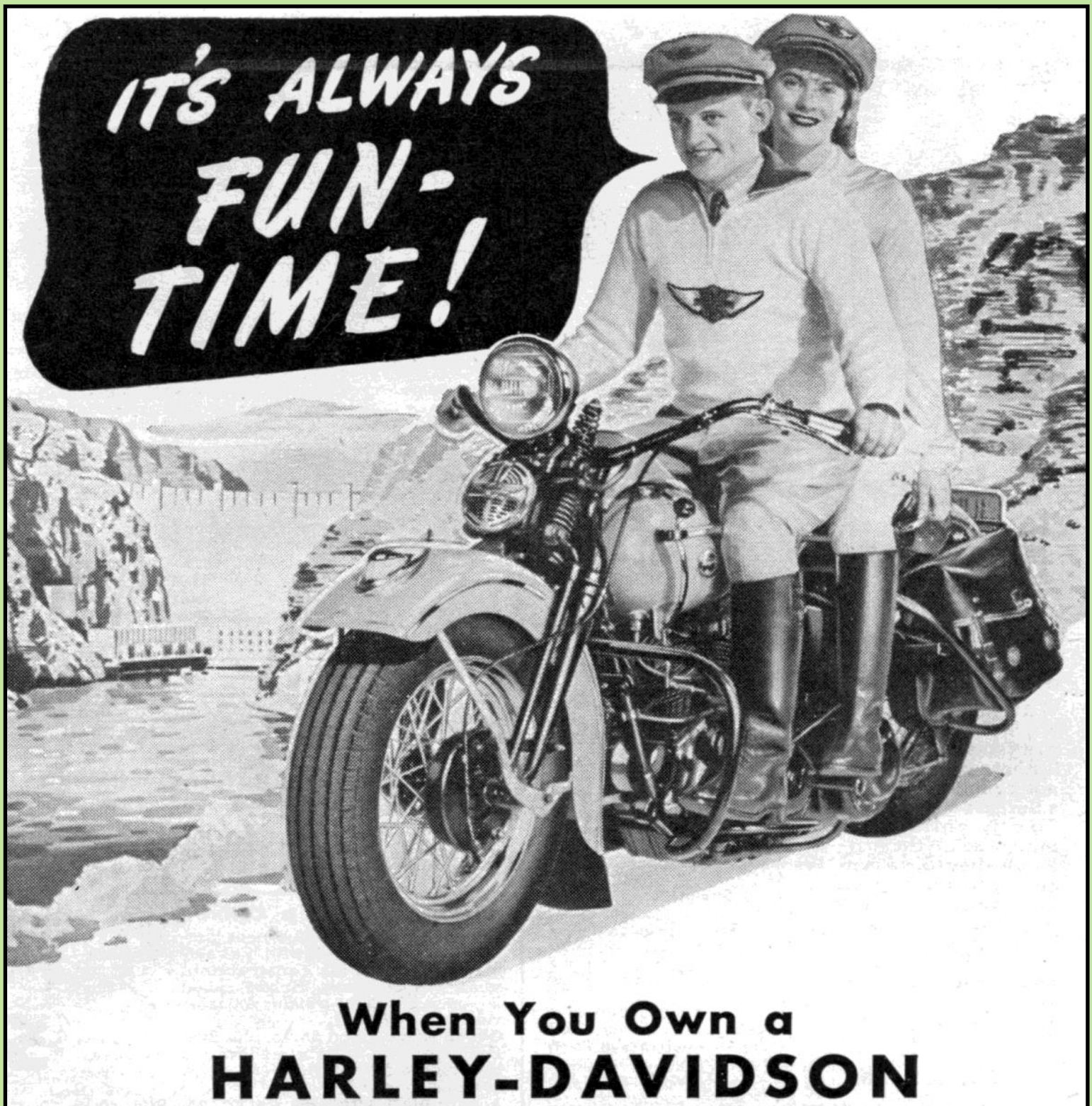


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EDITOR'S COLUMN

For the last 34 years I've been a Virginian living in Springfield, it's been an annual cheery sight to my eyes whenever I visit the Pohick Library around this time of year: the forsythia bushes blooming near the parking lot. The weather doesn't have to be exactly warm for them to burst out in vibrant yellow buds - there just has to be a *promise* of warmer weather. It's a gladsome thing to see after a cold, bleak winter. Just like a motorcycle tire, the seasons revolve in a continual circle. Sometimes you see the forsythia or the valve stem and sometimes you don't. And I think I'll stop belaboring that metaphor now.

my idea was only half shot down. Ride to Eat! Eat to Ride!

The beginning of the year is January, but insofar as practical riding is concerned, the beginning is also March - hence Joe Livingood's "New Year's Resolution" article. The 2021 schedule makes its appearance; let's hope that it doesn't get blown to smithereens like 2020's did. I also introduce "Skullture" to the lexicon, and begin a monthly consideration of Hollywood motorcycles that'll run until I tire of the subject or run out of material. The 1941 Baker Bikers are interesting, and this issue contains about the same amount of japes, larks, info and schedule stuff as last March's newsletter.

Enjoy!

Wes

COVER: It'll soon be Spring and we're out for fun! I might be wrong, but I think that's Hoover Dam (1936) in the background. My parents took me there when I was a child in conjunction with a trip to Las Vegas. Very impressive, but I was disappointed to learn that there weren't any bodies cemented in place as a result of accidents, as a schoolmate had assured me was the case.



"Honestly, boss, I'm home sick in bed. That noise? That's the TV, I'm watching a show about motorcycles."



Speaking of circular things, I had a motorcycle-riding friend over for dinner during the winter. He brought me a dip dot. Are you old enough to remember dip dots? They were dealership-specific circular metal things you could attach to the top of the dip stick. (Or so I'm

told.) Guys used to collect these. The one I have is from a defunct Harley dealership in Leesburg. The story goes that my friend once bought a generator for his shovelhead from there that was faulty. The parts guy claimed that he couldn't take it back and get a refund or exchange it for a new one, so my pal angrily heaved it through the dealership window. That'll show *them*!

As I write this I have just returned from the first ride of the new year, the 2021 "Wind Chill" ride (2 Jan). We started out at an IHOP where most of us had breakfast. After setting out and riding to Great Falls, we stopped at a McDonald's. I had jokingly suggested to Kurt Hurst that we had accepted the Menu Riders' motto ("Ride to Eat/Eat to Ride") to the point where I guessed that the next stop would be to Freddie's near Patriot Harley-Davidson for ice cream. Sure enough, Ray Riddle announced this and Kurt and I cracked up. When I suggested that we stop at a Costco for pizza after Freddie's,

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We Ride as One for 2021!

Fairfax HOG Members! We are only a few weeks away from Daylight Saving Time, a sure sign the warm weather is coming and the riding season is upon us. It is 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 adventure.



