



Brandywine Bullet

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From the Director's desk by David G.

Many thanks to all the member's old and new for the continued growth of the Brandywine HOG Chapter. It's your passion and interest in motorcycle riding that builds the comradery we have that keeps the chapter going. Even with the success we have seen, at times we need your help. Let me or one of the officers know what we are doing right or what you would like to see change and why. I cannot always promise change, but the officers do want to hear your feedback about what you liked in the past and new ideas or programs? We want the chapter to continue to grow and to have programs new and old to keep members engaged.

The new officers and discretionary officers are all working hard and are very interested in the success of the chapter. Each one has stepped forward and are helping with their talents and energy to make the chapter better. A special thanks to the Road Captains, for all the time and effort they put into the rides, planning routes, developing a schedule, and putting together the overnight trips this year.

The chapter also benefits from having a fantastic supporting sponsor, Brandywine Harley-Davidson. The chapter is here because the dealership used their resources and talents to "create us" and they stand along side this HOG chapter.

Director's Desk (cont.)

Take a moment to thank Saunde for her belief and dedication to help make this chapter work. When you can, spend a little time to meet the staff at the dealership. They are a great resource of information regarding riding and how our machines work.

As always stav safe.

Polar Bear Challenge Winners

Bernie won the overall challenge with 7,707 miles and Mike came in second with 6,229 miles. Congratulations to both of them and all of the other riders who took part in the challenge.



Hi Everyone! by Alan R, Asst. Dir.

Yes, we are finally into the prime riding season! We have had a couple of events already, but we are just going to get busier! I hope that you are all looking forward to getting out on the road with us. We have a good mix of options such as dinner rides, our upcoming ice cream rides (thanks to Bernie) and some new destinations for which we are making the final arrangements. If all goes well and the Doctors say I can ride again I will be back in the saddle by June 1st.

I wanted to remind the Chapter members that if they think of a place to ride, but are unsure of when or what to do about leading a ride that they can always come to anyone of the officers or road captains for advice. We are always willing to help develop an idea and teach each other. As officers, we review upcoming rides and events and of course look to you, our members, for direction on what you would like to see or do. We are always open to ideas, but the calendar is filling up quickly so please get those ideas in early. Ride with the chapter as your time permits. As always, we welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have to make Brandywine HOG even better!

To ensure that you have access to the latest information please check our Facebook page regularly, attend our monthly Chapter meetings, and visit our new website at www.brandywinehog.com



Member Spotlight on . . . Deb Spanakos

You may not recognize Deb's name at first since she more commonly goes by Frog. Turns out she was a member of Hogs and Heroes for a few years, and that club gives a new member a few weeks to come up with a road name for themselves or they will pick one for you. Not wanting to trust the judgement of "a bunch of crazy guys", Deb picked Frog. It actually stands for F.R.O.G. or Fully Rely On God. Frog said this is the way she tries to live her life.

Frog started riding at 18 and rode for a few years, took a break, then got back into it when she reached her 50s. Over the years she has ridden an assortment of bikes including a 350 Yamaha, a 650 Suzuki Savage, a 900 Kawasaki Vulcan, and a red and black 2010 Deluxe. Currently she makes miles upon a purple 2016 Deluxe with a 103 engine. She mostly enjoys day trips, but has enjoyed a few multi-day trips to HOG rallies as well.

The most memorable ride for Frog was to Rolling Thunder a few years ago. In spite of battling dehydration during the parade through the nation's capital she considered it an honor to be part of that event. On the way home she and her friends rode through pouring rain and got soaked to the skin. A dinner stop at Red, Hot, and Blue helped the spirits a bit, but not so much on the drying out. Another riding accomplishment she is proud of is riding the Tail of the Dragon. It rained a lot on the trip too, but it was still fun and she likes being able to say she rode the Tail.

When she isn't out riding you will find Frog working at Chase in the Employee Compliance in Operations department. She has been there for six years. She has been married twice and has two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Frog's words of advice make a lot of sense. "Always ride to your ability. If everyone in the group is going fast, but you are not comfortable with that speed - then go slower. It's better to arrive safe!"

When you get the chance, say hi to Frog and I am sure you will have a pleasant conversation.

Pictured at left is Frog with one of her grandkids.

Long way to Snitz Creek by David G

I wanted to share the route I will take to Snitz Creek Grill on one of the chapter rides. This is a fun route that offers both highway riding and back roads. Take a look at it. Use the whole ride or parts of it. River Road has become one of my new favorite roads in the last year. I typically print these directions out and have them in a magnetic bag that stays on the gas tank. It has a clear window so I can see the directions as I ride. Between this and the bikes GPS I usually get where I planned to be. I am still trying to figure out the best turn by turn navigation system to use.

Starting at Brandywine Harley Davidson - take Route 1 S towards the Conowingo Dam.

Take PA-272 N to PA-372 W, there is a Turkey Hill at this intersection.

Take PA-372 W to River Rd, turn right (4-5 miles past Turkey Hill).

Follow River Road into Columbia, Pa where it becomes PA-411.

Take PA-411 N thru Columbia, there is a Sheetz in a few miles.

Continue on 441 N to PA-241 N, turn right. (Note if you go past 241 you will come across Three-mile Island).

Take 241 N till it ends at US-322, US-322 W will go through Elizabethtown.

Make a right and then the first left on to PA-934 N. You will go through Annville, continue on 934 N, Snitz Creek Grill is just past the entrance to Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

Return - personally I like to go a different way home than I went.

Take 934 S back to US-322, make a left onto US-322 E and go to PA-72 S.

Go 4-5 miles on 72 S then turn left onto Elizabethtown Road.

Follow Elizabethtown Rd. to Newport Rd, turn right onto Newport Rd. and then a quick left to stay on Newport Rd.

Stay on Newport Rd past PA-501 to PA-772 E. Follow 772 E to RT 30 E, take 30 E to PA-41 S. Take 41 S back to Route 1 N to return to the dealership.

Riding challenge progress report from Joe W

Get out & Ride Brandywine (based on mileage recorded in Ride 365)

Total Members with first reading recorded: 49

Total Members with second reading recorded: 28

Top five riders as of 5/14/2023

Bernie and Deb G - 5,801 miles

Mike and Lisa Mc - 4,666 miles

David G - 3,675 miles

John K - 2,715 miles

Mark B - 2,564 miles

Road Warrior Program

First Quarter points are final. Second quarter points will be sent out at the beginning of July for review.

Upcoming rides

May

27th - West Grove Memorial Day Parade

28th - Harriet Tubman Underground RR, KSU at 800 am

June

2nd - Just Mom's Ice Cream, KSU at 5:30 pm

3rd - #9 Coal Mine & Museum, KSU at 8:00 am

4th - Peace Valley Park, KSU at 10:00 am

10th - Miloe Eater #2 Mt. Greylock (closed ride), KSU at 7:00 am

10th - Poker Ride with a twist #2, KSU at 10:00 am

11th - 16th Annual Philly's Hero Memorial Ride, KSU at 8:30 am

17th - Long Way to Snitz Creek, KSU at 9:45 am

23rd - September Farms, KSU at 5:30 pm

24th - Chestertown, MD, KSU at 9:30 am

25th - Picnic by the River, KSU at 8:00 am

July

1st - Horsepower H-D, KSU at 7:30 am

9th - Ma & Pa Railroad, KSU at 8:00 am

22nd - Hanover, PA, KSU at 9:00 am

29th - Mile Eater #3 (closed ride), KSU at 7:00 am

Myrtle Beach Spring Rally 2023

submitted by Jo McCloskey

Our Spring Rally started on Sunday, May 14 with a 570-mile ride to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The weather gods shined on us up until the last 10 miles riding in on US 501 when the rain clouds opened up. It wasn't too bad, but bad enough to soak us. Oh well.

On the way down, we stopped at Flying Iron H-D in Rocky Mount, North Carolina and Bulldog H-D in Smithfield, North Carolina. We added two more photos to our Dealership Challenge collection.

