

# The Stars and Pipes

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**SPRING INTO THAT SADDLE!**

*(Eventually.)*

**Fairfax Harley Owners Group**



## Stars and Pipes

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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

Welcome to the April *Stars and Pipes*. This month, a journal of our unusual times!

Here I was all set to trumpet the arrival of good riding weather and a bevy (that's a large number) of F-HOG April events when I was forced to recall Allen Saunders' (and then John Lennon's) famous quote that *life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans*. As you have no doubt read or heard by now via our social media and emails, all F-HOG events have been canceled until April 30th. Who sez? The CDC sez. And Ray.

It occurs to me that this is something of a remarkable time in modern American history and that special words are called for, but, truthfully, all my disappointment will allow me to come up with is sentiments of hope for the afflicted.

But as Vera Lynn inspirationally sang during the far darker days of World War II, "We'll meet again/ Don't know where/Don't know when..." Well—wait. We do know where: Patriot Harley-Davidson. And as for when, let's send out positive vibes about the merry month of May.

In the meantime, as I have Fridays off, I shall continue to mount Paladin, my willing '16 Road King, and head out solo to some destination on the not-so-far horizon until we can once again kickstands-up with each other.

I think you'll like this newsletter. There are some rider profiles, some history, the usual assortment of olde-tymey Harley info and, for a treat, we visit the men's room (where you must be sure to use the hand sanitizer).

Thanks are due to Courtney Scott who helped me overcome a Microsoft problem.

Below: Seen 3/16. Why I will never ride a BMW. Bet it was full of toilet paper, too.



*Wes*

COVER: Yeah, I know—it's not '52. It's 2020. The Twenties have started with a bang, haven't they?



*travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. These events can be planned not only by organizations and communities but also by individuals.*

*Therefore, CDC, in accordance with its guidance for events and gatherings recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.*

Ray Riddle, F-HOG Director

From 3/24/20:

In light of escalating concerns related to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and in keeping with CDC guidelines, **we are cancelling this year's F-HOG Iron Horse Roundup (IHR)** that was scheduled for June 11-14, 2020. Full refunds without penalty will be provided to those who made resort reservations and purchased IHR registration tickets via EventBrite. Those who made reservations at Canaan Valley and purchased tickets through EventBrite will be provided information on how to receive their refunds.

We are more than just a Harley Davidson Chapter...we are family, and cancelling this event is absolutely in the best interest of the health and safety our F-HOG family. Please stay at home unless absolutely necessary to get food or medical care, wash your hands often, clean all "high touch" surfaces every day, and monitor your symptoms. We look forward to providing you a fantastic 2021 Iron Horse Roundup!

Sincerely,

Your Iron Horse Roundup Planning Team: Ray Riddle (Co-Boss HOG), Diane Struck (Co-Boss HOG), Bob & Teri Diehl, Ruby Lowe, Jack Causa, Joe Livingood, JD Morrisette, and Ed Murphy.

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE(S)

Our chapter is about riding and having fun with an overarching objective of safety. With the current COVID-19 pandemic, there is a huge concern pertaining to everyone's health and safety.

Effective immediately all chapter-sanctioned rides and/or social events scheduled until **April 30th** are being postponed and subject to rescheduling. We will follow the CDC recommendations and align with scheduling from the Fairfax County School system. Patriot Harley Davidson has requested us to cancel our April chapter meeting, so we will see you in May. Social media, e-blasts and our website will be our form of communication with members. *The membership renewal deadline of March 31st has been extended until May 13th.*

Whether you ride or not is a personal decision, however, caution and respect is needed for others. If you choose to ride, we suggest small groups not only in the ride but at any stop or destination planned. Needless to say, our normal hugs and handshakes need to be replaced with fist bumps!! Our objective is for all F-HOG members to stay healthy.

*CDC Statement:*

*Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via*



# THE BAD NEWS

*Unless you have been living under a rock located somewhere in a shed in Sturgis diligently working on knuckleheads and panheads without any regard for news reports, you have already seen this, but here it is. I am truly sorry to be the bearer of bad news. - Wes*

## **Maryland and Virginia governors issue stay-at-home orders**

*Washington Post*, 30 March 2020

Here are some of the most significant and recent developments as the region responds to the pandemic of the novel coronavirus, which causes the disease covid-19:

From Sunday: Washington region's coronavirus death toll hits 51, a record 16 fatalities reported in one day

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan issued a stay-at-home order that prohibits residents from leaving home, except for trips considered essential, such as venturing out for food and medicine.

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) followed with a similar mandatory stay-at-home order for the state's 8.5 million residents.

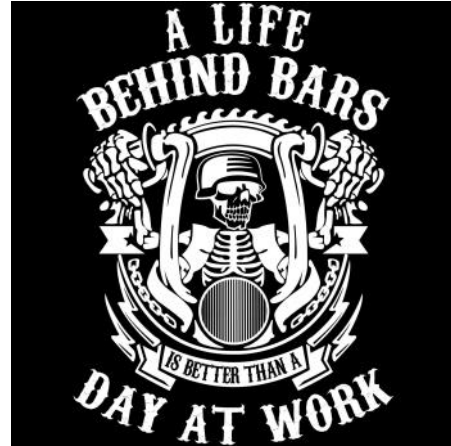
Virginia announced 130 cases Monday, while Maryland reported 174 new cases.

