



BETWEEN THE LINES

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**From the Director
By Fred Harris**

**January was indeed a month
of mixed emotions.**

We began the year with a few great rides and fantastic weather. Then it turned cold and cloudy and even worse, of course, was the tragic death of Mike & Sandi Gilbo at the hands of a 74 year old lady that drifted over the centerline and hit them head on.

Mike was one of the best riders I've ever known and was so safety conscious it would sometimes annoy me. The fact that Sandi could fall asleep or read a book when riding is a testament to his riding skills. Not even all those skills coupled with a lifetime on a motorcycle could have saved them that fateful day.

When we visited the crash scene, as we spoke with neighbors and a Howie-In-The-Hills policeman, we surmise that this tragedy happened so quickly, within the blink of an eye...perhaps a second but less than two...and Mike & Sandi were gone...was unavoidable even by our most skilled friend.

A tragic reminder that life is indeed short and we never know where or when our friends, family or us will be taken. It's also a reminder to live the life you want to, within the means afforded to you, every single day of whatever we've been granted the privilege of having.

It's half way through the month when I write this but already it seems like 2014 has gone on for an eternity. The Memorial Ride and Service went off without a hitch and perhaps will bring closure for some, but personally, every time I ride I will think of Mike & Sandi along with another friend, Charlie, that was killed in the same exact way a few years ago.

Departed friends should never be forgotten and will live in our hearts & minds forever until that fateful day when we too join them to ride with the angels.

We will miss you for sure!

In closing, I'd like to express my appreciation to Tim Mahan for bringing the cross what we planted the next day and to Dave Seery for the pictures he thoughtfully remembered to take. I've heard from the family and they too are most appreciative for the efforts of these gentlemen and for all the efforts that ACHR has put into honoring Mike & Sandi.

Ride safe, ride often and always ride defensively, this is indeed the advice from above that Mike, Sandi and Charlie are saying.

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT
OUR NEXT MEETING ON
March 15 AT THE VFW**





Assistant Director
Frank Smith

I'd like to congratulate and thank everyone for making 2013 a safe and enjoyable riding year for ACHR. Sadly 2014 began with the tragic loss of two of our members / friends "Mike & Sandi Gilbo". We personally have ridden many rides and miles with them and will cherish those memories for the rest of our lives. Now the challenge is out to all members to pick up the pieces and continue on in the upcoming year. A few things that I believe we can do to make it a better year is to recruit new members, attend our monthly meetings and come along on our rides. Overall our ride participation has done pretty well but there is always room for more of you to join us.

I hope that you attended our annual holiday party. If you missed it, you missed out on a great time with friends, good food and entertainment. A special Thanks to the Ladies of ACHR for organizing and sponsoring this annual event. I also wish to convey Thanks to Ron "Doc" Alsop for spinning the tunes and to Lynn Harris for her creative gifts to a few deserving individuals. --- Again "Thanks to All".

As we transition into the new year I wish to thank those who have volunteered as officers, road captains and hosts for the past year. Without your dedicated efforts we wouldn't have had a fun and successful year.

My Priorities for the club are summed up as "A.R.E"

A - Attend Meetings & Rides

R- Recruit New Members

E- Enjoy !!!

Ride Safe & Have Fun!



Be sure to see our Calendar of Events
on our web site at

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www.AncientCityHarleyRiders.com](http://www.AncientCityHarleyRiders.com)



Photographer

Brad Bradshaw



B B King Tour 10-29-2013

By,

Francis and Charles Wooten

No destination - 1,900 Miles – 10 Tanks of Fuel and 14 Restaurants

Here is a play by play of a trip we took this year and hope you enjoy reading it. We try to schedule a one week, bike vacation trip in October every year and looked so forward to this week.

We don't really decide on a destination until we leave the house, and if you've never done this before, you should try it. Every turn is decided by a sign, something we see or something we discover might be going on in another place.

One year we left Kentucky and headed to Arkansas to make the "King Biscuit Blues Festival". Great event! Anyway we love a full seven days of NO planning and NO hotel reservations. Another thing, I'm not sure why I polish the bike before a week long road trip of unpreventable bug infestations and road grime, but I do.

