



### **My parting thoughts** by David G.

I have been a National HOG member since I bought my first Harley, a used 1200 Custom Sportster back in 2012. I really had no idea what HOG was all about, but I made a point to check out the local HOG Chapter. And I am glad I did. Through the years I have learned more and more about all the programs that both local chapters offer and the programs that National H.O.G. offers. I have met many interesting people, found some fun chapters, and have made new friends along the way in the various chapters I have been involved with.

For the last three years I have been a primary officer in the Brandywine chapter, two years as the treasure and this year as the Director. Even though I am stepping away from being an officer I look forward to seeing what is on the horizon for the chapter. I know all the new and returning officers are going to do a great job. I hope to be able to help them or any members in the future.

If you have questions on programs, events, rides or anything about the chapter ask the officers. They want to help and also appreciate hearing from you. The chapter will prosper with involvement from members, no matter how big or small. Think about helping the chapter in some way. Jump in and organize an event, step up to leading a ride, or however you feel comfortable helping.

Happy New Year

As always, ride safe.

### **One year ending and . . .** by Alan R.

It's hard to believe the year is almost over. Thanksgiving was more than a month ago and the December holidays are upon us. In just a few days it will be New Year's Day!

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and allowing me to serve as your Assistant Director for the past two years. It was an experience that will not be forgotten. There were both good and difficult times, and times when I just wanted to give up. But with the support of the other officers and members of the chapter things always worked out.

I also wish to thank the many volunteers that helped make this year successful. I extend my appreciation to the members that helped lead rides, everyone that helped with events, the Dam Run volunteers, and those that helped out behind the scenes. Without you this chapter would not be the success it is. And let's not forget our sponsoring dealer! Without Saunde and the staff of Brandywine Harley-Davidson this chapter would not exist.

The year is not quite over yet, so remember always check the website and calendar for updates, cancellations, and new rides. Always check Facebook and the website before leaving for a ride for last minute changes.

Again, thank you for the experience of being your Assistant Director. Overall it has been a good time! As I now move into the Directors position, let's get ready for the 2024 riding season!

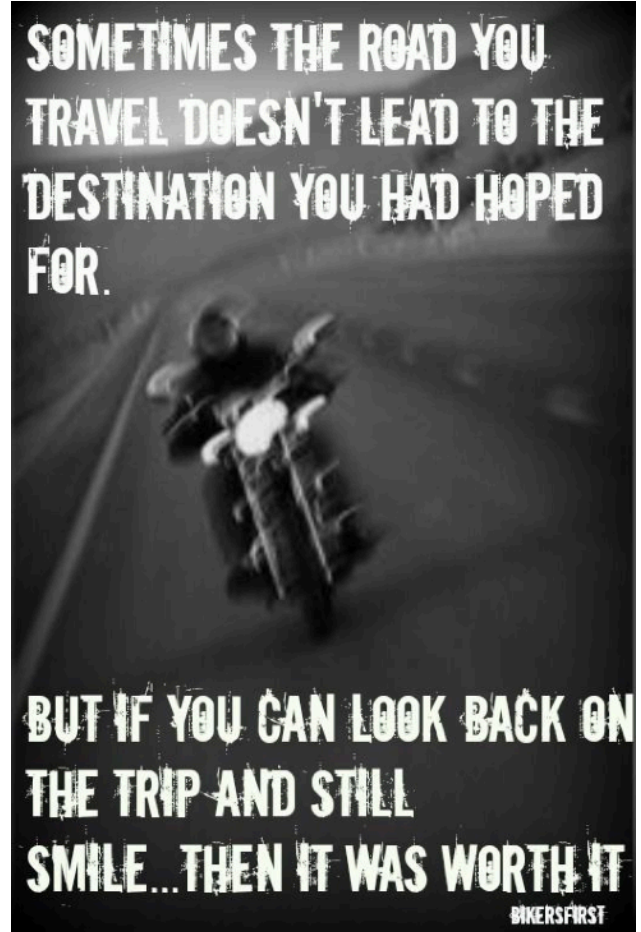
## Ride 365 in a nutshell

Listed below is the mileage breakdown as of 12/16/23.

- the chapter has 119 members
- 70 members are enrolled which is 59% of the membership.
- the national total miles for the chapter is 460,583 miles
- Brandywine ranks 40<sup>th</sup> in the country out of 512 Chapters.
- The average miles of all the enrolled riders in the chapter is 6,675 miles

6 Members with 0	= 8 %
4 Members under 1 K	= 6%
27 Members between 1 K & 5 K	= 39%
9 Members between 5 K & 7.5K	= 13%
8 Members between 7.5K & 10 K	= 11%
10 Members between 10K & 15K	= 14%
2 Members between 15 K & 20 K	= 3%
4 Members over 20 K	= 6%

Thanks to Dave G. For crunching the numbers.



## 2023 10,000-mile milestone members. From Mark Banghart

### Where did you travel to this year?

The bulk of my 10K miles were just riding around Chester and Lancaster Counties and some longer club rides. I did go on the club trip to Vermont and a trip to the Pittsburgh area to visit the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH.

