



Brandywine Bullet

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Get out and enjoy the summer!

by David G

It seems like only a short time ago I was wearing heated gear to go out and ride. But now it's often a struggle to put that riding jacket on. This time of year brings longer daylight hours and the opportunity to take in some great evening rides. The cooler evenings can be a wonderful relief from the heat of the day. However, riding at dusk requires us to be extra observant for our large, four-legged friends. If you see one deer, slow down. Most likely there will be more nearby.

The chapter has a lot of fantastic rides and events coming up such as the 4th Anniversary Luncheon, a New England trip, and our annual Holiday Party. Some members travelled to the 120th Harley Davidson Homecoming and we look forward to hearing their stories. Brandywine Harley-Davidson's 22nd Annual Dam Run is another great opportunity to come out to meet new people and help the dealership. Volunteers are needed to help park motorcycles and greet riders at our chapter booth. Thanks to Bernie and Deb, the Photo scavenger hunt is back loaded with challenging locations to find and great prizes. As if that's not enough, the Road Captains continue to fill the calendar with an interesting variety of rides.

Enjoy summer! (cont.)

To wrap up, here's my nickels worth of advice - wear sun screen and stay hydrated. Get out and ride, travel, day trips or just a short ride to blow some of the world off. But wear sun screen and stay hydrated.

June Scavenger Hunt results

Congratulations to the June 2023 scavenger hunt winners! Jo Mc. won first place and John S. won second place! June had strong participation with 14 members submitting 137 photos! Six members submitted all 12 items!



Scavenger Hunt winners were recognized at the anniversary luncheon.

Asst. Director note by Alan R.

Can you all believe it's July already????

Observing our anniversary luncheon means that we are a bit more than halfway through the year. It seemed like we had a rainy spring followed by a really pleasant few weeks. Now here we are in the hazy, hot, and humid time days of summer. In years past I don't remember it being so bad as what we have had this year. Still, we've been having a good turnout for rides so far this year, and we want you to know how much you are appreciated. Thank you!

I would ask you to give some thought to riding on the overnight trip to Vermont planned for the 7th through 10th of September. Since the trip is a closed ride, you must be a Brandywine HOG member to attend. If you are interested or have questions, please contact me for details. This will be a fun trip!

Looking forward a few months, our Christmas party arrangements have been finalized for December 2nd at Renzi's. More info will be sent out later by email so watch for sign up details.

I would like to thank all the Road Captains. Without them we wouldn't have all of the organized and safe rides we have enjoyed. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Road Captain and leading rides, please contact me or one of our other Officers.

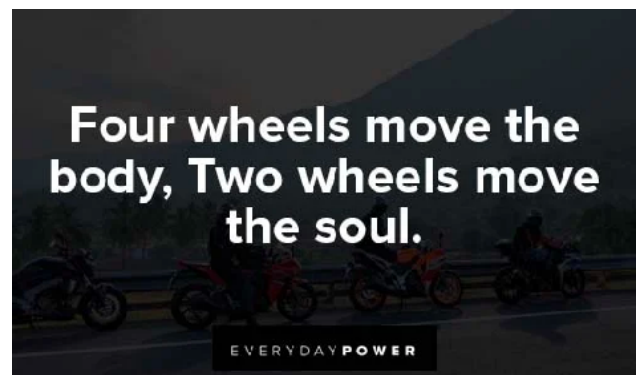
In closing, if you have any suggestions for rides, activities or anything that makes your H.O.G. experience more fulfilling and enjoyable, please let any one of our officers know. We are always looking for new and exciting things to do. And always remember - LIFE IS A JOURNEY, ENJOY THE RIDE!

Ride Highlight by Curt B.

In June a group rode to Fort Mott State Park in Pennsville, NJ to check out the historic military installation. The fort was designed after the American Civil War as part of a three-fort coastal defense system for the Delaware River. The fortifications seen today were constructed in the late 1890s. By the end of World War I due to advances in military technology, the fort was considered obsolete. Today it is a state park and museum. Adjacent to the fort is Finn's Point National Cemetery.



The reflection photo above was taken looking into the parabolic mirror from one of the search lights once used at Fort Mott. From l to r; Alan R, David G, Curt B, Debbie J, Judy M, Dave F, and Marie R.



Reflections on the Harley-Davidson's 120th Anniversary

..... submitted by Jo Mc.

It was a long time coming, but it was swiftly upon us. After months of planning, we were on the road to Milwaukee, WI. It was a planned 2-day ride out to Milwaukee via one 50 Rides, 1 Nation stop and a couple Dealership Challenge stops at some of the local Harley-Davidson dealerships.