Outbreaks at nursing homes and eldercare facilities in Virginia and Maryland contributed to the single deadliest day in the coronavirus outbreak in the greater Washington region, with 16 fatalities announced Sunday, bringing the total number of deaths to 51.

Northam announced that people cannot go out except for food, supplies, work, medical care or to get fresh air or exercise. Any gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. Beaches are closed except for exercising or fishing. Northam's order takes effect Monday and shall remain in force until June 10.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan issued a similar order hours earlier.

"This is an unprecedented and difficult time," Northam said. "And it will be hard for people." As for enforcement, Northam said, if more than 10 people gather they can be subject to a class 1 misdemeanor. "This is not a time when we're looking to put people into jail."



## **From Fairfax Alerts:**

Fairfax County strongly urges residents to follow the stay-at-home order issued by Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam today.

This order is critical to help slow the spread of the coronavirus as cases continue to climb across the state with 225 confirmed cases in the Fairfax County Health District. Social distancing is the most effective method to limit the disease's transmission. The governor's action, which currently remains in effect until June 10, means that residents should stay in homes with only a few exceptions for essential activities, including:

- Getting groceries or medicines.
- Caring for a sick family member or friend.
- Getting medical care for yourself.
- Going outside for exercise for yourself or pets (although not in groups larger than 10 people).
- Getting essential social or government services.
- Traveling to and from work or place of worship.

Do not go out unless you need to go out.

## April Events and Rides

Due to the Covid-19 situation, all F-HOGs rides and activities to the end of April have been canceled/postponed per advice or direction from civil authorities. And then there's Governor Northam's order to shut things down, perhaps until June 10.

Obviously, the situation regarding rides and activities is fluid and subject to change! When things get better—and they will—we shall be doing a lot of schedule reshuffling.

Keep in touch with F-HOG via the website, e-mails and Facebook!

Questions? Ask an officer!

### PHD HAS NEW HOURS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

#### SHOWROOM

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUES-FRI	10 TO 6
SATURDAY	9 TO 5
SUNDAY	11 TO 4

#### SERVICE

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUES-FRI	10 TO 6
SATURDAY	9 TO 5
SUNDAY	CLOSED



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"The older I get, the faster I was. There are old bikers and there are bold bikers, but there are no old, bold bikers." - Evel Knievel



# RIDERS' PROFILES

An occasional feature of the newsletter wherein we get to know our members...

**Name:** Derrick Gonzales

**Nickname:** None [*We'll have to take care of that. - Wes*]

**How long have you been in the Fairfax HOG Chapter?:** July 2019

**How long have you been riding?:** Off-and-on for a lifetime. Rode dirt bikes sporadically in my youth, but did significantly more during my military service.

**Why do you ride?:** I ride because I love the freedom of being on the open road. I am also a history buff and recently moved to the Northern Virginia area, and one of the main reasons for doing so was to be able to ride a motorcycle to historical sites, such as Mount Vernon and Gettysburg.

**Bikes you currently ride:** 2019 Harley Breakout in Rawhide Denim, 114 CID Milwaukee Eight.

**Bikes you have owned:** The only bike I have owned is my current bike.

**The Best Ride you have ever done:** I haven't ridden much since being in the area, but the 2019 Fall Foliage Ride with the Chapter was by far the best!

**Quote:** "If ye thinks he be ready to sail a beauty, ye better be willin' to sink with her."

*Editor's Note: Derrick currently serves as new our webmaster—and we are glad he stood up when needed. I see he wears one of those patches that signify what blood type he has. Have you ever heard [the 1956 song "Transfusion" By Nervous](#)*



[Nervus?](#)

Those patches make me think of that song.

Left and right:  
Derrick's wicked choice bike.



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**Name:** Frank Samuelson

**Nickname:** None.

**How long have you been in the Fairfax HOG Chapter?:** I just joined!

**How long have you been riding?:** On and off for 30 years!

**Why do you ride?:** I ride for a few different reasons, but primarily for "wind therapy."

**Bike you currently ride:** I just bought a 2020 Harley Low Rider S and have already started to customize it.

**Bikes you have owned:** Triumph Street Triple, BMW R1200R, Harley FXST, Honda VFR 750, Honda VF700, Kawasaki Ninja 600.

**The Best Ride you have ever done:** There are a number of "bests," but I really enjoyed living in Europe with the BMW. One day I rode to Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium to visit the Americans that gave their last measure to help ensure our freedom today.

**Quote:** Mine is from the famous philosopher Tom Petty: "if you never slow down, you never grow old."



**Top:** Frank.

**Above:** The Low Rider S.

**Right:** Getting customized at Patriot HD service with bar risers and forward controls.





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**Name:** Phillip Butterfield

**Nickname:** "Phil"

**How long have you been in the Fairfax HOG Chapter?:** One year.

**How long have you been riding?:** Off and on for the past 28 years.

**Why do you ride?:** I love traveling and visiting new places. There's no better way to see the country than on a motorcycle!

**Bike you currently ride:** I ride a 2009 Harley Davidson Road King Classic.

**Bikes you have owned:** I have owned five bikes over the years. My first motorcycle was a 450 Honda Nighthawk. I had this bike for a few years before purchasing a V45 Interceptor. After too many close calls and speeding tickets to boot, I decided to change gears and bought a 750 Honda Shadow. I grew to appreciate and enjoy riding cruiser bikes. I bought my first Harley, a 2003 Fat Boy 100 Year Anniversary edition, in 2008. After riding my Fat Boy from Los Angeles to Tampa, Florida I realized two things: 1. The descriptor "Soft Tail" was misplaced, and 2. I needed a touring bike. I bought my 2009 Road King Classic in 2012 and I'm still loving it.

