

# The Stars and Pipes

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**Fairfax Harley Owners Group**





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Fairfax Harley Owners Group (F-HOG) in  
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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

I know I reflect the opinion of all of you when I write that I hope that 2021 will not be the dumpster fire that last year was. But it's a new year with some new officers, new rides and activities and a new outlook. So let's begin afresh.

As for me, I bundle up and ride all year long - or as much as I can, road conditions allowing. The last couple of years have been quite good insofar as an absence of ice and snow on the roads has been concerned. So what kind of a winter will we be getting? (Scratch a motorcyclist and you'll find a meteorologist.) We are overdue some major snowstorms, I think. *The Farmers' Almanac* (since 1818) says we'll be getting them: "Based on our time-tested weather formula, the forecast for the upcoming winter looks a lot different from last year, quite divided with some very intense cold snaps and snowfall." But *The Old Farmers' Almanac* (since 1792) - the one I've been following since a teenager - says, "...we predict that recent warming trends will dominate in the eastern and northern parts of the United States in the coming winter, with below-normal average temperatures limited to the western portion of the nation. ... However, rising temperature trends mean that the winter will not bring extreme cold; instead, it will be closer to normal." The Battle of the Almanacs! *We shall see.*

Since this isn't just only a newsletter but a valuable lifestyle management tool, it has come to my attention that you'll need something to do during the long, cold winter nights ahead. Of course you could ride, but another option is to watch movies. What movies? There happens to be [a wikipedia list of biker movies](#) you could work your way through. Start with the celebrated motorcycle sequence in the 1924 Buster Keaton comedy *Sherlock, Jr.* [It's on YouTube](#). Or here's a good one: [Early Motorcycle Manufacture - The Rover Imperial](#) (silent). Or this racing excerpt from [No Limit](#) (1935).

This issue: The introduction of the officers is a yearly result of elections, and that "Harleys on Vinyl"

feature I've included has been sitting in the buffer for months. It gets used this month. I also discovered a really good motorcycling book in the library for a review. Finally, check out this month's Vintage Ride: Project Nova - the AMF-era V-Rod.

And now, having put this January-February issue to bed it's time for your faithful newsletter editor to take a nice two-month long hibernation. See you in March!

Wes

COVER: Is that actually someone on a Harley-Davidson racing down a snow and ice-covered hillside? Indeed it is. It's a photo from the [2019 Winter X Games that was held in Aspen, CO](#). YIKES.



# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Everyone!

For anyone who does not know me by now, I am Ray. I am once again honored to serve as your F-HOG Director. As I go into my last year as your director, I take a moment and remember my fellow officers and members that have been next to me on this journey. This list of names is too long to mention now but I know I could not have done it without all their support. Therefore, the reason I say, "We Ride as One."



The 2020 officer team has had a lot of great accomplishments this past year even with COVID; once again it does not go unnoticed. Thank you officers for a great 2020 year!

As we all start this new year, take a moment, sit down, and look back on 2020 with fond memories. I am sure you had some challenges during the year, I am confident you successfully resolved those challenges in a positive way. I would like to take this opportunity to tell everyone that helped, tried to help, or thought about helping with F-

HOG events throughout the year, a BIG THANK YOU. Without your participation, this chapter would not be able to function. It DOES take more than the HOG Officers to guide the chapter to success.

We are all looking forward to a huge turnaround in our world for 2021. F-HOG has an amazing team of officers that is highly enthusiastic in leading our chapter through the next 12 months of fun events, exciting rides, community support and group fellowship. You will get to know each of them in the months ahead and I encourage you to engage them with your ideas, questions, and suggestions. We are all here for you. Please use us! The ultimate mission for F-HOG is to Ride and Have Fun.

As our chapter continues to be cutting edge, we have a few projects on the mechanic's bench to mention: a brand-new user-friendly website, continued zoom meetings and HOG chapters power pack training seminars. Details for all of these to follow. All of these

will not happen overnight and do take time. We all know that F-HOG has always been the leader within other chapters and one thing we do not want to be is passed up on the ride, so we need to stay in front.

Happy New Year!

We Ride as One

Ray

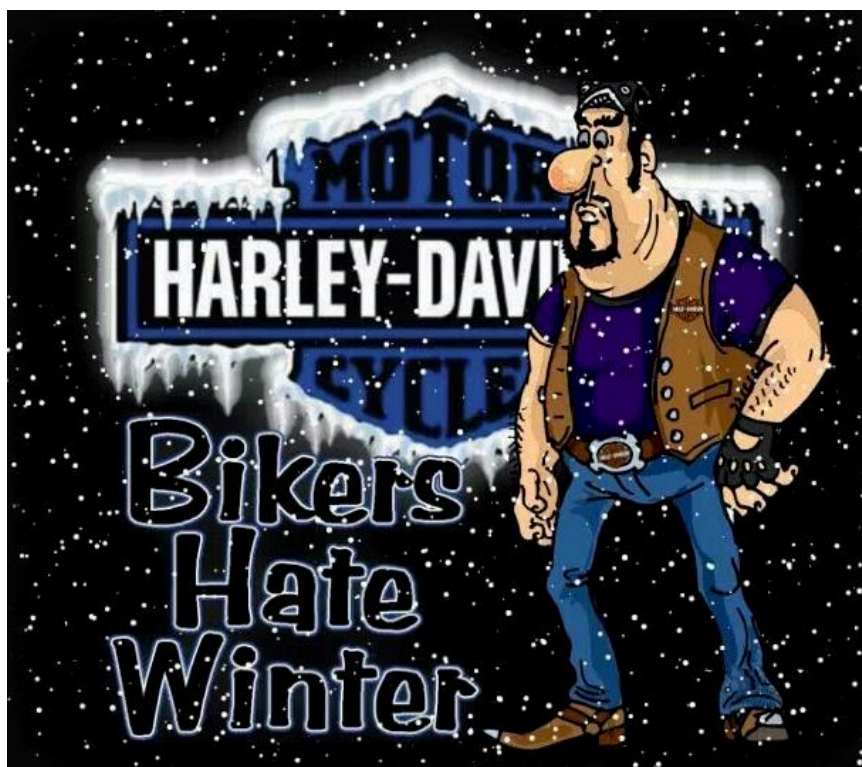
## A Message from your H.O.G. team

As 2020 closes out, the entire Harley Owners Group team here in Milwaukee thanks you for your continued support of H.O.G., your chapter members, and your sponsoring dealer. It's been a challenging year, yet you have risen to the occasion by finding creative ways to engage with your fellow officers and chapter members and provide compelling reasons to ride while navigating a changing patchwork of regulations and restrictions. In short – well done.

As we look forward to the new year, we know there will still be challenges ahead. But we know together we can face any obstacle and come out even stronger on the other side.

From all of us in H.O.G., best wishes to you and your families. And we look forward to an even better 2021.

Your H.O.G. Team: Jennifer, Sheila, Bruce, Pete, Paul, and Stan.





# PRESENTING THE 2021 OFFICERS

**Director: Ray Riddle**



**Asst Director: Jack Causa**



**Secretary: Joe Livingood**



**Treasurer: Ed Murphy**



**Head Road Captain: Steve Fred**



**Activities: Anthony Rahner**



**Election Chairman:  
J.D. Morrisette**



**Activities: Rick Pishalski**



**Editor: Wes Clark**



# PRESENTING THE 2021 OFFICERS

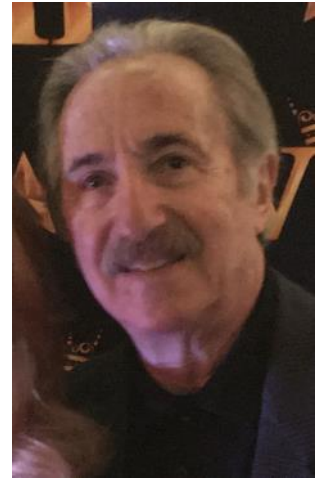
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**Membership:  
Lorrie D'Amico-Branch**



**Safety: Larry Zabel**



**Photographer: Walter Herrity**



**Photographer: Ollie Pluntke**



**Dealer Liaison: Ruby Lowe**



**Procurement: Vince DeVito**



**Webmaster: Derrick Gonzales**



**Note: The positions of  
Community Relations  
and Historian have been  
discontinued.**



# RIDERS' PROFILES

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

**Name:** Lorrie D'Amico-Branch (a new officer for 2021)

**How long have you been riding?:** My husband Billy and I have been members of the Fairfax HOG family since 2014. I was 21 when we first met, and he introduced me to the world of motorcycles. I instantly fell in love with the thrill and excitement of the open road.

**Bike you currently ride:** Over several decades we have owned a total of 20 Harleys. Today we own a 2018 Ultra Limited and a 2020 Tri-Glide.

**The best ride you have ever done:** We have clocked countless miles riding to Harley Rallies all over the United States. Some of my most memorable are Pigeon Forge Tennessee, Asheville North Carolina, and Breckenridge Colorado. We attended Daytona Bike Week and Biketoberfest a few times. Last year we rode to Laconia New Hampshire, the World's Oldest Motorcycle Rally. Right before COVID we took the Auto Train to Key West and still managed to ride 1,500 miles on the bikes. This past summer we rode to Sapphire Valley North Carolina and In September we rode over 2,000 to seven states over eight days.

