

# The Stars and Pipes

October 2021



Fairfax Harley Owners Group



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

October, YES. My favorite month, actually. Cool, crisp weather and time to pull out that leather jacket again. While I enjoy riding in hot weather in a tee-shirt - it feels free - I always have a little Jiminy Cricket figure on my shoulder whispering "ATGATT." (We were introduced in my MSF class.) When I'm wearing leather he goes away. And, of course, there's just something about motorcycles and leather that go together. "It's a classic," as they say. I like to think that no matter what tie, suit or tux I'd ever wear, nothing suits me as much or makes me as handsome as my leather jacket and my Road King.

Debunked: On the "Patriot Harley Events!" page later in this newsletter you will see two gents seated upon old Harleys. The Internet almost always credits these as "William Harley and Arthur Davidson, 1914" - but when I looked at this I had my doubts. Bill Harley doesn't really look like Bill Harley. [A little bit of research confirmed my suspicion](#): These are just two random guys in Minnesota atop old Harleys. So there.

(Want to see some cool vintage photos of Harleys? Click on <http://harley-davidson.oldcarandtruckpictures.com/>. Great stuff there!)

Best badass quote from the Crozet ride (8/28/21): "I don't have tattoos. I have scars." - Alex Fernandez.

In this issue I devote no less than five pages to Harley leather gear ads because... October. This month I introduce a new pictorial article, "Weird Bikes." There are a ton of them on the Internet. Also, we forget about Hollywood and look at bikers from... Liverpool. Also, it being October and all, why not inspect some motorcycle graveyards? That and the usual stuff (which includes Tim "Beast" Alexander's moto-exploits). Oh, yeah, also my test ride on the new Harley-Davidson Serial 1 e-bicycle.

Enjoy!

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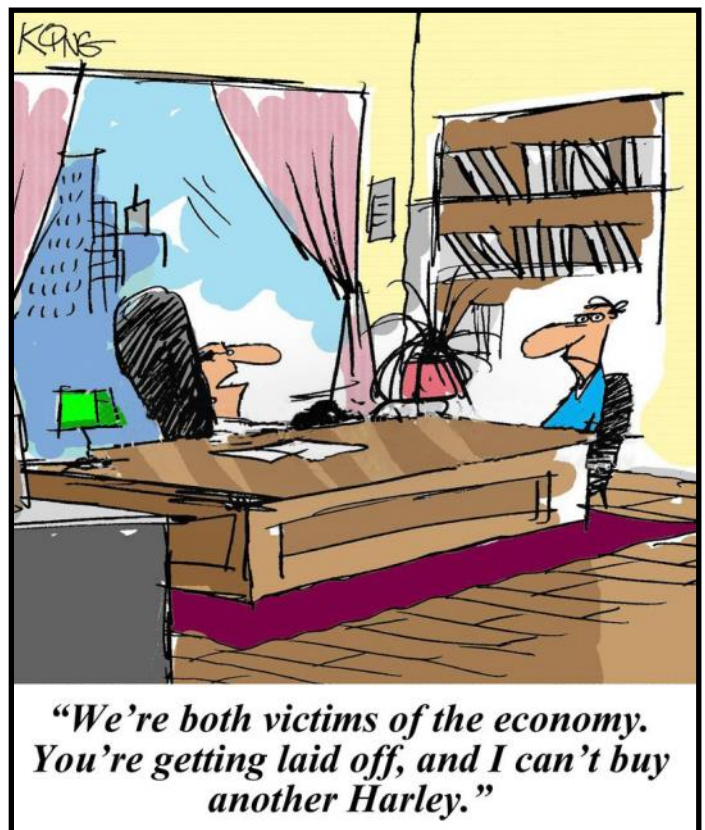
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p.s. You know what's interesting about doing these newsletters? Following investigative trails. For instance, when I was pulling together photos for the "motorcycle graveyards" piece and doing search engine hunts on those terms I also found an account of a motorcyclist, Bill Standley, who, in 2014 was actually embalmed and buried atop his 1967 Harley. When I mentioned this to my wife she said, "Oh, no! You're not going to put that in the HOGs newsletter, are you?" I will spare you the photos and the actual story and content myself with giving you a couple of links to follow: "[Biker Buried Astride Beloved Harley in Plexiglas Casket](#)," "[Man Gets Buried Sitting On His Harley-Davidson Motorcycle](#)." Greater love hath no man for his bike than to be buried with it.

COVER: When I first saw this old ad I thought, "That's the October *Stars and Pipes* cover."





# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hello F-HOG!

I hope this finds everyone safe, healthy, and riding as much as you can!! We have had nothing but beautiful weather for last couple of weeks, but unfortunately I haven't had the spare time to get out and ride like I would have preferred. I might have to schedule another IRON BUTT Ride to make up for those lost miles.

Even with the continued warm temperatures of our Virginia climate, the sense of impending transformation is in the air. Soon the trees will wear their resplendent colors before



sending leaves to cover the ground and the landscape will be transformed from lush green to the stark, melancholic hues of encroaching winter. The air will hold the chill that reminds us of the holidays are around the corner and a new year is knocking at the door.

We all have our favorite season. While some loathe the cold, short days of winter others thrive in the cooler temperatures. We celebrate the holidays during this time and make time for family and friends we may not see the rest of the year. We know the promise of

spring is around the corner with renewal, regrowth, and resurgence. So, we accept the seasonal metamorphosis as part of our existence and look forward to the day when our favorite time of year inevitably returns.

As we ride into the final quarter of 2021, let's reflect on the great memories. Remember, there are still plenty of riding opportunities to log more miles before the practical riding days lessen due to the weather. F-HOG is active 12 months of the year, so if you don't have heated gear, consider it.

So, as we reflect and make additional memories, I encourage all members to share your experiences by submitting an article to the editor of our newsletter. By sharing, we learn, and we grow.

The F-HOG Chapter Picnic October 10, 2021, is going to happen! Stay tuned for more information from our BOSS HOG Barb Causa. RSVPs are required. Great Food, Fun and Biker Games!

Remember

We Ride as One

Ray

## 2022 F-HOG Director's Election News

Members,

As previously published, there was an announcement and request for all interested to submit nominations for the 2022 Fairfax HOG Director position. The nomination period closed on September 6th with one application and one nomination. Our sponsoring dealer, Patriot Harley-Davidson, spoke to both candidates, resulting in the one candidate to stand for election and the nominated candidate declining the nomination for the Director position. Patriot Harley-Davidson approved the submitted application and, with only one candidate, recommended that a membership election process was not needed. Additionally, the nominated candidate agreed to accept the Assistant Director position.











Therefore, we are pleased to announce that **Jack Causa** will be the 2022 Fairfax HOG Director and **Joe Livingood** will serve as the Assistant Director.

Jack and Joe will be working with our current Director, Ray Riddle, and Patriot Harley-Davidson on transition plans over the next few months.

Let's all welcome and congratulate Jack and Joe in their new roles in the Chapter. Additionally please thank Ray Riddle and the 2021 officers for all of their efforts during a challenging period.

# OCTOBER RIDES AND EVENTS!

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|  <p>Adopt-a-Spot - October 2nd</p>      |  <p>55 on 55 Ride - October 2nd</p>        |  <p>FHOG Picnic - October 10th</p>             |
| <p>Monthly Chapter Meeting - October 13th</p>  | <p>Asphalt Roller Coaster 2.0 - October 17th</p>  |  <p>Friends Helping Friends - October 17th</p> |
|  <p>The 45 TGIF Ride - October 22nd</p> |  <p>Autumn in WV Ride - October 23rd</p>   |  <p>Vienna Halloween Parade - October 27th</p> |
| <p>Family Birthday Dinner - October 28th</p>   |  <p>The Bunny Man Ride - October 29th</p> | <p>Graveyard Ride - October 30th</p>  |

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# RIDING AT NIGHT

By Joe Livingood

Riding a motorcycle after dark can be an awesome experience for some, while others find it unnerving. You get to see things like the night sky, stars (if you're out in the country), city lights (if you live in town) and buildings and homes in a different dimension. Traffic is usually less crowded at night along with cooler temperatures which makes it rather enjoyable to ride.