**The Best Ride you have ever done:** My best ride to date was to the 2019 Sturgis Bike Rally on my Road King Classic. When I started my journey the Rally had already begun. Heading northwest I took the I-80 through Ohio and Indiana and continued north on the I-90, passing Chicago on into Wisconsin. On the way I stopped in to see an old buddy of mine and his wife in La Crosse, Wisconsin. After much celebrating and catching up, I headed out early the next day skirting storms along the way until our paths eventually crossed.

A tornado forced me to seek cover before arriving in South Dakota. Confronting torrential side winds, rain and extremely limited visibility I found refuge at a diner/gas station where I remained until the storm changed direction and it was safe to travel again. Those present were treated to a double rainbow after the storm cleared. I arrived in Sturgis on the last day of the rally. I checked into the Best Western Inn and paid what I was told was a "reasonable" rate: \$240 for the night. The day before they were charging \$450; this fact only slightly softened the blow. Across the street was the iconic "Welcome to Sturgis" sign, a frequented spot for riders to snap a picture. It was evening when I arrived and so the picture would have to wait.

The next day I took in the sights riding the Black Hills, visiting Mount Rushmore and checked out a reenactment of Wild Bill Hickok playing his fatal dead man's hand at the Number Ten Saloon in Deadwood. Later I rode around Sturgis and checked out the few remaining vendor booths for tee shirts and patches (can't get enough of those). Sturgis has always been one of my top dream rides and it felt amazing to have checked this off of my list of things to do.





The fun continued as I rode south to meet up with another friend of mine who has a property in Angel Fire, New Mexico. (Yes, I love the name, too.) Before arriving at my friend's place I traveled through Cimarron Canyon State Park, elevation 7500'. The Palisades Sill forms spectacular cliffs above the Cimarron River here and the view is breathtaking.

Before leaving Angel Fire the next day to meet up with my brother and his family in Albuquerque, I stopped to take in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial built by Dr. Victor Westphall. The memorial, dedicated in 1971, sits on 30 acres and includes a chapel, a visitor's center, a Huey Helicopter, and a Veterans

Memorial Walkway. It was built in honor of his son, brother, and all their Marine buddies who fell near Con Thein in 1968.



**Phil and his wife Sholpan**

I rode on to Taos, known for its multistory adobe complex inhabited for centuries by Native Americans. I learned a great deal about the Taos Pueblo that touched on the culture, history and its people from the guided tour.

I ran into some mechanical problems on the way and was stuck in the center of the freeway not far from Santa Fe. It was well over 100 degrees and my bike started bogging out and eventually lost all power. By the time the tow truck arrived, as Murphy's Law would have it, the bike had

cooled off enough to restart and get me to a mechanic in Albuquerque before they closed.

While in Albuquerque my brother and I drove out to see the Bandera Volcano and the nearby Ice Cave located on the Continental Divide. It took about 40 minutes to hike to the lookout point, which provided a vantage to observe the effects of the shattering that rocked the earth some 10,000 years ago. Located in part of a lava tube, the other attraction was the Ice Cave whose temperature never rises above 31 degrees F. To reach the viewing platform we had to walk down 70 steps into the cave. It was another amazing day and something I'll never forget.

By the time I returned to Virginia I had traveled through parts of 16 states and covered over 4,200 miles, making this the longest and best ride I have taken.

**Quote:** "Life is too short for traffic."

## Harley-Davidson Temporarily Suspending U.S. Production

Updated: 11:23 PM, Mar 18, 2020 (<https://www.tmj4.com>)

By: Jordan Mickle

MILWAUKEE — Harley-Davidson is temporarily suspending the majority of production at its U.S. manufacturing facilities after an employee has tested positive for COVID-19.



The company said it closed its Pilgrim Road Powertrain Operations facility in Menomonee Falls Wednesday afternoon after an employee tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus. Harley-Davidson is thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the building, per the company's coronavirus response protocol.

The suspension begins Wednesday evening, **March 18, through March 29**, "to help support employee health and further bolster coronavirus containment efforts."

"We recognize the unprecedented nature of this global crisis. In order to best support our employees and following the social distancing guidance issued by public health authorities, we are temporarily suspending the majority of

production at our U.S. manufacturing facilities," said Jochen Zeitz, acting CEO, and president, Harley-Davidson. "We will continue to monitor the situation and take necessary steps to prioritize employee health and safety."

Harley-Davidson says they will continue monitoring the situation closely and make additional adjustments as necessary. The majority of its U.S. production employees will be on temporary layoff with medical benefits.

The company will use this time to continue deep cleaning and disinfecting its production areas and common areas to further protect workers upon their return.

Snap-On Inc. also says an associate in the Milwaukee manufacturing facility has tested positive for coronavirus.

Officials say in this case, the plant associate was asymptomatic but was tested after close contact with an individual outside of work who had symptoms.





# Hey, Joe

*by Joe Livingood and Wes Clark*

The format for this article is simple. I ask Joe questions and he answers them. Given the vast riding and Harley experience of the collective F-HOG tribe this article could have easily been "Hey, Jack" or "Hey, Ray" or "Hey, Holli" But it's Hey Joe, for this month at least...