**Quote:** Fairfax HOG has given me the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people and make lifelong friends. It's taken me on some of the most beautiful roads with breathtaking views. It has provided me with many ways to give back to our community with the outreach programs and charities the chapter is involved in. I am looking forward to building new relationships as one of the membership officers in 2021!

**Another Quote:** "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to Dance in the Rain." - Vivian Greene



**Left:** World War I soldiers pose around their favorite mode of travel: a Harley with a sidecar.

During the war Indian produced about 50,000 motorcycles for the war effort; Harley-Davidson produced over 20,000. Other U.S. brands found in Europe were Excelsior and Henderson.

Harley's motorcycle was based on the J Model, and used a 61 cubic inch F-head engine (15 HP). These bikes actually saw service on the front lines.



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**Name:** Rick Pishalski (a new officer for 2021)

**How long have you been riding?:** I have been riding since 2004. I moved to NOVA a few years prior to that and every Saturday or Sunday I would drive by PHD on my way to visit my mother, who was in an extended care facility down the road. On most weekends there usually was a group of black leather-clad people hanging out in the parking lot; they looked like an interesting group. One day I turned the car into the lot and started talking to Bobby Ross about picking out a bike. It's been fun ever since then. I joined the chapter shortly after buying my first bike. I have been a member of other chapters as I used to work remotely (OR, NY and AZ) and had a bike out there. I bought my first bike from Patriot Harley about 16 or 17 years ago, a used Sportster.

**Why do you ride?:** Riding a bike is one of the most enjoyable things I have ever done. It's the adrenaline rush, the wind on your face, the different aromas in the air, the exotic locations that a bike can take you to, the friendships made and to be made. On a scale of one to ten, it's a fifteen!

**Bike you currently ride:** CVO Ultra

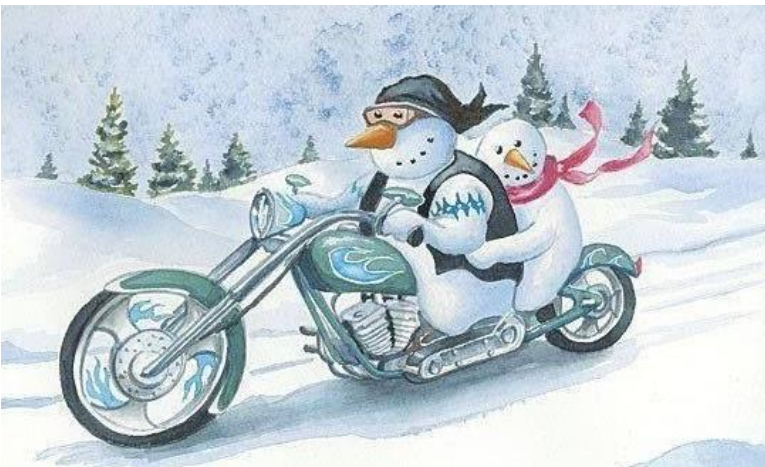
**Bikes you have owned:** Like a lot of riders I progressed through a series of larger bikes over time as my experience grew. I have owned a total of six Harleys.

**The best ride you have ever done:** It's been fun being a biker, the number of trips taken are almost too numerous to count. My faves are: trip to Alaska (inc. British Columbia and NW U.S.), trip from Tucson AZ to Cabo San Lucas and back, riding Pacific Coast Highway from LA up to Oregon and a few trips to Sturgis SD.

**Quote:** "Love the life you live, live the life you love." - Bob Marley



Is it just me or does it look like Dave Danner is riding that thing?



# KNOW YOUR **PATRIOT HARLEY-DAVIDSON** STAFFER!

**Name:** Donnie Boldin

**Position:** Shop Foreman

**How long have you been with Patriot Harley?:** Since 2009

**How long have you been riding?:** Since age 7; got my license at age 15.

**Why do you ride?:** I like the looks I get! Also, it's cool being a young guy on a bagger.

**Bike you currently ride:** '03 Screamin' Eagle Road King. I also own a '04 Sportster and a '03 Honda Gold Wing.

**Other bikes you have owned:** I owned seven dirt bikes during the time I was in middle school. Also, my dad's '93 FXR, a Honda CVR 600 and a Kawasaki KLR 650.

**The best ride you have ever done:** Knoxville, TN to Highway 311 ("Tail of the Dragon").

**The worst ride you have ever done:** My commute from Purcellville to Fairfax. I might just as well push.

**Quote:** "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!"



**Name:** Regina Borchetta (Yes, she's Randy's wife)

**Position:** Tag and Title Department

**How long have you been with Patriot Harley?:** 6 years

**How long have you been riding?:** I'm a passenger!

**Why do you ride?:** For the fun, travel and scenery

**Bike you currently ride:** We ride mostly touring bikes; an Ultra Classic. I want one with a heated passenger seat!

**The best ride you have ever done:** To Thousand Islands, NY from Pennsylvania. Horrible weather, great scenery, good food.

**Quote:** "Let's Ride!"





# JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RIDES AND EVENTS!

## First Ride of 2021

### THE 20TH ANNUAL WIND CHILL RIDE



January 1, 2021

Join Us For Breakfast

*"No Matter What"*

8:30 am

IHOP Restaurant 9490 Blake Ln, Fairfax, VA 22031

Kick Stands Up 10:00 am

*(Depending On The Weather – We Will Not Compromise Safety - NO Rain Date)*

30-60 miles ride ends at Patriot Harley Davidson



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Cliff Wilke [cawilke@usa.net](mailto:cawilke@usa.net)

**FHOG Cancellation Line:**  
**703-352-0516**



## 2021 Activities Planning Meeting



Let's say goodbye to 2020 and  
bring your ride to FHOG in 2021!



Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and join us in the planning of the 2021 event schedule!



To propose an activity for the 2021 riding season, go to:  
<https://www.fairfaxhog.com/?page=suggest>  
Or bring it to the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2021 @ 9am  
Place: TBD

Fairfax, VA HOG  
Group Ride



2021  
Calendar





# JANUARY AND FEBRUARY RIDES AND EVENTS!



## United we ride.

**EXCLUSIVE 2021 LAUNCH EVENT**

Join us for an experience unlike any other in our 118-year history. See the new lineup, parts & accessories, riding gear and more—and discover what lies ahead for us in 2021.

**JANUARY-19-2021**  
10:00 AM CST

**JOIN THE REVEAL**



**NOTE: 10:00 AM CST is 11 AM EST. So click below at 11 AM on January 19th**

**[JOIN THE REVEAL!](#)**

**Boss Hogs: Kurt & Holli Hurst**  
okhurst17@gmail.com  
(703) 731-1967

# FRIDAY



# MENU RIDERS



## Ride To Eat – Eat To Ride

Closed Ride

Destination Ride: 9.4 Miles / 23 Minutes

**Restaurant:**

**Address:**

**Website:**

**Kickstands Up:**

**Velocity Wings**

10697 Braddock Road  
Fairfax, VA 22032

velocitywings.net

11:00 a.m. from Patriot Harley Davidson

## January 22, 2021

**Contact Activities Hotline For Updates and/or Cancellations: (703) 352-0516**



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## FRIDAY

# MENU RIDERS



## Ride To Eat – Eat To Ride

Closed Ride

Destination Ride: 15 Miles / 38 Minutes

Restaurant:

Address:

Website:

Kickstands Up:

**The Main Street Pub**

7140 Main Street  
Clifton, VA 20124

[themainstreetpub.net](http://themainstreetpub.net)

**11:00 a.m. from Patriot Harley Davidson**

## February 19, 2021

**Contact Activities Hotline For Updates and/or Cancellations: (703) 352-0516**



Patriot Harley-Davidson Gift Wrappers, 12 December 2020 (L to R): Mary Boaz, Ruby Lowe, Lorrie D'Amico-Branch, Holli Hurst.



# A Note from Kurt and Holli...

2020 was a year like no other, and it has been one none of us could have imagined would evolve into the year it has become.

It is an honor, and a privilege, to serve as your Fairfax HOG membership officers. While trying at times, it has been a year of opportunities to work with very amazing, passionate, collaborative, creative and caring team of individuals. Our continued collective accomplishments and achievements – especially during this incredibly challenging time, has gone beyond anyone's expectations.



As 2020 ends, and we reflect on the last twelve months, we encourage your continued participation in our Fairfax HOG chapter in 2021. Reach out to others, check in on them. These are difficult times for all of us, but we have proven we can make it through. Thank you for your contributions in support of our entire HOG chapter. Your work, commitment and continued



participation are highly valued and very much appreciated.

One new initiative this year was the Membership Rewards. Your participation in riding and/or non-riding events has been tracked with the top three participants winning an award determined at the end of the year by Patriot Harley Davidson (still to be determined). We are pleased to announce the top three participants this past year are **Johnny Boaz, Bob Diehl, and Steve Fred**. Once prizes have been determined winners will be notified of how they will be received.

