

The Stars and Pipes

A close-up photograph of a motorcycle handlebar, focusing on the control switches. The switches are black with white symbols: a triangle, a crossed-out circle, a lightning bolt, a horseshoe, a circle with an exclamation mark, and a right-pointing arrow. The background is blurred, showing parts of the motorcycle's engine and frame.

March 2020

Let's get this season started!

Fairfax Harley Owners Group



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Ah, spring! The air is fresh and sweet, Bambi is cavorting in a woodland glen, the arbutus rustles, the daffodils are bursting out of the ground and the cute little birdies are... aw, we don't care about that stuff! For us spring means THE ROAD and the roar of thunderous V-TWIN ENGINES! Good riding weather! Disconnect the battery tenders and rev them Harleys up!

Back in the Eighties, when I used to reenact being a soldier in Mister Lincoln's Army, March was the time to get my gear ready for the spring campaigning season: fix leather backpack straps, repair any canvas tent rips or holes and get my brogans re-soled if necessary. Clean and oil the musket. It's not greatly different with motorcycles... do the tires have sufficient tread? Is the battery fully charged? Got what you need in your saddlebags? Does your leather jacket still fit you after hibernation?

A cool thing about Northern Virginia in the spring is how it *smells*. Honeysuckle and lilacs blossom, and even the boxwood the Founding Fathers planted at the historic homes (Gunston Hall, Mount Vernon) have a distinctive smell. I call it The Smell of *History*. Smells are also a big part of riding on a motorcycle, so much more so than when driving a car. The cut grass and barbeque odors announce the start of warm weather, and the trash trucks let you know they're about, too. The smells, the pipes' roar, the wind howling by, the sun in your visor, the



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clouds reflected in your chrome — ain't it great to be alive on a Harley?

Inserted in this issue is the Official FHOG 2020 Calendar, which is a handy lifestyle planning tool. Print it out and hang it up in your garage.

I'm trying to find new and varied voices for these newsletters, and there are a couple of examples of that in this issue. There's also a bit of interesting Harley-related stuff I found on the Internet. I appreciate that a little of me goes a long way, so I'm trying to limit my involvement to being an editor rather than a writer. At least, that's my goal. So help a bro out and send me some content! (Even better, can you draw? I have ideas for cartoons. Those are fun...)

Wes

COVER: With the permission of the staff at Patriot Harley-Davidson on a dreary, wet and cold Friday when I couldn't ride, I took artsy photos of the various bikes on the floor for cover art. You will see a few more covers in this style later this year.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hi, I am Ray!

We are only a week away from Daylight Saving Time. That's a sure sign the warm weather is coming and the riding season is upon us. It's time to get the bike out of bubble wrap and make a trip to Patriot Harley-Davidson for some new gear. A little bling for your ride or for your best girl or boy is sure to add conversation to your next group adventure. As a member, you can take advantage of your 10% discount through the dealership. This applies to parts, accessories and clothing. Who knows, you might even walk out with a new bike!

So, you have joined a motorcycle riding club. You have paid \$25 to obtain the membership to the club. What can you expect of the club? Why this club? Why should you keep coming back each week? Each month? Each year? Have you ever wondered where your membership fee goes? What is the financial standing of the organization? What do you get for your \$25? What do the officers do? In the months ahead, I intend to answer these questions and more.

In my role as Director, it is my responsibility to look critically at our Chapter, see where it is today and determine where we want it to go in the future. I am in constant contact with our Sponsor and other officers to clarify and reaffirm our understanding of one another's goals and expectations. I see this Chapter as something that should be continuously evolving. Disrupting the status quo is not as much the goal as enhancing it with new concepts, technology and best practices. Our group was formed to have FUN. But as we have grown, we have taken on responsibilities. We have responsibilities to the Sponsor, to the community and to each other. Every volunteer officer has taken on the responsibility of leading our Chapter in various ways. There are now 20 officers in one capacity or another ready to serve the Chapter's needs.

This is no small task. Because we have these

responsibilities, we have business to which we need to attend. At my direction, Ed Murphy, our Treasurer, is currently performing a financial review. As soon as it is completed, the financial information will be shared with the membership. A financial report will become a regular part of our monthly Chapter meetings. In addition, the Procurement officers are taking inventory of all merchandise on hand. We have a tremendous number of items available for purchase. Many are nostalgic items left over from past events. Before we spend additional dollars to add new merchandise, a clear picture of where Procurement stands is essential.

These and other tasks will be ongoing in the days and months ahead. I will keep everyone updated on our attempts to hone and clarify each area of our Chapter business. Questions and/or comments are always welcomed. I am available by email at all times. Any officer, past or present, will be happy to help with concerns and questions. All members are invited to our monthly Officer meeting. We are an open book. If you want to know - ask! Raise your hand! Get involved! Help us keep our riding club FUN!

As always, remember:

We Ride as One!

Ray Riddle



The 2020 Schedule!

Date	Time	Activity	Type
March			
2	7:00 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
7	9:00 AM	Boss HOG Seminar	E-M
11	6:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
15	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
20	10:00 AM	TGIF Ride	R-C
21	11:00 AM	No Blarney Ride	R-C
28	9:00 AM	"Packing for Long Distance Riding" Seminar	E-M
28	TBD	Flippin' Pancakes & Swap Meet	E-O
April			
1	10:00 AM	April Fools Ride	R-C
4	8:00 AM	Adopt-a-Spot	E-N
4	9:00 AM	Rider's Seminar	E-M
4	10:00 AM	Assistant Director Ride	R-C
4	10:00 AM	Paradise Refound	R-C
6	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
8	7:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
11	TBD	Floozies Pie Shop	R-C
12	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
17	10:00 AM	TGIF Ride	R-C
18	TBD	Chicken Wings & Patriot HD Demo Days	E-O
18	8:00 AM	Harpers Ferry Ride	R-C
18	8:30 AM	Déjà Vu All Over Again	R-C
19	9:00 AM	Bikes & Brunch	R-C
25	TBD	Officer Down Memorial Ride	R-N
May			
2	9:00 AM	Rider's Seminar	E-M
2	10:00 AM	Assistant Director Ride	R-C
2	10:00 AM	Remembering Roman Ride	R-C
4	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
9	9:00 AM	Wet and Wicked	R-C
13	7:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
15	10:00 AM	TGIF Ride	R-C
16	9:00 AM	Ride with Waze	R-C
17	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
17	9:00 AM	Duck Pin Bowling	R-C
22-24	9:00 AM	Patriot HD Open House	E-N
22	4:30 PM	Gold Star Mothers Candlelight Vigil	R-N
24	6:30 AM	Ride of the Patriots XXII	R-N
25	11:00 AM	City of Falls Church Memorial Day Parade	R-C
30	9:00 AM	Graves Mountain Ride	R-C

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June

1	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
3	7:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
6	7:30 AM	Ride to Jills House	R-C
6	12:00 PM	Patriot H-D Drill Team Performance	E-N
7	8:00 AM	Adopt-a-Spot	E-N
7	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
7	8:30 AM	14th Annual Passport Ride	R-C
10-13	9:00 AM	3rd Annual FHOG Iron Horse Roundup	E-C
11	10:00 AM	Unofficial (Easy) Ride to the Roundup	R-C
13	5:00 PM	Patriot H-D Drill Team Performance	E-N
20	12:00 AM	Fairfax City Regional Library Show & Tell	E-C
25-28	9:00 AM	Legends and Lore Regional HOG Rally	E-N
27-28	6:30 AM	Ride to Thunder in the Valley	R-C