**(1) Hey, Joe... Lately I have learned that an enjoyable part of Harley ownership is working on my own bike. It's so much easier than working on a car - everything is more or less right there in full view! I recently changed out my spark plugs and I was amazed at how easy it was. It took about a half hour. The guys in my local custom motorcycle shop rave about the use of Red Line primary oil and transmission oil. The last time I had the bike serviced Patriot Harley-Davidson used Harley Syn3 for oil, primary and transmission. When it comes to oils, do you have any advice? And should I consider fuel additives/cleaners?**

Personally I use the Harley Syn3 for my oil and primary and the Red Line for my transmission. Given the amount of heavy use from Patriot Drill Team practices and performances, I change my fluids more often than required. My primary fluid is changed almost monthly in riding season given how tough slow riding is on the primary. All of these fluids have performed well for me over the years, and the key is routine maintenance.

**(2) It's almost time to get new shoes for baby. There are many manufacturers: Michelin, Continental, Dunlop, Metzeler, Shinko, Pirelli... I'm considering Dunlops because they're the tire that Harley ships on new bikes. Also - don't ask me how I know this - the Dunlop sidewalls are unusually rigid and, if need be, you can ride for some miles on a flat rear tire. Do you have any recommendations on tires for a touring class Harley? And how about air pressure? Is it better to inflate to the pressure located on the sidewall and maybe get more wear out of the tire or inflate to the front and rear pressures specified by Harley in the owner's manual?**

New tires are just like buying a pair of personal shoes...it comes down to personal preference. I prefer the Dunlop tire as I've gotten really good wear out of them and haven't had any issues with tires

losing air pressure over time or going flat. Regarding your question on air pressure, I go by the Harley Owner's Manual, but also adjust my rear shocks to get the bike to ride the way that feels best to me.

**(3) My Road King has the seat that shipped with the bike. After a day's riding I do not feel any aches or pains in my back or rear end which means, I guess, my handlebars are set up about right for me. My longest one-day ride so far was about 260 miles, which is pretty much all I want to do. Why turn something enjoyable into an ordeal? Do you have any advice about aftermarket seats for Harleys and about how many miles one ought to ride in a day? How about things like rider backrests? Are those worth it? My highway pegs are great! I use 'em all the time for real comfort.**

I'm a little crazy when it comes to riding, not quite like Lionel Ramos, but close. :) I'll often do 500-750 mile rides with the guys on mission trips, long weekend getaways and of course heading to Milwaukee for Harley Davidson Anniversary events. My recommendation is spend the money and get a seat that is comfortable for you (and your passenger if you have one). Best way is to just visit the dealer, try them all out, and find the one that fits your body. Regarding a backrest, I can't imagine riding any long distance without one. I would put windshield and backrest in the same "Gotta have" bucket for long distance riding.



**Ask Joe. He's got the answers 'cuz he's brighter than his tee shirt.**

**(4) Hey, Joe... What about night riding? On one hand I like to enjoy the cooler temps after a hot summer's day, but, on the other hand, I do not feel that riding my Harley at night is quite as safe as riding during the day. Should I indulge in night riding? And, if I do, are the Harley Daymaker LED lights worth the expense? A Road King has three lights in front; that's a lot of coin.**

Riding at night is always more dangerous than during the day as you are just simply harder to see. I try not to ride at night for too long, but when I do, I make sure all my motorcycle lights are on and I wear clear eye protection and as much high visibility clothing as possible. I strongly recommend the expense of installing Harley Daymaker LED lights or another comparable brand. You can simply see more, you are better seen by others on the road and, frankly, how much is your life worth? Mine was worth the few hundred bucks extra it cost and yours is too!

**(5) This next question is psychological: It often seems like the only time I am really content is when I'm on the Harley riding somewhere. Is this a legitimate addiction problem? A friend of mine once told me that no other bike makes you feel like a Harley. I know it's corny, but I actually do feel like a road king when I'm on my Road King. Is there something wrong with me? Should I get my head examined? Or am I avoiding serious psychological issues by riding?**

Nope, not at all, and, frankly, many Harley riders experience the same symptoms you are exhibiting. I like to say that as motorcycle riders, we all understand why dogs stick their heads out the window while riding in a car. You simply can't put into words what riding

on a Hog and the open-air experience is like to someone who's not a fellow Harley Rider. Bottom line is that you're "normal"; it's the folks who *don't* ride who need to see a doctor!

**(6) Hey, Joe... She hasn't really said it, but my youngest daughter, who never, ever thought I was in any way, shape or form cool, is obviously impressed with my late-in-life adoption of the Harley lifestyle. I have finally attained coolness - I think. Is it true? Does riding a Harley automatically make you cool? Or do I need to take up vaping, grow a beard and get tattoos as well?**

Yes, riding a Harley automatically brings you into a new "cooler" family that frankly doesn't care about what you do for a living, where you are from, where you live or how much you make. It also alters existing friends' opinions of you when they learn that you ride a Harley. The iconic sound, the bar and shield logo, and, of course, the leather all increase your biker persona rating with family, friends, and co-workers. When I roll into McLean Bible Church for Sunday service on the Hog in full gear, I definitely get a few looks—mainly from other men wishing they could trade places.

