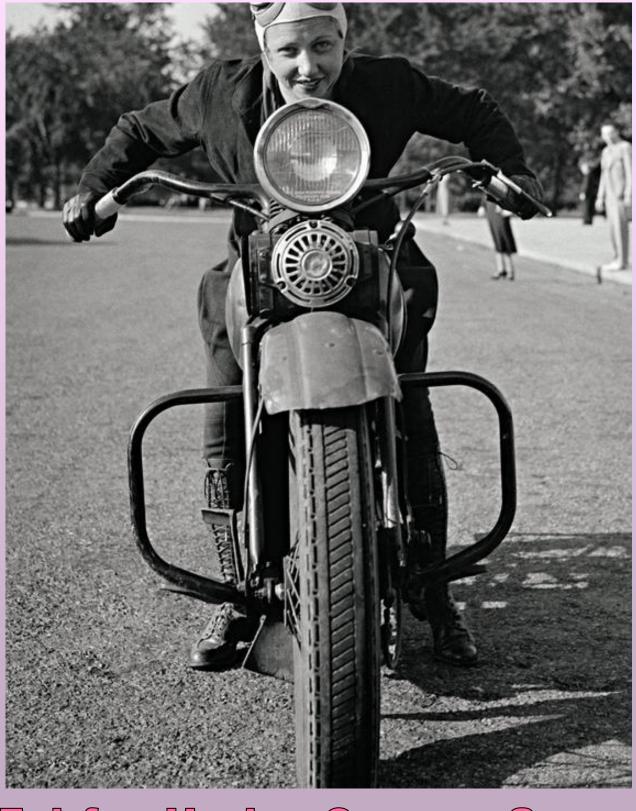
# The Stars and Pipes

May 2020



# Fairfax Harley Owners Group



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

May is the month for Mothers Day, so I'm going one step further and making this the special issue honoring lady riders - whether they are gripping the handlebars or gripping the person gripping the handlebars. All right? Okay.

It never, ever occurred to my mother that there was something she couldn't do simply because she was a woman. Home moving, carpentry, crafts, demolition, hefting 160 pound beer kegs... Actually, I'm a bit surprised she never took up motorcycling (or roller derby). I think she would have enjoyed it as she loved to take car rides and explore places. But she was a working woman; a waitress who eventually bought a <u>café</u> (selling beer and cheeseburgers to the Lockheed crowd) and became a successful small businesswoman. Plus she was raising me, so there were limits upon her hobbies. She would have done well on a Trike as upper body strength was not an issue. I describe my mother <u>here</u> - take a look!

I also honor my wife of 39 years, with whom I have three lovely children (one of whom is a Harley Chick). Cari has a three-wheel endorsement; perhaps when we're retired we'll be riding out together, me on Paladin and her on a Trike!

So, F-HOG Gals, whether you wrench or not or whether you ride or not—we honor you!



### **Stars and Pipes**

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Photo above: I don't know who she was, but she greatly resembles my mother-in-law!

I'm giving *Hey, Joe* the month off; this time it's *Hey, Holli*. Other good stuff follows. Ride safe and don't skimp on the hand sanitizer! And *Don't Do Fear*.

## Wes

COVER: You have to love the look of amusement and confidence on this 1930s lass!

## **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

No one could have imagined a few months ago how our world would change drastically in just a few weeks. The images we witness these days of masked folks in lines waiting their turn in the grocery store, of empty highways where gridlock was the norm and of "closed" signs on our neighborhood businesses, just to name a few, are unbelievable. People don't die by the hundreds

every day from a rogue illness. This is America - these things don't happen here! How do we adapt to something so foreign to our very being? The answer: We just do!

Many have likened this scourge to the influenza pandemic of 1918. The H1N1 virus also spread worldwide infecting 500 million people and killing 50 million with 675,000 of them being Americans. The people of that time did not have the luxury of the technology we enjoy today.

There were no vaccines, no antibiotics, no diagnostic testing and non-existent medical technology. In addition, televisions, home computers, mobile phones, social media, around-the-clock news coverage —communication as we know it — was nowhere on the horizon.

Today we are informed. Our technology allows us to communicate at all levels, get the word out, prepare and act. Americans have united to thwart the spread of Covid-19. We could not have acted so quickly without these things we take for granted. Like never before we need to embrace forward thinking, we need to embrace technology.

As bikers, these spring days are what we wait for all winter long. We want the opportunity to get out and blow off the dust, reconnect with our Harley friends and enjoy the "wind therapy" we all love. But riding solo has its merits. It's the perfect way to social distance. It's a great time to explore new roads, new

destinations, with an eye to creating new rides to share when all this craziness is behind us.