As a member, you can take advantage of the new 15% OFF discount in store the 2nd weekend of the month. Just show the PHD staff your national membership card. This applies to parts, accessories, and clothing. Who knows, you might even walk out with a new bike!

F-HOG: Remember that our membership is from January-December following National HOG guidelines and the membership team is always available for your questions or support. So, now that you have joined or renewed your membership to the best motorcycle riding club, what do you expect?

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, your team of officers 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 continue to be on the cutting edge for 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. I have shared the thought many times that we are not trying to disrupt the status quo but enhancing the chapter 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.

We all know that COVID has disrupted our camaraderie, however, the F-HOG Officers have done an amazing job providing information to members on what is going on and have not missed a gear. Even though we might not be enjoying each other's company on the bikes or at an event as we used to, F-HOG is still moving full throttle ahead being proactive and Ready to Ride as One!

Ray

[Redacted signature line]

Ray,

Wanted to shoot you a message.

Due to the fact that you are not able to have your meetings at the dealership because of COVID, and since it still may be another month or two before we are able to have groups back in the store, we wanted to make sure your members were able to get their discount.

So until we can have meetings back in the store we will allow Fairfax HOG members to get their 15% OFF discount in store the 2nd weekend of the month. Just have them show their proper card.

Since we already missed February we will offer the discount the weekend of Feb 27th/28th. Then for March and so on until back it will be the 2nd weekend of the month.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Kevin Hardy
Marketing Director
Patriot Harley-Davidson

[Redacted signature line]

In the News:

Did you hear about the big European motorcycle museum fire? [Details here](#). Another news report [here](#). Okay, so it's not like Notre Dame Cathedral burning, but, geez.



Incident Management by the Book

By Steve Fred, Head Road Captain

A sunny but cool Friday morning. A short little lunch ride on familiar roads. The pre-ride Road Captain briefing followed the laminated briefing card. "Who is new?" "Who is new to Fairfax HOG?" "Who has medical training?" The Wing (#2 bike) and Tailgunner (last bike) were introduced and their duties discussed. The Lead staged himself in front of the front door of Patriot H-D with the Wing bike to his right. The other riders placed themselves behind one or the other bike until only the Tailgunner was left, who took the last spot behind everyone. With all the bikes ready, the Lead moved up to the traffic light and waited for the lights to change. With the yellow light for cross traffic, Lead gave the "ready" signal. After the green light, we were off on the first lunch ride of the year.

A typical ride out of PHD of Fairfax. Stuck at light. Made the next one. Left at Rt. 123, "All made it though the light," called the Tailgunner over the CB. Separated at a light. The Lead slows down and waits for the rest of the group to catch up. A very familiar and standard start to a ride.

A beautiful day, warming up as the Lead turns toward Clifton. These are familiar roads for most of us. The area has large homes, farms, houses, trees, and some sharp turns. In particular, the road has a posted 35 mph left turn shortly followed by a blind right turn posted at 10 mph. A good rider can take the second turn at 20 mph without much effort. But there is no room for error with oncoming traffic.

One of the riders in the middle of the group had been on that stretch just a few days before. He was following someone who had been on that road many times and took the turn with experience. The next bike's rider didn't slow enough before the turn soon enough and started braking hard just before the turn. Motorcycles won't brake hard and turn at the same time. Hard braking will only allow the bike to slow in a straight line. The rider went across the oncoming lane, mised a telephone pole and landed in a muddy ditch.

The Lead and Wing bikes didn't see the incident happening behind them and were notified by a third rider when they stopped to wait for the rest of the group.

Meanwhile, the Tailgunner had stopped all traffic coming up on the incident from behind him. Other riders set themselves on the roadway to protect the downed rider and allow traffic to go around. By now the Lead was on the scene. The Wing was stopping traffic from the other direction. Another rider was giving signals from the apex of the blind curve to the Tailgunner and Wing, allowing only one direction of traffic to proceed at a time.

One of the riders was helping the downed rider by ascertaining any injuries. No injuries, just his pride was hurt. Great! Now, let's get the bike back on the road... It took the remaining riders to lift the bike from the mud and push it back onto the roadway. After an inspection of the bike revealed no major damage, the rider started his bike and inspected it again. Still,

no major damage. The Lead, the rider and the other members rode to a safe spot to wait for the group to get back together. The Wing and Tailgunner joined and everyone completed the ride to lunch.

The Incident Management laminated checklist was followed as it was taught at the Road Captain Seminar and re-briefed at the annual refresher training every year. Most Road Captains had refresher training just days before.

This incident could have been much worse. Yes, we were lucky. However, we were also prepared. Knowing what to do and how to do it prevented any additional injuries and property damage.

The Fairfax HOG Chapter is offering this seminar training at least three times this year. If you are interested in Group Riding or in becoming a Road Captain, e-mail the Head Road Captain ("roadcaptain@fairfaxhog.com") to register for any of the training sessions for Group Riding and Road Captain: April 3, May 8, and July 10. Road Captain candidates are required to take the Group Riding Seminar. After the 2-hour seminar, there will be a short break, followed at Noon by the New Member ride to lunch, led by the Assistant Director of Fairfax HOG.

As a side note: After lunch, the rider in the article along with another member of the ride dropped off the bike at Patriot H-D for a more thorough going-over by a certified mechanic.



2021 RIDES AND EVENTS!

March		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
3/1/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
3/10/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
3/19/2021	Friday Menu Riders	11:00 AM
3/20/2021	No Blarney Ride	10:00 AM
3/25/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
3/27/2021	BOSS HOG Seminar	10:00 AM
April		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
4/1/2021	April Fools Ride	11:00 AM
4/3/2021	FHOG Riders Seminar	9:00 AM
4/3/2021	Adopt-A-Spot	8:00 AM
4/3/2021	FHOG Assistant Director Ride	12:00 PM
4/5/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
4/10/2021	Spring at the Northern Neck	9:00 AM
4/14/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
4/16/2021	Friday Menu Riders	10:00 AM
4/17/2021	Annual Harpers Ferry Ride	8:00 AM
4/17/2021	Dominion Bike Fest	9:00 AM
4/18/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
4/22/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
4/24/2021	Paradises Refound Ride	9:45 AM
May		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
5/1/2021	Joes Covered Bridges Ride	10:00 AM
5/3/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
5/7/2021	TGIF Ride	11:00 AM
5/8/2021	FHOG Riders Seminar	9:00 AM

