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HOGS Gone Wild!



A Message from Director, Pat Donovan...

From the temperature, outside as I write this, welcome to Fall! We had a wet summer so let's hope Mother Nature treats us to a long Indian Summer this year as an apology. Many of our members took great long-distance tours and we certainly had great Chapter Rides. **MORE TO COME!**

Put Three Rivers Harley Davidson's open house event on your calendar for the 23rd. Please drop in if only for a moment. The Ladies of Harley will be having their annual Bake Sale and collecting food for the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Bring a canned good, paper product, other nonperishable item or a monetary donation. \$1 can provide 5 meals!

See you out on the road. Ride & Have Fun!

Pat Donovan, Director

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Important Information from Head Road Captain, JJ Donovan

The weather in August finally started cooperating with our riding schedule. Our first Progressive Ride had fantastic weather and was really well attended. Everyone that went is already looking forward to next year. The Vince Capane Memorial Ride, the Cook Forest Ride, the Moving Wall Escort ride and the Bull Pen Ride all had great weather and huge attendance.

We have another busy schedule planned for September.

Saturday, September 9th, Cheryl Klass did the annual Pink Ride and went to the Apple Castle. Lots of people came away with all kinds of apple treats.

Sunday, September 10th, Bill Huwe led a ride to the Flight 93 Memorial and everyone is looking forward to next year when the Wind Chimes will become the last fixture of the 1500-acre memorial in time for 9-22-18. The groundbreaking ceremony was being held while we were there this past weekend.

On Sunday, September 17, Bill Kerr will lead Pittsburgh HOG to the annual Allegheny County Sheriffs Toy Run that starts in North Versailles. A new unwrapped factory packaged toy is your ticket to participate in the festivities after the ride ends at the VFW in Lower Burrell. See the ride announcement for details.

On Saturday, September 23rd, Treasurer and Road Captain Bill McCarrier is still thinking of riding to The Foxburg Inn to finish off the afternoon and have dinner. This ride is dependent on good weather, so watch your email for times and details.

On Sunday, September 24th, John and Paulette Depto are rescheduling the ride to Ligonier for road side chicken barbeque. Let's hope there is no rain this time.

On Thursday, September 28th, I am leading a group to York, PA for the Annual York Factory Open House on Friday. On Saturday, we have lined up two motorcycle mounted official Gettysburg Battlefield Tour Guides for tours of the battlefield. There is no other ride planned for Saturday, September 30th. If someone has a local ride, we have plenty of time to post the ride to finish out September. Call me or email me your idea.

Many of these rides are to places we have not been. Hope to see many familiar and new faces on these rides.

JJ Donovan, Head Road Captain

Road Captain Reminders!

ROAD CAPTAIN GUIDELINES

1. Always conduct a pre-ride meeting
2. Ride to the skill level of the least experienced rider in the group
 - a. Keep within the comfort zone of the less experienced riders
 - b. Ask riders where they want to ride. Right or left. Front, back or middle
3. Explain Hand Signals
4. Limit the size of the group to a manageable number
 - a. Divide into sub groups if necessary
5. Never exceed the speed limit by more than five miles per hour
6. Come to a complete stop at all stop signs and red lights
 - a. Allow enough time for the last rider to come to a complete stop
 - b. Accelerate solely after any and all stops.
7. Do NOT proceed through a yellow light
8. Do NOT turn right on red EVER
9. Keep passing to a minimum
 - a. Signal intention
 - b. Rear most rider pulls to the passing lane first
 - c. Ride leader is last to pull out
 - d. After completing pass, the process is reversed
 - e. Riders should make room for merging traffic
 - f.
10. Remind riders to complete a Ride Survey on the Chapter website.
11. Complete Road Captain Form immediately after ride and e-mail to Head Road Captain
 - a. Send Release Forms & poker money to Head Road Captain
12. Always RIDE SAFE
13. HAVE FUN

Motorcycle Safety

Harley-Davidson Do's and Don'ts of Service and Safety

PreRide Checklist - Shared before and worth sharing again...**T-CLOCK!**

T - Check tires and wheels - Look for wear, bulges, weathering, uneven wear, and other issues. Check air pressure, spikes, rims, and wheel bearings

C - Cables and Controls - Check throttle, clutch, and brake linkages - Look for wear and smooth operation. Check operations of shifter, brakes, and kill switch

L - Lights and Electronics - Check battery, general wiring, switches, lighting, and horn. Remember to maintain extra fuses and bulbs, just in case.

O - Oil and Fuel - Check for fluid leaks, oil level with bike upright and with cold engine, air filter, fuel lines, brake and clutch hoses, and water levels in battery

C - Chain and Chassis - Check chain for proper lubrication and tension, check chain guard, foot pegs, accessory mounts, pin and clip attachments, frame, shocks, and forks. It's also important to turn the steering back and forth to make sure the steering head bearings are working properly.