This is also a great time to perform some routine motorcycle maintenance. Change the fluids, brakes, and battery. Check the tires. Replace bulbs. And don't forget about your riding gear. Patriot Harley-Davidson is open and ready to supply whatever you need.

We will get through this hard time. And until we do,

remember...

We Ride as One!

I needed to fill the space below with something, so I Googled "outrageous harleydavidson photo" and wound up with a shot of Jimi Hendrix on a panhead chopper. Works for me! -Wes





## SOME GOOD NEWS!

#### F-HOG Helps Salvation Army Distribute Food During Covid-19 and Support to Other Charity Partners

F-HOG reached out to our partner charities to see how we could help during this time of crisis and we answered the call. Johnny Boaz, Larry Larson, Tommy Lee, Rick Thorton, Richard Louie and Linda Collins assisted the Salvation Army in distributing food to families and persons in need over 3 days – April 7 through 9. J.D. Morrisette donated the use of Interstate Van Lines refrigerated trailer to house perishable food donated by Sysco, enabling the Salvation Army to provide this food instead of it going to waste. John Wood of the 29 Diner, who is providing meals for free to distressed families, first responders and medical personnel at local hospitals, came and helped and was able to get food to continue his great work supporting the community.

Many members have also gone to INOVA Blood Services to donate blood and platelets which is in great demand in our area. Keep donating as the need is high!

F-HOG is also providing what we can to support The Lamb Center who provides support to the



homeless population in our community during this crisis.

## We are all in this together and it takes a village to support a village. Be well and stay safe!

- Sent to the newsletter by Linda Collins



## **INTERSERVICE CLUB COUNCIL – CITY OF FAIRFAX**

During this critical time The City of Fairfax through the Interservice Club Council is looking for volunteers to make grocery runs for vulnerable residents who need this assistance. If you are willing and able please send Larry Larson an email at <u>larrylarson1942@gmail.com</u> with your information. They will match up volunteers to those residents in need.

All volunteers and help are greatly appreciated.

#### We Are All In This Together – Be Well and Stay Safe

## FHOG Photo Contest

- Fairfax H.O.G. is conducting an all member (Rider and Non-Rider) photo contest.
- The intent of the contest is to have members share their Harley Davidson quarantine experiences with others via photography. Photos will be grouped into categories. The best photos in each category may be published in the monthly newsletter, at Patriot Harley Davidson dealership and on our social media platforms.
- We hope this to be a fun way of communicating how you and your Harley are weathering the quarantine.

#### Rules

- Photo must include a Harley Davidson motorcycle somewhere in the photo
- Including HOG members in the photo is encouraged
- Photo should be taken between February 1<sup>st</sup> and current date
- You can submit multiple photos
- Photos cannot display any violation of the Safe Distancing guidelines
- All people in photo must agree to let the photo be published or displayed by FHOG and/or Patriot Harley Davidson
- Every participant receives (1) credit for their photo contribution on the membership rewards program

## How to Submit Entries

- Please email photos as .jpg files only
- Email to photographer@fairfaxhog.com
- Limit one (1) photo per email (If you have multiple entries, please send them in individual emails)
- Email must include the submitter's name
- Photos to be considered for June Newsletter are due by May 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Photo Categories**

- Action
- Artistic
- Funniest
- HOG pride (examples would be photos that include your HOG vest, flag, pins, etc.,)
- Nature

# **HOG Activities in Quarantine**

What better isolation and social distancing can there be than on a motorcycle? Various HOGs responded to the challenge to take photos of themselves apart and away—here they are.

Right and below: Scott Collin (Lifetime HOG member) provided a couple of evocative still life images from the National's Capital.

Below: Highlighting the red-eyed skull art.



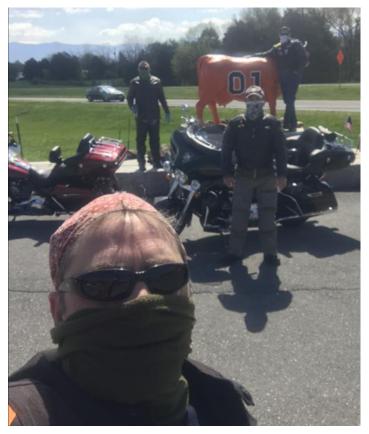




Scott writes: "Attended the online chapter meeting last night. My first. I re-upped membership through the mail a few weeks ago. So not sure if my paperwork and check have been received/entered yet. But I can assure you it has been sent.

"I wanted to submit a couple of photos. I wish I could have been in them, but what a trying time. And yet we find these moments, such as these I came upon on this day.