For some, riding at night is just simply terrifying. When the sun is out, you can just see more, and older eyes don't focus like they used to. There is also the concern about deer, racoons, ground hogs and every other critter crossing the road in front of you. There is nothing like seeing two red or green reflecting eyes looking back at you when you're navigating at turn at night. Below are a few of my tips that may help you feel comfortable riding when the sun goes down:

- (1) Give yourself a few minutes after walking outside to allow your eyes to adjust to the darker lighting conditions
- (2) Wear clear glasses or a clear face shield
- (3) Clean your windshield, glasses, or anything you are looking through when riding at night
- (4) Make yourself super visible (wear orange, yellow, safety green and reflective clothing)
- (5) Be well rested and alert
- (6) Run every light you have on your motorcycle (running lights, fog lights, headlight, and LED lights if you have them)
- (7) Reduce your speed and allow more time to react
- (8) If possible, be familiar with the roads you are traveling on and any potential concerns (railroad tracks, potholes, breaks in pavement, sharp turns, loose gravel, etc.)
- (9) Ride as a group if possible
- (10) I choose to ride with my radio volume lower at night so I can hear as much as possible

Riding at night can be fun, and you'll meet some cool riders just like yourself, and usually some interesting people along the way.

Joe Livingood  
Secretary



From h-d.com:

Cut through the night. Harley-Davidson Daymaker LED Lamps are brighter and whiter in color and provide a superior light pattern over standard incandescent lamps. Compared to the yellow light of a traditional halogen bulb, the LED lamp produces a daylight color impression that appears more natural to the user.

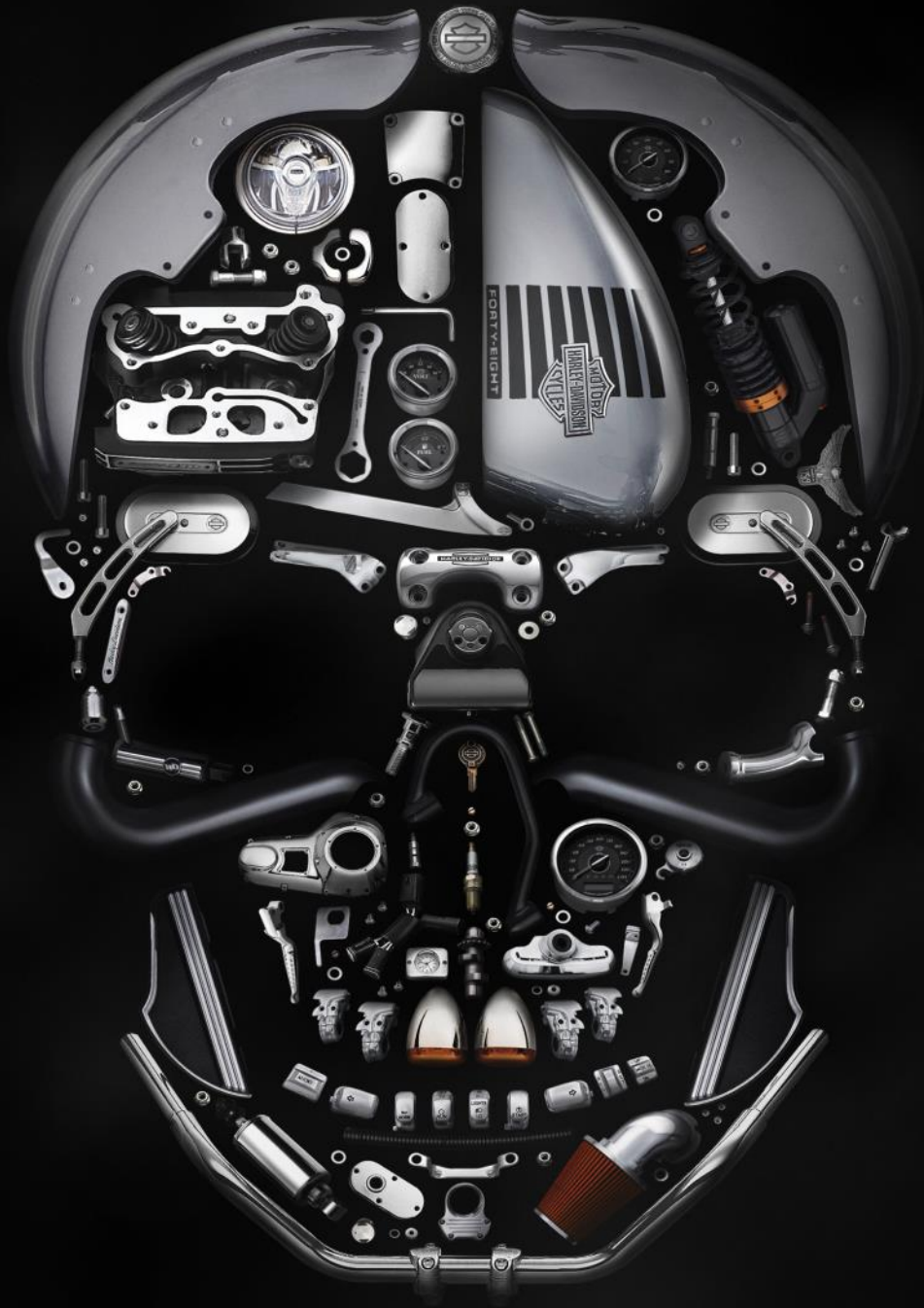
- 4" auxiliary lamps with chrome backplates
- Features "D-shaped" lenses that focus the light in a pool to the front and sides of the motorcycle
- Provides a matching appearance to the LED headlamps
- Solid-state LEDs are designed for long life, and the shock-and vibration-resistant lamp assembly mounts into existing light housings
- Installation is quick and easy, and the plug-in lamps connect to the factory headlamp wiring
- LED lamps are DOT approved in all 50 states



They only come out at night  
They only come out at night  
The daylight is much too bright  
They only come out at night  
- Smashing Pumpkins



A Harley ad so well-wrought, artful and appropriate for October I had to devote a full page to it.



**This Halloween, treat yourself to genuine Harley-Davidson® parts.**







Crozet Pizza Ride, 8/28/21





20th anniversary of 9/11 Ride - 9/11/21



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# Officer Down Memorial Ride



9/18/21







**Alan Florkowski  
Memorial Ride to  
Coney Island, NYC, NY**

**18 September 2021**







Moms' Ride - 25 September 2021



Family dinner  
23 Sept 2021





# RIDERS' PROFILES

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

**Name:** Timothy Alexander

**Nickname:** "Beast"

**How long have you been in the Fairfax HOG Chapter?**  
Two years

**How long have you been riding?** I started riding motocross when I was a young boy. I used to ride around on the back gravel roads in Iowa and occasionally I would get chased by the police until I hit a trail or train tracks to lose them. In 1985 when I turned fourteen, I got my moped license and in 1987 I got my motorcycle license. I have been riding like a maniac beast since. In my early 20's I drag raced crotch rockets. It was so exhilarating.

**Why do you ride?** I love the freedom of being on a bike. The wind in my face. Being able to go anywhere I want and do anything I want. The peace and joy it brings me riding through mountain roads. The exhilaration of going fast and hitting curves with grinding floorboards under my feet. I also love to ride really slow and learn to master my riding skills. Earlier this year I entered the NOVA

Motorcycle Skills competition and finished fourth in the Expert Fairing division. I'm also the newest member of the Patriot H-D Drill Team. I used to always ride solo but in 2015 I got a Road Glide Ultra and started riding with a group. I found I really enjoy the camaraderie and the friendships. Fairfax HOG has welcomed me with open arms and I have made many great friends.

**Bike you currently ride:** HD 2019 Ultra Limited, HD 2014 CVO Breakout, and 1986 Honda Shadow VT700

**Bikes you have owned:** Yamaha dirt bike when younger. I don't remember much about what it was, just that it was a beater with lots of issues.

Old beat-up Honda 125 enduro street bike briefly. The throttle cable was broken so I had a pair of vise grips to pull the cable to make it go. I stuck to back roads on this bike and it didn't last long.

An old 1974 Kawasaki kz400 Black. The pipes were rusted off so I wrapped them with tin cans and hose clamps. It worked pretty well. I would ride and slide on that bike all year around. I would fall on the ice, jump back on it and ride with both feet on the ground keeping me upright, LOL. I crashed this one in the rain when I hit a deep pool of water and pulled the front end out from under me. Dislocated my left shoulder when I hit the ground. The bike hit the curb and went end over end. It was one of the few times I wore a helmet and have worn one ever since.