2021 RIDES AND EVENTS!

5/8/2021	FHOG Assistant Director Ride	12:00 PM
5/12/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
5/14/2021	Friday Menu Riders	10:30 AM
5/15/2021	Floozies Pie Shop Ride	9:30 AM
5/16/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
5/22/2021	Seneca Rocks Ride	8:00 AM
5/26/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
5/28/2021	Rolling to Remember	9:00 AM
5/28/2021	Gold Star Mothers Candlelight Vigil	4:30 PM
5/29/2021	Rolling to Remember	9:00 AM
5/30/2021	Rolling to Remember	9:00 AM
5/31/2021	City of Falls Church Memorial Day Parade	12:00 PM
June		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
6/4/2021	TGIF Ride	11:00 AM
6/5/2021	Lets Ride to Triple S Harley Davidson	8:00 AM
6/5/2021	Adopt-A-Spot	8:00 AM
6/7/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
6/9/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
6/12/2021	Lazy Susan Ride	10:00 AM
6/12/2021	Ride to Jills House Ride	8:00 AM
6/13/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
6/16/2021	3rd Iron Horse Roundup (Day 1)	9:00 AM
6/16/2021	Easy 1 Day Ride to the Roundup	6:00 AM
6/17/2021	3rd Iron Horse Roundup (Day 2)	9:00 AM
6/18/2021	3rd Iron Horse Roundup (Day 3)	9:00 AM
6/19/2021	3rd Iron Horse Roundup (Day 4)	9:00 AM
6/24/2021	Legends and Lore HOG Rally	9:00 AM
6/24/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
6/25/2021	Legends and Lore HOG Rally	9:00 AM
6/26/2021	Legends and Lore HOG Rally	9:00 AM
6/26/2021	Mt Weather Ride	9:30 AM
July		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
7/2/2021	TGIF Ride	11:00 AM
7/4/2021	Fairfax City Independence Day Parade	8:30 AM
7/5/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
7/10/2021	Bike and Hike - Sky Meadow State Park	9:00 AM
7/10/2021	FHOG Riders Seminar	9:00 AM
7/10/2021	FHOG Assistant Director Ride	12:00 PM
7/14/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
7/17/2021	Goose Nest Ride	9:00 AM
7/18/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
7/20/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
7/23/2021	Friday Menu Riders	10:30 AM
7/24/2021	FHOG Drill Team	11:00 AM
7/24/2021	Midnight Ride	Midnight
7/31/2021	Abe Lincoln Gettysburg Ride	7:30 AM

2021 RIDES AND EVENTS!

August		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
8/1/2021	Bonnies Fried Chicken Ride	9:00 AM
8/2/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
8/6/2021	TGIF Ride	11:00 AM
8/7/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg (Ride for)	9:00 AM
8/7/2021	Adopt-A-Spot	8:00 AM
8/14/2021	Scoops Ride	1:00 PM
8/14/2021	Hot August Ride through West VA	8:00 AM
8/15/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
8/21/2021	Healing Heroes Ride	8:00 AM
8/26/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
8/28/2021	Best Pizza in the World Ride	9:00 AM
September		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
9/3/2021	TGIF Ride	11:00 AM
9/4/2021	Asphalt Roller Coaster Ride	9:00 AM
9/7/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
9/11/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
9/11/2021	9-11 Ride	7:30 PM
9/12/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
9/17/2021	Friday Menu Riders	11:00 AM
9/18/2021	Alan Florkowski Memorial Ride to Coney Island	6:00 AM
9/18/2021	Officer Down Ride	8:00 AM
9/19/2021	FHOG Picnic	TBD
9/23/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
9/25/2021	Moms Ride	9:00 AM
October		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
10/2/2021	55 on 55	9:30 AM
10/2/2021	Adopt-A-Spot	8:00 AM
10/3/2021	Asphalt Roller Coaster Ride 2.0	9:00 AM
10/4/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
10/13/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
10/15/2021	Friday Menu Riders	11:00 AM
10/17/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
10/20/2021	Vienna Halloween Parade	5:00 PM
10/22/2021	The 45 TGIF Ride	11:00 AM
10/23/2021	Autumn in West Virginia	9:00 AM
10/28/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
10/30/2021	Graveyard Ride	10:00 AM

2021 RIDES AND EVENTS!

November		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
11/1/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
11/10/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
11/12/2021	Friday Menu Riders	11:00 AM
11/13/2021	Annual American Heroes Ride	8:00 AM
11/14/2021	Friends Helping Friends (Short Ride After)	9:00 AM
11/18/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
11/24/2021	Thanksgiving at the Lamb Center	10:00 AM
December		
Date	Activity Name	Meeting Time
12/4/2021	Adopt-A-Spot	8:00 AM
12/6/2021	Fairfax HOG Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
12/8/2021	Monthly Chapter Membership Mtg	6:30 PM
12/10/2021	Friday Menu Riders	11:00 AM
12/11/2021	Salvation Army Elf Workshop & Volunteers	9:30 AM
12/14/2021	Salvation Army Gift Distribution Volunteers	9:00 AM
12/15/2021	Salvation Army Gift Distribution Volunteers	9:00 AM
12/16/2021	Salvation Army Gift Distribution Volunteers	9:00 AM
12/19/2021	Christmas Lights Ride	7:30 PM
12/21/2021	FHOG Family Birthday Dinner	6:30 PM
12/31/2021	Last Day of the Year Ride	10:00 AM

NOTE: This is what we have *planned* for and *intend to do*. But we published a riding schedule in March of last year that got totally blown up by the Covid Pandemic. So keep your eyes open for the e-mails, Facebook page alerts, phone line and any cancelation notices! And keep your fingers crossed. Here's hoping that the only apocalyptic horsemen we see are in motorcycle art and not on any spectral horses coming out of the sky...



MARCH RIDES AND EVENTS!

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



FRIDAY

MENU RIDERS



Ride To Eat – Eat To Ride

Closed Ride

Destination Ride: 29 Miles / 65 Minutes

Restaurant:

Bar J Chili Parlor

Address:

125 Mill Street, Unit 101
Occoquan, VA 22125

Website:

barjchiliparlor.com

Kickstands Up:

11:00 a.m. from Patriot Harley Davidson

March 19, 2021

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



NO BLARNEY RIDE



Don't forget to wear your green

Saturday March 20, 2021
KSU - Patriot Harley Davidson 10:00am
Ride Destination: The Open Road
Due to Covid Concerns, this will be a Ride-Only Event

Don't forget to wear your green

Boss Hog: Joe Livingood
jlivingood1@gmail.com
703-283-4851

Chapter Cancellation Hotline:
703-352-0516



MARCH RIDES AND EVENTS!

SPRING BIRTHDAY DINNER

Thursday (Mar. 25) 6:30 pm

**Lazy Dog Restaurant
& Bar**
11963 U Fair Oaks
Shopping Center,
Fairfax



NOTE: With current COVID restrictions in place, we are having our birthday dinners at Lazy Dog for 3 reasons. (1) they will accommodate us, (2) it is centrally located and (3) great food and everyone likes it!!