I'm a fan of Top Gear, the British motoring show. Have you ever seen this: [James May rides a hydrogen fuel cell-powered electric bike](#). I like his comment, "Motorcyclists are pack animals and require a leader." We are! - Wes



Above and right:  
3/11/20 HOGs  
monthly meeting





# KNOW YOUR



# STAFFER!

**Name:** Bob "Happy" Nelson

**Title:** Parts Associate

**How long have you been riding?** I started when I was seven. So, 41 years.

**Why do you ride?** It's a way of life for me! I started racing motocross when I was eight; my last race was in 2002.

**Bike you currently ride:** 2006 Ultra Classic in yellow sparkle pearl. It was damaged a while back so for a time it was in broken fiberglass sparkle.

**Bikes you have owned:** An 1980-something Honda CB600, 2005 Yamaha Road Star, 2011 Dyna Wide Glide, 2011 FLHTK Ultra Limited.

**The Best Ride you have ever done:** In 1987 or 1988 I rode a Heritage Springer across the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and around Napa Valley. It was very cool. I have fond memories of that ride.

**The Worst Ride you have ever done:** Oh, that's easy: An eight-minute ride where a taxicab pulled out in front of me and I went down, shattering my collarbone in three places. I still feel the effects of that one.

**Quote:** "New Jersey is the oasis of this side of New York." Or, "Even though the Statue of Liberty turns her back to New Jersey, it's still cool." (Bob is from Camden, NJ. He reports that, forget about Philly, the best cheese steak sandwiches come from an eatery there called "Donkey's Place.")





# The F-HOGs Photographer

Pity Walter Herrity, the poor F-HOGs chapter photographer. He never gets in any of the photographs because he's always taking them. We shall remedy that here.



**"Photoshop can be used for two things: (1) Good and (2) Evil." - Nikon School teacher**



# MOTORCYCLE SHOW VIEWING!

Imagine the plight of the poor Harley-Davidson enthusiast in these trying times: self-quarantined in his home with nothing to watch—nothing to stoke the fire of his interest in his hobby. He's stuck watching Media Talking Heads obsessively discussing the Coronavirus for the thousandth time. Well, we here at *Stars and Pipes* World Headquarters have a solution: Watch some YouTube motorcycle channel personalities discussing Harleys and other bikes!

The producers of YouTube videos - inevitably known as "YouTubers" - are not especially skilled in video production or aesthetics. Most are untrained and very amateur. (I, for instance, a raging amateur, have over 1,523 videos posted with views exceeding 567,000. I have 571 subscribers. I have never solicited for views or subscribers; they just sort of happened.) But the rough-and-ready nature of YouTube videos are part of their charm. They're still quite watchable.

A lot of the time I'm watching motorcycle video produced by a handful of content creators. Perhaps you'll like these, too. (I suppose all these folks have Facebook and Twitter accounts as well, but I don't care about those.)



[Matt Laidlaw](#) - Matt is part of the family that owns the venerable Laidlaw Harley-Davidson dealership in Southern California, so his content is heavily Harley-centric. Matt's presentation

skills are a bit stiff, but if you're looking for knowledgeable commentaries on the latest Harley models and demonstration rides on same, this is a good place to go.

He also does live streams from Harley dealer conventions; those are cool and interesting.

[John Maxwell](#) – John is a “trained unprofessional” mechanic at the Chattahoochee Harley-Davidson dealership in Chattahoochee, Georgia. As he likes to say, he brings you into the shop with him. This is a great site for how-tos as he's always working on Harleys. (It's his job!) An affable and entertaining fellow, he has clever editing skills that puts his site a notch or two above the average.



[The Shadetree Surgeon](#) – Imagine a cross between Randy “Macho Man” Savage and a profane biker mechanic doing moto talk. That's what this channel is all about. His content varies from rides to Florida bars with friends (“the Shadetree Army”) to upgrades and repairs on derelict Harleys. His cheery greeting gives you a hint as to his target audience: “What's up, Weirdos?” Josh - his real name - has a natural talent to entertain and is smarter than he looks; he's one of those people who are just fun to listen to. [The video he did explaining how he bifurcated his tongue](#) as a teenager is unforgettable. Also memorable – but pretty raunchy – is his [How To Be an Instagram Biker](#).



[SRK Cycles \(aka “Bikes and Beards”\)](#) – An independent dealer of all makes and models of bike in South Pennsylvania, Sean has interesting videos (with frequent clickbait-y titles) about buying, testing and repairing motorcycles. The



occasional videos he does of road trips to purchase fleets for resale and dealer insider tips are entertaining, too. Sean gets much comment for almost always inserting a Biblical quote at the beginning of his rides. My father, a World War II vet, used to say, “There’s no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole.” I think we motorcyclists, whether we admit it or not, do a lot of praying,



presentations on gear, riding techniques and general chat for a retail website. While he’s always entertaining, he’s a bit like the show-off you used to resent in high school who effortlessly got good grades and raised the test average in class. Nevertheless, he writes a good show. It’s also interesting to get a bit of the Canadian

too. Given the odds of getting into an accident, it’s understandable.

[FortNine](#) – 100% Canadian content! Ryan Kluftinger (aka Ryan F9), is a whip-smart kid who does knowledgeable

motorcycling culture. Can you imagine how short a riding season it must be way up there?