### What are a few memories from those travels this year?

I really enjoyed riding in Vermont with the Wilkins HOG club. We are just finishing a 10 day, 2500 mile trip to northern Florida, Tallahassee, then through Georgia into NC to pick up the Blue Ridge Parkway in Cherokee, NC. We managed to ride about 300 of the 470 miles (we had to get off at Blowing Rock) then rode from Roanoke to the North Entrance in Afton, VA. The fall foliage was absolutely beautiful, mile after mile after mile.

### Where or what would you like to do next?

We will try again in the spring of 2024 to take a 4 week/6,000 mile trip on scenic roads to get the remaining 9 of the 48 states.

### Any advice for your fellow riders?

Ride!! Find a way to take trips and see as much of our country as possible; it is beautiful and breathtaking.

## Tech Bytes from Erin M.

At our December meeting Erin Mc. shared data gathered from activity on the chapter media sites. In case you missed some of the numbers you can check them out here.

### Website:

- 1580 site sessions with 628 unique visitors since we launched.
- Most people access our site by typing in our web address
- 72% are mobile users
- 27% desktop and 1% tablet
- Most sessions are on Saturdays, least on Wednesday
- The most popular page is our calendar page

### Email

- 116 subscribers
- 172 campaigns sent for a total of 17,222 messages since we changed to MailerLite in February
- 71% open rate
- If you're having trouble seeing emails, please add [brandywinehog@hannumshd.com](mailto:brandywinehog@hannumshd.com) to your contacts list

### Facebook group:

- 98 total members, 88 active members
- 333 posts
- 0-77 people on the page per day, depending on the post
- 4726 reactions (like love, etc)



**BACA Toy Ride**  
on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Led by Brian R.



## Looking for a fun ride to start the new year?

The Brass Nuts Run on January first is a great time to get out and ride with the chapter, meet other riders, and help support a worthy cause. The ride is sponsored by the Chester County ABATE group and hosted by the Parkesburg VFW. KSU is 10:00 am at Brandywine Harley-Davidson. Don't forget to bring a signed membership form dated January 1, 2024 and the adult release since it is the start of a new riding season for the chapter.

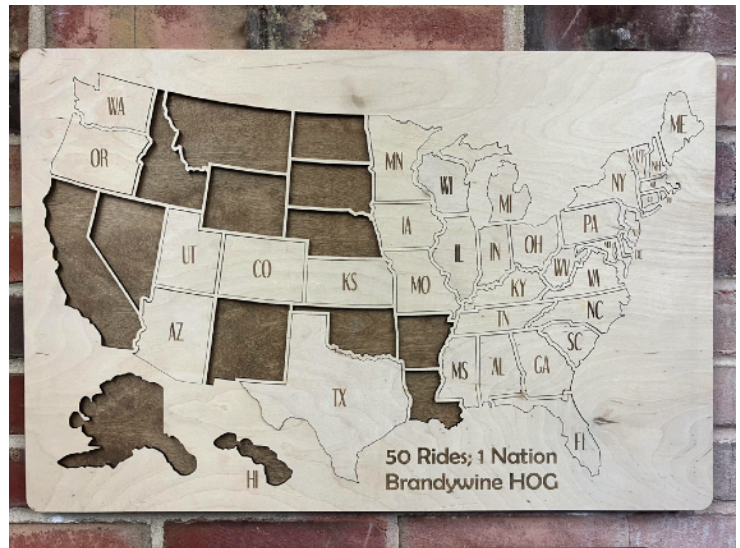
There is usually a nominal registration fee/donation collected by ABATE at the VFW so bring a little cash along. Coffee and doughnuts are available before the ride and lunch at the VFW is available after the ride. Hope to see you there.

## Brandywine HOG Chapter's 50 Rides, One Nation Display Map

Have you checked out the 50 Rides, One Nation display map at the dealership? It represents the chapter's participation in the national HOG challenge. Harley-Davidson has selected a check-in point in each of the 50 states. The challenge is to ride to the designated location, take a picture of yourself with the cover of the guide at that location, and submit it on the national HOG web site. (Official rules and regulations can be found on the HOG Ride 365 web site.) Each state filled in on the map, is a state a chapter member or members have visited as part of the challenge. The challenge offers an opportunity, and sometimes a great excuse, to explore sites you may not have ever considered. Plus, most of the destinations offer great routes to explore along the way.

You can become a part of the challenge for the chapter and help fill in the missing states. When a challenge/state is completed and accepted by HOG send me a picture of the challenge coin or screenshot of the verification from HOG's Ride 365 web site. Your entry will be recorded and if it's a state no member has visited yet, the puzzle piece will be placed in on the map. So far 13 chapter members have participated, visited 36 states, and have collectively made 134 state visits. Make sure to check out the map on our display board at the dealership. Any questions about the program or the great locations let me know. Information about states members have visited will be updated quarterly.

