Dear Members,

The year has gone by so fast; can't believe we are in the fourth month, already.

In January, we had our first charitable event on the 15th, which was the Villalobos Charity Ride. We raised almost a thousand dollars to help take care of the dogs that are sheltered by this worthwhile organization. There was a great deal of dog food donated, as well as blankets for the pups.

February was Mardi Gras month, so we curtailed our rides so as not to become embroiled in the ubiquitous traffic delays.

March brought us Bruno's yearly Children's Hospital Bayou Thunder, and this year it was aptly named. The rains on the 24th and the 25th pretty much washed away the vendors as well as the normal crowds; however, the sun shone on the 26th, and it was VERY well attended. This event is one of two yearly dealership events that we assist with.

We had our crawfish boil at Buccaneer State Park, in Waveland, MS on 02APR2017. We gathered at the regular spot, the first shelter on the left as we pass the entrance, and the Colonel's family came through with another great crawfish boil and all the fixins', with 40 members participating. It was a good time, and we beat the bad weather by an hour and a half.

The Deep South HOG rally was the 6th through the 09 of April, in Alexandria, LA. We had several members take the ride to join up with other chapters. This was the first year for a regional gathering, closer than last year's Shreveport meet. Good food, good music, good time!!!

Ladies of Harley-set to ride on the 29th, heading to "Hog Heaven." As ALWAYS, ALL are welcome to join the ride; LOH, just sponsoring it.

On 12May, there will be a LOH ride to Pass Christian, MS, to Bacchus on the Beach. Additionally, from the 23rd through the 31st, some of our more adventurous riders will travel up to Washington, D. C. for the Rolling Thunder Memorial Ride. They are all looking forward to riding in the Smokies, and participating in this yearly patriotic event. We wish them God speed, and a very safe ride.

We are going to start a variation of "Swap and Shop," for those members who may have gear that is no longer needed (or fitting), so if there are those who may be interested, please, see R. J. during one of the chapter meetings to see about listing items for sale. These shall be limited to Harley-themed, as well as approved (DOT, etc.) items in great condition.

Until June, please, enjoy your time on the road, and ride safely.

R. J.