Day 1 was a 650-mile ride to Elkhart, Indiana. The day started dry, but took us through some rain storms towards the end of the day. By looking at the sky and using our GPS radar, sometimes we were able to gauge when we should put on our rain gear. Sometimes we got it right and other times we got drenched.

Day 2 was a shorter 550-mile ride to get to our hotel in Germantown, WI which lies approximately 25 miles north of Milwaukee. En route to our hotel we made a quick stop at the Harley-Davidson Museum area to check-in and get our parade passes for the big parade on Sunday, July 16. The enormity of this event was upon us quickly. Motorcycles were parked in two parking lots as well as two streets that were closed off for motorcycle parking only. We scooted back to the hotel for a good night's rest prior to events that were upon us.

The next three days were spent touring the Milwaukee area and visiting 6 of the pre-determined dealerships that were part of the festivities. Each of the dealerships had their own personality. Bands were playing throughout the day at all the venues. Vendors were spread out far and wide as well. Each dealership had their own HOG 40th Anniversary poker chip made up and they were distributed to the HOG members as they checked in at each dealership. The weather gods were good to us and aside from some short spurts of rain, it was a stellar riding event.

On Saturday, July 15, we took advantage of the weather and made the 400-mile roundtrip jaunt to Sister Bay, WI. This is one of the 50 Rides, 1 Nation locations for the state of Wisconsin. There they were in all their glory on the roof of Al's Swedish Restaurant: goats munching on grass on the roof of the restaurant. It was an awesome ride to the location and an uneventful ride back to the hotel.

On Sunday, July 16, it was Parade Day. All the participants gathered at the American Family Field (home to the Milwaukee Brewers). When we pulled into the parking lot, it was row upon row of nothing except Harley-Davidson motorcycles. There were HOG chapters from all over the world: Belgium, Korea, Australia, Germany, Indonesia, Brazil, and the list goes on. We met some of the members of our local HOG chapters: Liberty HOG and Tri-State HOG. The parade started at 1 PM and we did not get out of the parking lot until 1:30 PM and there were still more motorcycles behind us. As we paraded through the streets of Milwaukee, you would have thought you were in Philadelphia for the Thanksgiving Day parade. The streets were lined with onlookers trying to get a glimpse of our awesome machines. Some were lucky enough to get a low high five as we rode past. The parade ended with a party at Veterans Park.

It was here, then it was gone. The riding was outstanding. The events were awesome and the people were kind and generous. The ride home was filled with the memories that were made in this short span of time knowing that in 5 years, we get to do it all again!!



. . . . From Glenn H.

Just a few thoughts on our wonderful trip to the 120th anniversary of H-D in Milwaukee. First I want to thank Joe McCrory and Kent Eagle for joining me on this trip. We had a lot of fun and I would travel with these two guys anytime, anywhere. We ran into Mike and Lisa Mc., Mike M., and Mac and Jo Mc. not once, but several times! Thanks to Saunde Briggs for the parade tickets. All in all it was a great week.

We got to join some 7000 riders in the largest motorcycle parade ever! We enjoyed the HD Museum, and checked that off my bucket list as well as visiting the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame on our way to Milwaukee. We enjoyed some great riding around the area including three lakes and lunch at the Sunset Bar and Grille on Saturday. We had some really nice riding weather although a little hot at times. We're all home safe and sound and that's important.



What's your point of view? by David G.



Marker at Independence Rock.



Devil's Gate in Wyoming.

Writing for the newsletter is all new to me and has been at many times a daunting challenge. However it helps me tell my story. So, what's your story? I encourage you to take some time and tell us about your experiences. New to group riding? Getting back to riding after a break? Have been riding many for years? How long have you been riding? What type of bike(s)? Is there favorite road or place you been to? What are some of your best rides or trips? You can offer advice on how to make plans or other ideas that have worked for you. Let's share our stories in the newsletter.

Personally, I have been riding for a little over eleven years now. I started with a Sportster, then moved to a Road King, and now I ride an Ultra. I feel lucky to have ridden in thirty-four states over the past few years.

When I travel I like to mix it up between highway and back roads. One of the things I particularly enjoy are the random sites, overlooks and discoveries along the way. I will take the time to stop and read local site/historic markers. Sometimes I get lots of information at stops along the way or I take the time to meet and ask locals/traveler's questions. Last year I randomly came across some very interesting historic landmarks traveling through back roads in Wyoming. I crossed the Oregon wagon train trail several times. I stopped at The Devils Gate, a gorge along the Sweetwater River, and Independence Rock. Both offered a rich view of our American history. Without the ability to travel by bike I would never have seen these.