Best wishes to you, your family and your significant others for a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

**Kurt and Holli Hurst  
2020 Fairfax HOG  
Membership Officers**





# Fairfax Membership Renewal Options

**NOTE: New Membership Dates  
January 2021 thru December 2021**

**Download On-Line, Print, Sign and  
Mail Application**

[Select Chapter Website Option](#)

**Send email request to Membership Officers  
with the following information:**

- Member Name
- National HOG #
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Best Time to Call

Send an e-mail to  
"membership@fairfaxhog.com"

**Questions? Contact Membership**  
[membership@fairfaxhog.com](mailto:membership@fairfaxhog.com)

## EVENT CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS!

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.

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
- 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:

### **Fairfax VA HOG**

Fairfax VA Chapter of the Harley Owners Group

**Zip Code:** 22031

**Category:** Motorsports / Motorcycle



- 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)





# Winter Storage

## WINTER STORAGE

AT PATRIOT HARLEY-DAVIDSON  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020 - FEBRUARY 28, 2021

**2 PACKAGES AVAILABLE**  
**BASIC \$149 & PREMIUM \$399**

**CONTACT SERVICE FOR DETAILS**  
**703-352-5400**



[If you haven't seen  
the Patriot Harley-  
Davidson showroom  
remodeling video,  
click here.](#)

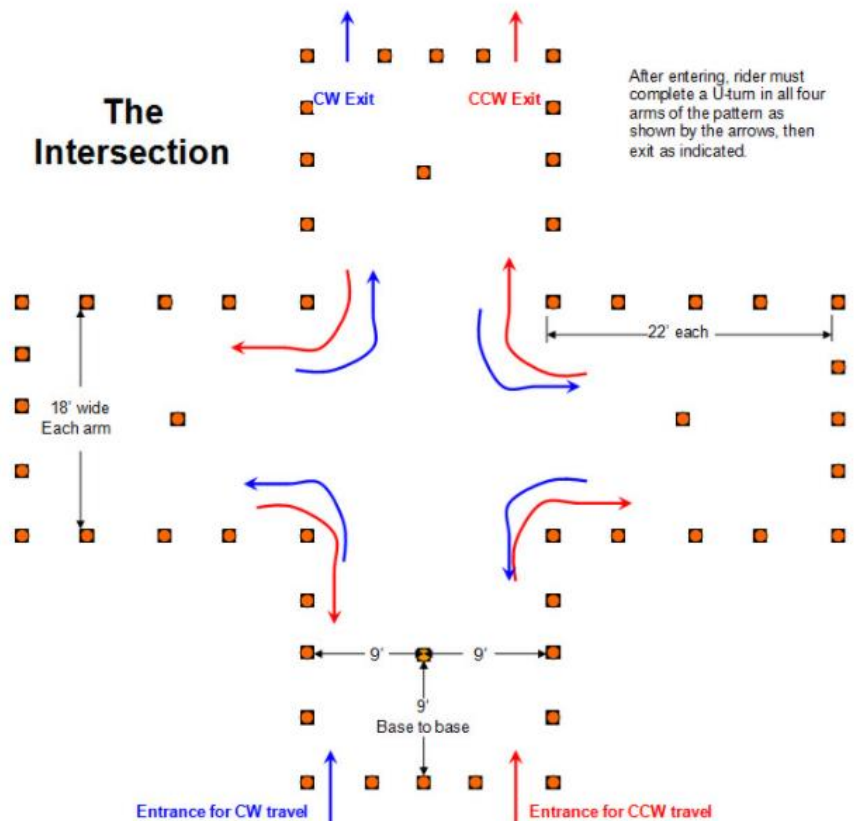
# LEGENDARY



**~~ZERO~~ DOWN**  
**~~ZERO~~ INTEREST**  
**~~ZERO~~ PAYMENTS**

**UNTIL SPRING 2021**  
**ON ALL NEW HARLEY'S\***

\*ON APPROVED CREDIT. NO PAYMENTS FOR 120 DAYS AND NO INTEREST FOR 90 DAYS. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH OTHER OFFERS. SEE DEALER FOR DETAILS. ENDS 1/31/21.





# Harleys on Vinyl!

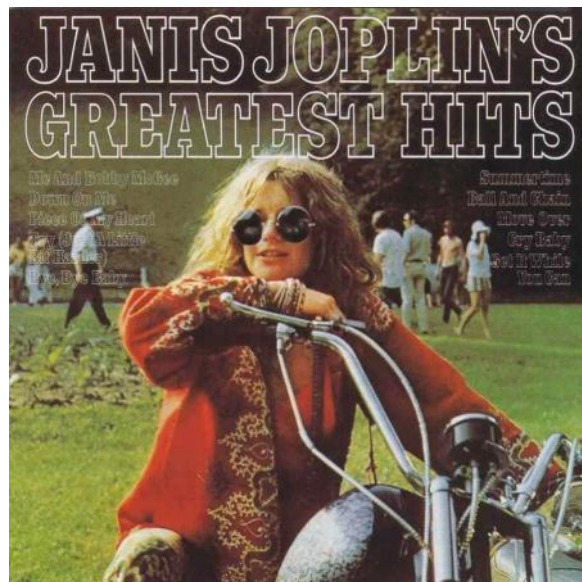
I loved collecting music on vinyl - back in the day we called them records - and, in fact, I still have my turntable. It's a Thorens TD 125 Mk. II with an SME arm and Shure V-15 Type IV cartridge. Top of the line stuff for 1975. I also have all of my vinyl Lps. I never got rid of them. I never will! (I have 1,015 records. [Here they are.](#))

Let's examine some of these Harley motorcycle covers. - Wes

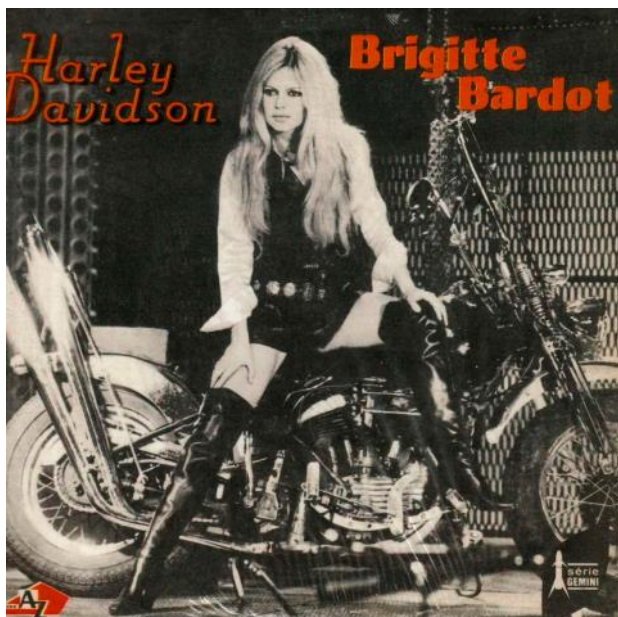


**Cheap Trick: *In Color and in Black and White* (1977)** - This is the first album that jumped out at me. See, the cool guys in the band get to pose in color on Harleys. (The one on the left is an XLCH.) The two nerds get the back cover, in black and white. Are they nerds because they're not on Harleys or are they not on Harleys because they're nerds? Hmmm.

**Hits (1973)** - This is the second album I thought of; the First Lady of Blues Rock is on a Sportster, but there's no indication she was ever a motorcyclist.



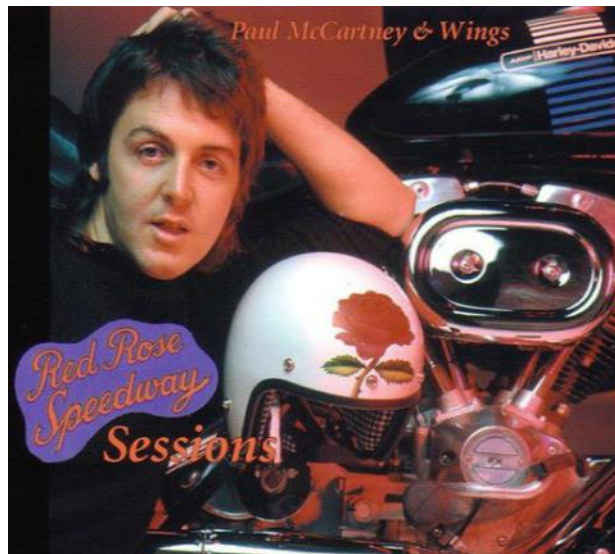
**Janis Joplin's Greatest Hits (1973)**



**Brigitte Bardot, "Harley-Davidson" (1967)** - Bet you didn't know she once had a hit in France with a song named after our favorite motorcycle company, did you? *Vive Harley-Davidson!* You can hear the song [here](#). Lyrics include the lines, "I don't need anybody/When I'm on my Harley Davidson!/I don't acknowledge anyone any more/When I'm on my Harley Davidson!/I push the starter button/And bam! I leave the world behind/Maybe I'll go to Paradise/But in a train to Hell! " So... is it a train or a bike, Brigitte? Make up your mind.