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Our members and where they have been;

**Curt B** - DE, IA, IL, IN, KY, MD, MI, MN, MO, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, TN, VA, WV, CT, RI, ME, NH VT, MA

**Francis H** - TX

**Megan H** - TX

**Dave G** - DE, MD, NJ, NY

**David Gu** - AZ, CO, CT, DE, MA, VA, NY, IL, KS, KY, MD, ME, MS, NH, NJ, OH, PA, RI, UT, VT

**Mac McC** - AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, IN, KY, MA, MD, MI, MN, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WI

**Jo McC** - AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, IN, KY, MA, MD, MI, MN, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, WI

**Mike McG** - CT, DE, IN, MD, NH, NJ, OH, PA, RI, VT, WI

**Joyce M** - AZ, DE, KY, MD, MS, UT

**Chris P** - CT, MD, NH, NJ, NY, OR, PA, RI, VT, WA

**Patty R** - DE, MD, NJ, OH, PA, VA, WV

**Tom R** - DE, MD, NJ, OH, PA, VA, WV

**Joe W** - CT, NH, RI, VT

## Holiday Party

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> the chapter held its annual holiday party at Renzi's Catering in Garnet Valley. There was a great buffet dinner and time to catch up with folks you may not have seen in a while. John and Tina S. provided some really tasty desserts for all to enjoy. They also added to the festivities by appearing as Santa and Mrs. Claus. The evening was topped off with door prizes for each guest. Many thanks to Flora R. and Marie R. for helping to put the event together.





### Ride to Elwyn

On December 1<sup>st</sup> a few members joined other riders and Santa and Mrs. Claus to ride to Elwyn, an assisted living facility. While at Elwyn the group rode from building to building meeting residents and staff to share holiday greetings. After the ride the group went to Pinochio's in Media to enjoy some pizza and fellowship. Thanks to Tina and John S. For organizing the ride and providing the lunch afterwards.

## Two-wheel scrambler

See if you can unscramble the words below

Created on TheTeachersCorner.net Scramble Maker

1. CLMCYROEOT

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2. ESGTRURNIOEETN

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3. UEMOMMTN

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4. EALERTH EJACTK

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5. DRIE ONIATDNSIET

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6. THMEEL

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7. SAAEDHRLBN

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8. RTELOTTH

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9. RETHSFI

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10. UTOR CPKA

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11. EDLSGDABA

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12. OMEOEDTR

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13. DLGITAHHE

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14. NNTRAOSIMSSI



















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15. SNEHIDWDIL

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Pictured below are the hand signals our chapter uses as we ride. Some hand signals are used more frequently than others, but try to learn them as you can. As we ride, remember to make each signal correctly and pass each signal to riders behind you.

# MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS

 <p><b>LEFT TURN</b> Arm and hand extending left, palm facing down</p>	 <p><b>RIGHT TURN</b> Arm out bent at 90° angle up with fist clinched</p>	 <p><b>STOP</b> Arm out bent at 90° angle down with palm facing back</p>
 <p><b>SLOW DOWN</b> Arm extended straight out with palm facing down while swinging arm down</p>	 <p><b>SPEED UP</b> Arm extended straight out with palm facing up while swinging arm upward</p>	 <p><b>HAZARD IN ROAD</b> On left point with left hand On right point with right foot</p>
 <p><b>FOLLOW ME</b> Arm extended straight up with palm facing forward</p>	 <p><b>COME AROUND/ TAKE THE LEAD</b> Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from back to front</p>	 <p><b>PULL OFF</b> Arm extended index finger pointing out while swinging arc from left to over head</p>
 <p><b>SINGLE FILE</b> Arm straight up with index finger pointed up</p>	 <p><b>DOUBLE FILE</b> Arm straight up with index finger and middle finger up</p>	 <p><b>RIDE STAGGERED</b> Arm straight up with index finger and pinky up</p>
 <p><b>FUEL STOP</b> Point to fuel tank</p>	 <p><b>COMFORT STOP</b> Arm extended with clinched fist with short up and down motion</p>	 <p><b>REFRESHMENT STOP</b> Fingers closed with thumb to mouth</p>
 <p><b>TURN SIGNAL ON</b> Extend arm while opening and closing hand</p>	 <p><b>POLICE AHEAD</b> Tap top of head or helmet with palm of hand</p>	 <p><b>CYCLEFISH.COM</b> BIKER &amp; MOTORCYCLE NETWORK</p>

**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](mailto:crbarr55@gmail.com).



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*Happy New Year  
 from Brandywine  
 HOG.*

Best wishes for a prosperous 2024 and one that is filled with happiness and well being. We are all looking forward to an exciting new year of riding and sharing time with friends.

- 1. Motorcycle
  - 2. Countersteering
  - 3. Momentum
  - 4. Leather jacket
  - 5. Ride destination
  - 6. Helmet
  - 7. Handlebars
  - 8. Throttle
  - 9. Shifter
  - 10. Tour pack
  - 11. Saddlebag
  - 12. Odometer
  - 13. Headlight
  - 14. Transmission
  - 15. Windshield
- Answers to the Two-wheel scrambler





# CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Nat'l H.O.G. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date of National H.O.G.® Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the *H.O.G.® Chapter Charter* and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this Dealer sponsored Chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

### THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G.® or H.O.G.® Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G.® members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G.® activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

### WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER**