The HOG magazine, *HOG Tales*®, that you automatically get with your annual national HOG membership, lists all state-side and overseas Rallies. Typical functions include motorcycle games, parade, bike show, in some cases demos, entertainment, vendor booths, local guided and unguided routes/rides, etc. A HOG “party” of sorts. If it is a HOG event, it will always be suitable for the whole family. Updated: December 28, 2007

**How do I get to the HOG & Montgomery HOG web sites?** Harley Owners Group = [www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com) - Montgomery H.O.G. = [www.montgomeryhog.com](http://www.montgomeryhog.com). Both websites are a cinch to navigate. Hey, if our Chapter Director can do it, so can you!

**How do I find out more?** The web sites are loaded with information. Please check them out. Or come as a guest to a Chapter Meeting. Or contact one of our Chapter Officers. Or contact any Chapter member!



**Who/What are Chapter Officers?** You can find a list of the current officers on our Web site (<http://www.montgomeryhog.com/>). Some are 'oldtimers' and some are newer members. We are always looking for new members to become active, if you choose to do so! Typically, volunteers fill the positions, and must be approved by the sponsoring Harley-Davidson dealership. The Chapter then affirms the new and returning officers each December. Appointments are normally 2 years, though some can be 1 Year; it's up to the individual volunteer. The Chapter always needs more Road Captains and Ride Leaders to plan and guide rides. This is a great way to get involved and present new ideas and rides! For privacy reasons, we don't list officers' phone numbers on our site, but we do post their E-mail addresses so you can contact them if desired. Then again, most of our officers can be looked up easily in the local phonebooks! Once you join Montgomery HOG you will have access to the full Chapter Officer directory.



**What is Ladies of Harley about?** If you are a full member (ride your own) or associate member (wife or daughter of a full member), and a lady (normal definition!), you can also join the Ladies of Harley of our Montgomery Chapter. How to join? Say you want to! Cost? Nothing. What you get? A LOH pin each year, and another opportunity to make even more friends. What do they do? Organize rides, go to eat, go shopping, let the guys tag along sometimes, and HAVE FUN!

**HOG and Montgomery HOG Charity work?** The National HOG works with Harley-Davidson, a major fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Many millions of dollars have been contributed over the years in the name of Harley-Davidson. We are proud of this heart-warming



relationship and have an annual Montgomery HOG Chapter fund-raiser. Other community activity work is also sponsored by the Montgomery Chapter, including a Children's Christmas Party, where the Chapter raises funds throughout the year to sponsor 20 foster children for Christmas. We also have an annual MDA Camp ASCCA Ride, where we spend an afternoon visiting with MD kids at a camp near Jackson's Gap, AL.



**What local or regional Safety programs are available?** The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has regularly scheduled safety courses available at multiple locations in Alabama and elsewhere. The most convenient location for Montgomery Chapter folks is at the University of Montevallo, located mid-way between Montgomery and Birmingham, AL. Their web site is <http://www.montevallo.edu/atsc/motorcycle/>. They offer the Basic Rider Course, for someone who has never ridden before, and they provide the entry-level motorcycle! Also, available is the Novice Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course. Cost is modest and some insurance companies offer a discount for having taken the course; you get a free t-shirt; and a partial refund from HOG! Check out the web site!

**HOG and Montgomery HOG mission?**  
It's simple:  
**To Ride and Have Fun'**