**Paul McCartney: *Red Rose Speedway* (1973)** - I always thought that rose in his mouth on the original cover was stupid, so I offer

this alternate take from the photo shoot. It's an AMF Shovelhead FX! Being a Beatles fan I'd like to think that anything John, Paul, George or Ringo wore or rode was fab - but that helmet looks a little goofy... until you recall that a red rose is the classic sign of English rugby. Players on the national team have it on their jerseys.







**Stray Cats, *Gonna Ball* (1981)** - It went Platinum in the U.K., assisted, no doubt, by those choppers.

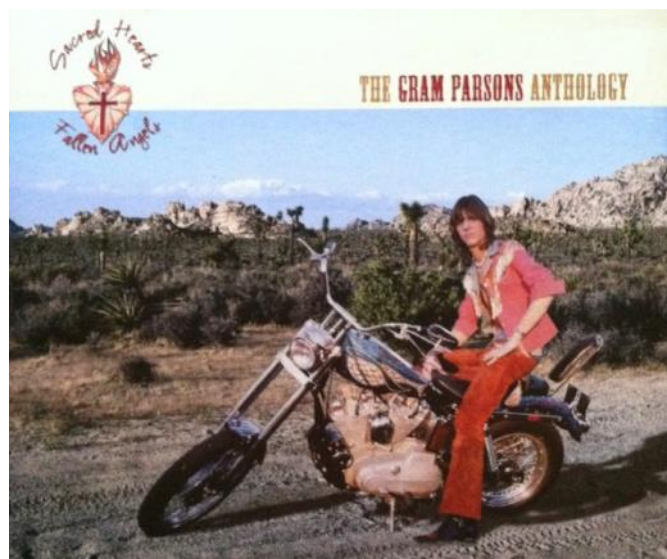
**Motley Crue: *Girls, Girls, Girls* (1987)** - "Friday night and I need a fight/My motorcycle and a switchblade knife/ Handful of grease in my hair feels right..." Elton John ought to sue. This sounds like "Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting." Whatever. Mick Mars and Nikki Sixx of the Crue actually owned



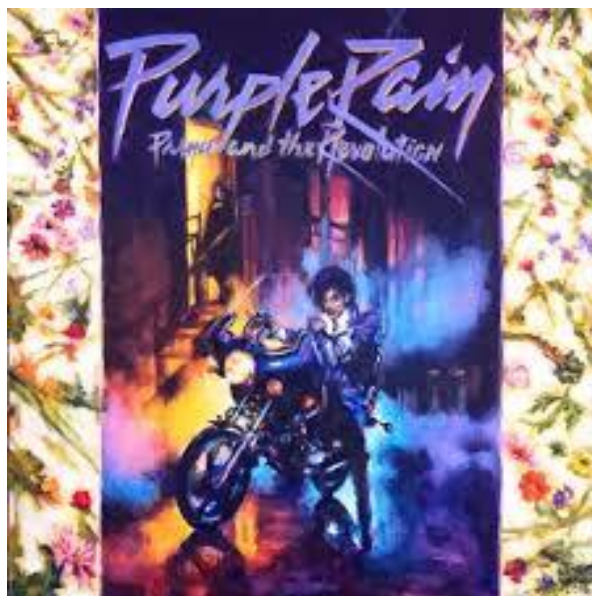
Harleys (Sixx a Fat Boy).

**Lady Gaga: "Born this Way" (2011)** - GAK! A Lady-Gaga-headed panhead chopper!

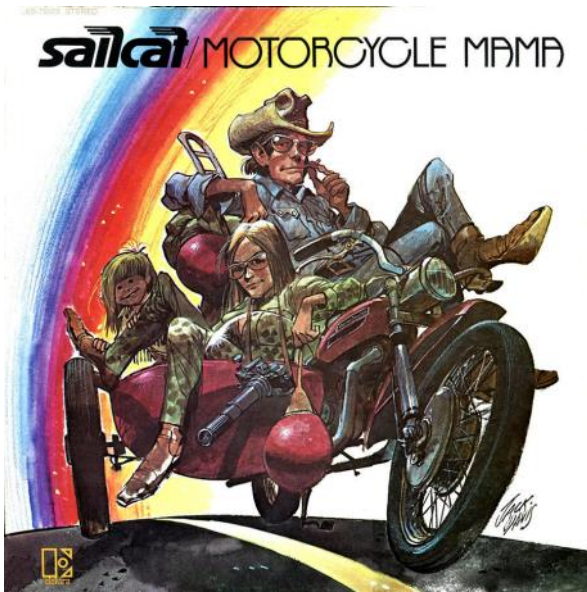
**Gram Parsons: *Sacred Hearts & Fallen Angels: The Gram Parsons Anthology* (2001)** - He's astride a panhead chopper.



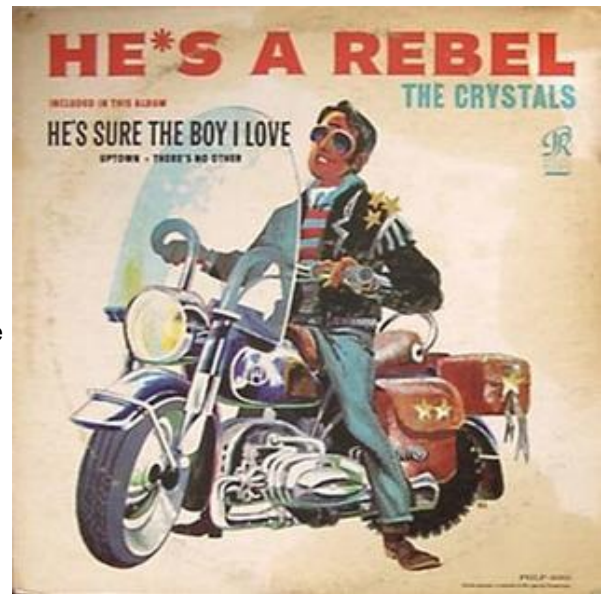
**Prince:**  
***Purple Rain* (1984)** - Fooled ya! That's not a Harley. It's a highly modified Honda; a 1981 Honda CM400A, a little 395cc, air-cooled twin with a two-speed automatic gearbox and a 1970s Vetter Windjammer fairing. Did you know Prince was only 5' 2"?







**Sailcat: "Motorcycle Mama" (1972)** - "Tell your Daddy and your Mama too/You got something better to do than stick around the house the rest of your life/You're eighteen, you can do what you like/You'll be the queen of my highway, my motorcycle mama/ We'll see the world through my Harley/ We'll get matching jackets and helmets too..." With bars and shields on them, no doubt. (Remember, as F-HOGs you get a 10% discount at Patriot Harley-Davidson!)



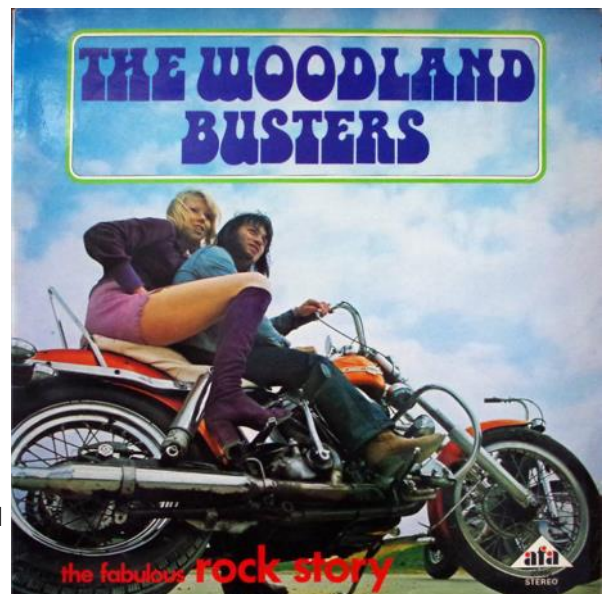
**The Crystals: "He's a Rebel" (1962)** - A drawing of an old Harley - huge windshield.



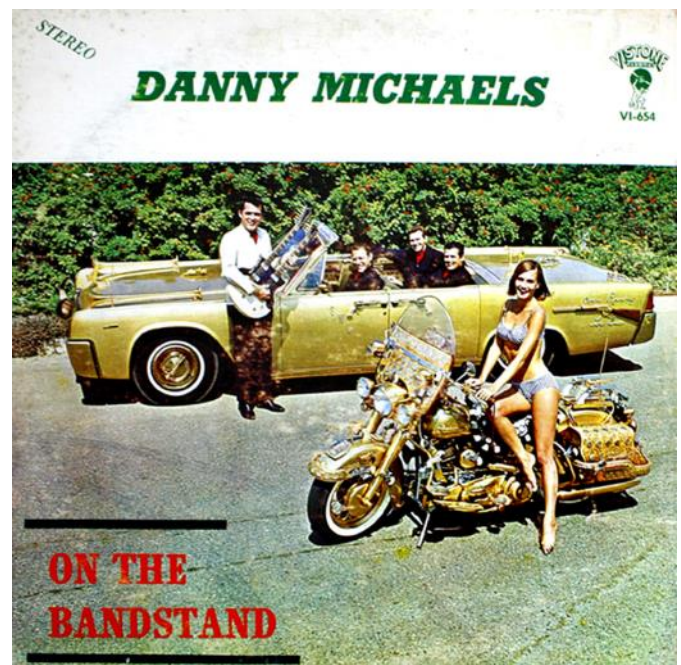
**Boss: Step on It (1984)** - An Australian band showing more leg and logo than shovelhead.