July

4	8:00 AM	City of Fairfax Independence Day Parade	R-C
6	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
8	7:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
10	9:00 AM	Ride to Gettysburg Rally	R-C
11	8:00 AM	4th Annual Colonial Beach Ride	R-C
12	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
18	TBD	What Rhymes with Orange	R-C
18	9:00 AM	Rider's Seminar	E-M
18	10:00 AM	Assistant Director Ride	R-C
18	12:00 PM	George Mason Regional Library Show & Tell	E-C
19	9:00 AM	Thornton Gap Ride	R-C
25	8:00 AM	John Mosby Raider Ride	R-C

August

1	7:00 AM	Abe Lincoln Gettysburg Ride	R-C
1	8:00 AM	Adopt-a-Spot	E-N
3	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
8	11:00 AM	New Members Ice Cream Social	E-C
12	7:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
15	9:00 AM	Bonnies Fried Chicken Ride	R-C
15	12:00 PM	Pohick Regional Library Show & Tell	E-C
16	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
21	10:00 AM	TGIF Ride	R-C
22	8:00 AM	Healing Heroes	R-N
22	9:00 AM	Patriot H-D Drill Team Performance (Berryville)	E-N
29	10:00 AM	Maryland Renaissance Festival	R-C

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September

5	10:00 AM	Lazy Susan Ride	R-C
7	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
11	7:00 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
12	8:30 AM	South Mountain Ride	R-C
13	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
18	10:00 AM	TGIF Ride	R-C
19	6:00 AM	Alan Flowkowski Memorial Ride	R-C
19	10:00 AM	Patriot HD Demo Day	E-N
25	TBD	Screaming Pig Camp Out	E-C
26	TBD	Chapter Pig Out Picnic	E-C
27	9:00 AM	Asphalt Roller Coaster	R-C

October

3	8:00 AM	Adopt-a-Spot	E-N
4	9:00 AM	Scavenger Hunt	R-C
5	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
10	10:00 AM	Covered Bridge Ride	R-C
11	8:30 AM	Solomons Island Ride	R-C
14	7:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
16	10:00 AM	Steve's B-day Ride	R-C
17	8:00 AM	American Heroes Ride	R-C
18	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
21	6:00 PM	Vienna Halloween Parade	R-C
24	9:00 AM	Autumn in West Virginia	R-C
31	10:00 AM	Graveyard Ride	R-C

November

2	6:30 AM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
7	11:00 AM	New Members Redneck Sushi	E-C
11	6:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
15	8:00 AM	Friends Helping Friends	E-M
25	10:30 AM	Thanksgiving at the Lamb Center	E-C

December

5	8:00 AM	Adopt-a-Spot	E-N
7	6:30 PM	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	E-M
9	6:30 PM	Monthly Chapter Membership Meeting	E-C
12	9:30 AM	Elf Workshop (Salvation Army)	E-N
15-16	8:15 AM	Salvation Army Toy Distribution	E-N
20	7:00 PM	Christmas Lights Ride	R-C
31	TBD	3rd Annual Last Day of the Year Ride	R-C

The 2020 Schedule!

Key to the “Type” column on the preceding pages:

E— Event

R—Ride

M—members only

C—Members have to outnumber guests

O—Open (which we normally don't do because it requires the chapter to purchase additional insurance)

N—Non-chapter event

Note: I'll print each month's rides in each month's newsletter, just to remind you.



For Sale!

2006 Night ROD - Matte Black, V&H Pipes – Asking \$4,900

Bike is very good condition, reliable, starts right up, passed inspection in 2019. Mileage: 15k, this is a great bike and need to sell!!! Vehicle History Report Available.

Call Anthony at 703-585-9028 if you have any questions or you would like to stop by and see or test ride the bike. Serious buyers only!

**Money can't buy you happiness but it *can* buy you a Harley,
and nobody ever saw a Harley parked outside of
a psychiatrist's office.**

FHOG Riders Seminar

The Fairfax VA H.O.G. Chapter is committed to educating and improving new and existing Chapter members' riding skills and knowledge. Our educational program assists our Chapter members in understanding the Fairfax VA HOG fundamentals of group riding, how to ride with a passenger, and reviews skills and responsibilities should you wish to take the next steps to become a Fairfax HOG Road Captain. Seminars are held most months from April through August and cover topics including:

- Basic rider safety
- Alcohol and accident awareness
- Group riding dynamics and procedures
- Staggered and single-file formations
- Hand signals
- Staging and parking
- Passing and lane changes
- Rider/Passenger communication
- Rider/Passenger mounting and dismounting
- Road Captain responsibilities
- Incident management

The 90-minute sessions are conducted rain or shine by dedicated volunteers of our Chapter and take place at various locations (check below for exact location).

Weather permitting, a members-only Chapter ride will be held after each seminar. The ride will give participants an opportunity to practice group riding skills, receive constructive feedback, and if desired, they can begin the process of becoming a Fairfax HOG Road Captain.

Below is the schedule of Group Riding Seminars opportunities. These sessions are open only to current Fairfax VA H.O.G. members, and are free of charge.