So the bike was polished and loaded the night before for an early, early, morning departure so we could get some breakfast on the road. The weatherman had promised a perfect day, but waking up there was no misconception about what was hitting our roof. Our rule is, we don't start out on the bike if it's raining. After a couple of hours of delay it finally quit. We only waited a year for this perfect week.

Have you ever driven your bike by what you thought the clouds were doing? This is the way we started out; I was trying to out guess which clouds were going drop a load next. Why is it so hard to make yourself put on rain suits when you know you're going to need them? Sure enough, we had to stop about 5 miles from our house and suit up.

We were off, finally! We headed out the back roads to Starke, Florida and zigzagged until we hit Highway 84 west to Alabama for the night;

but not before downing a couple of dozen raw "Apalachicola Oysters" at Hunt's Seafood Restaurant in Dothan, Alabama. (Put this on your list of places to eat for you other Foodies). The Oyster bar in the back of the restaurant is very similar to anything you will see in New Orleans. Oh yea, you have to get at least one Chile Dog. Every Oyster bar in this town has Chili-Dogs as a side and while it doesn't seem like a good combination, I've come to enjoy them too. There is a story behind it and you'll have to go there and ask if you want to know.



After a stop at the Dothan Harley Shop to visit with old friends we continued on for a late evening ride north, (mostly in the dark) to Montgomery, Alabama for a night's stay. We didn't realize riding in the evening that the view was so spectacular compared to our many morning rides. You can't see anything like that laying on the couch, which is what I would normally be doing at that time of day. We were on the road after it turned dark, and I actually got scared. I was trying not to see how many deer were on the sides of the road. If you ride highway 231 at night be careful.

Next morning it was a drop dead, gorgeous, Sunday morning- with that being my favorite day to ride. I think riding a Harley on beautiful brisk clear Sunday, is somewhat of a religious experience in itself. No traffic, everyone is moving slow, and this Sunday morning was one of those, as we decided to head south on I-65 to pick up highway 84 west again.

If you have never ridden Highway 84 west, check it out, as it is a great ride with lots of scenery.

It's one of our favorite roads going west. If you like chili burgers with a cold frosty mug root beer, check out "Ward's" in Laurel, Mississippi. Be sure to ask for the Frosty Mug!

We arrived in a rainy Natchez, Mississippi with rain suits on again. We grabbed a room on the Mississippi River at the Best Western and had dinner over in Vidalia, La, at the "Fish Fry", which serves some of the best fried catfish anywhere.

The next morning was another beautiful riding day as we crossed the Mississippi River into Louisiana and headed north riding up the West side of the Mississippi River (Hwy 65 North) for Greenville, Mississippi. We crossed the Mississippi River, again, between Arkansas and Greenville. On arriving in Greenville, we stopped at the Visitor's Center, which we've learned is a good thing to do when traveling. On more than one occasion we have had the Welcome Center recommend a motel with a great rate. This one was \$50.00 plus tax!

I'm into the "Blues", so they, also, recommended the BB King Museum in Indianola, MS. This is a must see if you like this kind of stuff. This was a great museum with some great blues history. Cost is \$12.00 a head. Leland, MS is close by too, and there is a great blues museum there. They have some neat murals painted throughout the city honoring the great bluesmen of this area.

This area is loaded with music history and Memphis is not far away, but we didn't have enough time on this trip. For dinner we headed to Doe's Eat Place in Greenville, MS. It has been featured on the Food Network, known world wide, and it is another must do, for anyone that is a foodie.



This was the only time I've ever paid \$60.00 for a steak, but it did resemble a beef roast and was enough for me and Frances.

You enter the restaurant through the kitchen and we actually ate in the kitchen. Most folks would classify this as a dump and it is. Not only do you get great steaks but the tamales are the best. The next time I would skip the steak to eat the tamales. The restaurant is located in the "hood" and comes with an armed security guard. I would get there early and, in my opinion, "packing" is recommended. We left the restaurant to, again, put on rain suits. The rain suits got some good exercise on this trip!