Boss Hogs Jack & Barb Causa
Cancellation Hot Line
703 352 0516

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 join us for our virtual
BOSS HOG Seminar!
E-mail the Activities Officers at
activities@fairfaxhog.com to register

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021 @ 10am
Place: ZOOM Meeting information to follow



Harley Owners Group
Fairfax VA Chapter # 3698

2021 **NEW** **YEAR'S** **RESOLUTIONS**

By Joe Livingood,
Secretary



Every year, hundreds of thousands of Harley riders make New Year's resolutions. I believe all these resolutions can be accomplished by simply riding your Harley more in 2021!

Below are ten of the most common New Year's Resolutions:

- Exercise more
- Lose weight
- Get organized
- Learn a new skill or hobby
- Live life to the fullest
- Save more money / spend less money
- Quit a bad habit (Smoking/Alcohol)
- Spend more time with family and friends
- Travel more
- Read more

EXERCISE MORE – Remember that just like you, your motorcycle needs exercise too! Short fast rides will increase your and your bike's cardio, while long lazy rides help develop long term strength and endurance.

LOSE WEIGHT – The more you ride, the less gas you will have in your tank, thus you and your motorcycle will have lost weight while riding. If you ride 200 miles (approximately 5 gallons of gas), you will have lost an amazing 41½ pounds. Talk about instant results, the Keto Diet can't even do that!

GET ORGANIZED – If you have a Tour-Pak, no better way to organized than by using the Tour-Pak lid or wall organizers. If you only have saddlebags, then get organized in 2021 with the saddlebag wall organizer from Harley.

LEARN A NEW SKILL – The Patriot Drill Team offers a Members Helping Members seminar each Sunday after the chapter meeting during riding season. Learning to control your bike at low speed, doing an 18-foot circle or learning how to weave a cone course are all possible at Members Helping Members.

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST – Let's Ride! ODMR, Rolling Thunder, Jill's House, Healing Heroes, Asphalt Roller Coaster and hundreds of other great rides FHOG does every year.

SAVE MORE MONEY – Well, riding a Harley, like any hobby, requires some financial investment... my advice is go big early as you'll end up spending twice the amount if you piecemeal each upgrade to your motorcycle along the way.

QUIT A BAD HABIT – When you are going 60 mph, it's difficult to light a cigarette, and there is **NO ALCOHOL** ever allowed on a FHOG ride so for those looking to make a change, just ride.

SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS – Nothing is better

than some windshield time with the spouse and kids, not to mention riding along with your F-HOG family. Whether it's a summer shorty ride, or riding out to Sturgis, time spent riding with family and friends is time well spent.

TRAVEL MORE – Remember that every road is a good road, and there are no

wrong turns... just new destinations to explore.

READ MORE – You'd be surprised by what you can learn from your Harley Owner's Manual and reading some of the blog posts in the [Harley Davidson Forums](#).

I hope that the suggestions above help you achieve a new and happier you in 2021! Remember... when in doubt, **JUST RIDE!**



RIDERS' PROFILES

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

Name: Jack Causa, Assistant Director

Nickname: Jack

How long have you been in the Fairfax HOG Chapter?: I joined the chapter in 2008 when I bought my first Harley, a 2006 V-Rod "Screamin Eagle" CVO. My wife Barb and I got involved, volunteered for various events, participated in many rides and discovered great friends. Since joining the chapter in 2008, I served as Procurement Officer for 3 years, Secretary for 3 years and this is my third year as Assistant Director.

How long have you been riding?: I have been riding for 60 years. My dad bought me a [Valmobile motor scooter](#) when I was 12 years old which started my love affair with motorcycles.

Why do you ride?: I ride because I enjoy the freedom it brings. There is nothing like taking a spirited ride on a windy road, smelling the scent of the trees and putting your face into the wind. Riding allows you to enjoy Mother Nature at her best.

Bike you currently ride: My current ride is a red and black 2016 Harley Davidson CVO Limited. I also own a 2005 Purple Big Dog Chopper.

Bikes you have owned: I have owned ten bikes: Valmobile, Honda 90, Honda 305 Super Hawk, Honda CL 450 Scrambler, Honda CB 900 Custom, Yamaha FJR 1300, '05 Big Dog Chopper, '06 Harley Davidson Screaming Eagle CVO V-Rod, '08 Harley Davidson CVO Limited and my current ride a '16 Harley Davidson CVO Limited.

The Best Ride you have ever done: I have done many great rides including the Tail of the Dragon, Daytona Bike Week, Myrtle Beach, Ocean City Bike Week and Key West to name a few. My two Harley touring bikes have accumulated 160,000 miles. In addition to these 2,000 mile rides, two big rides come to mind: An 8,800 mile ride to Sturgis extending to the West Coast including Glacier National Park, Mt. Rainer, Columbia River Gorge, Pacific Coast Highway and the Yosemite National Park and a 6,000 mile ride to attend the inaugural Arizona Healing Heroes Ride, which included Route 66, Monument Valley, the Grand Canyon, Sedona, and the White Sands National Park. Both of these long-distance rides were with fellow F-HOG Officer, Tom Zedan.

Quote: Enjoy life, it can all be over in an instant.

Special note: I got a flat tire with only 500 miles on a brand new tire. Since you are never supposed to repair a motorcycle tire, this burn out was my satisfaction for having to throw away a brand new tire. That was the first and only burn out I have ever done. I do not understand those riders that do burn outs on a regular basis.



The bike that started my love of motorcycles!!



KNOW YOUR

PATRIOT
HARLEY-DAVIDSON

STAFFER!

Name: Chris Rosburg

Position: Assistant Sales Manager

How long have you been with Patriot Harley?: 5 years

How long have you been riding?: Since I was six, when I got a Kawasaki 80cc dirt bike for my birthday. I had my first crotch rocket at age 14.

Why do you ride?: Freedom and a chance to socialize. I like to go on trips with friends.

Bike you currently ride: '17 Dyna Street Bob, '09 Night Train, '86 homemade Sportster, '94 Softail Springer.

Other bikes you have owned: I've owned Hondas, Yamahas, many Harleys, and even a Triumph for a short period.

The best ride you have ever done: It was also the worst ride I have ever done: a trip to Maine with friends two years ago. We left PHD at 7 AM, and one fellow passed out on I-95 just north of Baltimore. In New Jersey I took an offramp too fast and broke a toe. Various other mishaps occurred. But the scenery was gorgeous!

Quote: "Death is inevitable. Enjoy life while you can."



Ever Wonder what the Temperature is At Riding Speeds?

Here are two handy charts you can print out and keep for figuring out what to wear when you go riding in cool weather months. Regardless of the time of year, air temperature and wind chill must be considered to dress properly each day your ride. Some believe in layers, while others believe in leather. Some keep hand warmers at the ready, while others turn on their heated grips.