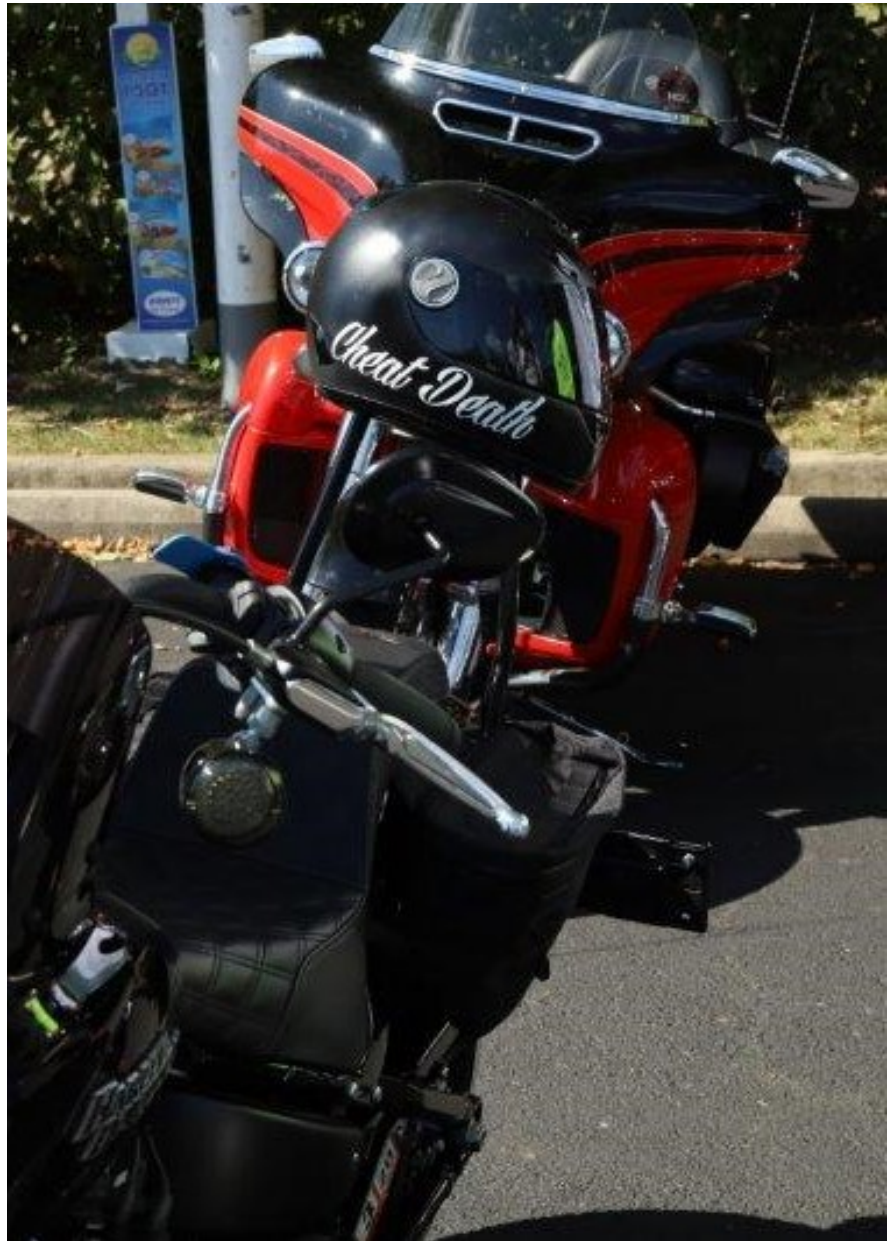
FHOG Riders Seminar

4/4/20 - 9am

5/2/20 - 9am

7/18/20 - 9am

**12700 Sunrise Valley Drive
Suite 300
Reston, VA 20291**



Cheat Death by improving your skills, knowledge and confidence - attend an FHOG Riders' Seminar!

The Annual Banquet (1/11/20)

The Annual Banquet, held this year at the Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax, was a gala, well-attended affair. You can see from the photos that people had a great time! Some folks from Patriot Harley-Davidson were present, as was a Sheehy representative and the mayor of Fairfax, David L. Meyer. A special feature was the videoconference attendance of Paul Teutul, Sr. of the famous motorcycle reality show *American Chopper*. He wished us all a good ride! Many thanks to the organizers of this event, Ruby Lowe, Diane Struck and Ray Riddle, and all those who helped out. Additional photos are on the website, of course. Look there!



The Annual Banquet (1/11/20)



Report: Regional Officer Conference

By J.D. Morrisette



In January, the FHOG officer team attended the 2020 HOG Regional Officer Conference (ROC) in Midlothian, Virginia. Ray Riddle, Jack Causa, Ed Murphy, Anthony Rahner, Ollie Pluntke, Courtney Scott and JD



Morrisette represented our Chapter. The regional training also brought in HOG chapters from Maryland and North Carolina. There were over 100 people in attendance. The one-day session was set up to promote the Harley-Davidson brand, address current issues, exchange best practices, answer questions and network with other HOG members.

It was evident that all chapters deal with many of the same issues:

maintaining and increasing membership, participation in rides and events, and keeping events fresh and exciting. Some of the recommendations were: be welcoming, invite and engage membership (especially new members), have fewer rules and more riding, have a positive relationship with the sponsoring dealership, and the most important—have fun. There was discussion on the value of being a HOG member and how to sell this. The common theme was back to basics: We are a riding club and should place the emphasis on riding events.

The presenters focused on some key issues to take back to the chapters. Renewals are for a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) and require a yearly signed waiver (before participating in any ride). No alcohol is allowed on Chapter rides, and ensure that reports are made for any accidents or incidents. Chapter Officers should be the last people to leave a room or event in order to lead by example. An associate member can be a HOG Officer and could be a non-rider or not ride a Harley.



Mother HOG encourages caution when collecting and distributing funds for charitable organizations.

This conference also provided quality time for the chapter officers to build internal relationships, discuss chapter activities, and develop plans for the upcoming year. It was great to meet and talk to so many other HOG members in other chapters. We all start in the same place and with the same objectives, but each chapter is unique. They are also genuinely good people who want to do what we do: ride and have fun!

All in attendance felt the time was well spent and came away with new ideas for our chapters.



You might recall that in the last newsletter we made an appeal for a new webmaster. We are happy to report that Derrick Gonzales (pictured at right) has heard the call of duty and has responded, and will be flinging HTML code and stray bits and bytes all over our screens. Thanks, Derrick!

We also want to thank longtime webmaster Fabrice Corbatto for his dedicated efforts on the Chapter's behalf. Not only did he wrangle those same bits and bytes, but he added a certain Gallic *je ne sais quoi*. *Merci beaucoup*, M. Corbatto!



"You are on your own. You are not protected by two tons of steel, rubber, foam padding and safety glass. Neither are you steering two tons of guided missile toward other cars, people and property. If you are prepared to accept the responsibility of your own actions, then motorcycling can be both safe and thrilling. Riding is an art as well as a craft and no amount of explanation can take the place of experience." - Theresa Wallach, *Easy Motorcycle Riding*, 1970

Hey, Joe

by Joe Livingood and Wes Clark

Those of a certain age will recall the phrase, "Hey, Joe" followed with, "Where you goin' with that gun in your hand?" But since the Joe in question is Joe Livingood, our Head Road Captain, it's more appropriate to ask "Where you goin' with that 'Glide in your hand?"

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, Linda." But it's Hey Joe, for this month at least, because I identified him as a person who likes to write.

Bear in mind that I haven't been riding long so if my questions seem a little mundane, well - so am I.



(1) Hey, Joe, I ride a Harley Big Twin touring class bike, a 103 CID Twin Cam. It feels right to keep most of my riding within the powerband of the engine so as to not lug it. Does riding mostly around 3,000 RPM sound about right to you?

Well, it really depends on several factors, so this is going to be a long answer. If it's flat and open road, then, yes, 3,000 rpm is about right. If it's a mountain multiple-mile stretch with a ton of twisties, I'm going to be in the 3,250-4,000 range staying well in the upper powerband. This allows me to bleed off speed quickly by reducing throttle tension and gently applying the brakes. During rain events or poor road conditions, I try to reduce my RPMs so there is less torque available to the rear tire, which can help reduce the loss of rear tire traction when downshifting or during sudden unexpected maneuvers in poor weather conditions. Never lug your bike (when you're in too high of a gear and your bike must work extremely hard to deliver power), just like when you were a kid on your bike and trying to climb up a hill in fifth gear instead of first or second. It's all about getting to know your motorcycle and your riding limits and making sure both are working together.

(2) I learned about counter-steering, that mysterious way to direct a bike into turns and so forth, but when I counter-steer I feel a desire to have my upper body remain righted - that is, remain more or less vertical. Is this good technique, or should I lean my body more with the bike in turns?

This too depends on several factors such as rate of speed, degree of turn, road conditions, size and weight of rider and rider experience. Simply stated, counter-steering in a turn allows for the rider to lean into the turn, which then helps to equalize the centrifugal and gravitational forces on the motorcycle. There are a ton of video resources to help go into greater detail and I suggest attending a Friends Helping Friends riding activity at Patriot Harley-Davidson or enrolling in a Motorcycle Riding Concepts class to get additional hands-on experience.

(3) What sort of mileage should I be getting in my '16 Road King? Combined city/highway I get about 36 mpg. On the highway it's more like 41 mpg. Is this about right? I have no complaints with acceleration or deceleration popping.

Yep, you are about dead-on, depending upon the terrain and how aggressive you are on the throttle. Quick fuel savings tip: Buy a new air filter at least once every riding season or 5,000 miles, whichever comes first.