**The Woodland Busters** - I can't find a date. No big deal!

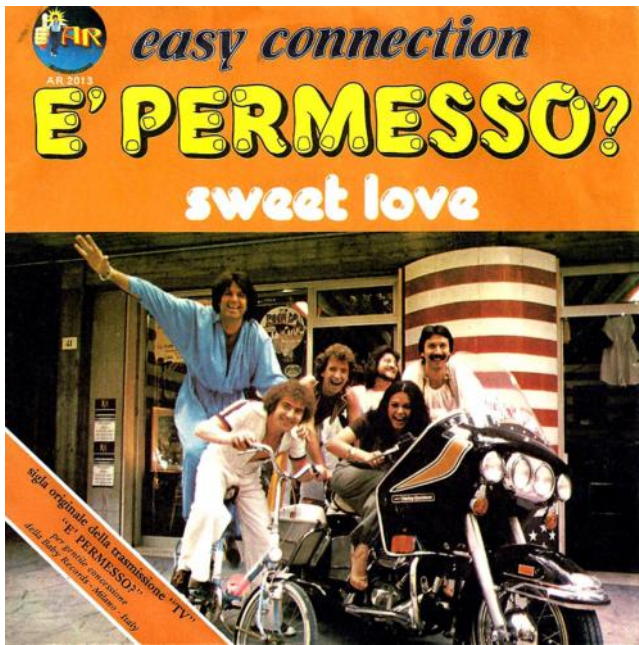
**Danny Michaels, On the Bandstand (1964)** - That golden bike needs a detailed shot. I think it's a panhead FLH but I'm



not sure. Readers? It also looks like a future newsletter cover...



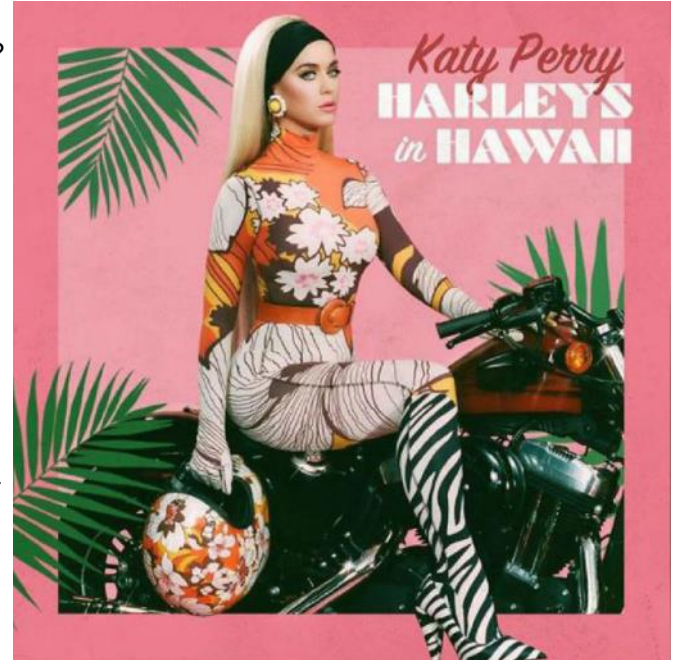




**Easy Connection: *E' Permessso?*** ("May I come in?" - 1979) - A bunch of cheery Italians near and on an old Harley. That finger font is creepy. This reminds me of "[Prisencolinensinainciusol](#)," wherein Italians relate what English sounds like to them. Check it out. Great beat.

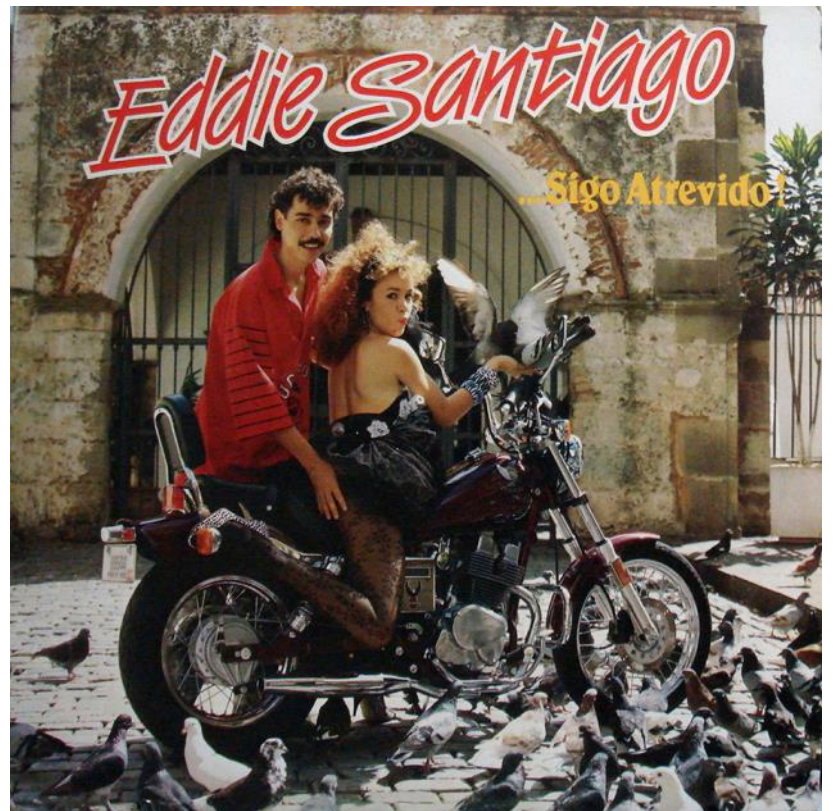
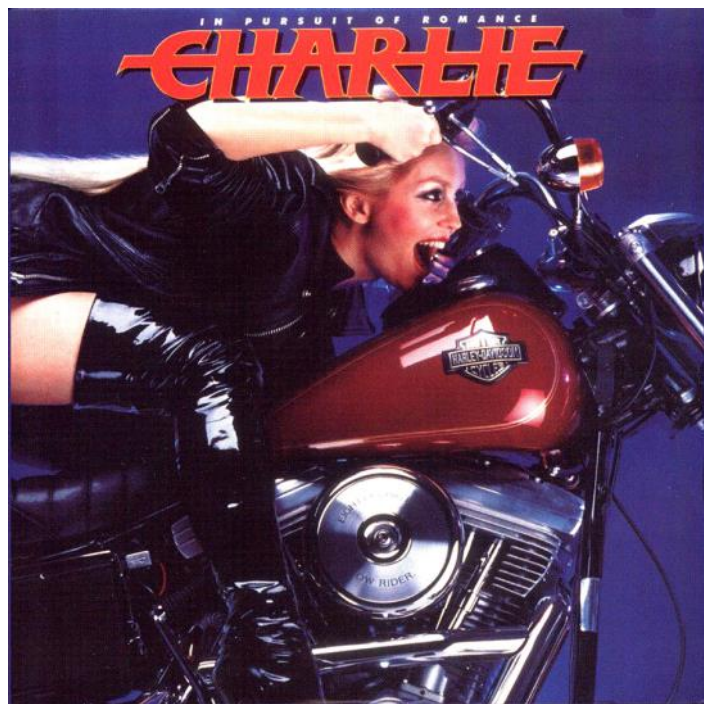
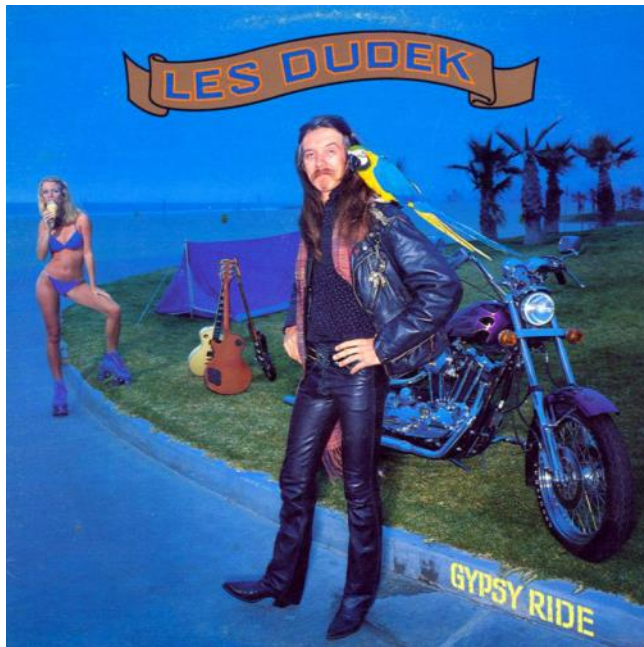
**Katy Perry: "Harleys in Hawaii"** (2019) - The lyrics seem metaphorical, but she wears a "Ride or Die" patch in [the video](#). Nice helmet.