1982 Kawasaki 750 Spectre I didn't have it long as it had too many problems.

1982 Kawasaki GPZ 750 I had some good times on this bike in my senior year high school and college. I had jetted the carbs and added a bigger back sprocket and chain. It was very fast and I would ride wheelies down the main drag. One day I was doing a burn out in a gas station showing off to my friends. I hit a buckle in the concrete and the bike shot straight up into the air and slammed me into the concrete. I jumped up got on the bike and took off before the police could show up. I didn't get hurt but the bike fairing was broken up pretty good.

19?? Yamaha 460 2-stroke dirt bike that I brought with me when I moved to Virginia in 1993. I loved riding this bike off road or even on road until the police would chase me. The bike was jetted for racing, which means it needed to be ridden hard and not slow on a trail. I couldn't find anywhere to really ride here so I sold it.

1981 Kawasaki KZ750 LTD I also brought this bike with me when I moved to Virginia in 1993. I got hit a few years later and was pinched between two cars in Richmond. Lucky, I didn't get really hurt. I didn't ride for a few years after that.

1998 Honda CBR 600 F3 This was the first new bike I ever had. I got the itch to ride again and wanted a crotch rocket I could race. I had a full racing kit put in and would take it to the track every week. It was so much fun! My first date with my wife was on this bike. I had to set the expectations upfront. It was funny, we were going about 30 mph and she was like, "We're going so fast!" LOL. Let's just say she doesn't like it when I ride fast with her on the bike. I go much slower when she is on the back.





1987 Honda Shadow VT700 Red This was a bike I always wanted in high school. So, I found one in Ohio and bought it. My brother has the same exact bike. We used to dress the same and ride them to bike shows. He usually got first place since his bike looked brand new with very few miles on it.

2011 H-D Road Glide Ultra This was my first Harley and was given to me by a dear friend in 2015. I rode the bike all over and even to Sturgis with about 100K miles in four years.

2019 H-D Ultra Limited 114 Black This is my current bike I ride daily. It's also my drill team show bike and the bike I competed in the NOVA Rodeo on. I plan on getting a dedicated rodeo bike this fall. It will be a used 2019 Police Electra with a full light package off lease from a Florida sheriff's office.

2014 H-D CVO Breakout 110 SE Orange I saw a new one of these in the show room at Patriot and wanted one. I couldn't at the time but last fall I saw one for sale in Rapid City, SD. I had to have it so I purchased it, flew to SD and rode it home. The wind was so strong in SD, I thought my legs were going to fall off. I would put on the cruise control, ride no-handed just to hold my legs into the tank to give them a rest. I had to stop for gas every hour. Boy, was I missing my touring bike with a fairing and bigger gas tank! It was a long ride to Iowa. I stayed with family for a few days in Iowa before slowly making my way back to Virginia over the next four days.

**The Best Ride you have ever done:** I've had so many great rides over the years. The one that comes to mind is Sturgis with F-HOG 2019. Only problem, my H-D RG kept breaking down. So, I got a new one when I returned. I love being on the road on multi-day trips. I made some new friends and had a blast. Also Tail of the Dragon. You can't take a bad road in that area.

**Quote:** "If you aren't first, you're last." – Ricky Bobby



Tim and his motorcycles...





# SERIAL 1

POWERED BY HARLEY-DAVIDSON

What's a "Serial 1 Powered by Harley-Davidson?" That was my question as I visited an unnamed dealership the other day and gazed down upon a line of electric bicycles on the showroom floor. Yes, Harley is now involved in the electric bicycle business.

"Can I test ride one of these in the parking lot?" I asked. "Yup - but you have to wear a helmet," came the reply. As I rode on in my Road King this was no issue. I haven't been on a bicycle in decades, but hey, if you can accommodate yourself to an 800+ pound touring motorcycle a bicycle is no sweat, right?

And so this proved to be. In fact, it was quite fun!

I was told that this is a pedal-assist bike, in other words, it's like being given a gentle push by the motor. There is only one gear, and the way the system works the motor activates in order to get you started (and to help you get up hills). After that you're doing most of the work (and getting the aerobic benefit), with the motor coming in and out to help things along. It really was pleasant. Most models of these bikes have CVT (Continuous Variable Transmission) hubs so there is no step by step shifting. I was able to move along at a nice clip, and getting moving again from a dead stop is very easy.

I selected the largest bike on the floor, which was a MOSH/CTY



(I suppose this is pronounced "mosh city.")

These bikes come in various sizes from small to extra large. They also come equipped with disk brakes, which is a decided improvement from the rubber pads squeezing the tire rims that I remember from my youth.

There are also "step-through" models. When I was a kid these were exclusively girl's bikes, but I suppose that distinction is no longer in play. (When I was a boy I always wondered why the bikes designated for males, who come equipped with sensitive dangling body parts in the groin, had gigantic, sensitive



dangling body part-damaging bars across the middle. Doesn't it make more sense the other way around?) This model is designated the RUSH/CTY Step-THRU, and, indeed, on the web site there is no direction as to these being exclusively for females. If it fits you and you're comfortable on it, buy it.

The main Serial 1 website is [here](#). A handy-dandy table showing comparative prices and features is [here](#). Notice that the maximum assistance speed is either 20 or 28 mph, the motors produce 66 foot-pounds of torque, there are two sizes of battery (529 and 706 Watt-hours), they all have a carbon belt drive and LED lights and most models have a lockable glove box.

I know what you're thinking, that anything with a bar and shield on it is going to be a premium price. And you would be correct. Models run \$3,799 to \$5,599. But as is always the case with products associated with Harley-Davidson, fit and finish is impressive. And if there is one thing I've learned in my 65 years aboard Starship Earth, it's *You Get What You Pay For*.



Speaking of electric motors, do you know the difference between torque and horsepower? [That's explained very clearly by this video, which uses Lego motors as examples.](#) I knew this when I was in engineering school, then forgot, then re-learned it afterwards. There are times I think that life is one long series of learning something, then forgetting it, then re-learning it, etc. etc. etc.



KNOW YOUR



STAFFER!

**Name:** Katie Bowman

**Title:** Fit Specialist

**How long have you worked at PHD?** Since February 2021.

**How long have you ridden?** Since March 2021.

**Bike you currently ride:** There are two... a 2000 Sportster 883 and a 2015 Dyna Wide Glide.

**The Best Ride you have ever done:** Skyline Drive (as a passenger).

**The Worst Ride you have ever done:** I dropped my bike on the way to get doughnuts once.

**Why do you ride?** Freedom. It's great to ride quickly without a metal cage around me!

**Quote:** "Only dead fish swim with the stream."



Bambi sez: "Autumn is here again! See you out on the road! Remember, I'm usually with friends and we like to venture out at dawn and dusk. We like dips in the road where the surrounding land is swampy or there's a brook crossing. And maybe you ought to practice up on your braking and swerving techniques, huh?"

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# PATRIOT HARLEY-DAVIDSON EVENTS!

Work stinks, let's ride.  
Join us once a month for a  
quick lunchtime ride.

## PLAYING HOOKY RIDES

[Click here for details.](#)

Work Stinks  
Let's Ride

OCTOBER 27th



## WE WANT YOUR HARLEY!!!

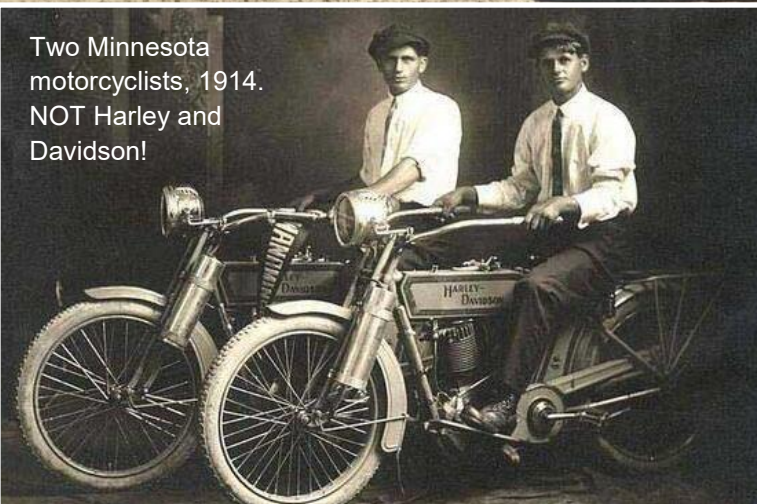
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| TOURING   | \$290 | \$365  |
| V-ROD     | \$330 | \$395  |
| STREET    | \$220 | \$310  |
| TRIKE     | \$295 | \$295* |

\*Pricing Covers Stock Fitment with O.E. Tires and Installation Labor. Shop Supplies and Sales Tax Not Included.  
Trike rear is per tire. Tires over 19" Extra. Can not combine with other offers. See dealer for details.