"I've lived in the area since 1994 and never during that time have I had a chance to park my bike in this location and, without traffic-- foot or cage -- be able to take photos like this. Hope you enjoy."



Above: "We rode two Saturday's ago out to Cooter's. Derrick Gonzales (head of the cow), Ed Murphy (cow's rear-end), Ben Nakhavanit (Center), Anthony Rahner (Doing the selfie). I would say between category; funniest or artistic (Its picturesque)."—Anthony J Rahner (Orange cow? Funny.—Wes)

Below: This was taken on 4/11/20 during one of my COVID-19 social distancing rides in Flint Hill, Va.—Troy Bowling



I rode over to Patriot Harley-Davidson and did some shopping. A guy got a flat on the road the week before on a ride I was on; duly warned, I bought a small saddlebag air compressor. And some mesh gloves for summer riding.—Wes





"Above: I rode all 525 miles down to the Tail of the Dragon thinking I would spend the night, rest up and tackle the beast first thing in the morning ... not realizing that to get to the 'resort' where I was staying, I had to ride the beast. So that was an interesting 11 mile run. Did it again early in the morning with very little traffic (I believe I saw one car and was passed by one sports bike) ... and the 2019 Road Glide Special handled things like a champ." - Scott Collin



TAMPA . BRANDON . NEW PORT RICHEY . PANAMA CITY BEACH



Out for a ride with Larry Zabel.— Jack Causa

Excerpt from a 3/18/20 Open Letter from American Motorcyclist Association President Rob Dingman on the COVID-19 situation: "I'm sure you've seen the meme on social media by now. Under the ominous warning 'Be Advised' it repeats much of the safety guidance we're getting these days, appended with some smart, specific advice:

Avoid crowded spaces: Ride motorcycles. Do not use public transportation: Ride motorcycles. Wellventilated spaces are virus free: Ride motorcycles. Wear gloves: Ride motorcycles. Keep at least six feet from other people: Ride motorcycles. Keep a positive attitude: Ride motorcycles!"

OVER THE LAST 117 YEARS IN THE SADDLE, WE'VE SEEN WARS, CONFLICTS, DEPRESSION, RECESSION, RESISTANCE, AND REVOLUTIONS. BUT EVERY TIME, THIS COUNTRY HAS COME OUT STRONGER THAN BEFORE. BECAUSE CHROME AND ASPHALT PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND WHATEVER THE WORLD CAN THROW AT YOU. FREEDOM AND WIND OUTLAST HARD TIMES. AND THE RUMBLE OF AN ENGINE DROWNS OUT ALL THE BLAH, BLAH, BLAH ON THE EVENING NEWS. IF 117 YEARS HAVE PROVED ONE THING, IT'S THAT F E A R S U C K S A N D I T D O E S N'T L A S T L O N G TOUGH TIMES DON'T LAST, TOUGH PEOPLE DO

## **May Event!**



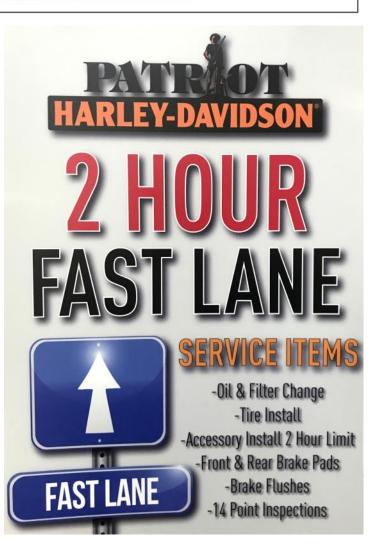
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The Fairfax VA H.O.G. Chapter is committed to educating and improving new and existing Chapter members riding skills and knowledge. Our educational program assists our Chapter members in understanding the Fairfax VA HOG fundamentals of group riding, how to ride with a passenger and review skills and responsibilities should you wish to take the next steps to becoming a Fairfax HOG Road Captain.

Seminar will 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 & Lane changes Rider/Passenger communication Rider/Passenger mounting and dismounting Road Captain responsibilities Incident Management

The 90 minute sessions are conducted rain or shine and 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 begin the process of becoming a Fairfax HOG Road Captain.



## **Hey Holli...**

#### Hey, Holli! Tell us a little about yourself!

Howdy! My name is Holli Hurst. I was born and raised in the Seattle area where I grew up riding on



the back of mv mom's motorcycle. After I began working downtown my mom would occasionally save me from having to ride the metro me up on her motorcycle. There were many days I would be on the back of her bike in a skirt, high heels and without a helmet. She taught me the thrill of the ride.