(4) I'm considering installing ape hangers. They look cool, or, as we used to say back in those politically incorrect Sixties, "bitchin'." How high should I go? Are there guidelines?

Go get fit by a qualified parts technician and check local and state laws and restrictions. Note that each state is different, so if you plan on riding in Maryland, D.C., or West Virginia you should research those states as well.

(5) Hey, Joe, when it's cold I wear long johns, but I have to confess, wearing a third layer of clothing makes certain necessary bio-functions more complicated. I mean, I get into the restroom and I know that what was there in the morning is still there somewhere, but it's so hard to negotiate those openings. Any advice?

If it's that cold out make sure it's a short ride and that you've emptied your bladder before hopping on your HOG!

(6) Do Harley enthusiasts have to be over age 50 to ride touring bikes with fairings? It kind of seems like it.

The old saying, "you get wiser with age" is true in this case. If I knew back then what I do now, I would have purchased a touring bike as my second bike instead of slowly moving from model to model. If you don't ride very much, then get what works for you and your budget. For someone like me who rides a lot and goes on multiple road trips, the decision is quite simple: Protection from the elements, cruise control, heated grips, tons of storage and a super comfortable touring seat all point to getting a touring model. I never have to pack for a ride because everything is already on my Ultra Limited.



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- 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:

Fairfax VA HOG

Fairfax VA Chapter of the Harley Owners Group

Zip Code: 22031

Category: Motorsports / Motorcycle

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



Harley Owners Group
Fairfax VA Chapter # 3698

I Like a Trike!

by Linda Collins and Wes Clark

I confess to being interested in Harley Trikes. There's something about the three-wheel configuration and that storage space in the back that I just think is uber-cool. As the photo on the next page suggests, I was programmed to admire trikes from a very early age (that toy Police Trike must have been based on a Harley Servi-Car), and, indeed, when I was investigating the sport of motorcycle riding I was seriously considering buying a trike as my first ride. I may still own one someday!

So, Linda, tell us about trikes. Describe yours and tell us why you choose to ride one.

My trike is a 2015 Tri-Glide with the paint scheme called "Black Magic," which incorporates my favorite color: purple. I chose a trike as I thought it would be easier and faster to get back to my passion of riding after retiring.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of a trike?

The advantages of a trike are: More visibility on the roads; you don't have to put your feet down when stopping; it has a reverse gear to back up; there's no kick-stand (you have a parking brake); it's very comfortable to ride.



since it was a very hot day. I was able to stay hydrated more easily because with a cup holder I had easy access to my water bottle. I was also entertained with my music while riding.



The disadvantages of a trike are that it takes up an entire parking space, there's no such thing as power steering and it can be harder to maneuver through curves.

I remember being on a very hot HOGs ride to Gettysburg and back and seeing you remain relatively cool, calm and collected in a burdensome traffic jam equipped with radio, auxiliary electric motor fan and water bottle holder. Did you feel more comfortable than the two wheeled riders?

Yes! My auxiliary fans kept the engine heat to a minimum, thereby not putting stress on my engine

What customization have you done with your trike? Are you planning anything more?

When I bought my trike new, I immediately had a rider backrest installed. Keep in mind I did not know how to ride a trike when I bought it, so there was a big incentive to learn how to ride! When I took the three-wheel riding course I found it difficult to pull the clutch in due to the spread between grip and lever. That is when I found out about adjustable levers, so I bought those and had them installed and, wow!, what a difference – my riding increased. The next customization I did was to raise the rear end by 1.25 inches which really helped with cornering and stabilization. Since then I have installed mud flaps, a higher windshield, a chrome rear fender guard, Love Jugs auxiliary fans, purple lighting around the engine and wheels for more visibility when night riding, Vance & Hines pipes to be heard, Stage 1 for better performance, LED front lights and Bright Ass Tail Lights, heated grips and seat as I ride all year long (weather permitting), and I replaced stock items with the Willie G. collection.

Do I plan any more customization? Well, I would like to add more lights to enhance visibility on the road but that would be it as I have really made the trike *my* ride.

Anything else you want to say about trike riding?

Yes! I have been laughed at and snide remarks made, “You are on a trike.” Well, I will tell you, it is a lot harder to ride a trike than a two wheel! First of all it is heavier... mine weighs 1,300 pounds without me on it and you are pushing and pulling to steer it versus leaning, even though in sharp curves you do lean a bit on the trike. Keep in mind there is no power steering, so your upper body is getting a real workout! [*Linda beat me in an arm-wrestling contest. That woman is formidable.—Wes*]

People also think I have a lot of storage because of the trunk, but it is not as large as it appears; depth-wise, it does not go all the way back to the passenger seat. It is probably the size of two hard saddlebags together.

I love my trike and the adventures it has taken me on and look forward to many more! As many of my friends will tell you, my motto is, “It’s always 70 degrees - let’s ride!” (My other motto is, “I ride to live and love to ride.”)

On a side note, Ben, our General Manager at Patriot Harley-Davidson, sold me my trike and thought, I’m sure, that I was crazy since I didn’t know how to ride it from the start!



One of the conditions upon which I got this article was that I use a purple font. Linda really loves purple! By the way, that photo above is me in 1959 on my Harley Servi-car. I am three. So, you see, I'm a three-wheel admirer from a very early age. – Wes

It's not what you ride, but *that* you ride.

VINTAGE RIDES

Last month we featured the last Harley that Elvis Presley ever owned. So let's continue with another! It's common knowledge that Elvis loved cars and motorcycles—especially motorcycles—and was a big fan of V-Twin Harleys. The King of Rock and Roll and Harley-Davidson... it just doesn't get any more iconically American than that unless you also throw in George Washington, a bald eagle, a slice of Mom's apple pie, a Fender Stratocaster and a pair of Levi's!

My friend Kelly owns a 1975 FLH 1200—a Shovelhead—and this is pretty cool. But, once again, it's not as cool as Elvis' 1975 FLH 1200. Elvis bought his on October 24, 1974. It was an Electra-Glide, the only touring model offered by Harley at the time, and was black in color. The red, white and blue stripe on the tank is emblematic of AMF Harleys in the 1970s. You can see this bike today at South-East Harley-Davidson in Bedford Heights, Ohio.

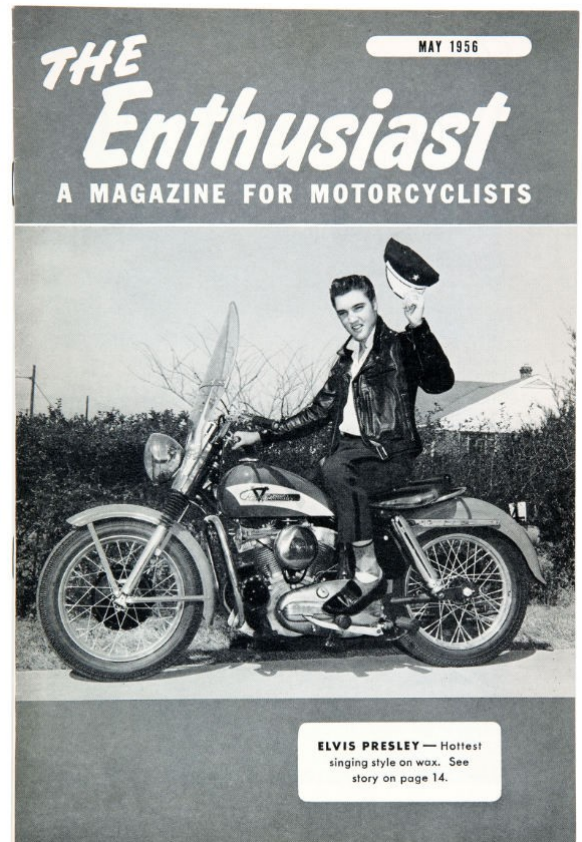


Like the previous Elvis Harley we featured, this, too, is a low mileage bike: only 2,982 miles on the odometer.