[RevZilla](#) – Everyone knows RevZilla, right? They sell gear and do moto discussions. In the last motorcycle convention I attended in D.C. I met Spurgeon, one of the hosts. Nice guy. The star of RevZilla, Lemmy, has since moved on, but there’s a lot of him on this channel. Lemmy is a sort of natural YouTube star:



easily articulate with good presentation skills and a lot of knowledge. Lemmy, who looks a bit like a Portuguese sailor extra in a film about Christopher Columbus, is a Harley Man.

[The Georgia Ramblin Man](#) – A middle-aged guy like me - but likable - his channel is about moto-blogging, or saying whatever philosophical thing is on his mind while motorcycling down the road.

In my favorite video, he manages what I’ve never seen any other moto-blogger do: wistfulness ([he revisits his abandoned high school building](#)). He also goes on rides with a fellow named NC Stoney, and rents bikes when out of state—and gives his assessments, which I have found valuable. I made contact with him on a few occasions; t’was he who steered me away from an Indian Springfield and into the arms of a Road King.







### [MCrider Motorcycle Training](#)

— Kevin Morris is an longtime instructor working out of Texas who provides good tips about riding. An altruistic fellow, he seems to exist on YouTube to help keep you from getting hurt!

And this for free! Isn't YouTube great?

Last year I spent a lot of time watching motorcycle crash videos. My new-rider thinking was that by doing so, I could learn how to avoid whatever circumstances caused the crash. In other words, what would I have done differently? I quickly realized that the overwhelming number of YouTube crash videos involve twentysomething riders doing wheelies and falling over backwards or slamming into things by going too fast and losing control. Bad ideas. Check and check – got that. So instead I settled upon watching motorcycle content by the producers above. But if you're into watching idiots playing dumb games and winning dumb prizes, do a search on "motorcycle crash." - Wes



[Yammie Noob](#)—I suspect this fellow's viewership skews toward a younger rider, but that's okay. We've got some of those reading this, right? The Noob does entertaining videos, often for the new rider. I'm not entirely sure he always knows what

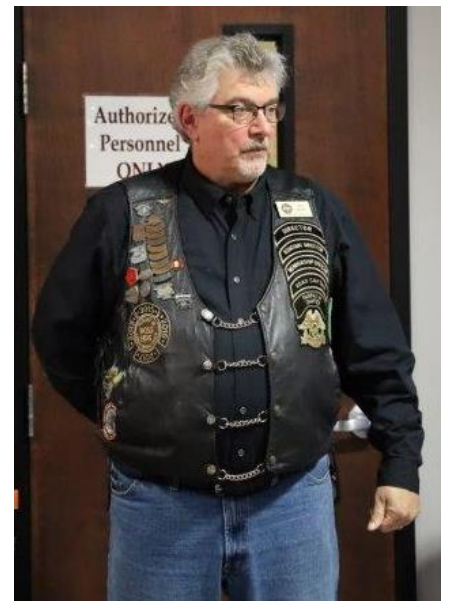
he's talking about, but he's almost always entertaining. Give him a try.



[Doc Harley](#)—A channel focusing on Harley maintenance, I've "tuned in" (as we used to say) on a number of occasions to repair things or get torque specs. The Doc has been fixing Harleys for 30 years, so there's a lot of experience

there. More structured and serious than John Maxwell's channel.

Dude, it says  
"Authorized  
Personnel Only."  
Don't even TRY  
to get by me.





## A Visit to the Patriot Harley-Davidson Men's Room

This is an old advertisement used as decoration in the men's room of Patriot Harley-Davidson. I'm putting it here because I thought women would like to see it, too.

I won't include any other images of the men's room, okay? —Wes



Below: For the life of me I don't know how those old school motorcyclists kept those hats on their heads without chin straps. I also like the sternum tie, the chain tie clip (can't have the tie flopping about) and the His and Her jackboots! No gloves in those happy, carefree days. And notice the pin. Harley actually sold those in the 40s and 50s; the one below is from e-Bay. \$133.00! She's waving "Hi!"

Junior, at left, rides a smaller Harley. Nice pants.





## A Visit to the Patriot Harley-Davidson Men's Room



Here's a wide shot. Now... are there any gals who can furnish me with photos of any interesting Harley decorations in the Ladies Room? I'm not venturing in there with a camera. It just doesn't seem like a good idea...



11 March 2020: Why attend your monthly Chapter Meetings? Oh, I dunno... FREE FOOD?



# TEN YEARS AGO...

## (it was relevant then and it's relevant today)

This is where I pilfer old newsletters for additional content—Wes

On March 6, 2010, I attended the first Group Riding Training session of the year and (not surprisingly) Jackie Everett, 2010 F-HOG Safety Officer, did an excellent job in leading her first presentation. There were approximately 20 attendees, which is the largest class I've seen in recent years and although the majority of attendees were fairly new F-HOG members, there were several members who had been around for a couple of years.

Although the focus of the GRT is to train members on how F-HOG rides safely in groups, I had the opportunity to field various questions on Road Captain responsibilities that I want to share with my fellow F-HOG Road Captains. The primary questions concerned how Road Captains chose their groups and how fast they would ride in leading their groups. Both were great questions so I explained that Road Captains have been asked to seek out members who they don't normally ride with. This would accomplish two things. First, it would give Road Captains and Tail Gunners an opportunity to meet other F-HOG members and, second, it would give F-HOG members a chance to meet and ride with various Road Captains and Tail Gunners. As for how fast the groups would be led I explained that we always ride to the lowest common denominator which may or may not mean the least experienced rider in the group.

After all, the bottom line is that F-HOG rides are meant to be fun and ensure that we all have a positive experience with safety as the number one priority. I also commented that F-HOG Road Captains and Tail Gunners take their responsibilities seriously and are always open to comments and/or recommendations from members of their group. So let's continue to show why F-HOG has the best Road Captains and Tail Gunners in HOG. LEAD WITH PRIDE!

- Steve Shannon, Fairfax HOG Head Road Captain (from the April 2010 *Stars and Pipes*)

## EVENT CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS!

<https://www.rainedout.com/team>

The steps to re-register your "email" address are as follows:

- 1) Go to [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com)
- 2) Click "Support & FAQ".
- 3) Then click on the link: Sign up here for e-mail or text — [Sign Up Here](https://www.rainedout.com/team). (<https://www.rainedout.com/team>)
- 4) You will come to a search webpage: Key in "Fairfax VA HOG", then click on the "Search" button
- 5) Your search will return the following:

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Fairfax VA Chapter of the Harley Owners Group

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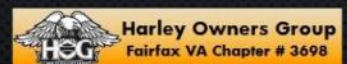
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Due to the new 2020 fees that Rainedout.com is charging for "text" notifications, Fairfax VA HOG will only be sending "email" notifications for event cancellations. All HOG Members must re-register to receive "email" event cancellations.



- 6) Click on the blue "Fairfax VA HOG" link
- 7) A Pop will come up that reviews the cost for text messages and states that emails are free; click "Continue"
- 8) You will come to a sign-up page; In Step 1 - enter your email address, check the Agree to Terms of Services box, click "Start Signup", Step Two - A validation code will be sent to your email address, enter the validation code in the text field and click "Validate Code". Please check your "junk" mail as the validation code may go in that instead of your inbox.
- 9) This will add your email address to the notification database.
- 10) You are done, no need to do anything in Step 3.

If you should experience any problems, please contact [activities@fairfaxhog.com](mailto:activities@fairfaxhog.com)





# Happy Birthday Friends!

## April birthdays

Rick Richardson  
Salvatore Palatucci  
Jody Heaney  
Sharon Holcombe  
Mary Boaz  
Wes Clark  
Jim Hartzel  
James Gehrke  
Kris Young  
Robert Hof  
Aizam Kamazamri  
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Cathy Tebo  
Gerald Miller  
John Hester  
Steve Servidio



**“Sometimes  
it takes a whole  
tankful  
of fuel before you  
can  
think straight.”  
- Anonymous**

## VINTAGE RIDES: Harley-Davidson in World War II!



Above: Now THIS is a cool photo! A G.I. takes cover behind his trusty Harley and takes shots at the enemy on the field of battle. Or, what's equally likely, an Army journalist posed a willing G.I. for a spread in an upcoming issue of *Stars and Stripes*. Anyway, when America entered World War II in 1941, Harley-Davidson answered the call of Uncle Sam and produced the WLA and XA models (1940-1945/1949-1952). Over 88,000 WLA military motorcycles were built for use overseas, while just over 1,000 Harley-Davidson XA models were built. Production ceased after the end of World War II, but resumed briefly during the Korean War.

Right: The Wikipedia Commons photo of a Harley 42WLA on display at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Australia.







**"HARLEY-DAVIDSONS...**

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Pvt. Sam W., writes from the European front:

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is that I'm looking toward the day I'm back and can own my own Harley-Davidson."

Thanks, Pvt. Sam W. — it will be swell when you and all your buddies come back to ride in race meets, hillclimbs, endurance runs and other thrilling, fun-packed motorcycling events. Thousands of riders have Harley-Davidsons at the top of their Want-Most List.