Ever Wonder What The Temperature Is At Riding Speeds...

Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (degrees F)															
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100	
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102	
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103	
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104	
25	0	8	15	22	30	37	45	52	60	67	74	82	89	97	104	
30	-3	5	13	20	28	36	43	51	59	66	74	82	89	97	105	
35	-5	3	11	19	27	35	42	50	58	66	74	81	89	97	105	
40	-6	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
45	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
50	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
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Wind Chill Chart



Wind (mph)	Temperature (°F)															
	Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71
30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73
35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84

Frostbite Times: 30 minutes, 10 minutes, 5 minutes

Wind Chill (°F) = $35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$
Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph)

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If you read my some of my articles about heated gear and heated grips, you already know my answer to how to survive cold weather riding.....just plug in your heated jacket and adjust the dial. Plug and Play is what I always say!

Ride safe my family and friends.

Joe Livingood, Secretary

MY FIRST RIDE

By Joe Livingood, Secretary



I can remember my first ride on a late spring day back in nineteen-seventy... wait a second, no need to age myself too much!

My first ride was in the late spring on a 1970 Honda 50 through the back woods of Great Falls. Not the Great Falls you know now. This was when Great Falls had small ranch style homes and we were all considered “Country folk” to everyone else around Northern Virginia.

My brother and I spent an afternoon after school at our buddy Robert’s house. His older brother let him ride his Honda 50, so why couldn’t we? Granted, I’d never ridden a dirt bike up to that point, but I was young, fearless and, frankly, just stupid.

No helmet, glasses, gloves or any personal protective equipment, just me and open woods. I figured bike riding and motorcycles were the same, as, after all, they both have two wheels and brakes. How hard could it be?

After the five second instructional advice offered by Robert, I took off into the woods of Great Falls dodging trees, branches and the occasional neighbor’s fence. I quickly found out that having sneakers with laces and riding did not work well together. My laces caught on the shifter, kickstand and anything that it could possibly get caught on. I must have wrecked that darn thing two dozen times in the first five minutes. At that age, wounds heal, and was told that chicks dig scars, so deeper into the woods I ventured.

I did learn that unlike bicycles, motorcycles, when going over a jump, just fall like a sack of bricks and have no suspension when you land.

After a bent clutch handle, a dent or two on the tank and a few refills later it was getting dark and time to go home. When we were picked up by our mother, my school clothes were a mess

with dirt and grease, I smelled like gas and had several rips and tears in my pants and shirt. My mom was furious and wouldn’t let us “play” over at Robert’s again, although we occasionally (without letting Mom know) rode our bicycles several miles to his house and had Groundhog Day all over again.

Every time I see that kind of bike a boyish grin just comes to my face!



In 2013 Publicis Colombia - a business, marketing and communications organization - commissioned Martin Sigal to photograph an anti-bullying campaign for Harley-Davidson Kids Clothes that was a colorful mashup of archetypal nerdiness and the brand’s trademark edginess.

Bikers Against Bullies USA (BAB USA) is a group formed originally in Missoula, MT in 2012 as an awareness program aimed at educating children through school systems as well as the public forum through community engagement.

All BAB USA activities, including promotions, rides, Facebook pages and appearance events are open to people of all ages, gender, sexual orientation and any type of motorized cycle.

BAB USA is comprised of volunteer chapter groups across the nation. Although there are no national officers in BAB USA, each chapter is coordinated by a designated volunteer in each region.

What if I’m not a Biker? BAB USA welcomes all supporters.





For your long-range planning...

2021 FHOG IRON HORSE ROUNDUP



Greetings Fairfax HOG members!

Join us for our 3rd Iron Horse Roundup (IHR), June 16-20 in the gorgeous Smoky Mountains of North Carolina! Home base will be at the Ironhorse Motorcycle Lodge & Resort in Robbinsville, NC. The twists and turns of mountain roads in the Blue Ridge Mountains makes this a must do FHOG Chapter event!

There are plenty of rides with twisties and breathtaking views that await us along the Cherohala Skyway, Smoky Mountains Loop, Thunder Road, Moonshiner28, and the Blue Ridge Parkway...too many to list here, so you get the point. Let's not forget the infamous Tail of the Dragon, with 318 curves in 11 miles and the Back of the Dragon that offers a less "sporty" ride with 438 curves over 32 miles.

This year, the IHR event is FREE

Yep, that's right, there is no fee to attend this event, although registration is required by sending an email that includes all attendees to IronHorse@fairfaxhog.com.

Make lodging reservations by calling: 828-479-3864

There's a variety of meal options available such as the freedom to BBQ/cook onsite, eat breakfast or dinner at the Chuck Wagon Grill (pre-order dinner each A.M. for \$10-15), or patronize local restaurants. Plan to bring your own food, munchies, and beverages or buy at the local grocery store.



FHOG members have reserved almost the entire facility, so that means no competition for the onsite media and entertainment rooms! Available resort amenities include ice machines, pool and card tables, giant screen TV, and outdoor fire pits. Detailed resort information at: www.ironhorsenc.com

IMPORTANT NOTE: the resort is in a dry county so plan accordingly to BYOB.

Staying at a neighboring resort or hotel? No worries! There are no restrictions to stop by for evening camaraderie and dinner too.

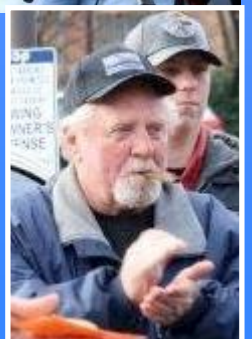
Stay tuned for updates via email blasts, FHOG Facebook site, FHOG Newsletter, and at Chapter meetings. FAQs are posted on the FHOG website or send an email to IronHorse@fairfaxhog.com.

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So, the other day I was in my favorite burger place, BGR. I saw this c. 1976 *Happy Days* metal lunch box on the shelf. Three things: (1) The guy in middle, Anson "Potsie" Williams, graduated from my high school in Burbank, CA. He is in the Class of 1967 and I am in the Class of 1974. (2) Ron "Opie Cunningham" Howard is a Burbanker, too. (3) That motorcycle the Fonz is shown on is a 1952 Triumph, not a Harley. [Here's a video of a guy restoring it to working condition.](#) Interested in the rather odd (and gruesome) backstory of The Fonz? [That's here.](#)

HOLLYWOOD BIKERS

While we're on the subject of celebrities riding motorcycles, everyone knows that Marlon Brando played a biker in the 1953 drama *The Wild One*, right? Remember, he was the misunderstood leader of a biker gang terrorizing a small town on his bike. Ahhh - but *what kind of bike was it?* Most people guess Harley. Nope. It was Brando's own motorcycle, a 1950 650cc Triumph Thunderbird 6T. Where is that bike now? I don't know. But here's some trivia: (1) Director Stanley Kramer hired real biker gangs to play themselves. When Kramer asked one of them what they were rebelling against, one cyclist cracked, "Well, what ya got?" That was incorporated into the script and became one of the film's most quoted lines. (2) Marlon Brando and most of the Black Rebels ride Triumphs and other British motorcycles, while Lee Marvin and his boys ride Harley-Davidsons. (3) Some of the film's scenes were shot in... Burbank, CA.