Taking it out and putting miles on it would almost seem like sacrilege, wouldn't it? The dealership has declined many offers to buy it, so there it will stay.

While I was at it, I couldn't help also including the 1956 photo of a 21-year-old Elvis on his red and white 1956 KH. *The Enthusiast* was published monthly by Harley-Davidson. This particular bike was Elvis' third.

Text and photos from Scotty Moore's page as well as somewhere on the Internet... Next time we'll feature some other cool old Harley. I'm thinking... World War II! —Wes



Happy Birthday Friends!

March birthdays

Roy	Spencer
Richard	Shumaker
B. Tommy	Herrity
Mike	Black
George	Werner
Raymond	Joseph Diaz
Thomas	Zedan
Michael	Plott
Peter	Kurzenhauser
Paul (Greg)	Hartley
Rick	Rock
Matt	Bressler
Kenny	Mathis
George	Chervenik
Richard	Vetsch
Philip	Robrahn
Anne	Foster
Ramani	Sivakumar
Scott	Collin



Walter's artistic still life photo from the Chili Throw Down

**Here's to
another year of
going**

**wherever life
takes you!**



Reflect that the Harley Strap-Tank is old, but it still gets to where it's going.



Left: A special moment during the January monthly membership meeting was when Patriot Harley-Davidson's Kevin Hardy presented a \$2,500 donation check from the Sheehy organization to Patti Brown, the Assistant Director of [the Lamb Center](#), a drop-in homeless shelter in Fairfax.



As a new member I requested this as I was unfamiliar with some of the definitions. - Wes

HOGs GLOSSARY—by Joe Livingood

Orange Calendar – An orange tri-fold listing of all FHOG chapter planned activities, distributed in late January each year. Always check the FHOG website for the most recent updates and calendar additions.

Boss Hog – Person(s) planning activity that comes up with activity idea, creates activity flyer, creates route sheet (if needed), gathers ride waivers day of activity (if needed) and recruits Road Captain(s) to lead each group if activity involves a motorcycle ride. *Not all activities include rides*, but some include both a ride and activity during or after a ride. At the conclusion of an activity, the Boss Hog is responsible for turning in all activity paperwork (Ride Summary and signed Ride Waivers) to FHOG Activities Officer.

Road Captain – The leader of each group ride who has obtained Road Captain status by successful completion of the Road Captain Seminar and on-road application. The Road Captain reviews the route put together by the Boss Hog. The Road Captain is responsible for getting the group safely from starting location to the ride's final stop and recruiting additional Road Captains for assistance as needed, considering length and complexity of the route. Road Captains are encouraged to pre-ride all activity routes shortly before activity date to ensure familiarity with route turns, road conditions and potential safety concerns for the entire group.

BOSS HOGS are key to the success of the Fairfax, VA HOG Chapter! Without dedicated BOSS HOGS, the Fairfax, VA HOG Chapter would not be able to offer nearly as many activities each year and they would not be nearly as successful as they are. Please note that you do not have to be a Road Captain to become a BOSS HOG!

Becoming a BOSS HOG can be achieved by planning an event. An "event" is described as a ride or a special activity (bowling, go cart, golfing, paint party, holiday party, etc.). As a BOSS HOG, you are the leader of your own, or a co-leader for another BOSS HOG's event. You accept responsibility for the event from start to finish. One of the benefits of accepting this responsibility is that you get to manage an event the way you want to (within reason, of course). This includes deciding what kind of ride it is, planning the destination and the route you want to ride, marketing your ride, determining the prizes, and more. Plus, being a BOSS HOG is a great way to have fun and meet new people and fellow riders.

However, your primary Activities Officer must review and approve your event, contest and its rules, content, etc., at least two weeks prior to the event. As the BOSS HOG for your event, we encourage you to create your own promotional material (flyers, email blasts, etc.) for your event. As the BOSS HOG for your event, **we also encourage you to write one or more articles about your event for this newsletter.**

As part of your responsibility prior to the event, you must contact hotels, restaurants and other venues at your destination early. During the event, you will have the opportunity to meet with volunteers and go over the final details of the event. You have all riders and passengers complete and sign a Release Form for each event, provide route sheets, and organize riding groups (with Ride Leaders & Tail Gunners). After the event, make sure you accurately track and record event finances and return the following items to your primary Activities Officer: 1) The Post-Event Summary (completed), 2) Chapter money (if any), and 3) Signed Release and Tally Forms.

We ask all Fairfax, VA HOG Chapter members to please get involved and consider becoming a BOSS HOG! Your time, effort and support for our Chapter is greatly appreciated!

Anthony Rahner, Activities

Right: The Harley Gals of the Valentine Gift Wrapping event, 8 February 2020.



**To Become a
BOSS HOG!**



KNOW YOUR



STAFFER!

An occasional feature spotlighting our friends at the dealership...

Name: KEVIN HARDY

Position: Marketing Director, HOGs liaison

How long have you been in the Fairfax HOG Chapter?: 2 1/2 years

How long have you been riding?: 13 years

Why do you ride?: I love the speed and freedom the road provides!

Bike you currently ride: 2019 Harley-Davidson Street Bob

Bikes you have owned: 2006 Kawasaki 636, 2010 Kawasaki ZX10, 2016 Harley 72.

The Best Ride you have ever done: Track day on the ZX10. Soooo fast!

Quote: "You regret what you didn't do, not what you did."



Name: MARCUS HEISHMAN

Position: Assistant Parts Manager

How long have you been riding?: 7 years

Why do you ride?: More fun than therapy—cheaper than drugs!

Bike you currently ride: 2020 Road Glide Special

Bikes you have owned: 2013 Iron 883

The Best Ride you have ever done: From Fairfax, VA to Maine and back for the "Deadbeat Retreat"

Quote: "*Montani Semper Liberi*" ("Mountaineers are always Free")





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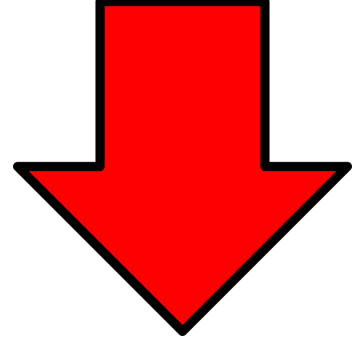
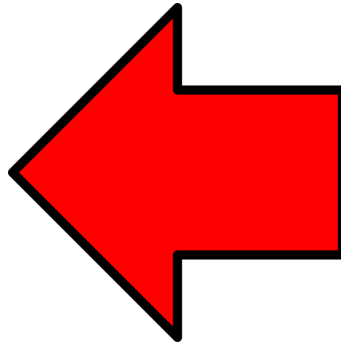
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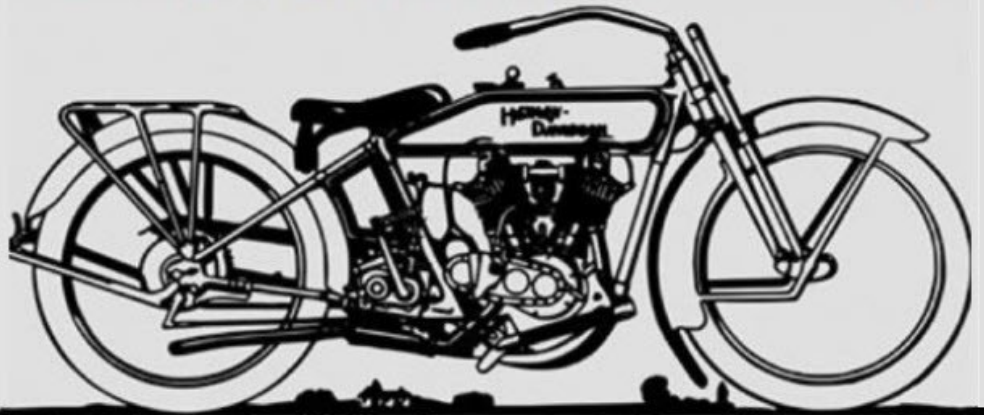