So what's your story? Take a little time and write a little about one of your memories with the chapter or by yourself on the bike for the newsletter.



- Answers to the crossword puzzle
- Across
 - 1 Easy Rider 2 Sportster
 - 3 Stator
 - 8 Speedometer
 - 5 U-turn (no hyphen)
 - 6 Streetgilde
 - 7 Transmission
 - 16 Electraglide
 - 19 Saddlebags
 - 9 Handbars
 - 10 Tachometer
 - 12 Footboards
 - 13 Jiffystand
 - 14 Derby cover (no space)
 - 15 Helmet
 - 17 V-twin (no hyphen)
 - 18 Clutch
 - 20 Davidson
 - Down
 - 11 Harley
 - 11 Harley
 - 4 Roadgilde
 - 23 Hanunms
 - 21 Ignition

2023 10,000-mile Milestone members

From Dave G.

Where did you travel to this year?

A lot of day trips, usually 100 miles or so, around Southeastern PA. I found a lot of great back roads to explore. Leading Chapter rides and participating in other chapter rides has given me the opportunity for a lot of riding.

I was able to travel to Arizona and back again this spring. One of my sons lives in Prescott Valley AZ. I spent 7 days going out, visited for a week and 8 days back. I traveled a more southern route down to Mississippi and then up through Texas, New Mexico & into Arizona. The return trip went through Colorado and across Kansas back east. I would like to thank to Joyce Mullen from the chapter, who join me this year and had a great trip across the country.

What are a few memories from those travels this year?

Traveling along the Coronado Trail in Arizona, (RT 191 also known as the Devils Highway). I started in the southeast part of the state and took the highway north to Utah. The road is 129 miles long with 460 turns, curves and switch backs. It constantly changes landscape from high flat deserts then climbing as high as 9,000 feet through a few mountain ranges. All two lanes, no guard rails and great views. One section was 20 plus miles of shifting up and down between 1st, 2nd and 3rd gear the whole time. The road continues through a national forest and has little to no towns along the way. Toward the end of the route, it travels along the eastern edge of the painted desert, with wonderful views of layered colored rock and mountain formations.

Where or what would you like to do next?

Good question. I will be doing the New England trip with the chapter in September and visiting family in Northern Maine. As far as 2024 - I am still giving that some thought.

Any advice for your fellow riders?

Be kind and patient. I like to hear other rider's stories, never know when I will hear some good advice.

When riding; see and be seen. I ride like I am a moving target. Always pay attention to traffic conditions.

Member News

From Debi G. - Bernie and I would like to thank the Brandywine HOG members for their thoughts and prayers with the passing of my mom, Gloria Komara, on July 13, 2023. Their friendship has brought us comfort during this difficult time.

My mom was a motorcycle gal in the late 70s. She and my dad both had bikes (Honda's) and enjoyed riding around North Jersey.

Gloria Jean Komara
1944-2023

From Tina S. - John has officially retired as of Aug. 4th. He has worked at Villanova University for the last 30 plus years, Now John is looking forward to some traveling, many more hours in the seat of his motorcycle, but mostly to having lots more time to spend with his family.



H-D Couples Trip to St. Michaels, MD by Debi G.

At the end of June, a small group of HOG friends embarked on a lovely journey to St. Michaels, Maryland, on our H-D motorcycles. The picturesque town, known for its charming waterfront and historic attractions, provided the perfect backdrop for a quick getaway. With engines roaring and the warm wind on our face, we navigated the scenic coastal roads, indulging in both the thrill of the ride and the tranquility of the surroundings.

As we rode through the beautiful countryside of PA and Maryland, we were enchanted by the changing landscapes, from lush green fields of PA horse country to quaint little towns of MD. The freedom and adrenaline that comes with cruising on the bikes added an extra layer of excitement to this delightful trip. Debbie & Bernie mapped out the route ahead of time, being sure to include riding over the Chesapeake City Bridge and stopping for a delicious breakfast at the Easton Diner. making for a stress free morning.

Departing from the Easton Diner, the group took route 33 to Tilghman Island and parked on Black Walnut Point Fishing Area to enjoy the water views, share stories and breathe in the salt air. From there we stopped at the Tilghman Country Store to buy a few beverages & t-shirts. A block away from the store was the Tilghman Watermen's Museum, free and open to visitors on weekends. Current exhibitions focus on the art and artifacts of the island and boat models: a remarkable collection of original paintings and remarqued prints, and boat models and historic photographs. And the ladies who gave us a tour were so welcoming and knowledgeable!