Last but not least there's Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1991 Harley Fat Boy. Everyone knows about that one, right? One of the several used in *Terminator 2* (1991) was [sold in auction for about \\$480,000.](#)

More next month. - Wes





SKULLTURE

(As much as I'd like to be able to say I coined the word myself, fact is I have appropriated the term skullture – meaning skull-culture - from a book by Monte Beauchamp. I'm not that clever. - Wes)

No doubt about it, Harley-Davidson is all about the skulls. The very first time I walked into a Harley dealership I was reminded of being on the Pirates of the Caribbean ride at a Disney park – skulls everywhere. What is meant by this?

Well, I can tell you what is *not* meant by it: a desire to inflict death. My first experience with the HOGs and Harley people in general convinced me that, by and large, these are mostly friendly, sociable people who mainly just like to have fun. Visigoths and Vandals they – we – are not. We're really more like Hobbits than hoodlums. We're fond of camaraderie, beverages, celebrating life and wanderlust. So why all the skulls?

When I first started playing rugby back in 1998 I noticed more or less the same skullture, that is, skull and bones embroidery and patches on rugby jerseys. In this case it represented Schoolhouse Rugby, which was, I guess, the rugby played by young people in upper-class British schools. In their case I think the adoption of the death's head meant a juvenile sort of menace. *If you meet us on the rugby pitch, well, it won't go so well for you. So be warned.*

Motorcycling is a famously dangerous sport – even more so than rugby. People die in accidents on the road far too often. I wasn't even riding my beginner motorcycle for six months before I had my very first experience learning that a rider I

knew had recently died in a motorcycle accident. In fact, he was a salesman at a local dealership (not Patriot) with whom I had become friendly. I always sort of expected I'd buy my first Harley from him someday. I called my motorcycling mentor Kelly on the phone and told him this story. There was a pause, and then he told me, "The longer you involve yourself in riding a motorcycle the more people you'll know who have died on

the road." I confess to feeling some dread when I heard these words. Surely that can't be behind all the motorcycle skulls, can it? A recognition of motorcycle fatalism?

No. I'm sure this is over-thinking it. One sensible explanation I've seen for all the skulls in the Harley culture is that it represents that bikers are all the same under the skin. This makes sense and is consonant with the way I see Harley people behave. If you have a passion for two wheels and bikes produced by the Motor Company, you're accepted.

Harley people usually cheerfully refer to the popular skulls you see in dealerships as "Willie G." skulls – and this caused me to do some research. Who was Willie G.?

William Godfrey "Willie G." Davidson was the grandson of Walter Davidson, one of the founders of Harley-Davidson. For a time he

served as the company VP of styling. Since 2012 he has served as a brand ambassador with the title in Special Design Projects as the Chief Styling Officer Emeritus. T'was he who designed the ubiquitous jawless skull. When the Motor Company realized it was popular, they began putting it on everything. Makes sense...



U.S. Registered Trademark number 78973138 ([among others](#)) was filed on September 13, 2006, and it was designated for sweaters, jackets, coats, vests, gloves, shirts, shorts, caps, hats, headwear, knit hats, belts, neckties, pants, sweatshirts, sweatpants, T-shirts, leather clothing (namely, leather jackets), leather gloves, footwear (that is, shoes and boots) and vest extenders.

Other Trademarks covered other uses, like gas cap lids, derby covers, coil covers, handlebar grip ends, axle caps and nearly every other conceivable item for a motorcycle.

At the January '20 banquet I noticed our own Linda Collins was cheerfully bedecked with rhinestone-encrusted Willie G. earrings, bracelets and other fashion accessories. When I asked her about it, she told me, "Oh, I love Willie G. skulls!" Clearly, there's nothing grim going on there! On her it looked playful and bling-y.

I recognize I may antagonize some of you by stating this, but I'm not a fan of skulls. To me they represent death, menace,



darkness and danger. (When I was a kid I recall a bottle of iodine in the medicine cabinet with an actual skull and crossbones on the label – I guess it made an impression.) I'm all about fun, light, hope, humor and cheer. And what's more, while I understand that death's heads are very popular among the U.S. military, I don't think they should really play a part in armed forces heraldry. It makes us look like we're the Baddies. (I refer [to a hilarious Mitchell and Webb skit about German soldiers during World War II.](#)) But I realize this is a lost cause. And I can actually understand a desire to appear lethal there.

Nevertheless, the next time you see me on my Road King check it out: I have no fewer than about a hundred Willie G. skulls on my bike. See if you can find them. So far nobody has found them without my pointing out where. If you can find them I'll write your achievement up in this newsletter. - Wes



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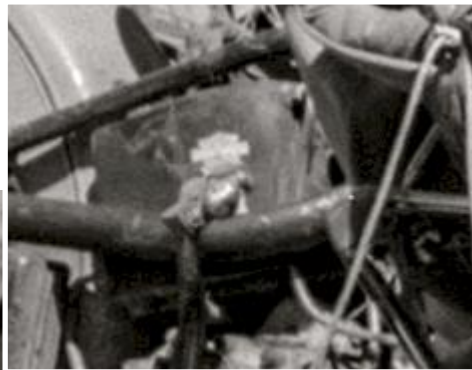
Vintage Rides: Baker Bikers, 1941