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SATURDAY
MARCH
28th



Saturday, March 28th (10a-2p)

H.O.G. Pancake Brunch (10a-1p)

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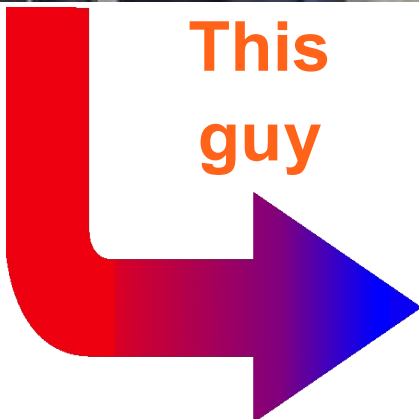
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Puzzling Times



As a husband and father, doing “Harley Stuff” and “Family Stuff” are often at odds with each other when competing for time, especially if your spouse or children don’t ride. In the winter it’s a little easier, but every time there is a warm day in the forecast, you get what I affectionately call “Harley Fever.” I’ve contracted this infectious disease on multiple occasions during the winter, and this winter is no exception. Well, this past month, I found a great way to combine both “Harley” and “Family” time together.

As a family we completed the 750-piece Panoramic Jigsaw Puzzle from Buffalo Games. This puzzle measures over 3 feet wide when complete and was a total blast. We sat down

and talked as a family. We patted ourselves on the back each time we successfully put together another piece of the puzzle and gave each other a hard time when we tried to make a piece fit when obviously it wasn’t intended to go. This puzzle showed us snapshots from the history of Harley-Davidson: Different Harley logos, makes and models of motorcycles, wheels, engines, and of course, lots of chrome everywhere.

After several evening sessions, and one late-night session, we completed the puzzle. No TV watching, no cell phone games, apps or calls, just a family sitting together putting a puzzle together. I’m now going to mount and frame it and hang it in my office as a reminder of how you can have the best of both worlds. I wonder what our next puzzle will be. Any suggestions? - Joe Livingood, Head Road Captain

(I once bought my mom a 500-piece solid-colored puzzle. That was cruel.—Wes)



The story is that after AMF sold Harley-Davidson to a group of investors in 1981, a loan was needed to help save the company. The leader went to a major bank and talked to the loan officer, who looked at the books and expressed doubt. "Why should my bank give your company a loan?" asked the loan officer. "Because there are tens of thousands of people tattooing our company's logo on-to themselves," replied the executive. The loan was granted.

Motorcycle Jokes!

I was on the Internet recently doing a search of the term "motorcycle jokes," and I read an absolutely hilarious collection of humor - none of it appropriate for this newsletter. I suddenly feel a kinship with the people who write promotional and official text for Harley-Davidson. Whether you term yourself a motorcyclist or a biker, we all know what the culture is like. You can even suggest that the biker culture in America is the last true bastion of real free speech and bohemianism.

But without being told, I know Mother HOG desires that this Fairfax HOG Chapter's newsletter emphasizes the fun, the pride, the camaraderie and the heritage of Harley ownership and reflects well on The Motor Company and Patriot Harley-Davidson - which puts us into a different realm. Surely, the Harley brand stands for freedom, and any writer bristles at a truncation of his freedom. But the last time I thumbed through any Harley-Davidson catalogs or parts catalogs I didn't see any f-bombs!

It's a challenge, this literary fine line.

So what follows are what I think are the usable jokes. If you desire something racier, well... Visit Patriot Harley and thumb through the spinner rack of helmet stickers over by the motorcycle clothing section or look at the patches on just about anyone's vest! - Wes

I love my Harley - it's great for getting to the front of lines. It does always terrify the other people in the post office, though.

What's the most dangerous part of a motorcycle? The nut that connects the seat to the handlebars.

I was driving along the highway in my truck yesterday when a Harley pulled up alongside me. The guy on the bike looked at me, pulled a wheelie and then did a handstand on the bike. Then he tapped on my window and said, "You haven't got a spare cigarette have you?" I said, "A cigarette? You're going to kill yourself!" He said, "No I won't, I only smoke 10 a day."

Young riders pick a destination and go. Old riders pick a direction and go.

The bike started up. Better rev the engine a dozen times to make sure.

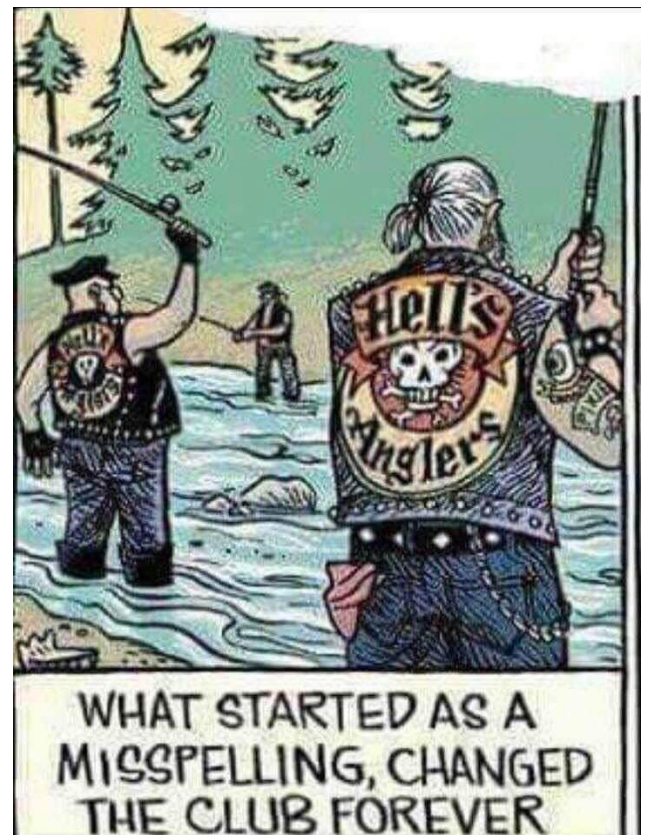
Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of the window.

Q: How do you tell who is the groom at a Harley owner wedding?

A: He's the one with the CLEAN mechanic's shirt.

Q: What does HOG stand for?