Later I settled

with my husband in Oklahoma. Because we had twin boys, my husband and I put off riding for a long time. We would take short rides on my mom's Harley Proactive vs. if we were home for a visit, but we decided it was not reactive is our time to ride. As the boys got older, they got a dirt always the bike and created a race track in our front field. Once in a very rare moment they would let me have a turn riding it around the track. I was only allowed once or twice around before they wanted it back. It was then that we decided if my dad ever decided to sell his Harley, we wanted it.

In 2014 we moved from Oklahoma to the D.C. area. Two weeks after arriving I received some test results from my doctor back in Oklahoma that indicated I had breast cancer. Over the next year I fought like hell, lost all my hair, was injected with chemo and radioactive isotopes and was burnt to raw hamburger with radiation. I had no energy to do anything extra.

Finally and thankfully, I received a clean bill of health. We decided it was time to really start living again. My husband and I reached out to my dad who was actually ready to sell his Harley.

My husband flew to Seattle, picked up the Harley Road King, and rode it across county in five days, Washington State to Washington, D.C. He had a fabulous trip. He rolled into town on a Friday, we practiced riding together on a Saturday, and rode in our very first Ride of the Patriots and Rolling graduated and Thunder on Sunday. We were hooked. I was completely happy being a passenger, but the more we rode, the more I kept thinking I needed to know how to ride... just in case.

So in July 2018, I took, and passed, Patriot Harley-Davidson Riding Academy class #325. I didn't have the normal fears one would expect, but, honestly, I home and pick knew I could do this once I got some time in on the bike.

> I have dropped my bike more than once. My husband dropped the bike with me on it; we were riding together and swerved to avoid a deer on a curve and ended up in a ditch. It wasn't a matter of if I (we) would ever have an issue on a motorcycle. It is a matter of when. We wear boots, long pants, and long sleeves (usually) just for these reasons. With a "plan for the worst, hope for the best" outlook, we ride a lot. My goal is to get as comfortable, skilled, and

experienced on the bike, on my own, to be prepared for anything that happens. key.

Once I was officially licensed I began riding the 2003 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Edition Road** King we had bought from my dad.



I rode it just fine, but it was not a "relaxing" ride.

I recommend trying different styles of motorcycles if you have the opportunity. Though I started on my

Eventually I participated in a demo day ride through Patriot Harley-Davidson and rode a Softail Heritage. I knew immediately that was the bike I needed. I was able to relax and actually enjoy the ride vs. white knuckling the ride. It took a while, but in December 2019 I found my bike, a 2018 Harley-Davidson Softail Heritage. I love it. Everything fits perfectly: handlebars, clutch, pegs, all of it. The only thing we changed was to add a heel/toe kick. That made a world of



difference once I got used to it. Now it is a completely different ride for me. I still love riding on the back as a passenger, but having the right motorcycle makes being the driver much more amazing.

People who knew me a while were not shocked when I actually got my own license. People I don't know so well are shocked when they see me in my vest or actually on the bike. I don't think much about how people react to me in any situation, but one time I did: I was walking into a restaurant for lunch

with another female rider. We were both wearing leather as it was cold, and as we walked to the restaurant door, a couple younger than us literally looked down their noses at us as if we were riffraff. I was amazed at such an obvious objection to us entering the restaurant. They were seated away from us, but on the way to the restroom before we left, I ended up walking past them again. Again, they looked down their nose and made a somewhat disgusted look directed at me. I am probably one of the most approachable people anyone will ever meet, so this really surprised me. On my way back to the table, as I passed their booth again, it was all I could do not to plop down in their booth and just start chatting with them. I am pretty sure it would have had them with their jaws hanging, but decided it was their issue, not mine.

with the instructors on areas you might struggle with, even take the class more than once if needed, but do it. You may never ride as a passenger again, or you may be completely happy being the passenger at all times. Either way, it is such an accomplishment to have passed the class. Now the choice is mine. I love being the passenger, but the option to ride your

Besides, who wouldn't want to be the girl with the great bike?

own is a thrill all in itself



Dad's 2003 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Road King, and even though I could ride it, it was not enjoyable. I did not realize how much of a difference that extra weight was affecting my ride. The Softail Heritage was so much lighter and made the world of difference in riding and enjoying the ride.

As for the question of should I or shouldn't I? Absolutely do it and don't look back! Sign up and take the course on their bikes, work

## **Photographic Survey of Cool Lady Bikers**





**Top left:** An exhibition of some kind. The background is blurred so that suggests that the bike is indeed moving.

**Top right:** Whoa! No helmets. Biking back in the day was *risky*! **Below**: The coolest girl in town.



From "How to Attract that Guy you want? Buy a Motorcycle!"