Once we got settled into our accommodations, we contacted fellow chapter members, Chris and Katie Pyfer. They had left on Friday, May 12 and had two whole days to get the lay of the land. We headed out to Murrell's Inlet which has become one of the main attractions during the Spring Rally. We ended up at the Dead Dog Saloon for some scrumptious vittles that left us FULL.

We hadn't totally eluded the rain and it found us with a vengeance. After riding for a very short time, we holed up in the closest 7-Eleven we could find. For the next 20 minutes, it poured. After that time, we contemplated our next course of action and constantly looking at the weather radar on our phones, it was time to move out. We weren't completely dry and being a little haggard, we made our way back to the hotel for a good night's rest.

The next three days were a whirlwind of activity, and sunshine, as we were both leaving Myrtle Beach on Thursday, May 18. We rode up and down The Grand Strand (as it is called) throughout these days. We even took a ride to Carolina Coast H-D in Wilmington, North Carolina. From early in the morning to late into the evening, we took in all the sights the area had to offer. We ended up adding seven more photos to our Dealership Challenge.

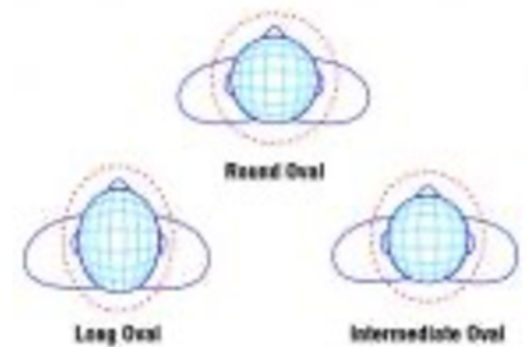


Is it time for a new helmet?

Here are a few guidelines from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to consider if you are out shopping for a new helmet.

SHAPE

Everyone's head is shaped a bit differently, and that's why helmets come in different shape styles—round oval, intermediate oval (the most common), and long oval. While we all generally have between a round and oval shaped head, it's important to determine your actual shape before buying a helmet. Use a mirror, or have a friend look down on your head from the top. Remember to focus on your head shape, not the shape of your face.



SIZE

When measuring your head, use a cloth tape. Start it just above your eyebrows and circle it around the thickest point in the rear of your head. Cross-reference this measurement with a helmet size chart. A helmet that is too loose will move around or will not sit down completely on your head. A correctly sized helmet will be a little tight, providing even pressure around your head without uncomfortable pressure points. It should not move when you shake your head.



Basic styles

Full face helmet

- Aerodynamic features
- Comfortable
- Good ventilation



Modular Helmet

- Can be full-face or open-face
- Common with adventure dual-sport riders
- Good airflow and keeps dust and dirt out of your face



Hi-Viz helmet

- Significantly increases your ability to be seen
- Offers an additional level of safety
- Available as an option on many helmet styles



Half Helmets and Open-Face Helmets

- Only provides some level of protection
- No chin guard, which increases safety risk
- Significant wind noise



Safety ratings

Make sure your helmet has the DOT symbol on the outside back; this means it meets our Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 218.

50 Rides, One Nation submitted by Mac McCloskey

50 Rides, One Nation presents 50 “rides of a lifetime,” and there’s no time limit to complete them! From mountains to meadows, canyons to coastline, and desert to delta, there’s something for everyone. With one ride in each state, you’ll explore some of the country’s most iconic places, with thrilling riding and great scenery along the way. The Nitty-Gritty Rules for 50 Rides, One Nation lifetime challenge are simple: Ride your Harley-Davidson motorcycle to one of the featured destinations; Snap a picture of yourself at the designated checkpoint with the cover of the guide; Submit your photo via H-D.com/Ride365/submit. Earn digital badges and other rewards.

Brandywine HOG members have taken on the challenge and you can see their accomplishments listed below. For a quick snapshot to see the magnitude of this accomplishment, look at the accompanying map of the United States.