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FEB - 1943

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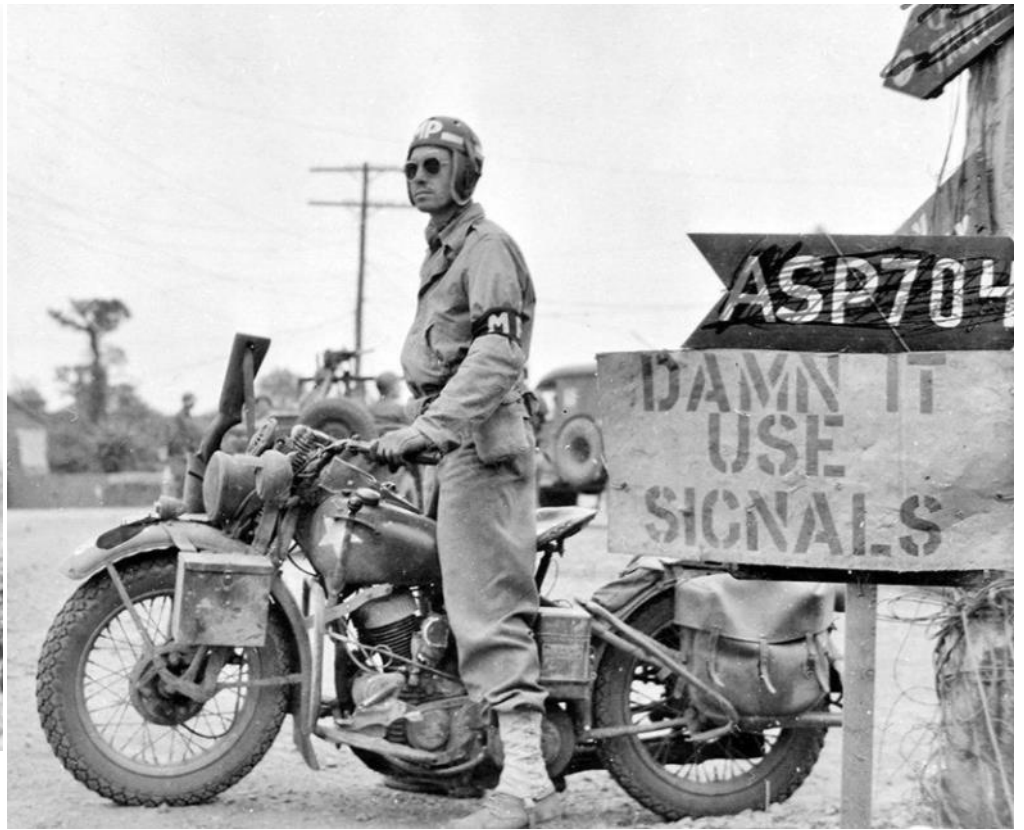
Today, our entire efforts are devoted to the production of military model Harley-Davidsons — motorcycles that stand up under the grueling punishment of war. Tomorrow, when days of peace return, we will be producing the best Harley-Davidsons that money can buy — rugged, dependable motorcycles for business, police and sport.

FEB - 1943  
**HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY**  
Department P MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Top: Ad from February 1943. Bottom: A lineup of Harley WLAs ridden by uncompromising G.I.s.







Upper left: "Ride to live/Live to ride." Literally.

Upper right: Watchful MP, funny traffic sign.

Below: Now *this* is squared away!



Next time... IRONHEAD SPORTSTER!



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**If you are skipping through  
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*important!***

**This is how you renew your  
F-HOGs Chapter membership!**

***The deadline has been extended  
to May 13th but do it now!***  
**We don't want to lose you!**

**ATTENTION!**



## A Repeated Word from Kurt and Holli Hurst...

### FAIRFAX CHAPTER

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

## 2020 - 2021

FHOG Membership valid thru March 31, 2021

## What are the benefits?

- Weekly Riding Activities
- New Rider Rides
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Contact: [membership@fairfaxhog.com](mailto:membership@fairfaxhog.com)

### Fairfax Chapter Membership Application can be submitted by:

(1) Complete in person during Monthly Membership Meetings

///// OR /////

(2) Download application from website, complete, print, sign, and mail or drop off at Dealership with payment.

**Note: Reference On-Line Application Process**

**Membership Prizes Awarded:** Drawings will be conducted for 10 individual applications submitted in between January 01 thru March 31 during April's Monthly Membership Meeting.





**ATTENTION!**

**And if you are NOT lucky  
enough to live in the  
Commonwealth of Virginia, the  
next page is especially for you!**

***Renew now!***  
**We don't want to lose you!**

**ATTENTION!**

# Fairfax Chapter Membership

All Chapter Memberships  
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If you attended the Boss Hog Seminar in Springfield on 7 March 2020, why, you'd be smiling, too! So next time one is announced, go and attain happiness!



# ***stars & pipes***

## **Newsletter of the Fairfax, VA H.O.G. Chapter**



### **Fairfax H.O.G. (Harley Owners' Group) 2020 Advertising Rates**

#### **Who we are**

The Fairfax H.O.G. (F.H.O.G.) Chapter began in 1999 with an organizing committee of four. Today our membership nears 800 riders and passengers, people from every walk of life with the full spectrum of riding experience. According to figures on the Harley-Davidson web site, as well as an article in Fortune magazine, a Harley owners' average annual income is \$80,000 and the average age is 46. Most F.H.O.G. members have discretionary income, are professionals, like to eat out and travel, and have insurance, real estate and other needs. **In other words, the *Stars & Pipes* newsletter is a great way to advertise your business!**

#### **Advertising Guidelines**

- We welcome any advertiser not in direct competition with our sponsoring dealership, Patriot Harley-Davidson.
- All ads must be tasteful in content (no profanity or adult content). F.H.O.G. may, at its sole discretion, decline to accept and publish a submitted advertisement. In such case, any funds tendered by the prospective advertiser for the refused ad will be refunded promptly.
- Advertising content is the sole responsibility of the advertiser and will be run as submitted; ads are not proofed.
- Ads can be camera-ready, however electronic format is preferred. If ads are submitted electronically, accepted file types are jpeg, tiff, eps, doc or pdf. Resolution must also be at least 200 dpi (no screen dumps from the internet, otherwise graphic content is pixelated and doesn't print well. No gifs accepted). Word, Photoshop, Illustrator, PDF or QuarkXpress files accepted. Note: ads generated with logos, images, etc. must include the original linked graphics with the layout file in order to print properly; contact the editor if there are any questions: [editor@fairfaxhog.com](mailto:editor@fairfaxhog.com). Simple ads can be designed for an additional fee of \$25—contact the editor prior to the monthly deadline.
- Payment in full is due with ad; if ad precedes payment, it will not be run until payment has been received. Checks should be made payable to Fairfax H.O.G.

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