"A lot of girls are intimidated by guys because they think they're too cool to give them a second of their time. Owning a motorcycle stops that from happening. The moment you own one you are the coolest girl in town. You take control when and where, and if a guy thinks too much of him self you can just take off. You take full control of the situation."

## **Photographic Survey of Cool Lady Bikers**







Top left: Golf clubs and a motorcycle!
Top right: Navigating a tire obstacle course
Middle left: See ya next week! (Is that a lower fairing?)
Below left: Yikes! I won't even do this hand's off stuff on a modern bike on the freeway!
Below right: Rarin' to go...





## **Photographic Survey of Cool Lady Bikers**



**Top:** Dot Smith, ace lady motorcyclist from the 1930s. She was 5'2" tall and weighed only 115 pounds. Dot entered many endurance runs, and won her first race in 1930. At the Flint, MI 100 mile endurance race, she not only won but received a perfect score. So tell me again how ladies of smaller stature can't handle big, heavy bikes... (Read more about her here.)



**Left:** A different era - a different motorcycle. Choice lady biker on a chopper on San Fernando Boulevard in Burbank, CA - my hometown - in late 60s/70s. My mom used to take me to Rico's Pizza on Mondays - but I never saw her outside! - Wes



# HOGs ON FILM 2019

Okay, it's not film at all. I mean video, and YouTube videos at that. Sometimes when I do rides I like to bring a GoPro along and make a video. What follows are my videos of HOGs rides I have taken as of this date. More to come as soon as we're out again. - Wes

**My first HOGs ride:** <u>New Member Ride, 15 June</u> <u>2019</u> - It was about a 2 1/2 hour ride from Fairfax to Linden, VA by way of Manassas, Route 50 and the Snickersville Turnpike. I've lived in Virginia for 32 years and I never knew about this very scenic road... So my F-HOG dues paid off!

#### HOGs Ride to Gettysburg, 19 July 2019 - Six F-

HOG members took a ride to Gettysburg, PA on a hot Friday morning and afternoon. I did 237 miles total. I've done Civil War reenacting activities at Gettysburg since the 1980s (namely, Gettysburg Remembrance Days in November) but have never been on the battlefield on a Harley. It was fun! Hot, but fun.

#### HOGs at the Pohick

Library, 17 August 2019 - A show and tell/photo op thing for kids and parents, mostly. I enjoy these. I've been a Pohick library patron for the last 33 years, so it was nice to add memories here.

#### HOGs Ride to New Market, 7 September 2019 -

Called the "Asphalt Rollercoaster." At one point we gathered at a gas station and there was a rather somber instruction to ride your own ride and be mindful of safety going into some challenging twisties, etc. At that point Kevin Hardy decided to walk into my viewline wearing a helmet with "*Don't* 

*F---in Die*" emblazoned in script on his helmet which caused me to crack up laughing. I blamed him for my lack of solemnity.

Dee's Ride, 11 November 2019 - I couldn't think of a more appropriate place to be on Veteran's Day.

#### HOGs Christmas Lights Ride, 15 December

**2019** - I had a great time but my wife less so. She gets cold easily and being out on a Harley in 39-40 degree temps was just not her thing. Sorry for the smeary GoPro. I should have cleaned it off better! It also doesn't seem to be well set up for night photography, so no more of that. Live and learn.

If you enjoy wind noise, shaky visuals, senile pronouncements and Civil War sites there's a lot more <u>here</u>.



If you are going to binge-watch TV during quarantine, at least do quality binge watching.

Are you aware that there's such a thing now as *Harley-Davidson TV*? <u>Click here!</u>

There are four "channels": Main, Racing, Factory and Garage.

## ONLINE APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

Due to Covid-19 restrictions against meeting in large numbers in person, the F-HOG leadership put together an innovative, first-ever online virtual chapter meeting on April 15th. Special times call for special solutions to problems!

Selected officers gave presentations to viewers via the Internet. Joe Livingood kept things rolling—the man is a natural emcee. For a first time thing, I thought it went very well indeed.

Interwoven through the presentation were poll questions:

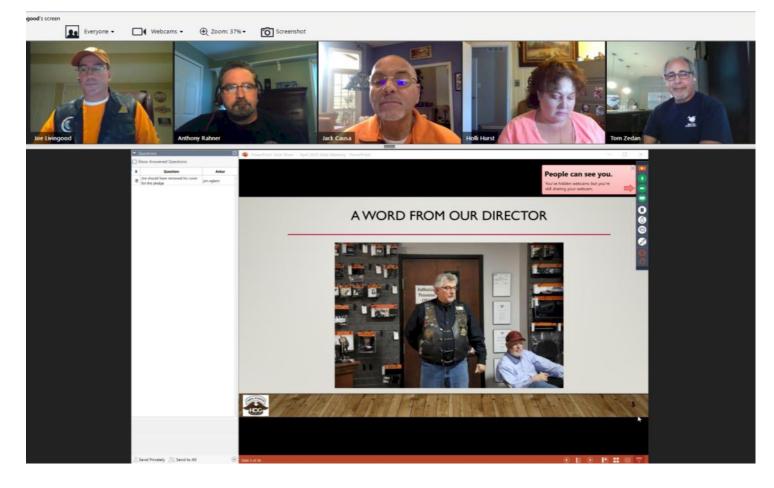
(1) What is your pandemic toilet paper of choice? Charmin topped the poll; as Mr. Whipple (remember him?) could assure you, it's squeezably soft! A question came in from the audience: "But where do you find it?" I can tell you from a recent Friday ride that an enterprising grocery store on Route 55 on the way to Front Royal was selling TP at \$2 a roll. I passed on the deal and found some instead at the local Trader Joe's—but you have to credit the fellow's entrepreneurial spirit! (Or greed.)

(2) How many rides have you been on since the March chapter meeting? The top answer was "1 to 5" at 38%, followed (sadly) by "none" at 28%. (Yours truly has been out nearly every day.)

(3) What have you been binge-watching since the stay at home order began? The top response was *Tiger King* at 48%. Whew. That show is some kind of bizarre, I'll tell ya. From the media: "If renewed, *Tiger King* Season 2 will be released on Netflix in April 2021. In the wake of the deadly coronavirus pandemic, all type of filming has been halted worldwide. Therefore, in spite of a possible renewal by Netflix, we may be looking at least this year's end, 'till production for the *Tiger King* can resume."

Oh, yes, one more vital bit of information that was disseminated in the meeting: Freddie's in Fairfax is only drive-through right now, but if you show your F-HOGs ID card you get a 10% discount.

I can taste that turtle sundae now. --Wes





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

Name: Gloria Ward

Title: Team lead, Motorclothes

**How long have you been riding?** I don't! At least, not yet holding the handlebars. I took the MSF class last November. I do ride on the back, however! (And I am currently in the market for somebody to ride with...)

Why do you ride? I've always wanted to. It's in my spirit.

**Bike you currently ride:** I have my eye on that black Sportster 48 on the dealership floor. So please nobody buy that one. It's mine!

Bikes you have owned: One of these days... one of these days...

**Quote:** "The Enemy of my Enemy is my Friend." (But come on. She has no enemies. She's way too nice.)

Below: Spoken for ...









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

Name: Kaitlin Sue Guiles

**Nicknames:** "Hurricane Kate," "Trainwreck," "Troublemaker."

Title: Finance and Internet Specialist (4 years)

#### How long have you been riding? 10 years

Why do you ride? I am originally born and raised in the Midwest, a small town called Sandwich, Illinois. I was the youngest for four children raised by a single mother and our neighbors often watched us kids. They were avid riders, and would take us out all the time. I had an Uncle from California that rode out every once in a while on his Springer, and the seed was planted. In high school I rode four wheelers, and I was addicted to the sense of freedom that came from having your hair in the wind. When college came around I became a passenger on sports bikes which led me into the desire to ride them myself. My addiction became an obsession. I got my motorcycle license in Alaska and rode all over the beautiful state on my first bike, a 2013 Honda CBR.

#### Bike you currently ride: 2004 Road King

**Bikes you have owned:** Kawasaki Ninja, 2013 Honda CBR, 2009 Nightster, 2014 Street Glide

**Best ride:** My best memories as a rider are from my days cruising in the Land of the Midnight Sun. My husband and I met at a Harley-Davidson Dealership and riding is the mutual love we share together, whether I am on the back or riding side by side. I ride because it allows me to tune out the rest of the world.

Quote: "See ya'll out on the road!"





Kaitlin also has an interest in photography.









**Far left:** Kaitlin's uncle from California, the reason she rides!

## VINTAGE RIDES: The Ironhead Sportster Project



I was in my local custom Harley motorcycle shop in Springfield the other day, and noticed what looked like an exploded engine on a table. What's that? As I examined the component parts to the engine I became curious. I can tell a knucklehead, a panhead, a shovelhead, an Evo, a Twin Cam or a Milwaukee 8 just by looking. But what's this? Turns out it wasn't a big v-twin at all; it was an ironhead from a 1974 Sportster, all torn apart. (Shop table shown at left.)