# PATRIOT HARLEY-DAVIDSON EVENTS!

## Welcome to Patriot Harley-Davidson®'s **WINTER STORAGE**

### CHOOSE FROM 2 OPTIONS:

#### Storage Plan 1 (Cost \$149):

- Storage from 1 November 2021 through 28 February 2022
- Bike stored in climate-controlled environment
- If customer provides battery tender, bike will be kept on tender
- Multipoint safety inspection

#### Storage Plan 2 (Cost \$299):

- Storage from 1 November 2021 through 28 February 2022
- Bike stored in climate-controlled environment and kept on a battery tender
- Engine oil change
- Multipoint safety inspection
- Bike started once a week and brought to operating temperature
- Bike cleaned prior to pick up date

### WINTER STORAGE FEES MUST BE PAID WHEN BIKE IS DROPPED OFF

Additional work can be performed upon request and at a discounted rate of:

**25% off Labor** - authorized and paid for by customer at date of drop off.

**20% off Labor** - authorized and paid for by customer prior to 31 December 2021.

**10% off Labor** - authorized and paid for by customer prior to 31 January 2021.

### GET WINTER STORAGE FOR FREE!!!

*Winter storage fees will be waved if you have \$3000 or more work done on your bike  
(original Winter Storage fees not included in \$3000)*

\*All Winter Storage bikes will be picked up no later than 28 February 2022. It is the responsibility of the customer to make arrangements to pick up their bike or have it delivered prior to 28 February 2022.

Starting on 1 March 2022, all remaining Winter Storage bikes will be charged a \$25 per day storage fee unless prior arrangements have been made. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 703-352-5400 or email at [service@patriothd.com](mailto:service@patriothd.com).

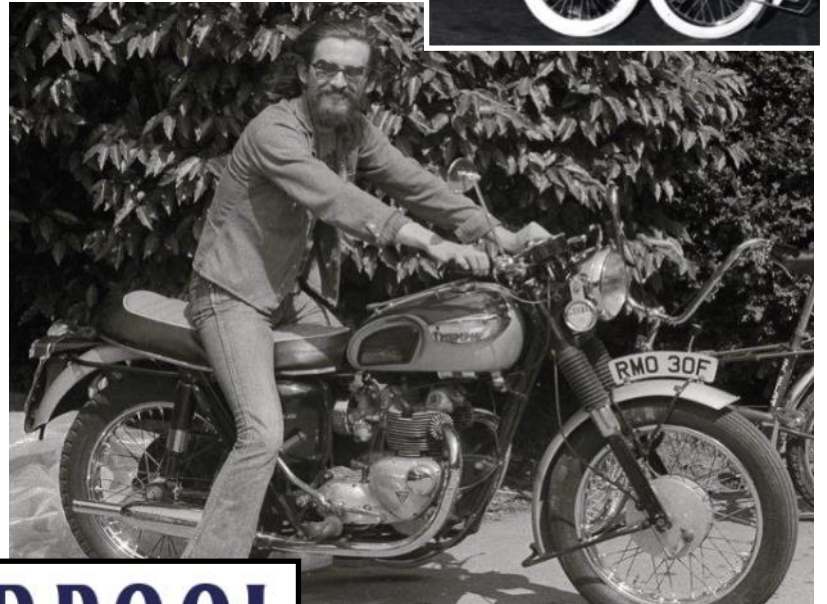
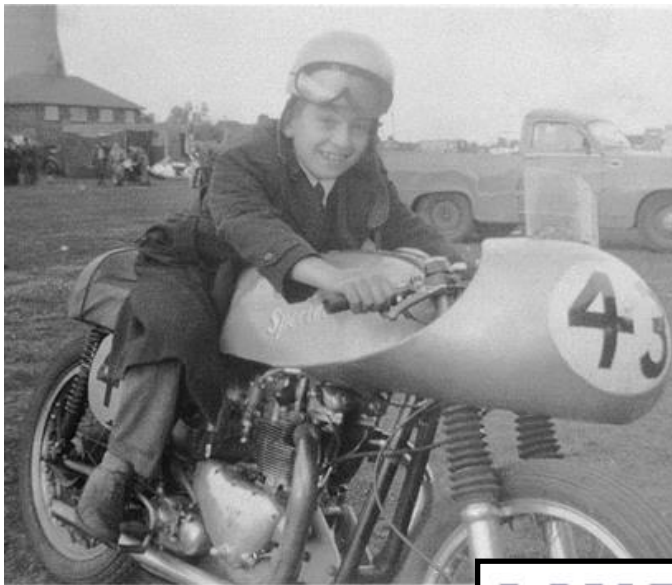




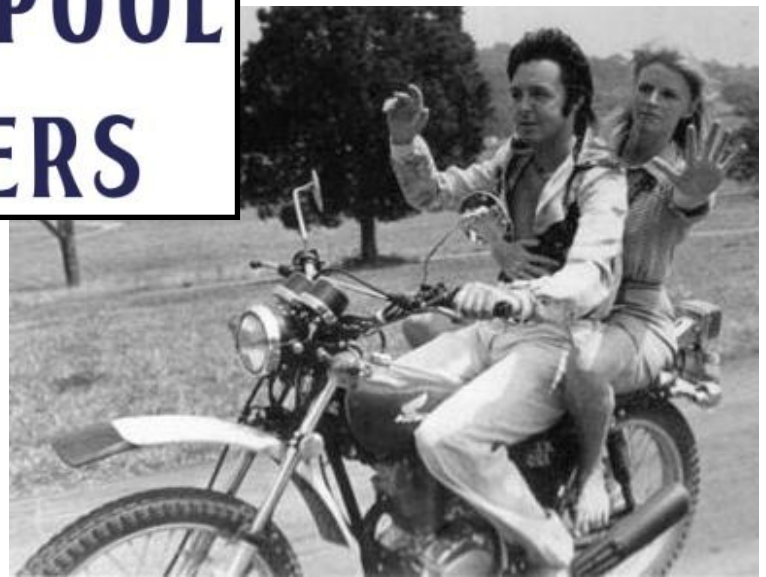
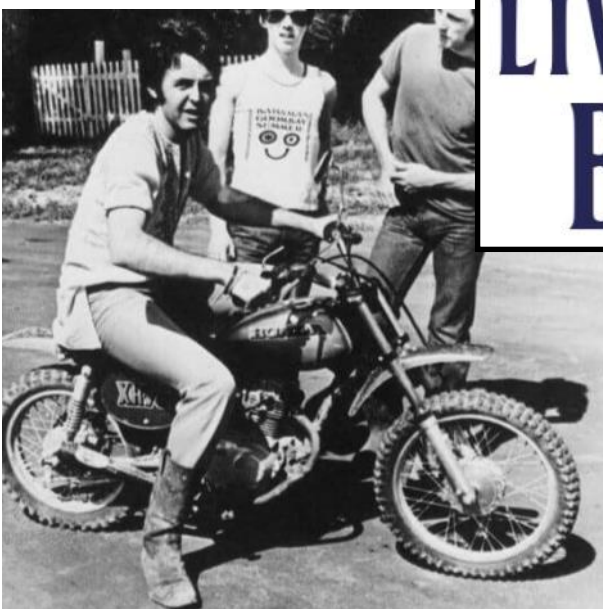
Above: This Honda Z50A was used by John Lennon at his Tittenhurst Park estate in Berkshire. He sold the bike to a motorbike shop in 1971 before moving to New York. [It went up for auction in 2018.](#)

Apparently Ringo only rode bicycles, not motorcycles.

Below: George at age 12 in Liverpool and George later in life. Paul apparently favored Honda dirt bikes.



## LIVERPOOL BIKERS







## VARIOUS BEATLES TRIBUTE BIKES



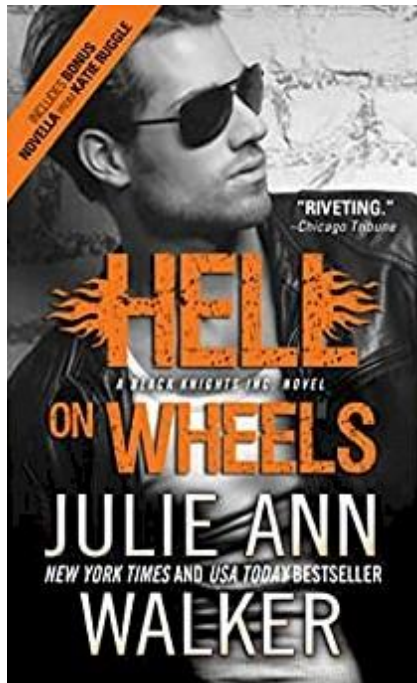


# BOOK REVIEW

by Wes Clark

*Hell on Wheels* (Black Knights, Inc. Book 1) by Julie Ann Walker (Sourcebooks Casablanca, 480 pgs., 2020 reissue) The Fairfax County Library system has this book!

Perhaps the best way to start is by including the amazon.com info: "High-adrenaline thrills with high-octane romance... Riveting." -*Chicago Tribune*



*She's off limits. But he can still dream... Ex-Marine Nate "Ghost" Weller is an expert at keeping his cool and his distance which makes him one hell of a sniper. It's also how he keeps his feelings for Ali Morgan in check. Sweet, sexy Ali has always revved his engine, but she's his best friend's baby sister...and totally off limits.*

*Ali's never seen anything sexier than Nate Weller straddling his custom Harley or the flash of danger in his eyes when she tells him she's in trouble. First something*

*happened to her brother, and now she's become the target of a nasty international organization. With Nate, her life is in the most capable hands possible but her heart is another story altogether.*

*Welcome to Black Knights Inc. Behind the façade of their tricked-out motorcycle shop on the North Side of Chicago is the headquarters for the world's most elite covert operatives. Deadly, dangerous, and determined, they'll steal your breath and your heart.*

I didn't think it was likely, but there it is: the Harlequin Romance/Spy Thriller/Harley-Davidson literary genre. This is the first book in a twelve book series, so if this appeals to you there's plenty more.

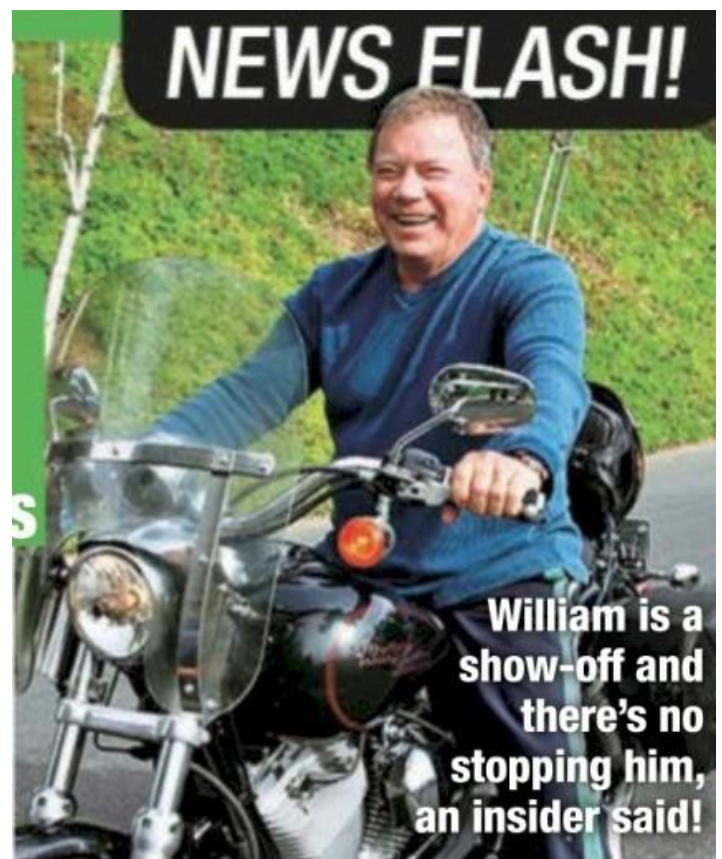
Confession: I got to Chapter Six before I gave up on it. There was no hint of any meaningful motorcycle content, and I got tired of the swearing for effect (no adjective can stand in this book without a "damn" or some other intensifier placed before it). Also, there are a lot of descriptions of impossibly handsome guys with taut muscles coiled under tee shirts, etc. This series is clearly aimed at female readers. (Female readers who like to swear a lot.)

A while ago I realized that there were a lot more books than there was time for me to read them, and so I now do what I never did as a younger man: bail out when the going gets boring, tedious or unpromising. Plus, I've been in a couple of literary Vietnams (books started but only finished because of the expectation of a payoff) - I'm not doing that anymore. Exhibit A of this is an 800 page ordeal called [The Quincunx](#).

My favorite amazon.com review of *Hell on Wheels* is [this one](#).

So. Can I recommend this novel? Well, let's put it this way: The story is that a man was once fishing for a compliment from Abraham Lincoln, and, put into a corner, that eminently political genius said, "Those who like this sort of thing will find that this is the sort of thing they like."

I can be no more descriptive than that.



**"He's even trying to get on 'WrestleMania,' and friends are terrified he'll break his neck! He's a 90-year-old who still behaves like he's 25!" NE**

Above: Shatner on a Harley from a recent *National Enquirer*. And yes, I occasionally read the *National Enquirer*.



# WEIRD BIKES!



Harley monster bike crush! Kill!



I don't understand the guy on the carousel horse attached to the back. This looks unbalanced as hell.



**Above:** This Burger Bike is built on a 1987 Sportster. But... WHY? I think it needs a trailer that looks like a package of fries.

**Right:** If one shovelhead engine is good, two are obviously better. This is a drag bike. Two engines aren't uncommon, by the way. There are a number of photos of two-engined Harley drag bikes.



Breaker, breaker we got us a Harley big-rig CONVOY!







**Above:** Ed "Big Daddy" Roth strikes again!

**Left:** A double shovelhead fuel-tank thing calculated to make fellow riders wonder if they've just gone cross-eyed.

**Right:** Some people like WIDE-trikin'!

**Below:** The PornoBike!

**Bottom:** In this limo-bike you can pull up to an ordinary Harley at a light and ask if he has any Grey Poupon.



**WEIRD BIKES!**



# Marketing Rebellion: Harley Leather Jacket Ads

Harley-Davidson's detractors like to claim that the Motor Company is more of a tee shirt company than a motorcycle company. And yes, it does seem to be true that Harley puts that bar and shield logo on as many things as they can. Why do they do this? *Because it sells.* You don't think that Suzuki, Kawasaki and Honda wouldn't do that too if their logos and brand names had the cachet that Harley's does? Of course they would. Let's look at how Harley-Davidson sold leather jackets over the years.

# LEATHER JACKETS

**by Harley-Davidson**  
for guys and gals

Here is Harley-Davidson's latest *cycling sportswear* in silver-gray or brilliant black leather. These smart-looking, tailor-fitting jackets are cut from the *finest* leather and fashioned into all-around cycle jackets. Their nylon-quilted linings keep you comfortably warm. See them . . . try one on *today* at your Harley-Davidson dealer.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR CO., MILWAUKEE 1, WIS.



**CYCLE QUEEN**

A real hit with *all* the gals! New, long-length black leather jacket features jumbo Talon zipper, snap-down lapels and handy pockets for real smartness.

**Sizes 32-42** **\$31.75**  
98103-46



**CYCLE CHAMP**

For the man, it's the  
CYCLE CHAMP...  
*America's finest*  
motorcycle jacket.  
Glove-fitting, taper design  
and wind-tight sleeves  
make it a favorite.

**Sizes 34-48      \$34.95**  
**98100-38**

**TRAVELER**

Harley-Davidson's silver-gray jackets are the *latest rage* in motorcycling. The Traveler has sharp-looking, frill-less lines.

|             |       |
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| Sizes 34-48 | \$32. |
| 98107-56    |       |



**TRAVEL-MATE**

This is the *ladies'* version of the jacket on the left. It features the same clean-line design, wind-tight sleeves and action back.

**Sizes 32-42** **\$28.95**  
**98105-57**

**Be the  
PERFECT PAIR  
in a  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON  
LEATHER JACKET**

OCTOBER, 1959



The black and white ads above are from the 1950s. Top left: 1959, top right: 1958, right: 1955 ("Keen for fall riding").

Motorcycling may be mainly regarded as a male sport, but including women in the leatherwear ads made perfect sense. Women like to buy clothes, right?