K - Kickstand - Make sure your jiffy stand is secure, retracts fully, isn't bent, and allows for proper ground clearance when retracted.

By taking a few minutes to check out your bike in advance, you will be saving yourself a lot of worry. Additionally, maintaining your bike using T-CLOCK will provide you with a measure of safety so important as you tackle the twists and turns of rides, whether backroad or highway. Remember! **SAFETY FIRST!!!**

CAUTION
THIS MACHINE
HAS NO BRAIN
USE YOUR OWN

(This article is reprinted from the website
“HDForums.com)

5 Essential Things to Look for in a Riding Buddy

There are important character traits to look for in a riding buddy, and some practical consideration too. Likewise, you should also do your best to be these things for anyone you ride with.

By Conor Fynes - August 28, 2017

1. Safety preparedness

Besides the enjoyment of having that on-road camaraderie, the biggest reason experienced riders recommend a buddy is for the sake of safety. The importance of this skyrockets tenfold if you're planning to go for a ride in a relatively rural or wild area, where you won't be able to depend on cell phone service, or a helpful bystander being around if things run sour. But at the same time, merely having another person riding with you isn't enough to ensure safety; a solid motorcyclist should have a versatile range of safety skills for a variety of possible scenarios. Proper first-aid training, mechanical know-how and even self-defense knowledge (in case of wild animals) will minimize the risk of giving your ride a turn for the tragic.

Additionally, it should be stated that this goes both ways. As your buddy is responsible for your safety, you're responsible for theirs. Take some time to brush up on some emergency scenarios before you go out on the road. Knowing what to do when you're in the thick of it could save your friend's life

2. A similar level of experience

Generally speaking, it's better to go out riding with someone who has as much experience as possible; a new rider's excitement can be contagious, but it's a quick path to your own frustration, particularly if the ride itself is beyond their skill level. None of that is controversial at all to say. However, unless you're relatively new yourself and need the guidance of a willing mentor, it's actually preferable for both parties to have a similar level of riding experience. It means that there won't be frustration on either side when one rider is slower through a twisty section, or gets intimidated by traffic or crosswinds.

3. Strong personal rapport

A riding buddy needs to be just that: a buddy. The people you're with on an adventure can mean the difference between heaven and hell. It's fine to ride in a group where there are some people you don't know too well, but having at least good buddy you can count on takes risk out of the equation. You'll often find that a person's most annoying traits are amplified significantly if you're with them for long periods day and night. Remember, the scenery is going to change, but that person you are riding with will be there hour after hour.

4. A flexible work schedule

Many motorcycle rides are scheduled to fall in line with vacation time from work. Other riders are retired from their jobs, and have a relative amount of freedom people with a day job can only dream of when it comes to picking up and leaving. If you're planning a ride, scheduling around life schedules and commitments can be tough even for just two riders, and the challenge only rises the more people you add to the team. Having some flexibility and freedom at the workplace means a riding buddy can alleviate some of the planning stresses, and it minimizes the risk of needing to call off a ride because something came up. You may want to look for a buddy without a wife or kids too, since they always seem to get in the way of taking off on a ride without a lot of planning.

5. A dependable motorcycle

A motorcycle journey should be about freedom, the open road, seeing new places and having stories to tell. Those things suddenly become a lot harder if anyone in your party is riding a dud. Spending a significant amount of time at the side of the road waiting for assistance can seriously hinder or even ruin a journey. These little misfortunes can happen to even the most well-maintained bike, but the disappointment can quickly turn to resentment if it's over something that should have been preventable. Failing that, a good riding partner should at least have the mechanical know-how to act accordingly if the bike happens to give up while on the road.

Remembering Jack Cassidy



Preparing your bike for our changing weather...

Welcome to Pittsburgh, where if you don't like the weather, just stick around a few hours - it's bound to change! (Yes, an oldie but goodie.) As I began to write this page, it dawned on me that our weather is nothing if not unpredictable. Rain, snow, heat, cold- we get it all. So even though cooler weather is supposedly on its way, no one can really predict when. And even as the seasons change, we are generally blessed with Indian Summer to make an appearance, and temperatures have even soared to the 80's and even 90's in September, so take this for what it is meant to be - a little guide for both hot weather riding, and winter storage.