Keeping with the itinerary of the trip, we hopped on the bikes again to head back up to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael's. Once there, we toured the working shipyard & museum, and climbed the Hooper Strait Lighthouse. The admission ticket to the CBMM is good for 2-days, so we were able to leave by late afternoon to head to St. Michael's Inn to check-in, knowing we could return the next day to see more attractions. The hotel was in town, which made for quick 1 mile commute. We were able to unpack, shower and meet back up for dinner at 6. We enjoyed a delicious seafood dinner on the water at The Crab Claw. Be sure to ask Erin and Dave about it! Knowing that Bernie was the ride-lead, have no doubt of the next destination -- Justine's Ice Cream! Afterwards seeing the sun beginning to set, Dave suggested hopping back on the bikes and head over to Tilghman Island again to chase the sunset for June scavenger hunt pictures. Of course there were some shenanigans but wouldn't expect any less from this squad. We finally wrapped up around 10 p.m.

The guys woke up early Sunday and took off to Tilghman Island and the local working marina, to do more exploring. The ladies met in the hotel dining room to enjoy the complimentary breakfast and savor the slower Sunday pace. Upon the guys return, we all packed up, checked out and headed to town to do some Shopping! Afterwards, keeping with the itinerary, we met at the waterfront to embark on the Patriot Cruise, a 70-minute river cruse. We lucked out and there was a sailing long canoe race taking place during our cruise and our captain took us very close to the race lanes. Ask Lisa about the captain sharing his binoculars for her to see the boaters better. Captain Mike of the Patriot was all smiles when asked to join the group picture and can't wait to see us in 2024.

It was midday and we were all ready for lunch. Hopped back on the bikes to the other side of the marina, to Blu Miles. Live music and a chill vibe made for a relaxing lunch. From there, we said our sad goodbyes to St. Michael's and headed home. Of course, we hit light rain around Fair Hill MD. We all highly recommend a visit to this charming town on the Eastern Shore of MD. We were able to escape from our everyday lives and created lasting memories.

Bernie Gunn, ride lead
Dave McQuiston
Mike McGinty, sweep

And the backpacks:
Deb Gunn
Erin McQuiston
Lisa McGinty

Pics from St. Michaels



Dinner at the Crab Claw.



At the waterfront on Tilghman Island.



Patriot Cruise with Captain Mike.