The ad at the bottom left is from 1988. Things may not be “keen” anymore but leatherwear with the bar and shield for Champs and Queens still sells well!

Meet Motorcycling's Newest  
"CHAMP" and "QUEEN"



Here is the newest CYCLE CHAMP and CYCLE QUEEN — America's favorite motorcycle jackets — sporting new looks...new lines...new features. Now, you get more comfort and warmth for chilly, night riding through new, long-length styling. Gives you warm protection where you need it and prevents jacket "creeping". Jacket collars feature snap fasteners to prevent wind from blowing up your neck. Leather zippers are strong and sturdy for rugged use. Be a *perfect pair* with a "match-made" CYCLE CHAMP and CYCLE QUEEN. See these top grain, leather jackets at your Harley-Davidson dealer, today!

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Cycle Champ ... \$34.95</b> | <b>Cycle Queen ... \$31.75</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON** Motor Co.  
MILWAUKEE 1, WISCONSIN



## KEEN FOR FALL RIDING



The Harley-Davidson label in your jacket is your guarantee of best quality... look for it.

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR CO.**  
MILWAUKEE 1, WISCONSIN



Right: There was a nationwide 55 mph speed limit from 1974 to 1995. Ugh! This ad is from 1981. Note the tiny AMF logo at the bottom right.

Below: From 1986. Renegades? Yeah, right. They look way too nice. Looking nice was fashionable in 1986.

Bottom: The two examples are from 2004 (right) and 1998 (bottom). You can see Harley was well underway in using their countercultural image for sales. The one at the bottom reminds me of a Chuck Norris joke.

# 0-55, comfortably.

New Harley-Davidson® soft leather look good. They feel good. But they're Harley leathers because they rock good. For 1981, we've taken fashion and function to the limit. With top grain cowhide leathers that are soft as butter—tough as nails. Adjustable snap-back collars. Full-length backs. Airtight sleeve closures. Storm flaps. Velcro leg closures. And much more.

Our new Cycle Champ II jacket features a zip-out lining, longer sleeves and a 2" longer back to keep the weather where it belongs—outside.

New Harley soft leathers for hard riders. They pack like beautifully, no matter how fast you're moving.

Ruffin-Kaddy jacket.

New Cycle Champ II jacket.

Professional pants.

## 0-55, comfortably.

Proven. Custom jacket.

New Prodigal jackets for men and ladies.

Proven as the product of a tradition, Harley-Davidson® leathers are made in the USA. The Harley-Davidson® Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All Harley-Davidson® leathers are made in the USA. Always wear your seat belt and drink responsibly.

Harley-Davidson

### The Renegade Jacket

Motorcyclists are individuals. They don't want to look like part of the crowd. Because they are a cut above it. That's why they won't settle for a leather jacket that looks like it came off the rack in the shopping mall. They want a jacket with style, with distinction, with individuality. The Renegade, from the people with over 80 years of motorcycling experience. The Renegade came to be different, with textured leather on the sleeves and body panels accented by contrasting smooth leather panels front and back. All top grain U.S. cowhide, of course. And a unique double collar with a top flap that snaps out of the way when the jacket is worn open. Double layer construction on shoulders and elbows, heat-sealing "Thermal Lock" lining, action back. Renegade has it all. And it comes in women's sizes, as well.

It's what Harley-Davidson® leathers want in a leather jacket. It's what they get from Harley-Davidson®.

H A R L E Y  
L E A T H E R S

Golden HARLEY-DAVIDSON

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## RAINDROPS DODGE IT BASED ON SHEER INTIMIDATION.

Small text at bottom: Raindrops Dodge It Based on Sheer Intimidation. Harley-Davidson® leathers are made in the USA. Always wear your seat belt and drink responsibly.

# KEEPS WEATHER OFF YOUR BACK. THEN AGAIN, IT KEEPS PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING OFF YOUR BACK.

Rapid rain, wind, and other undesirable elements. With moisture barrier, zippered chest and venting, Harley-Davidson® "MoistChaser" riding leathers. Only at your dealer. Call us at 1-800-USA-HARLEY. Or visit [www.harley-davidson.com](http://www.harley-davidson.com).

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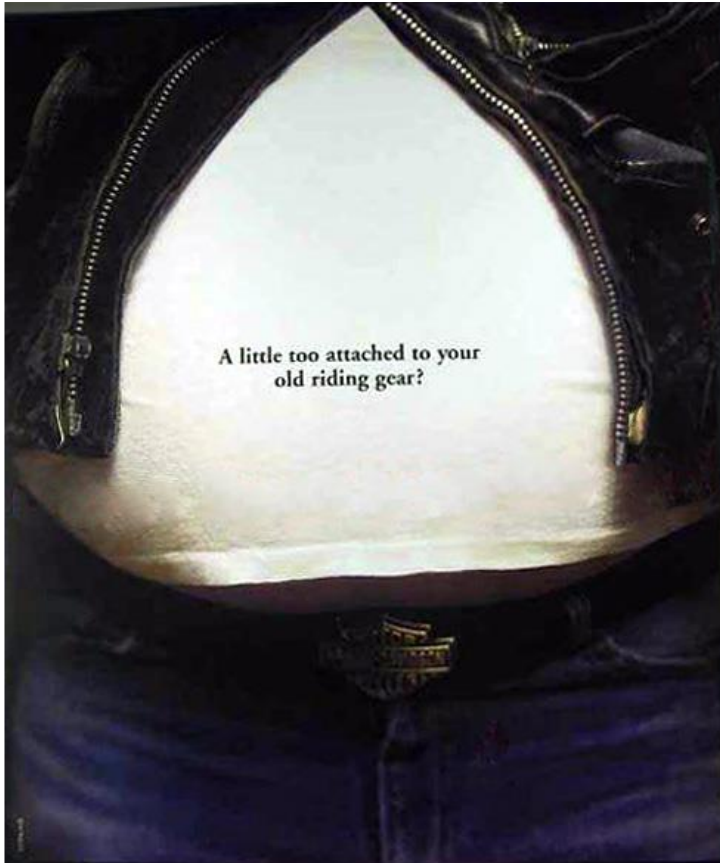




AT 50 MPH, YOU WON'T EVEN NOTICE OUR SLEEVE CLOSURES. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE THERE.

Available only at your

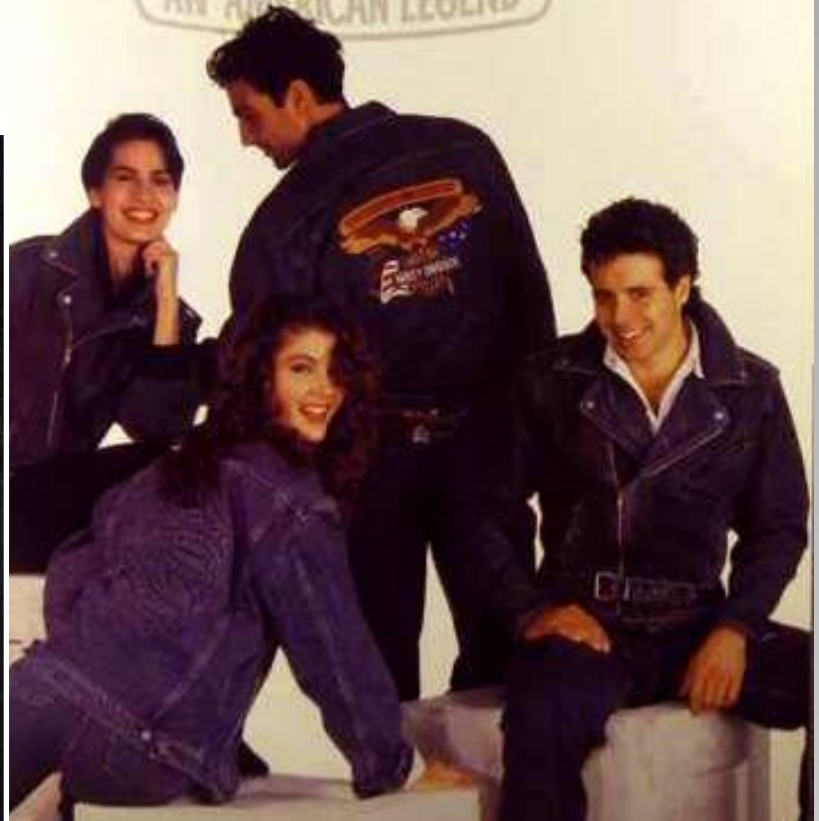
Harley-Davidson® dealer



A little too attached to your old riding gear?