**Les Dudek, *Gypsy Ride*** (1981) - Harley shovelhead? Check. Parrot? Check. Chick in bikini and roller skates? Check. Guitar tripod? Check. There's just no getting around it: he's way cooler than anyone at this address.



**Eddie Santiago: *Sigo Atrevido!*** ("I'm Still Bold!" - 1987) - Eddie! Take your hand off that young woman's nether parts!

**Charlie: *In Pursuit of Romance*** (1986) - It's a Harley, all right. She looks thrilled. (It's stationary.)





# VINTAGE RIDES:

## PROJECT NOVA

(Gleaned from [this article in ultimatemotorcycling.com](http://thisarticleinultimatemotorcycling.com))

Pretend it's 1976 and that you work at Harley-Davidson.

Management at AMF want you to create a motorcycle that breaks with Harley tradition to a great extent and offers competition to the Japanese on their own terms with a bike that not only looks nothing like the usual Harley, but uses a counterbalanced 60 degree V-4 (with a V-6 option) that could produce 136 HP.

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Project Nova!

The fuel tank was placed not at the top as per Harley custom, but under the seat and the engine was Porsche-designed; is this beginning to sound a bit like the V-Rod?

At first the design was specified as shaft drive, but a belt was decided upon later in the process. The Nova was also liquid-cooled, with the radiator - like the fuel tank - placed under the seat. An electric fan and specially-designed parts were needed to channel air to the radiator. (I wonder what that heat dissipation under the seat was like for the rider.)

Engine specifications seemed to have included a number of variants: a V-twin displacing 400cc or 500cc, a V-4 displacing 800cc or 1000cc and a V-6 displacing 1200cc or 1500cc. Perhaps most interesting of all, the engine served double duty

as a structural member and therefore no chassis down tubes were used on this bike, giving it a spare and clean front end.

The smooth, sleek saddlebags look reminiscent of recent model Harleys; compare them with the current Sportglide, for instance. And even the instrument cluster was different; I am guessing that some of the design ideas for this bike finally made their way into the V-Rod later on.



The fairing is more or less based on similar fairing designs common in the 1970s - it is possibly the component of the bike that is the most conservative thing about it!

The prototype shown here is from 1981.

Where does one go to see this amazing bike? Only one place: The Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. - Wes.





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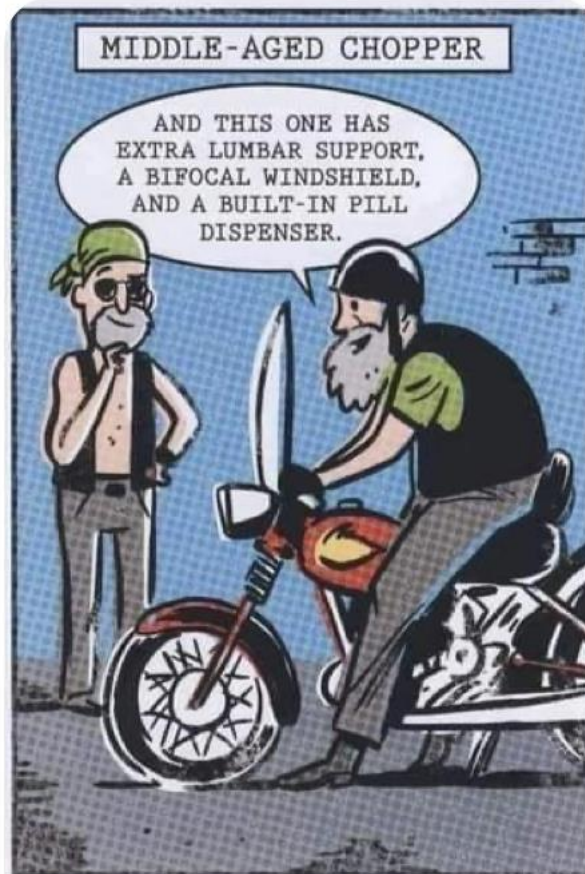


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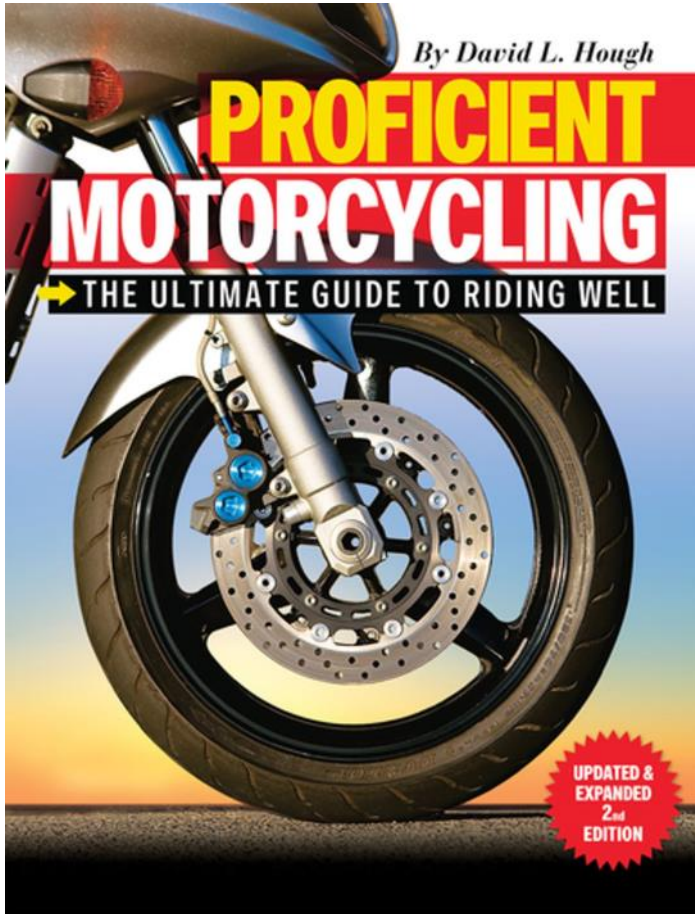


# BOOK REVIEW

by Wes Clark

*Proficient Motorcycling: The Ultimate Guide to Riding Well* by David L. Hough (Bowtie Press, 288 pgs., second edition 2008)  
The Fairfax County Library system has this book!

Do you consider yourself a motorcyclist or a biker? What's the difference? Attitude. To my way of thinking, a biker is something of an outlaw, whether in actuality or fantasy. A rule-breaker, a rebel, contemptuous of authority, out to ride hard and live free. A tee-shirt, or just a leather vest is the visual clue here.



A motorcyclist, on the other hand, is a deliberate, safety-minded, professional who rides defensively and respects the power and weight of his bike. You will see him wearing all the safety gear. And yes, I understand that a biker can have some of these traits and vice-versa, but I think you'll agree with me that there are two recognizable camps.

This is a book for sober motorcyclists who aspire to professionalism! It is very comprehensive and presents its material seriously. In fact, it's the only book I've seen that actually has sensible diagrams explaining the physics of cornering and counter-steering. By the time you finish this book you'll be exposed to a general, fully-fleshed out explanation of how motorcycling works and the guidelines for superior riding. Hough also has a wonderfully accessible writing style. Here are a couple of examples:

*"If you allow another motorist to knock you down, you'll probably hear the same lame excuse: I didn't see you. Sometimes an errant driver has looked down at the poor motorcyclist lying miserably crunched under a bent motorcycle and let slip, 'Gosh, I didn't see you. You were coming so fast, and you were wearing black leather, and besides, you didn't have your headlight turned on.' Certainly there are occasions when the other driver really couldn't see the motorcyclist, but many vet-eran motorcyclists have long had a sneaking suspicion that the excuse is mostly a cop-out. When a driver attempts a sudden left turn in front of a motorcyclist and knocks the bike down, do we expect them to say, 'I saw you but I was in a hurry and I figured you'd get out of my way?'"*

*"This oft-repeated 'I-didn't-see-you' excuse has led some safety experts to believe that the problem is simply that motorcycles are inconspicuous in traffic. The solution, theoretically, is to be more conspicuous. The suggestions are to wear brightly colored riding gear, add a modulator that flashes the headlight, and maybe screw on a Yosemite Sam Back Off mud flap.*

*"Most of the high-mileage riding friends I know roll their eyes at the conspicuity stuff. 'Friends don't let friends wear pink vests,' they would sneer. Perhaps the veterans have a more realistic understanding of the I-didn't-see-you myth. Does the conspicuity stuff really work, or is it more of a magic talisman than a dependable safety device? ... Conspicuity devices are based on the assumption that the other guy will get out of your way if he can only see you. The veterans know that avoiding collisions depends on being prepared to get out of the way of the other guy, whether he sees you or not."*

This book is so thorough there is even a section on how to outwit an attacking dog!