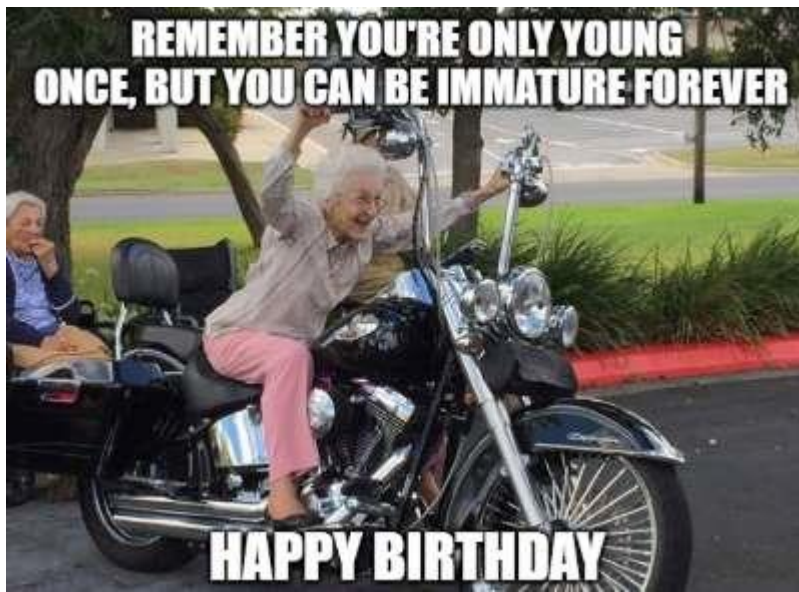


Another great shorpy.com olde-tymey photo of motorcycles and motorcyclists. (The original page is [here](#).) The text is as follows: "July 1941. Motorcycle racers, Fourth of July, Vale, Oregon. Members of the Baker Motorcycle Club. 35mm acetate negative by Russell Lee." A comment: "In the far lower left corner, we see a mudguard banner with the words "Schreeck / er, Oreg." There are very few Schreecks anywhere; this one would seem to be Fred Schreeck Jr. of Baker (1920-2009). From the little I found, he was a farmer in Baker County; his father ran the local ice plant and cold-storage company."

Below: Those three boys are thinking "Someday I'm gonna get me a Harley like that."

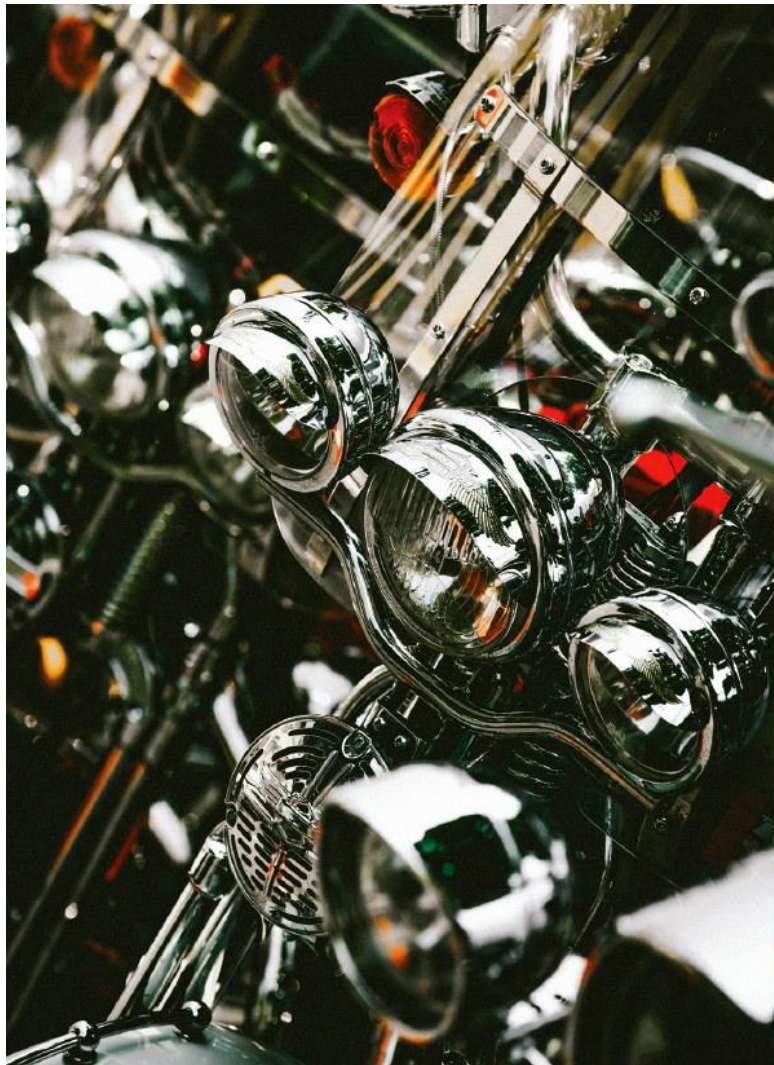
Below center and right: Bar and shield decal, patriotism.





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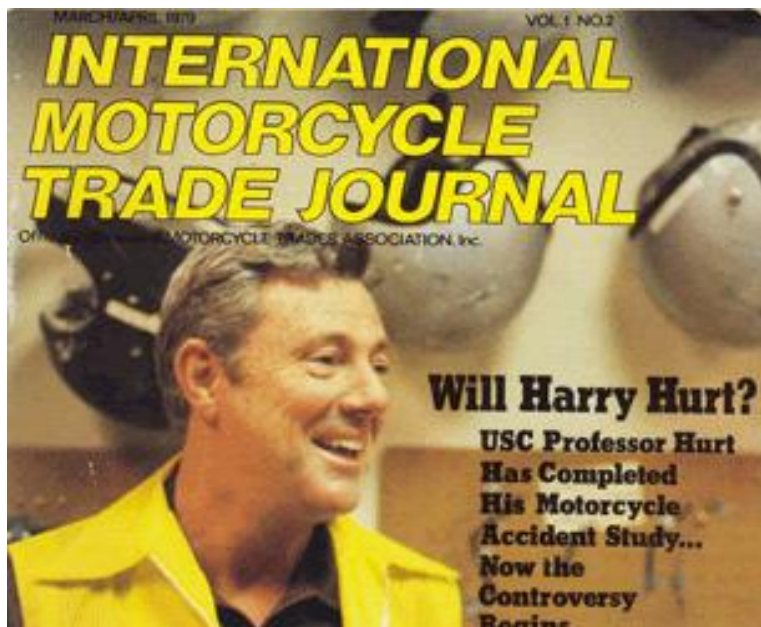


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The motorcycle is a device created by the team of God and Darwin to
rid the world of useless young males. - P. J. O'Rourke



(being especially careful about seeing cars waiting to make left-hand turns), he'd mediate a lot of the statistical causes of crashing. Sounds sensible!

Other valuable findings:

Wary of riding in the rain? *Weather is not a factor in 98% of motorcycle accidents.*

Don't like full-face helmets? *The increased coverage of the full facial coverage helmet increases protection, and significantly reduces face injuries.*

Trying to decide between that Road Glide and that Fat Boy? *Motorcycles equipped with fairings and windshields are underrepresented in accidents, most likely because of the contribution to conspicuity and the association with more experienced and trained riders.*

Afraid of deer? (I am!) *Animal involvement was 1% of the accidents.* However, Hurt's results were in Los Angeles. I bet we get more deer strikes here in Virginny.

It Won't Hurt You to Read the *Hurt Report*

You've heard of the *Hurt Report*, right? It's called that because the head researcher was a fellow named Hugh H. "Harry" Hurt – a University of Southern California (USC) professor and motorcyclist. It isn't given to every college professor to actually save lives, but this fellow did. And still does!