The first Sportys rolled out of the Harley-Davidson factory in 1957. They were powered by this iconic ironhead motor, which had a long production life – used until 1985! (I lifted the heads on this thing and

they were indeed hefty.) The earliest ironheads were a 55 cubic inch engine with a 7.5:1 compression ratio, a 90 degree valve angle and four cams. In 1972 the ironhead was made more capable when the displacement was

increased to 61 cubic inches and the compression ratio was upped to 9:1. These engines drove a Sporty to a respectable 110 mph.

The Sportster is still in production 63 years after its introduction; the current hot engine is the 1200, which is powered by the 73.4 cubic inch Evolution engine that has a compression ratio of 10:1. My daughter owns one of these!

Back to the engine on the table: the ironhead engine (the frame and rest of it were elsewhere) were recovered from under a man's house. Sometime in the distant past the owner had



decided to tear apart the Sporty to do some kind of custom work, and accidentally dropped a circlip into the combustion

### 1985 Harley Ironhead Sportster Motor for Sale



1985 Harley Ironhead Sportster Motor Engine w good looking jugs and heads

chamber. Feeling disgusted and thwarted, he stashed the torn apart bike in a basement.

Decades later he sold it to a mechanic in the shop, who decided to put it all back together. Will it be worth the effort? Sure it will! I want to see it when he's done. Maybe... even ride it. (1974 is my year; Burbank High School!) - Wes

Left: A nicely restored 1972 XLH Sporty



While enjoyably roaming around on the Internet looking for suitable newsletter material I came across an unfamiliar term: "**Gypsy Tour**." Well, it's unfamiliar to *me*, anyway. It was heavily in use in the early days of motorcycling, and appears in old Harley -Davidson ads. But what's a gypsy tour? This text from weirsbeach.com

good time for the riders, and favorable publicity for their sport. An article in the June, 1922 of the Harley-Davidson *Enthusiast* detailed these goals as follows:

"First—To promote good fellowship among the riders of all makes of motorcycles and to give them a pleasure tour worth talking about until the time for

explains it:

MOTORCYCLE AND BICYCLE ILLUSTRATED July 12, 1917 THERE'S NO END TO THE FLOOD OF GYPSY TOUR PICTURES

"In 1917, the Federation of American Motorcyclists (FAM) sanctioned its first official Gypsy Tours. A Gypsy Tour was an overnight event, with organized road rides and other activities of interest to motorcycle enthusiasts, where groups of riders would converge on a favorite destination. The term Gypsy was used because the riders would travel long distances, and often sleep in tents around a campfire along the way, much like the Hollywood stereotype.



#### Gypsy Tours were held in

various parts of the country, and typically occurred on the same weekend every year. The 'National' Gypsy Tour referred to the whole series of these events.

"The purpose of the Gypsy Tours was to provide a

the next annual tour rolls around.

"Second—To give the general public a convincing demonstration of the practical transportation and pleasure possibilities of the motorcycle. The more tours there are and the more riders there are in each tour, the more effective the demonstration will be."

**C**TILL they come—from North, East, South and West-pictures of the enthusiasts who helped to make the two National Gypsy Tour days successful in the truest sense of the word. The views above show the lineup of riders from Boston and vicinity, the upper photo being devoted chiefly to solo machines with a few of the sidecar outfits thrown in for variety. The other view shows more sidecars and a number of Cygnet rear cars. Standing directly behind the Walker service van in this picture is Jes Campbell, the well-known Harley-Davidson booster.

Sounds fun! The previous image and image at left is from the July 12, 1917 issue of the *Motorcycle and Bicycle Illustrated* magazine.

I'm guessing that in its earliest days, Gypsy Tours were informal things with the emphasis on fun. As is always the case, however, rules and regulations soon followed. The more things change, the more they stay the same - the rules sound very much like the things we encourage with our modern HOGs rides: tour masters are necessary (we call them Road Captains now), pathfinders need to ride the road a week in advance to make sure there are no problems with the route, that sort of thing. It's interesting to note that in 1919 a good "day's run" on a gypsy tour was about 100 miles. With modern roads and modern bikes we can do that now in less than two hours!

Some quaint text from a 1919 article by a lady motorcyclist ("lone") is worth reprinting:

"...fully 500 men and girls, in as outlandish a set of costumes as I ever hope to see, were striding ... My sense of modesty which I had always prided myself was broad, certainly was strained at some of the costumes which girl riders had seen fit to don.

Of course, the way was long, and dainty clothing even for sidecar riders was impossible, but as in every other sport, some of the women had seen fit to go to the extreme of manliness. Scores of women who came in sidecars were fittingly arrayed in khaki suits or dark clothing, as nearly dustproof as possible, and many of the girls who rode astride behind the driver had found divided skirts were comfortable.