#### The Harley-Davidson® Black And Blue Swap.

Get \$50 off a new MotorClothes® leather jacket when you trade in your old leather jacket or \$10 off Black Blues® when you trade in your old jeans. Only at your Harley-Davidson® dealer Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 1996. Dealer stock of trade-in jackets must be 100% leather, exclusive of trim, for quality jeans must be denim. Only at participating dealers.



Top left: Functionality from 1979. Volkswaganesque.

Above: Models in 1990. Do any of these even ride?, I wonder...

Left: Ha! I like this one. We can all relate. From 1996.

Bottom left: Indeed. Why? From 1979.

Bottom right: From 1998. Brief, to the point and in Harley colors.



WHY DRESS LIKE YOU CAME ON THE BUS?



The Basic Skins jacket. There's simply no substitute for the real thing. Soft, supple leather with maximum break-in time. Topstitching that soothes asphalt. Big, leather zipper pulls that you can get at with gloves on. Don't even want to try it? Visit our website at [www.harley-davidson.com](http://www.harley-davidson.com).

**BROTHER  
WIND  
MEET  
DADDY  
JACKET.**

your time trying to find another jacket like it at a price this good. Harley-Davidson® MotorClothes® riding jackets. Only at your nearest dealer. 1-800-588-2783.





1989



**Customers who bought this also purchased:**




**Classic Cruiser Leather Jacket.** Midweight leather. Body armor pockets. Removable quilted vest lining. See it at [harley-davidson.com/Cruiser](http://harley-davidson.com/Cruiser)



Hahahaha! I like this one.

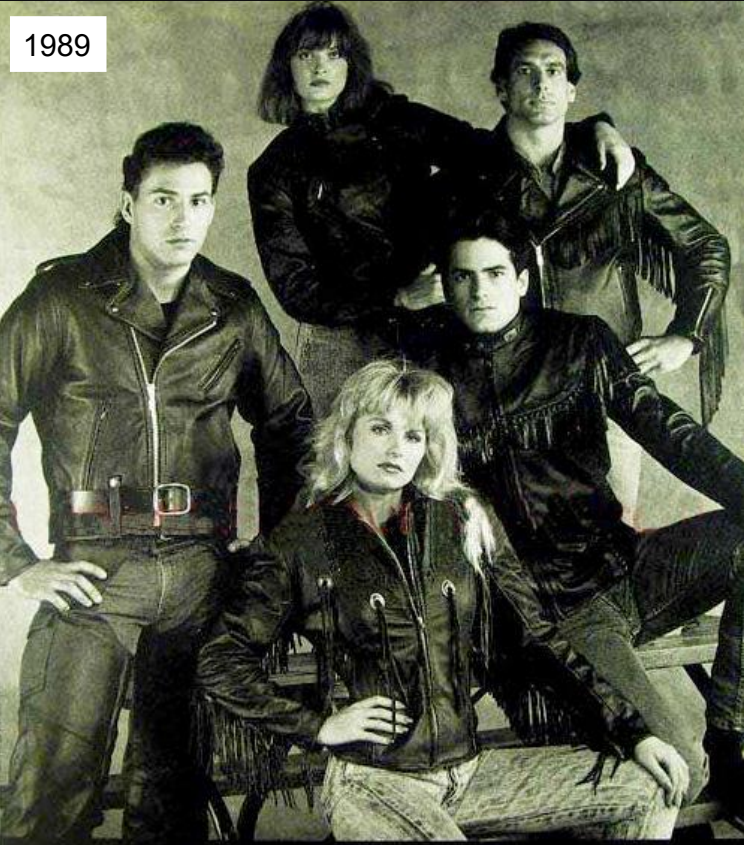


From the same ad campaign as the ones on the prior pages.




**LET'S YOU BE YOUR OWN BODYGUARD.**

1989



**HARLEY-DAVIDSON®** You wear one for the same reason you ride one.

Road experience. Only Harley-Davidson leather jackets are designed with 85 years of tough road experience built right in. And while comfort and protection are foremost, Harley® doesn't take a back seat to style either. You're going to look as good as you feel — off the road as well as on. And that's reason enough to see your Harley dealer's collection today.



Genuine Harley-Davidson® leathers are available only at an authorized Harley-Davidson dealer.

Check out the fringe monster in the back.

**New Leather Jackets by HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

**Ladies' Leather Jacket**  
 Built to flatter the figure, these jackets feature genuine leather, full-length zippers, all-day comfort, and a complete line of accessories. Sizes 12-20. \$125.00

**SUPERIOR STYLING** **COMPLETE COMFORT**

From the 1950s. The one the guy is wearing on the right looks more like a fashion leather jacket than a motorcycle jacket, doesn't it? Maybe I'm just programmed to only accept Perfecto-styled jackets.



## The Willie G JACKET

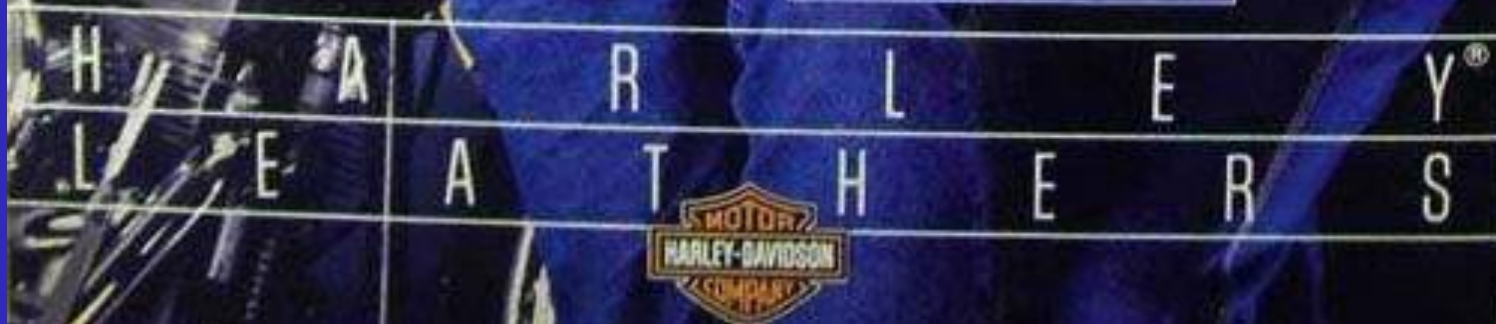
When you talk custom you're speaking Willie G Davidson's language. Just because he designs every new Harley that rolls out of Milwaukee doesn't mean he has a cookie cutter mind. That's why, when he designed a leather jacket, he set out to make a personal statement about motorcycles and the people who ride them. Willie G wanted his jacket to be unique, one of a kind, with tassels, fringe and yards of hand-braided leather accenting the black and contrasting brown top grain U.S. cowhide. But it had to be functional as well as good looking with a removable lining, action back, flow-through venting system and concealed front pockets. For that extra custom touch he added a brass concho and embossed wings on the back and his own signature on the collar. And Nancy Davidson appreciated the women's version, styled like the mens but cut and sewn exclusively for the ladies.

It's the kind of jacket you would expect Willie G and Nancy to wear.

It's the kind you get only from Harley-Davidson.

NEW! THE WILLIE G JACKET  
IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN  
SOLID BLACK

Our friend Willie G (and Nancy) make their appearance in 1987. One of the great things about Harley-Davidson is customization. Customize your bike, your motorcycle wear, your wallet, your keyfob, your dog, your infant... the sky is the limit.





# MOTORCYCLE GRAVEYARDS

There is nothing sadder than a bunch of motorcycles left out in the open, rotting away. Okay, there are sadder things, but, whatever. Here, for spooky October, is a gallery of moto-graveyards. I have no idea what brands these bikes are. Perhaps you can determine that.- Wes.