Hot Weather Riding Tips:

1. Keep watch on your oil pressure - especially while sitting in heavy traffic
2. Change oil more frequently in hot weather to avoid the oil breaking down
3. Check battery water levels more often to extend the life of your battery
4. Monitor tire pressure daily - keep a good quality tire gauge handy
5. Remove fairings and any other obstructions that restrict airflow in and around the engine
6. Increase your scanning and following distances, and be aware that controls will feel and operate differently at different temperatures
7. Take nothing for granted

Preparing for Winter:

1. Fill your gas tank to the top
2. Use the correct amount of fuel stabilizer
3. Run bike at a fast idle for a few minutes to ensure the oil is all in the oil tank
4. Remove air filter and its cover. While holding bike at a fast idle, spray fogging oil into the carburetor until the pipes really start smoking, and then allow it to stall.
 - a. If you don't have fogging oil, you can put 2 tablespoons of engine oil down each spark plug hole
 - b. To splash oil around, put bike in 2nd gear and rock back and forth
5. Drain fuel from the carburetor (CV - type carburetor only)
6. Put cotton rags in mufflers to keep out moisture and critters
7. Charge battery every month with a 2 Amp or less charger
8. Fill tires to recommended pressure (Most are 34-36 psi for the front and 40 psi for the rear)
9. Check bike frequently for visits from little critters. Rodents love to chew on wire insulation.
10. Don't run the bike every week!
11. Don't spray oil on your tires!

A Harley Toast

A fun little toast for special events, such as weddings and anniversaries (found online) ...

May the roads you travel be trouble free,
Clear of pitfalls obstacles, and debris.

May love fuel your engines, and your tank never run dry,
So, remember to show it often; or at least always try!

May kindness and compassion be the lubricant for any friction
that comes along,
Let forgiveness and understanding help to keep your love strong.

May you hold on tight, as you round each corner, and pave new
roads together,
You love will steer you straight and true, through any kind of
weather.

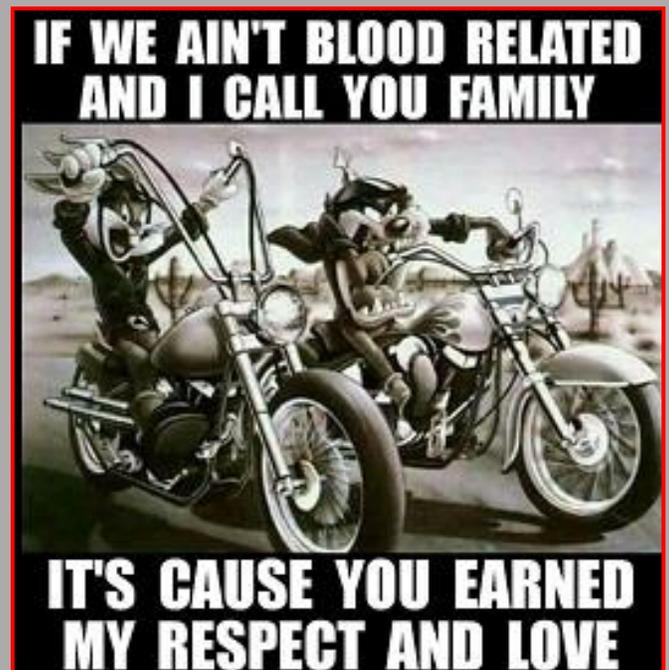
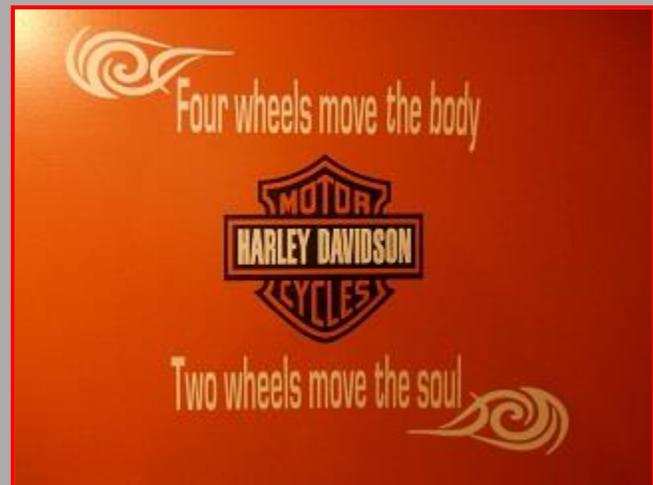
May you be mindful of the speed of life and the need for shifting
gears,
Knowing when to take things slow, as you enjoy the coming
years.

For the time will take its toll on your soft and youthful skin,
But always remember, beneath that leather, there's a gentleness
within.

May your love endure beyond the setting sun, as your future
unfolds ahead,
So, say "I LOVE YOU" each time you saddle up, and each time
you go to bed.

To the wonderful husband/groom and his beautiful wife/bride,
May happiness and prosperity always find you, wherever you
choose to ride.

Just for Giggles...



Members
having
fun!



From Our Dealership...

Fall Fest Party
October 14, 2017
 Why not have one last parking lot party just for the heck of it!

HOG Meeting & Appreciation Party
November 9, 2017
 Come meet our Pittsburgh HOG Chapter!