*"Apparently, for fun-seeking dogs, there isn't much sport in chasing something that is too easy to catch. The game is to calculate the speed of the approaching vehicle and dash out just in time to intercept it. Dogs typically have very good eyesight and hearing, so Fido often waits in the yard behind a bush or parked car, calculating a perfect intercept that he can reach if he sprints at top speed.*

*"When Fido catches you at the intercept point, you might be able to get in a lucky kick with your boot, but the odds are that the dog has better reflexes than you do. And if this dog happens to be aggressively defending his territory, it's best to avoid holding out any fresh meat, even if you think your leathers could protect you against snarling fangs. Besides, attempting to injure the dog makes you the aggressor in the eyes of some owners. The clever approach is to outsmart the dog. One good tactic for outsmarting Fido is to change speed unexpectedly. Most dogs have a maximum speed of only about 30 mph, so it is easy to outrun them on a motorcycle.*





*"If you slow down before entering Fido's turf, he predicts that he can wait a little longer before trotting off. Then, just as Fido gets up and starts racing toward the intercept point, screw on some throttle and accelerate out of range. Poor Fido gets left in the dust."*

The sections on balancing and countersteering are especially good. (See illustration below.) Hough points out that due to gyroscopic forces, a motorcycle at speed will naturally want to stay balanced on a straight path. (I was delighted to observe this the first time I put my feet up on the pegs during my MSF class.) The act of cornering is really just temporarily unbalancing the bike. I've never thought about it this way before!

Really, I cannot recommend this book enough. It may just be the one motorcycle book you really need.



When the motorcycle begins to fall over, the location of the front tire contact ring moves slightly, increasing drag on that side of the tire and countersteering the front wheel back under the center of mass.

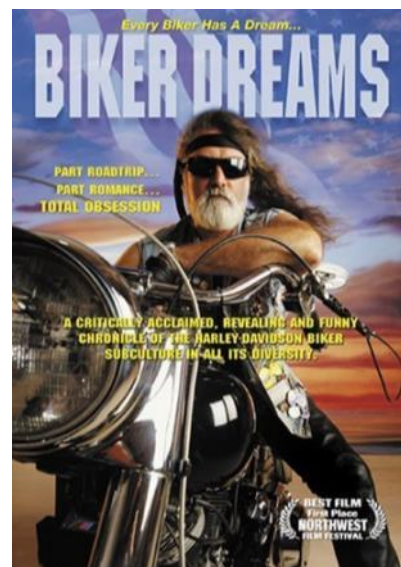


As the front wheel steers itself back under the mass, the bike is rolled upright and balanced again but on a slightly different path.

**"Yes, motorcycles are potentially dangerous, but whomever is holding the handlebar grips at the moment can significantly change the odds." - David L. Hough**

### Movie Review: *Biker Dreams*

1998, Unrated, Director: Adam Berman. Stars Martin Tobias, Alex Landes, Jim "Liddo" Cornett, "Scorpio" Cornett. Plot: A documentary about the people who ride their motorcycles around America. Filmed during the 1996 annual biker run held at Sturgis, South Dakota, it takes a close look at some of the different types of people who ride motorbikes, showing that they're not what popular stereotypes have portrayed them to be. Among the people followed are Alex and Martin, a middle-aged couple planning to attend the festival together, Ilene, who comes from a long line of bikers, and the rough-looking "Liddo" Jim, head of a group called the Resurrection Motorcycle Club. [Available via Netflix DVD.](#)



This production seemed unpromising at start, but the surprising thing about it is how you're gradually drawn in by the personalities and their narratives. There's a telegenic young couple who make their way to Sturgis to be married (whether they planned this or not is unmentioned), and there's no other word for them than "cute." Contrasted with this is Jim "Liddo" Cornett, who is, well... rather nasty. He unforgettably describes the entrance requirement for his first motorcycle club; I shall not elaborate other than to say that it involves animals and that I am very glad it is not also the entrance requirement for the F-HOGs.

There is also an amusing, self-effacing bunch of RUBs (Rich Urban Bikers) who call themselves the Hamsters and who wear yellow tee shirts to signal their pacifist outlook. (They remind me of a local rugby club composed of old boys who named themselves The Poltroons; they had "Hostile - Senile - Fragile" embossed on their jerseys.)

This production is well worth your time! [A much better review than I'm willing to write is here.](#) - Wes



# THE DAVIDSON COTTAGE

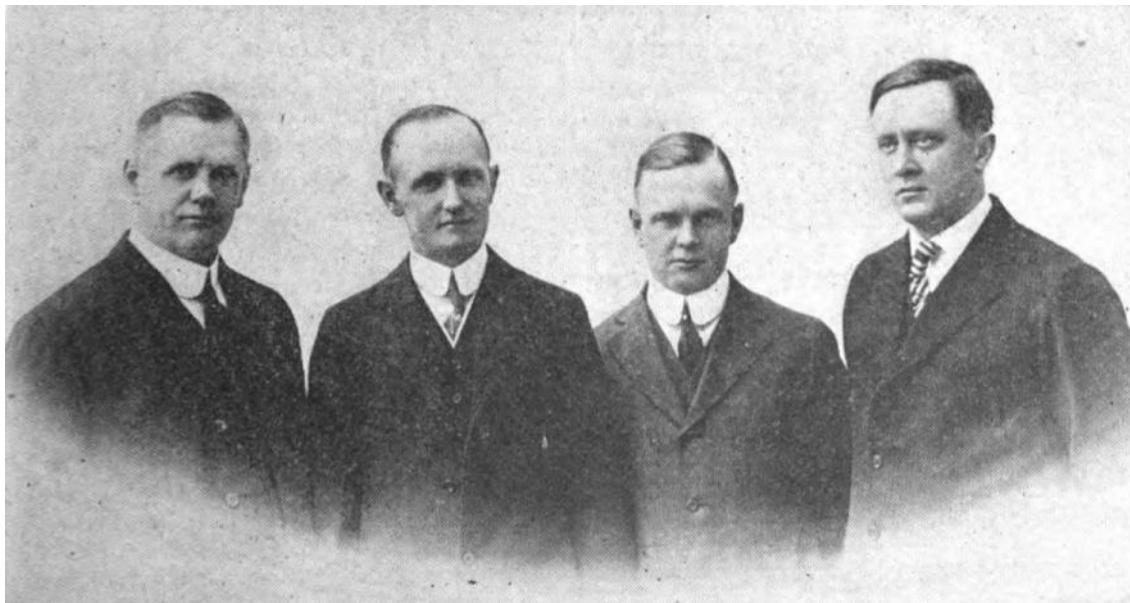
Everyone knows, or should know, that Arthur, William and Walter Davidson were, with William Harley, the founders of Harley-Davidson. Their father was William C. Davidson; in 1858 he immigrated from Scotland to Wisconsin. His father was Alexander Davidson, who owned a two-bedroom cottage in the tiny village of Aberlemno near the small market town of Brechin in northeast Scotland.

You can rent a stay in the Davidson grandfather's cottage! [Honest](#).

The whole story is included in the link above, but, told quickly, in 2008 three Harley enthusiasts found the cottage, which was crumbling away. However, the property was on the market, and so they bought the cottage and set up a trust, the Davidson Legacy, to save the site. It took the team four years to rebuild the little cottage to what it looked like when William Davidson left there for the States.

Local bikers helped out with the cleanup effort, and it wasn't long before Harley enthusiasts from the USA, Australia, France, Italy, Spain and Switzerland began to visit the place to have their pictures taken. The restored cottage is now a Scottish pilgrimage site.

Going to Scotland? [You can rent the cottage via this website](#). If you take photos, be sure to send some to me to run here.  
- Wes