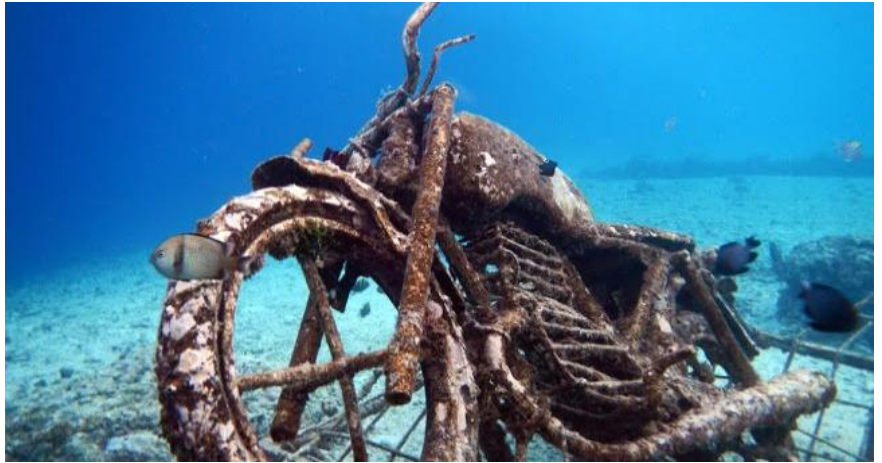






Above: The tree bike.

Below: Aquaman's discarded ride.







ROAD KING CLASSIC. 8 A.M. ONE TANKFUL FROM CIVILIZATION.



## In Praise of a Road King

When I first saw this ad on the wall of the the Apple House in Linden after an F-HOGs ride, I liked it. Sometimes advertising rises to the level of art. When I became the newsletter editor I knew that some day I'd run it in an issue. Fortunately I didn't have to ride back to Linden to get a photo - a high resolution version of this was available on the Internet.

The very first time I stepped into a Harley-Davidson dealership was in December 2017; my daughter suggested it. I knew right away which bike appealed to me: the Road King. To me, that is what a motorcycle looks like: *those* three lights, *that* windshield, *that* huge chrome headlight bezel, *that* heavy touring frame and motor. Just like that. The motorcycle the cops in town used to ride. (Now they're on BMWs - *bleah.*)

I suspected that eventually I'd have a Road King, but it didn't happen right away. I had to road test all sorts of bikes to be sure of the one I wanted. I rode Kawasaki Vulcan Vaqueros and Voyagers (both good bikes), all sorts of other Harleys and even a Gold Wing to make sure I wasn't really a Honda Man. (It may be heresy to admit this in an F-HOGs newsletter, but I also liked the Gold Wing.) Good bike.

But something kept making me come back to the Harley dealership. I love history, and heritage, design continuity and a persistent American motorcycle culture means a lot to me.

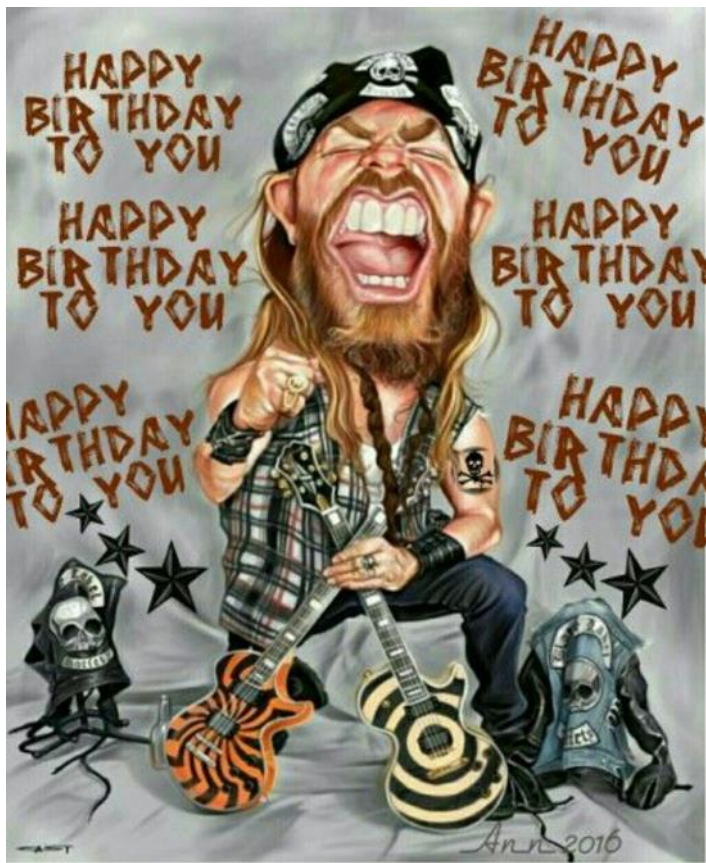
What finally sealed the deal was visiting the Harley plant in York, Pennsylvania. Watching Americans using American steel to built American motorcycles was cool and inspirational.

I also like the heritage and tradition aspect of the Road King. A friend of mine owns a cool 1975 Shovelhead FLH. My Road King is a direct descendent of that bike - and his bike is a direct descendent of the 1936 EL Knucklehead. It's like wearing Levis - the form was made perfect from the very beginning. Why deviate from it?

I also like the Deluxe and the Heritage Softail, the Road King's first cousins. Both are also classic-looking bikes. I am very sorry to hear that Harley will no longer be making a Deluxe, but, to be honest, I don't think I've ever actually encountered anyone riding one. (But then, I haven't been riding long.)

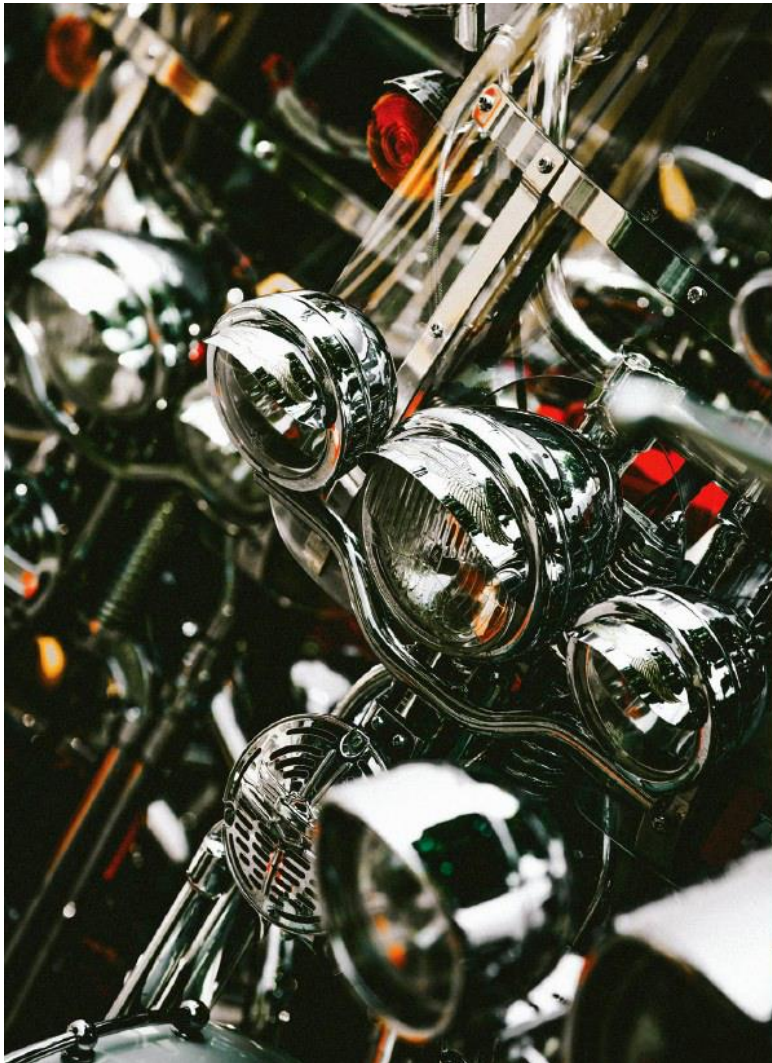
I don't know what ad agency Harley-Davidson uses, but they do a great job. - Wes





# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Perry            | Tessmer   |
| Ruby             | Lowe      |
| Richmond         | Miller    |
| Steve            | Fred      |
| Granville (Russ) | Rouillard |
| Tim              | Freese    |
| Dennis           | Scholl    |
| Dava             | Owsley    |
| Gregory          | DeRosa    |
| James            | Viola     |
| Suzanne          | Couk      |
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# The Stars and Pipes

The Newsletter of the Fairfax HOGs Chapter



**MOTORCYCLIST**  
/noun (moh-ter-sy-klist)

**...a person willing to take a container of flammable liquid, place it on top of a hot engine and then put the whole thing between their legs.**

## 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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