To have your 50 Rides, One Nation accomplishments added to the list and the map: take a screenshot of the 50 Rides icon once it is posted on Ride 365 and email it to machawk1@verizon.net.

| State | Rider | State | Rider | State | Rider |
|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| AL | Jo McCloskey | ME | Dave Gunlefinger | OR | Chris Pyfer |
| AL | Mac McCloskey | MI | Curt Barr | PA | Chris Pyfer |
| CT. | Chris Pyfer | MN | Curt Barr | PA | Curt Barr |
| CT | Dave Gunlefinger | MO | Curt Barr | PA | Mac McCloskey |
| CT | Jo McCloskey | NC | Curt Barr | PA | Patty Riley |
| CT | Joe Wilson | NC | Jo McCloskey | PA | Tom Riley |
| CT | Mac McCloskey | NC | Mac McCloskey | RI | Chris Pyfer |
| CT | Mike McGinty | NH | Chris Pyfer | RI | Dave Gunlefinger |
| DE | Curt Barr | NH | Dave Gunlefinger | RI | Jo McCloskey |
| DE | Dave Goodwin | NH | Jo McCloskey | RI | Joe Wilson |
| DE | Dave Gunlefinger | NH | Joe Wilson | RI | Mac McCloskey |
| DE | Jo McCloskey | NH | Mac McCloskey | RI | Mike McGinty |
| DE | Mac McCloskey | NH | Mike McGinty | SC | Jo McCloskey |
| DE | Mike McGinty | NJ | Chris Pyfer | SC | Mac McCloskey |
| DE | Patty Riley | NJ | Curt Barr | TN | Curt Barr |
| DE | Tom Riley | NJ | Dave Goodwin | TN | Jo McCloskey |
| FL | Jo McCloskey | NJ | Dave Gunlefinger | TN | Mac McCloskey |
| FL | Mac McCloskey | NJ | Jo McCloskey | VA | Curt Barr |
| GA | Jo McCloskey | NJ | Mac McCloskey | VA | Jo McCloskey |
| GA | Mac McCloskey | NJ | Mike McGinty | VA | Mac McCloskey |
| IA | Curt Barr | NJ | Patty Riley | VA | Patty Riley |
| IL | Curt Barr | NJ | Tom Riley | VA | Tom Riley |
| IN | Curt Barr | NY | Chris Pyfer | VT | Chris Pyfer |
| KY | Curt Barr | NY | Curt Barr | VT | Dave Gunlefinger |
| KY | Jo McCloskey | NY | Dave Goodwin | VT | Jo McCloskey |
| KY | Mac McCloskey | NY | Mac McCloskey | VT | Joe Wilson |
| MD | Chris Pyfer | OH | Curt Barr | VT | Mac McCloskey |
| MD | Curt Barr | OH | Jo McCloskey | VT | Mike McGinty |
| MD | Dave Goodwin | OH | Mac McCloskey | WA | Chris Pyfer |
| MD. | Dave Gunlefinger | OH | Mike McGinty | WV | Curt Barr |
| MD | Jo McCloskey | OH | Patty Riley | WV | Patty Riley |
| MD | Mac McCloskey | OH | Tom Riley | WV | Tom Riley |
| MD | Mike McGinty | | | | |



Remembering all those who served and gave the last full measure.

Have a blessed Memorial Day!

From the Editor

I am always on the lookout for a great picture from a ride you took or a short “story” about a fun adventure that you had along the route. What you share can be something that you planned or maybe an event that happened unexpectedly would be even more fun to share. Wherever the road takes you send a few words along to share with your fellow riders. It doesn’t have to be long or fancy. The picture and short story at right is an example of what you can do if interested. If needed I can even help you write the story you want to share. All you need to do is reach out to get started.



A few weeks ago I was riding home from Baker’s Diner in Dillsburg and I stumbled upon the Cordorus Furnace. I enjoy finding local historical sites, so I just had to stop in for a short visit in spite of the hilly, gravelly, parking area. Since no one was looking I rolled the bike onto the grass for a quick pic.

Submitted by Curt B

Classified Ads

In our classified ads you will find items for sale or services provided by members or offered by businesses that know motorcycles and riders. You may just find something you need. If you would like to have an ad in our newsletter, please send your info to Curt at crbarr55@gmail.com.



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