A: Heavysset Old Geezers [I tend to think it's "Happily Operating 'Glides." - Wes]



BOOK REVIEW by Wes Clark

***One Down, Four Up: My Bikes, My Life* by Nigel M. Sainsbury** (Nigel Sainsbury Consulting LLC, Fairfax, VA, 2019, 315 pages) *This book is in the Fairfax County library system!*

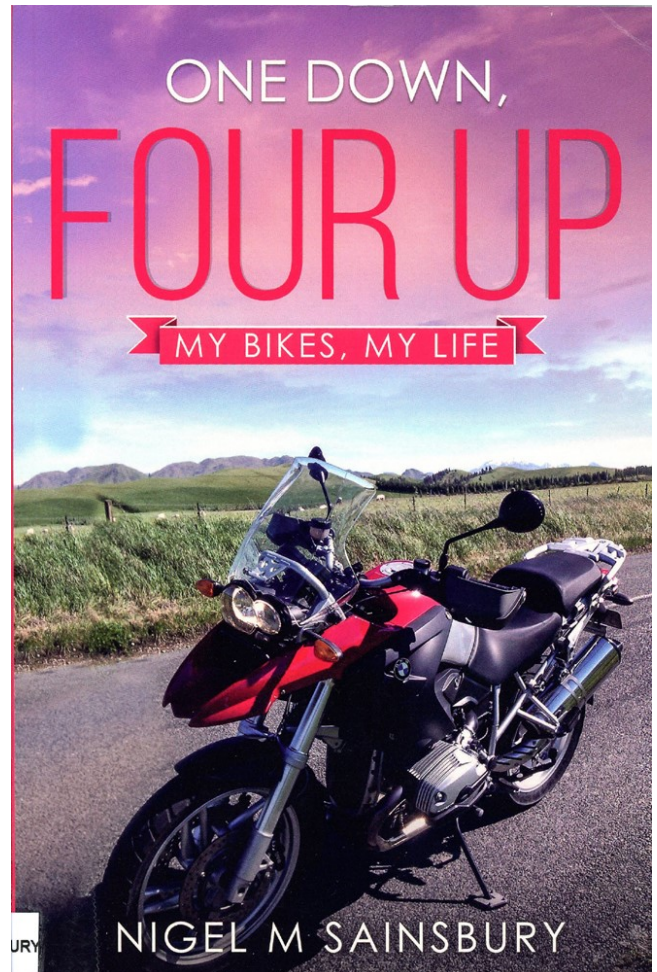
Do you think of yourself as a biker or a motorcyclist? My very first article for this newsletter was a book review of a work by Sonny Barger; as he was a Hell's Angel, he's most certainly a biker. The book under review is by an enthusiast that one would have to call a sober and responsible motorcyclist - and a British one at that. *One Down, Four Up* is an amusing, light-hearted and easy-to-read book about a fellow who was possessed by the two-wheeled bug from an early age. He describes the various underpowered mopeds he owned as a teen, and then the larger and faster motorcycles he bought as an adult. Some of his descriptions of mishaps and adventures are classic; his account of being in a British hospital as a result of an especially bad accident with a lorry and not being able to defecate - until a certain occasion - is unforgettable. Disgusting, but unforgettable. Later chapters describe his ambitious goal to ride around the Australian continent and into Asia - complete with logo, Facebook page and electronic location tracking.

A couple of excerpts illustrate the writer's engaging literary style:

"How I never got any speeding tickets on this bike is still a mystery to me. I am not a fast rider per se, but I do like to ride the bikes I have as they were designed and built to be ridden. The (Triumph) Speed Triple was made for North Yorkshire's twisty roads and the name said it all. Having a bright yellow bike in summer and living in a rural area, both the bike and I were magnets for flies, bugs, bees and just about any insect around as it clearly looked like a flower to them. Albeit a very fast flower. Even stopping at traffic lights for a few seconds would attract a swarm of insects. It was a pain in the arse, and the bloody bugs would get everywhere; in my helmet, up my nose, in my eyes and all over my body and the bike. There was no fairing on the bike either - nothing to stop or even slow the little critters down before they hit me, so I used to get plenty of protein in the summer from eating these damn insects."

We've all been there, haven't we? Anyone who has ever taken a nice long ride in Virginia in the summer can relate. Here's another about the hazards of wearing a full-face helmet without a visor:

"I suffered my second bird strike on the (Yamaha) XS 500, this time in broad daylight on a beautiful day and doing around 50 mph. A small bird (I have no clue what species of bird it was) with dark feathers went straight into my Griffin full face crash helmet. My visor was up, and the bird hit the right side of my face wedging itself between the side of my head and the inside of my crash helmet."



It just missed my right eye. I never even seen it coming until its beak hit me and then I suffered some immediate pain as its beak and claws tore the skin off the side of my face. It continued into the dead end which was the back of my crash helmet. There were feathers and blood everywhere and I could immediately smell the bird's natural fragrance as it filled the air space within the helmet. I am assuming it was a natural fragrance and not an almighty bird fart let loose from its impact into my face. The whole event was over in just a few seconds. I think the bird panicked more than I did and was wriggling like a worm on a fish hook before I managed to pull it out of my face. I maintained control of the bike and stopped without any drama and wondered what the hell had just happened. My riding mate, like all good biking mates, just pissed himself laughing."

The author owned only one Harley, a 2006 Sportster. Most of his bikes were Japanese. Nevertheless, *One Down, Four Up: My Bikes, My Life* is certainly worth a read for Harley fanatics and is highly recommended. (The book's title will puzzle non-motorcyclists, but we all get it.) If I had any complaints about this work I'd note that the many photographs are a bit too small, but they illustrate his mopeds and motorcycles adequately. Interestingly, the author lives in Fairfax, VA! Perhaps one of you know him...?



Speaking of Fairfax, VA, the Washington Nationals mascots **The Presidents** show up at the Fairfax City Chocolate Festival Show-and-Tell, 1 February 2020, and pose on F-HOGs bikes.

Obviously Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln knew nothing of motorcycles, but what about Teddy Roosevelt? When he was Police Commissioner of New York City in 1895, Teddy Roosevelt commissioned a "Scorcher Squad," riding bicycles, which caught 1,366 speeders in horse-drawn carriages in its first year. The squad added its first motorcycle in 1905.

But there's no evidence Teddy ever rode a motorcycle.



TEN YEARS AGO...

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

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

Road Captain Responsibilities

Being the Head Road Captain for Fairfax HOG is truly an honor when you consider the quality and number of Road Captains who have earned their Road Captain rocker during the Fairfax HOG's eleven years of existence. After leading two RC refresher sessions I'm truly amazed (but not surprised) at just how serious the F-HOG RCs take their responsibilities. F-HOG RCs understand and accept that they have inherited responsibilities that can't be delegated such as being the group leader, the navigator and the temporary safety officer. The RC commands respect and leads by example and in doing so earns the respect of their group. The RC is aware that they are riding all motorcycles in their group and ensure that safety is the primary focus during the ride. So when any HOG member sees the RC rocker on an F-HOG vest they can rest assured that the rocker was earned and not simply bought as another patch for their vest. Let's continue to remain the best of the best when it comes to leading rides and LEAD WITH PRIDE!

by Steve Shannon, then Head Road Captain, in the Newsletter for March 2010



Did you see the new Harley for 2020? This is the BRONX. (As my father was from Brooklyn, I strongly approve.) We HOGs are generally into the touring class bikes, but this looks, as we used to say in the Sixties, Bitchin.' That's obviously not your father's V-Twin engine, either... 975cc.

Details are on the Harley-Davidson official website page, H-D.com. Take a look there! – Wes



What's going on at left?