In a two-year period between 1976 and 1977, Hurt, with a team of investigators (all of whom were motorcyclists) examined motorcycle accident scenes in Los Angeles. Their data involved over 900 accidents and they studied 3,600 police reports. The research was very detailed; it involved measuring skid marks, interviewing participants, photographing vehicle damage, etc. When they finished parsing and categorizing all that data they came out with a 55-point summary list of their findings in 1981.

The cool thing about the *Hurt Report* is that you don't have to read the actual report to benefit by it, you just have to read the 55-point summary list of findings.

One of the standout bits of information in the report (there are many) is that a good two-thirds of motorcycle-car crashes occurred when the car driver failed to see the approaching motorcycle and violated the rider's right-of-way. Most often, the situation was the one we've all heard of (or experienced!): when a car makes a left turn in an intersection and blocks the oncoming motorcycle. The infamous t-bone crash.

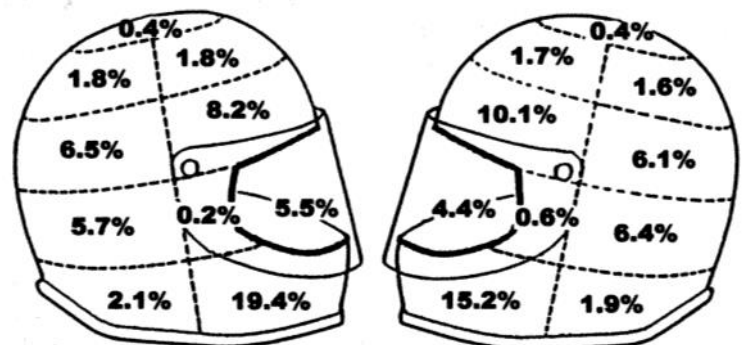
I once watched an interesting motorcycle safety video where the trained instructor stated that he used the *Hurt Report* to play the odds. In other words, he figured that if he concentrated and prioritized (1) not riding under the influence of alcohol (almost half of all fatal accidents show alcohol involvement), and, (2) taking extreme care when entering an intersection

Motorcycles are safer now than when Professor Hurt did his research – does this lessen or invalidate his findings? While advocating a need to update and perform further research to the original data, Hurt's comment was, "The more time goes by, the less things look different. Riders today have the same sort of accidents as riders in the 1970s, except that today they crash much more expensive bikes."

After I completed the MSF class I discovered the *Hurt Report*, which I read. It's certainly an "ah-ha" moment, because you can see why the course is structured the way it is with the particular drill and exercises emphasized – it's strongly influenced by the *Hurt Report* findings.

So. Do yourself a favor and, if you haven't done so in the past, check out the findings of the *Hurt Report* and make your own mental safety checklist. Ride intelligently, ride informed and ride safe!

(Fact: Harry Hurt was a lifelong motorcyclist who never had a crash. He died in 2009 of a heart attack.) - Wes



Distribution of impact locations on motorcycle helmets, all collisions based on information collected by Dietmar Otte, Medizinische Hochschule Hannover, Abteilung Verkehrsunfallforschung, Germany

A Man Walks Into A Harley Dealership And...

A guy walks into a Harley dealership carrying jumper cables. The sales guy says, "Hey pal, don't start anything in here."

The past, present, and future walk into a Harley dealership. It was tense.

Three fonts walk into a Harley dealership. The manager looks up and says, "We don't serve your type in here."

A blind man walks into a Harley dealership. And a Sportster. And a Street 750. And a \$50,000 CVO.

A Texan rode into town and stopped at a Harley dealership. Unfortunately, the local HOGs always had a habit of picking on strangers, which he was. When he finished looking around he found his Harley had been stolen. He went back inside, handily flipped his gun into the air, caught it above his head without even looking and fired a shot into the ceiling. "Which one of you sidewinders stole my Harley?" he yelled with surprising forcefulness. No one answered. "Alright, I'm gonna use the restroom, and if my Harley ain't back outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas! And I don't like to have to do what I dun in Texas!" Some of the HOGs shifted restlessly. The man, true to his word, used the restroom, and discovered that his Harley has been returned. He started to ride out of town. The sales manager wandered out of the dealership and asked, "Say partner, before you go... what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turned back and said, "I had to walk home."

A man with authority walks into a Harley dealership. He orders everyone around.

Two conspiracy theorists walk into a Harley dealership. You can't tell me that was just a coincidence, man.

A guy walks into a Harley dealership and is shocked to see a horse as the sales manager. As the horse finishes up the sale of a new Road King, he turns to the awestruck visitor and demands, "Hey buddy, what's the matter? You can't believe that a horse can manage a Harley dealership?" "No," the guy says. "I can't believe the ferret sold the business."

A mushroom walks into a Harley dealership and asks to see a

Livewire, but the sales manager yells at him to get out before he stinks up the place. The mushroom looks taken aback and says, "Why? I'm a fun guy."

A fat boy walks into a Harley dealership, and the sales guy says, "We have a Harley named after you!" The fat boy says, "You have a bike called Jason?"

So a biker rides into a Harley dealership and says to the service manager, "Hey, will you give me a free oil change if I show you something amazing you've never seen before?" The service manager says, "Sure, but it'd better be good." The biker reaches into his leather jacket and pulls out a hamster. He sets the hamster down on the counter, and the hamster runs along, jumps off the end, turns a somersault in midair and lands on a Harley. He then proceeds to start the Harley's infotainment center and plays a loud rock song and plays the air guitar. The service manager says, "Wow! That was incredible! You get a free oil change!" The biker then

says to the service manager, "Hey, if I show you something else amazing that you've never seen before, will you give me a 20,000 mile service?" "If it's as amazing as the hamster, sure," the service manager replies. So the biker reaches back into his leather jacket and pulls out a frog. He sets the frog down on the counter, and the frog begins to sing beautifully. The service manager is again amazed, and gives the man an authorization for a free 20,000 mile service. Just then another biker rushes over and says "Holy crap! A singing frog! I'll give you \$200 for that frog." The first man says "Deal!" and sells him the frog. The service manager says, "Not that it's my business, but that was a singing frog, for heaven's sake. Why would you sell

it for only \$200? You could have made millions off of it." The man says, "Nah, don't worry. The hamster's also a ventriloquist."

A chicken walks into a Harley dealership. The sales guy says: "We don't serve poultry." The chicken says: "That's reassuring. But I just want a Coke from the machine."

A panda walks into a Harley dealership, sits down, and helps himself to some popcorn from the popcorn machine. He eats, pulls out a gun, and shoots the general manager. As the panda stands up to go, a sales guy shouts, "Hey! Where are you going? You just shot my general manager and you didn't buy a Harley!" The panda yells back, "Hey man, I'm a panda. Look it up!" The sales guy opens his dictionary to "panda" and sees, "A tree-climbing mammal of Asian origin, characterized by distinct black and white coloring. Eats shoots and leaves."



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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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