Open 10AM-5PM
 November 22, 2017

 New Event Black Friday
 November 24, 2017

Chrome Saturday
November 25, 2017
Day T W O of Black

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Okay so you have just enough time to catch some quick ZZZ's then back at it with us first thing in the morning for FREE breakfast on Black Friday! Crazy amount of holiday fun will be going on so come make us one of your first stops this Black Friday :)

IMPORTANT!!!

Dates to Keep in Mind! Looking ahead, the chapter has numerous important dates to add to your calendars!

Thursday, September 14 - Monthly Chapter Meeting - Monte Cello's on Babcock - Meeting starts at 7:30

Sunday, September 17 - Annual Allegheny County Sheriffs Toy Run - Bill Kerr, road captain

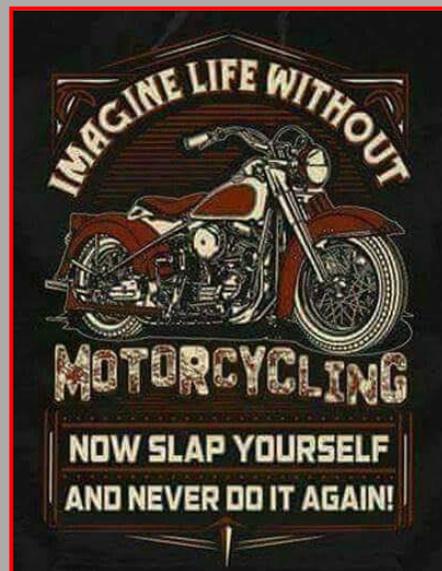
Saturday, September 23 - Dinner at Foxburg Inn - Bill McCarrier, road captain

Sunday, September 24 - Ligonier for roadside BBQ - John and Paulette Depto, road captains

Thursday, September 28 - Trip to York and Gettysburg - JJ Donovan, road captain

Please note: All plans are subject to change.

Pittsburgh HOG has recently added a new feature to assist members in obtaining the most recent information on upcoming rides. Visit Pittsburghhog.com and click on the event calendar partway down the page. From there, you will find a message regarding how to receive text messages in the event of a ride needing cancelled. You can also enroll to receive the text messages by simply texting hogpgh to 84483.



Happy Birthday!



Harley Davidson Greetings and More by Lady Rider

Happy Anniversary



Please join us in wishing the following members happy September Birthdays!

9/03 - Mark Trombetta
 9/07 - Hal Deily
 9/09 - Steve Seman
 9/10 - Frank Neiderhiser
 9/12 - James Turocy
 9/14 - David Randolph
 9/17 - Rick Aulicino
 9/17 - Vince Gavin
 9/17 - Ken Palmer
 9/24 - Bob Jeke
 9/26 - Jill Rhoades

Please join us in wishing the following members Happy Anniversary!

9/04/93 - James and Terri Farringer
 9/06 - Linda and Vince (deceased) Capane
 9/08/94 - Greg and Miranda Peterson
 9/10/77 - John and Paulette Depto
 9/14/63 - Doug and Carol Morrison
 9/17/88 - Bill and Cindy Huwe
 9/28/01 - Josh and Deb Sutton
 9/29 - Rock and Dorothy (deceased) Bader



My Prince Charming won't be galloping up on a white stallion. He will be cruising up on a Harley!



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Please note! Events listed in the calendar are subject to change. All information contained in this newsletter, calendar, or website is accurate and complete at the time of publication. Since much of this information is subject to change at any time for a variety of reasons it is recommended that you check your e-mail account frequently especially prior to leaving your home to participate in a Chapter Ride. If you do not have an e-mail account, information may also be verified by contacting the Road Captain for that particular Chapter Ride.

Don't Miss Photo Fun!

You can view chapter photographer Larry Szramowski's photos from a variety of Chapter Activities by visiting:
<http://hogchapter2224.shutterfly.com/>

HOG Chapter Meetings

Regular monthly Chapter meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm and are held at Monte Cello's Restaurant on Babcock Boulevard. (Many members choose to arrive anytime after 6, in order to enjoy dinner and companionship prior to the meeting.) Food and refreshments are available before, during, and after the meeting at your own cost. There will be a 50-50 drawing each month with proceeds benefiting the Pgh. H.O.G. Chapter.

Attention All Members and GUESTS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET WHEN YOU ENTER THE

Everyone in attendance will receive a door prize ticket. Prizes may vary from month to month. All Pittsburgh H.O.G. Chapter members that are present and signed in are also eligible for the monthly rollover drawing. The drawings will take place at the end of the meeting. Good luck

Editor's Note

We would greatly value input from the members regarding the newsletter. Please feel free to send photos, suggestions for articles and comments to the editor's email.

Chapter Stats

As of September 6, 2017, the Chapter has 139 active members (101 men & 38 women) plus an additional 3 members needing action, for a total of 142 members.