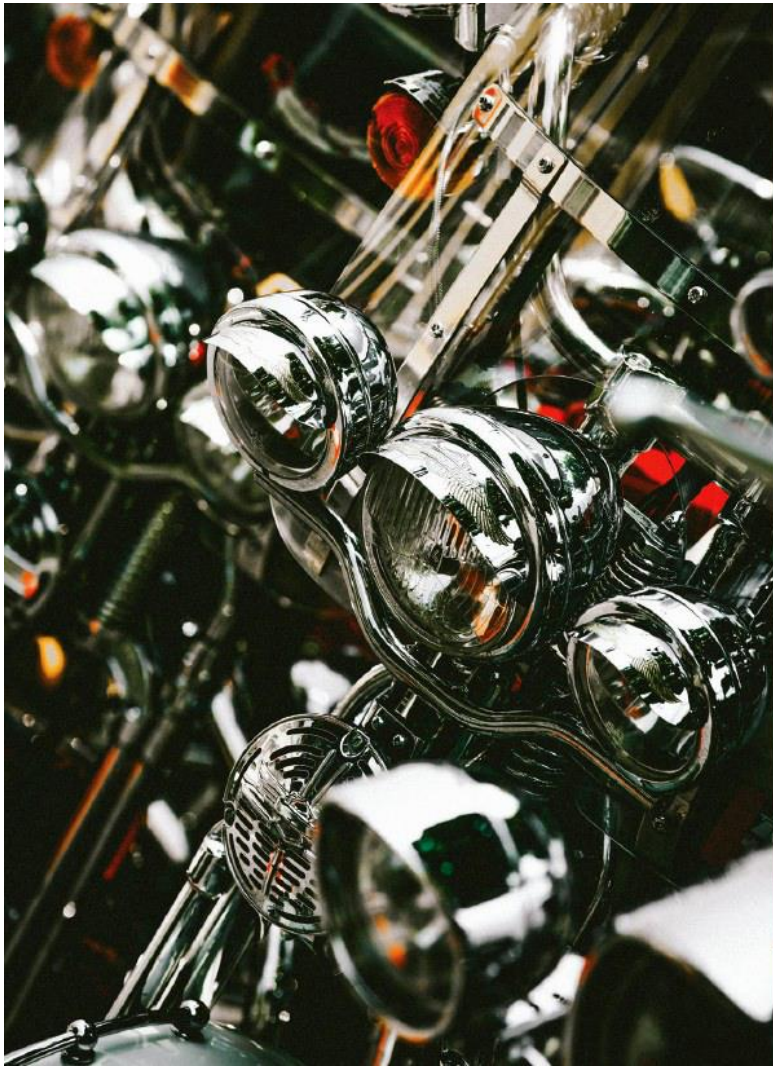


**Above left:** The exterior with somebody's Harley parked out front.

**Above right:** A cozy room! Warm up the haggis!

**Left:** A famous photograph: William A., Walter and Arthur Davidson with William Harley, 1920.





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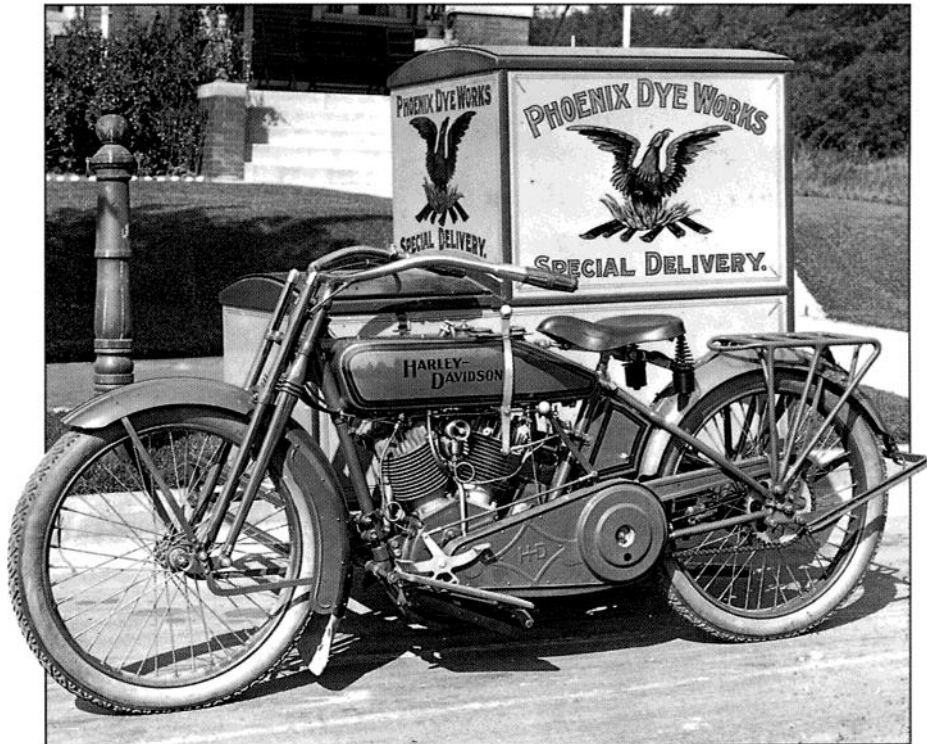
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**Left:** He (or she!) is all about Harley-Davidson, but doesn't seem thrilled about it.

**Right:** A very early Harley drafted into commercial use - and quite attractively, I think.. That's a handsome sign!



# A Man Walks Into A Harley Dealership And...

*The other day I wrote a blog update describing the creative challenge of providing a year's worth of material for a HOGs newsletter. A friend of mine - a lawyer (I mix with all levels of society) - suggested adapting "A man walks into a bar" jokes. So here they are, along with some others. - Wes*

A priest, a rabbi and an imam walk into a Harley dealership. The salesman says, "What is this, some kind of joke?"

An Englishman, an Irishman, a Scotsman, a Welshman, a Frenchman, a German, an Italian, a Swede, two Finns, a Norwegian, a Dane, a Greenlander, an Austrian, a Hungarian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Latvian, an Estonian, a Russian, a Turk, an Egyptian, a Palestinian, an Israeli, a Greek, a Macedonian, a Moldovan, a Chinese guy, a Japanese guy, a Laotian, a Vietnamese guy, a Cambodian, a North Korean, a South Korean, an American, a Mexican, a Canadian, a Brazilian, an Australian, a New Zealander, a South African, a Libyan, a Moroccan, a Spaniard and a Cuban try to walk into a very fancy and upscale Harley dealership. The salesman says, "Sorry, lads... you can't come in without a Thai."

A polar bear walks into a Harley dealership and says to the salesman: "Should I get a Road King or..... a Street Glide?" The salesman asks, "Why the big pause?" And the polar bear replies, "I don't know, I've always had them."

A snake walks into a Harley dealership. The salesman says, "How did you manage to do that?"

A horse walks into a Harley dealership. The shocked salesman points a finger his way in alarm and yells, "Hey!" The horse says, "You read my mind, buddy."

A horse walks into a Harley dealership, and the salesman begins to talk to him. The horse doesn't reply because it's a horse and obviously can't speak or understand English. Several people get up and leave, sensing the danger in having a live animal in a Harley dealership.

Two friends are walking their dogs together. One has a big black lab, while the other has a minuscule Chihuahua. They pass a Harley dealership and the lab owner says, "Let's go in and check out the bikes!" The Chihuahua walker complains, "That would be great, but we can't take our dogs in there." The first responds, "Watch me." The lab owner strolls in with her dog but an alert saleswoman tells her, "Sorry, you can't bring your dog in here." "He's my seeing eye dog," the woman

replies, feigning offense. The saleswoman quickly apologizes and begins showing her the newest Sportsters. The other woman follows, her Chihuahua in tow, and a different saleswoman says there are no dogs allowed in the dealership. "He's my seeing eye dog," the woman replies. "Yeah, right," the saleswoman says, "A Chihuahua? Give me a break." Without missing a beat, the woman replies, "They gave me a Chihuahua?!?"

A lion walks into a Harley dealership and asks a salesman, "Do you have any jobs?" The salesman shakes his head sadly and says, "No, sorry. Why don't you try the circus?" The lion replies, "Why would the circus need a Harley mechanic?"

A Harley salesman says, "We don't allow time travelers in here." A time traveler walks into a Harley dealership. A Harley salesman says, "We don't allow time travelers in here."

A man walks into a beer-serving Harley-Dealership with a piece of asphalt under his arm and says "A beer please! And one for the road!"

An amnesiac walks into a Harley-Dealership. He goes up to a beautiful blonde salesgirl and says, "So, do I come here often?"

A malapropism walks into a Harley dealership looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who takes him for granite.

An old blind cowboy wanders into an all-girl biker bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a shot of Jack Daniels. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, 'Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?' The bar immediately falls absolutely silent. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, 'Before you tell that joke, Cowboy, I think it is only fair, given that you are blind, that you should know five things: (1) The bartender is a blonde girl with a baseball bat. (2) The bouncer is a blonde girl with a billy club. (3) I'm a 6-foot tall, 175-pound blonde woman with a black belt in karate. (4) The woman sitting next to me is blonde and a professional weight lifter. (5) The lady to your right is blonde and a professional wrestler. "Now, think about it seriously, Cowboy... Do you still wanna tell that blonde joke?' The blind cowboy thinks for a second, shakes his head and mutters, 'No... not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times.'

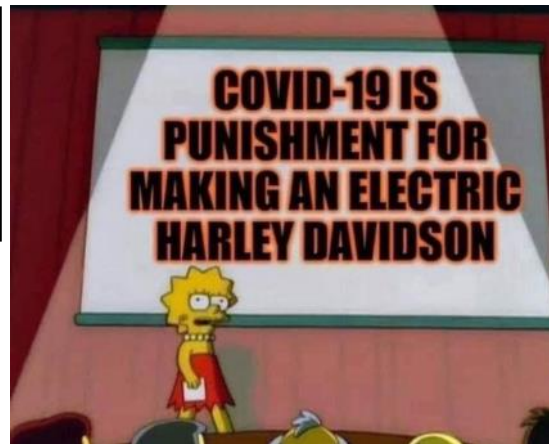
Seen on a social media classified page: "Harley-Davidson for sale, mint condition, not a single scratch on it, used as my weekend bike. Very low mileage and I am very flexible on the price... I originally bought this without consulting my wife. Apparently 'Do whatever the hell you want' doesn't mean what I thought it did."





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The Newsletter of the Fairfax HOGs Chapter



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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!**

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