The next morning we headed east and south to Mississippi for a quick visit to see my mom. I always try to loop by to see her and I know that will be the best meal on the trip. Leaving Mississippi we did a long run down highway 80 from Meridian which is another great bike road.

Dothan, Alabama was our destination for the day and one day out from being home. In Dothan I called an old friend of mine that had a motel and he only had one room left so he said he wouldn't charge me for the Jacuzzi? At this point in our trip I could care less about a Jacuzzi and wondered why he was laughing when he checked us in. I am attaching a picture of the Jacuzzi and I'm sure you will get a laugh as well.



Last day out we headed down highway 84 re-tracing our same path but picked up some different roads and ate some of the best fried chicken ever at JJ's in Quitman, Georgia. The parking lot was so bad I thought I was going to lose

my bike in one of the holes. One thing for certain, if you see a fleet of farmer's pickups at a chicken shack at lunchtime, you can double down that the chicken will be good. I always enjoy the looks I get when I'm in full biker gear and they know I don't "live around here". We ordered the fried chicken and watched the lady drop the chicken to cook. Nothing but down home goodness. Leaving on a full belly, eastbound and down, we are on the final stretch home.



Not sure why, but it seems when we leave home we are at a leisurely touring pace, but coming back home, that Harley is like a horse headed back to the barn; it's running a little faster and little harder.

Our trip was safe and we are thankful for that! We hope you enjoyed reading about our trip and hope you would take the time to share your trip experiences as well. We would like to read about them.



Welcome New Members!



Steve (and Barbara) Moran



Ken Stump



From the Newsletter Editor

Ruth Emmans

Please keep your articles coming! I loved reading about the Wooten's trip- I know there are lots of good stories out there! Ride Safely!





From the **QUARTERMASTER**
By Scott Emmans

Quartermaster's Corner

Sales have been strong during our most recent meetings. We have new patches and offer a full line of colors – blue, red, orange, green, sand and maroon in addition to favorites white and black.

We hope to place a new order in the next little bit and hope to include women's cut T-shirts, too. You can order for friends, other biker pals or simply add to your collection.

Email me your order anytime at:

Quartermaster@AncientCityHarleyRiders.com

Getting an email is the best way to ensure I get your color and sizes correct. Once I get an order of 36 shirts in any combination we can book it!

Again, send me any ideas for future ACHR items we can explore for our club.

Keep riding, be safe and keep thinking of ways to improve our ACHR Team!

Scott

(Editors note: Also available are specific motorcycle related items offered for sale by our members or sponsoring vendors)

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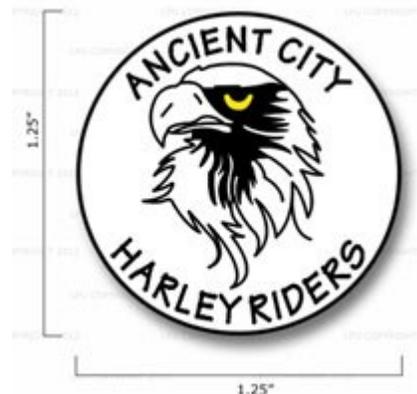
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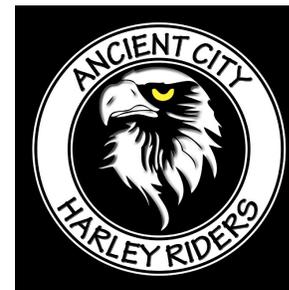
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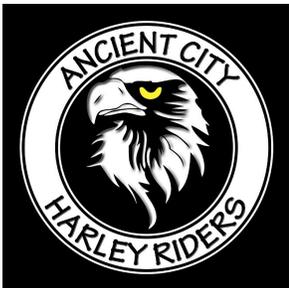
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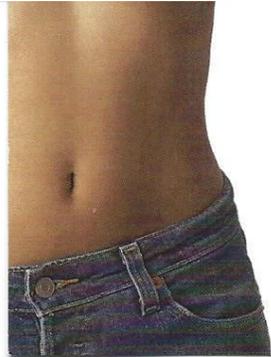
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