This photo was taken by Bill Ray as part of his *Life* Magazine commission to photograph the Berdoo (San Bernadino) chapter of the Hells Angels in 1965. These guys are AMA (American Motorcycle Association) onlookers taking their own photos of outlaw bikers with Polaroid Land cameras—which do a pretty lousy job of capturing action. (I know—I had one.) Note the Schott Perfecto-style jackets and the captain's caps. Those caps were very popular; a vintage one is shown below. In good condition they're worth hundreds of dollars nowadays!

As we all surely know, 1965 was an important year in Harley-Davidson history. It was the first year for the electric starter, the first year for the 12-volt system and the last year for the Panhead V-twin engine.



HISTORIC HARLEY



The engine at left is, of course, a Harley-Davidson Panhead of the 1955-1962 era. This particular restored engine is going for \$6,000 on e-Bay! You can clearly see from this rarely-seen angle why these engines were called panheads; those do indeed look like cooking pans.

The panhead was a two-valve-per-cylinder, pushrod V-twin, made in both 61 c.i. (EL models) and 74 c.i. (FL and FLH models) displacements. The "Captain America" chopper used by Peter Fonda in the movie *Easy Rider* (1969) had a panhead engine. Can you dig it?

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Upcoming Events and Rides!

BOSS HOG SEMINAR

Would you like to learn how to develop your own ride or plan a chapter event?



BOSS HOGS are key to the success of the Fairfax, VA HOG Chapter! Please note that you do not have to be a Road Captain to become a BOSS HOG!

Please come out and join us for our BOSS HOG Seminar!

E-mail the Activities Officers at activities@fairfaxhog.com to register

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 9am

Place: Interstate Van Lines Community Room
5801 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152



Harley Owners Group
Fairfax VA Chapter # 3698

The Black Wolf Chapter would like to invite you all to attend this year's Challenge on April 26th!

This event has always been about riding and group participation all rolled into one awesome event. Let's have over 500 members from across the state represent their Chapters again. With mostly positive feedback after last year's Challenge it has been decided that we will again host the event in Lexington. Your 'challenge' is to motivate as many members as you can to participate this year.

When: Sunday, April 26th-check in from 9:30am-1:00pm

Where: Travel Centers of America, 2516 N Lee Hwy Lexington, VA

The winners will be determined by the following formula: $[(\text{Riders} \times 2) + (\text{Car} \times 1) \times \text{mileage from sponsoring dealership to challenge site}] / \# \text{ of chapter members}$

Please provide your membership rosters to us no later than April 1st by sending them to membership.blackwolfhog@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Maria Vandergriff, Director, Black Wolf HOG, 2020

Upcoming Events and Rides!

NO BLARNEY RIDE

Saturday March 21, 2020

KSU - Patriot Harley Davidson 11:00am

Ride Destination: OLD BROGUE in Great Falls, VA

Come join us for lunch around 12:30 if you don't want to ride

Don't forget to wear your green

Chapter Cancellation Hotline:

703-352-0516



Boss Hogs: Joe Livingood/
Mo Smith

jlivingood1@gmail.com

703-283-4851



2020 IRON HORSE ROUNDUP

JUNE 10 - 14



Harley Owners Group
Fairfax VA Chapter # 3698

Boss HOGs: Ray Riddle and
Diane Struck

Important Deadlines:

- April 12 for Room/Cabin Reservations
- June 1 for online IHR Registration

FAQs posted on FHOG Website

Still have questions? Email
ironhorse@fairfaxhog.com



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Online Room/Cabin Reservations:

<https://www.canaanresort.com/groups-meetings/>

GROUP CODE: 17838

or

1-304-866-4121 ext. 8-7701

IHR Registration:

Email from "Fairfax Harley Owners
Group Chapter" with Eventbrite invite
and link

And now, a 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
- Group Riding
- Road Captain Seminars
- Safety Tips, Videos, & Techniques
- Community Involvement
- Charitable Events
- Stars & Pipes Newsletter
- E-Mail Blaster Updates
- Membership Meetings
- Social Events
- Patriot Dealership Discounts
- ... and more! (See www.fairfaxhog.com)

Contact: 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.

H.O.G. Number:
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National HOG membership:
www.membership.hog.com

Fairfax Chapter Membership:
www.fairfaxhog.com

Access Chapter Website

- <https://www.fairfaxhog.com>

NOTE: Member Login Not Required

Select Members' Corner Dropdown

Follow Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Ensure National HOG Membership is Current
2. Download Chapter Application
3. Fill Out Form, Print, and Sign
4. Mail Application and payment



Fairfax VA H.O.G. Membership Application Form

Many of these documents are in Adobe® Acrobat™ format, which must be installed on your computer PRIOR to being able to read/print them. **Click here** if you need to install the Adobe Acrobat Reader application.

You can join the Fairfax VA Chapter of the Harley Owners Group by following these four simple steps:

1. Make sure your National H.O.G. Membership is CURRENT, and have that information handy as you will need it to fill out the Fairfax VA H.O.G. Chapter Application Form.

2. **Download AND Print the Membership Application Form here**, and fill it out by hand, OR...

Fill out the Membership Application Form ONLINE here, and print it out;

3. **Click here** to read/print the Chapter's Charter document (optional...).

4. Write a check for \$25.00 made payable to "Fairfax VA H.O.G.";

5. Mail BOTH Membership Application Form AND check to:

Fairfax VA H.O.G.
 Attention: Membership Officer
 c/o Patriot Harley-Davidson
 9739 Fairfax Blvd.
 Fairfax, VA. 22031

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 I agree that the sponsoring Chapter, Chapter Officers, Chapter Members, and all Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereafter, the "RELEASED PARTY") shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me, my property, or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and releases of other riders and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the "RELEASED PARTY" harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may arise from my participation in H.O.G. activities and activities, understanding that this release "I HAVE NOT TO SIGN THE RELEASED PARTY" FOR ANY INJURY OR RELATIVE DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SUCH ACTIVITIES.

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Right: It is with great sadness we report that chapter member **Roman Cota** passed away at about 3:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18th, 2020. His sons were with him. It was very peaceful, no pain, no distress for Roman. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered at sea by his beloved U.S. Navy.



Left: It is with a heavy heart that we share with you that Susan Sandler's husband, **Paul Rohrlich**, has passed away. Our thoughts are with Suze, her son Noah Rohrlich, and their family.

Bottom: After a brave, courageous battle with breast cancer, **Lisa Ann Proctor** went home to be with our Heavenly Father and Savior on February 25, 2020 at the young age of 56. Lisa and her beloved husband Frank C. Proctor, Jr. joined the F-HOG Family in 2011 as they shared their love of riding and lending a helping hand wherever they could. They participated as much as they could on F-HOG Rides and during the Ride of the Patriots you would find them in the parking lot volunteering, helping out wherever they were needed. Lisa and Frank were also very active members of the Patriot Guard Riders (PGR), standing for all those who once stood for us. A Celebration of Life/Funeral Service will be held in the coming weeks as she requested that her body go first to Anatomy Gifts Registry (AGR) for scientific research specifically focusing on cancer. The date, location and time of the celebration of life will be shared when it is scheduled. Lisa was a very kind, passionate, loving and giving person devoted to her husband Frank; son, Alex; family, friends, and their dog and cat. She had a funny sense of humor and an infectious laugh and had no problem telling you what she thought in a loving way.

Rest In Peace, Lisa Ann



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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!**

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