Rides by the numbers to date

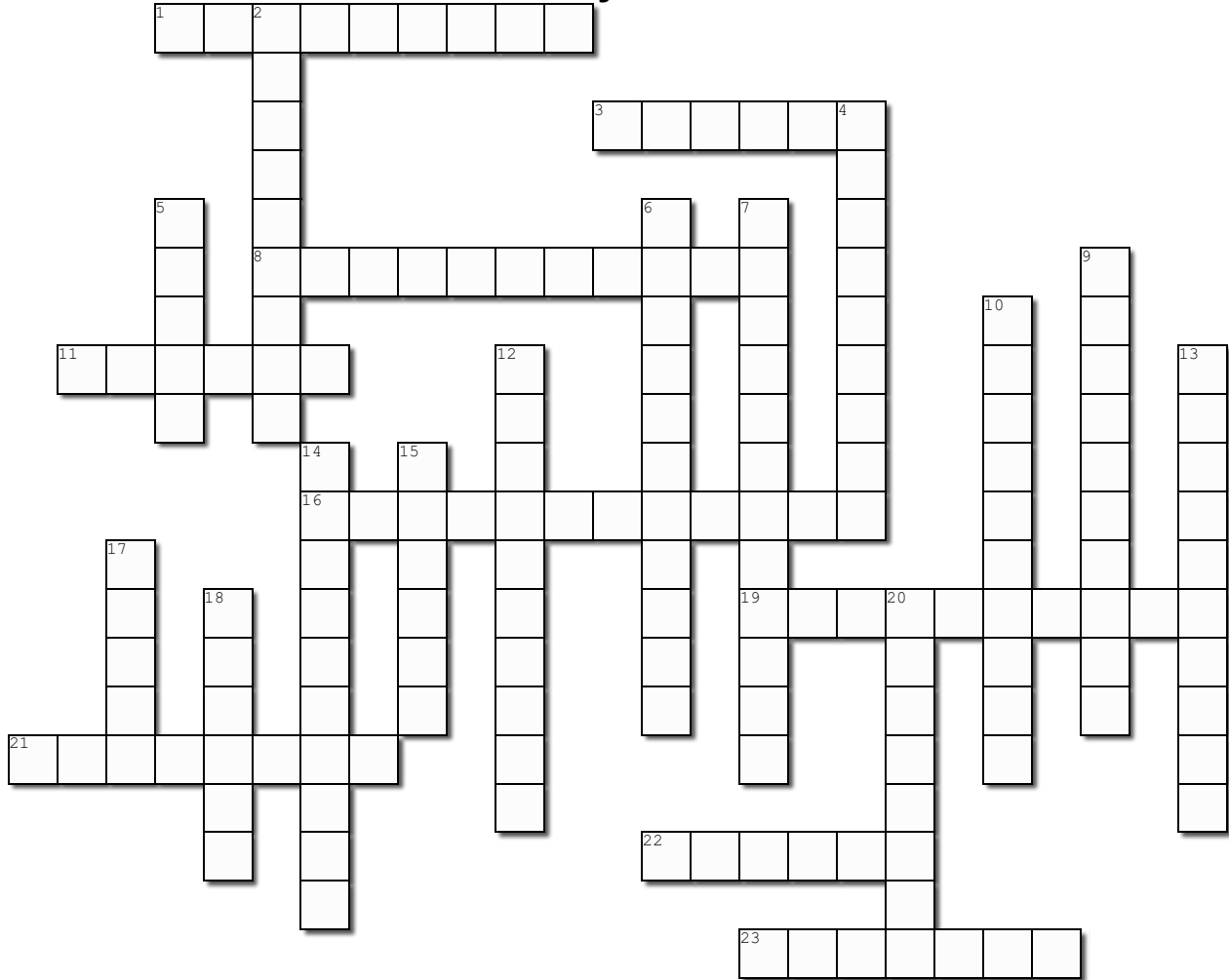
The chapter has completed fifty-four rides, and thirteen that were cancelled due to weather concerns. We had a total of 480 riders and a total of 87,501 miles. Keep checking the closed Facebook page and the web site to keep up to date on upcoming rides and changes that may occur.

Anniversary Luncheon

The chapter held its fourth anniversary luncheon on July 23rd at Shaeffer's Canal House. Forty-four members were able to attend and all enjoyed a great lunch and plenty of time to talk and catch up. It's great to see how the chapter has grown and continues to grow.

Test your knowledge of H-D motorcycles and culture with this crossword puzzle.

Harley Trivia



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

1. 1969 movie starring Fonda, Hopper, and Nicholson
3. The stationary part of your bike's charging system
8. Keeping an eye on this may help avoid a citation
11. William's last name (not Arthur's brother)
16. This model was 'In Blue' in the 1973 movie
19. One on each side to stow your stuff
21. Turn the switch to this to get started
22. Operated by the right hand and foot
23. Our chapter's sponsoring family

Down

2. Model that was first produced in 1957, XL . . .
4. Cruiser with two headlights and a shark nose
5. You might have to make this if you miss a step in your directions
6. Cruiser that has just the bat-wing fairing
7. Has five or six choices
9. Hold these to steer down the road
10. Shows the engine's RPMs
12. Two down low for you, two higher up for the passenger
13. This holds your bike up when parked (check your manual)
14. Bolt-on plate to close the primary, sometimes decorative
15. 'Brain bucket'
17. Harley's engine type (no hyphen)
18. Operated by the left hand
20. Arthur's last name

Answers to the puzzle are on page 5.

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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Crocheting services. I am an avid crocheter and can make afghans, throw blankets, baby blankets, and scarves. I accept custom orders. Call Debi's Designs for details at 302-379-4868.



Trailer for Sale. 20 year old 5' X 10' open trailer with MC wheel chock installed. Comes with a folding aluminum ramp for loading that attaches to back and a spare tire. Asking price is \$300. Housed in Newark, DE. Call Paul J. at 302-234-1587.



Saddlebags for sale. Small, slanted, leather saddlebags, made in the USA. Originally sold for more, asking \$100. Contact Deb J. at (302) 379-4868.



Seats for sale. First is a Sundowner Super Reach seat, like new, fits 2014 Street Glide and newer touring bike. Asking price is \$240.00. Also available is a single rider seat, for a Dyna Low Rider, fits 2006 or newer. Asking price is \$100.00. Call or text Ben F. at (610) 721-3525.



Sundowner Super Reach



Single rider seat





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