"Fully 50 of the girl riders, however, had put on trousers for the occasion. Not the neat riding costume with petties and long coats, which horseback riders make use of, but out and out army trousers and special leggings, with a sweater for a blouse, and topped by a rakish cap. No doubt these togs were comfortable on the road, but two nights and portions of three days were spent at the "The Weirs," and such clothing had to be worn without change throughout this time. Imagine girls in trousers and petties upon the dance floor! Yet dancing was the principal diversion of the evening *hours.*" I think we've replaced that nowadays with drinking.



## Gypsy Tour Rules and Regulations

Suggestions Offered for the Successful Organization of 1919 Gypsy Tours-Two Objects in View, First, a Good Time for the Riders, Second Favorable Publicity for the Motorcycle.

THE following suggestions and rules for the organization of the 1039 Motor-yele Coppy Tours will be primed in book-in form and furnished to tour masters for guidance Object

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#### Tour Master

Select a tore master and at least two aides; more if the size of the tore requires it. Score tores have been surcessfully man-aged by dividing the riders into companies of 10 riders each, with a captain in charge. Number the Riders

Second.--.To create a more favorable public opinion of the motoccycle and monor-cycle riders. ch eider a m mber which h ling. Require rs to form in the order of their and keep aitions in the ible. sets the pace. give the high

numbers to the sidecars behind the sole riders.

#### Pick Good Roads

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#### Pathfinders and Checking

A good plan is to ha rking the turns, good signbo

An extensive and well-illustrated website about gypsy tours in Laconia, New Hampshire is located here. Check it out! - Wes

## **A reminder from Kurt and Holli Hurst!**

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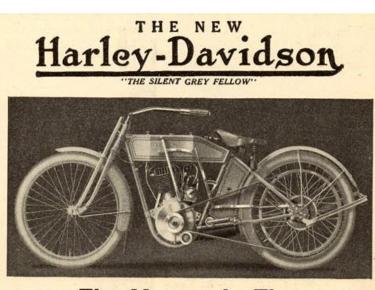
By Wes

This is the first installment in a monthly series, each looking at a different decade.

Left: 1913. I love the totally goofy expression on this guy's face. There's little or no ad copy on a lot of those early ads, just art.

Bottom left: Fast? No, not at all. Agile? Not really. Comfortable? Well—it's <u>not uncomfortable</u>! "The <u>Silent Grey Fellow</u>" - *that* will change...

Bottom right: 1909. Clark Kent, mild-mannered reporter for a major metropolitian newspaper, points out that "...a man who owns a Harley Davidson motorcycle has nothing to do but ride. Far better than a bicycle." Who here among us can't agree?



The Motorcycle That Is Not Uncomfortable





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Above: Ad from 1914 extolling the virtues of the 1915 model. 11 horsepower guaranteed! Below: 1909. "Built on Honor!" Below right: 1912. If it's 100% it's perfect and if it's perfect it's 100%, right? Almost a Road King, but not guite.





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Oklahoma City race meet, April 22d, HAR-LEY-DAVIDSONS won 1st, 2d and 3d in every event.

Minneapolis Hill Climb, May 22d, won by HARLEY-DAVIDSON.

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July 2d, Mr. Wm. Hetherington rode from Brooklyn, N. Y., to Montauk Point Light House on a single cylinder HARLEY-DA-VIDSON, a trip that has never been made by a single cylinder machine before.

South Bend Endurance Contest, May 15th, HARLEY-DAVIDSON won 5 perfect scores.

Plerceton, Ind., July 4th, motorcycle race won by a HARLEY-DAVIDSON.

Akron, Ohio, July 3d and 4th, 304-mile Endurance Contest. HABLEY-DAVIDSON was the only single to make a perfect score, and the only single that could climb the test hIII

Osseo, Minn., July 4th, HARLEY-DAVID-SON wins first and second in every race.

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Temple, Texas, July 4th, motorcycle race won by HARLEY-DAVIDSON.

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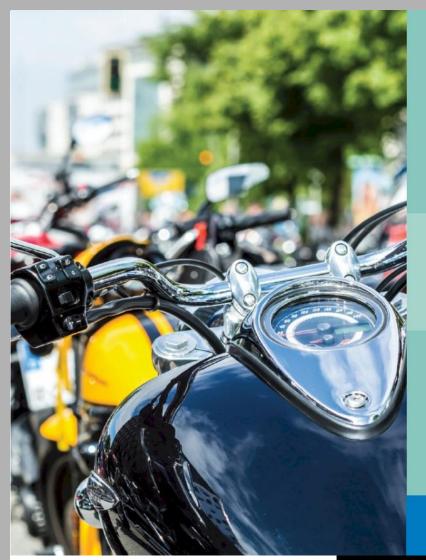
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