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It's Time

by David Gunlefinger

It's time! For some it's already been time and for others it will soon be time to get the bike out of storage! We welcome spring with the return of warmer days and longer daylight hours.

Riding at this time of year can be a challenging event, but that's part of what makes it interesting. Everybody has their own set of riding criteria. We all have our limits in both heat and cold and amount of time in the saddle. I recently canceled a ride due to the harsh conditions. The temperature for that day started at 24°F and was predicted to only go to a high of 34°F. Too cold for me.

It's always good to take your time when you get out at the start of the new riding season. Go over your bike to insure all is well and in good working order. This includes all your riding gear that's been stashed away also. How's the rain gear? Maybe begin with a short ride and re-familiarize yourself with your bike and "relearn" how it handles. It's also wise to find an empty parking lot and practice your slow speed skills and U-turns.

So, dust the bike off and get out

there.

As always, ride when you can, be safe, and enjoy the ride.



Assistant Directors Notes

by Alan Rodgers

It was great to see so many of you in attendance at the January and February meetings. As the winter months are ending, we dream about the riding season starting up and bikes coming out of storage for us to ride. It is also encouraging to hear that for some of you the riding season never truly ends. Members have been working to get our riding and events calendar for the year in place. An awful lot of work goes on behind the scenes to set the stage for a great riding and event season. A special thanks to all the officers for undertaking their responsibilities and for putting a great schedule in place.

In a few weeks chapter officers will attend the H-D Regional Officer Connection (ROC) training session in Wilmington DE. ROC is always a great opportunity to meet up with members from other chapters to learn of their achievements and challenges and to get new ideas. Hopefully our officers will learn a lot, have some fun, and be better prepared to lead our chapter.

Although there is always room for improvement.... I think WE HAVE ONE HECK OF A CHAPTER consisting of great people, riders, 2-ups, and visitors! We are always active, and we do a lot of riding....2020, 2021, 2022 our chapter has won the RIDE 365 Chapter Challenge Average Miles per Member for the Northeast Region. In 2022 we accumulated 12,385 miles per Rider. Let's keep up the great work in 2023!

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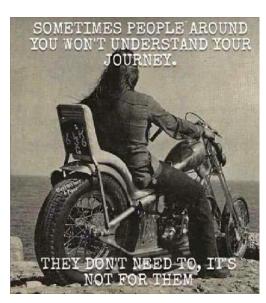
One continued focus for 2023 will be an ongoing effort to grow by adding new members and retain existing members. To make all members feel welcome and engaged, take a moment to introduce yourself to all members. Let's create an environment where members are encouraged to contribute and be an active. One easy way to help make a new member feel welcome at our Chapter meetings is to introduce yourself personally. Try to take a few moments to make a connection after the meeting.

Another initiative that we will be utilizing to increase involvement is to ask members directly to volunteer when there are needs. When we ask for volunteers, we routinely get the same people. While we need them, we also need YOU!

On September 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th I am leading a ride up to White River Junction, Vermont for a scenic ride through Vermont and New Hampshire. When we return on the Sunday, we will be stopping in Massachusetts at Mt. Greylock for the 50 rides, 1 nation picture. This promises to be a great ride and time to get to know other members.

As many of you have probably heard, my riding season will unfortunately be starting a bit late since I have lost all feeling in my left arm. I am waiting for another surgery that is scheduled for the 26th of April to remedy the nerve problem in my arm. I am anxiously waiting for my doctors say I can ride.

Remember that the only ride you will ever regret is the one you didn't take. Ride safe and see you out there on the bike soon.





Upcoming Rides and Events

March

18th - Chapter meeting at 8:00 am

- Bingo For Babies, KSU at 5:15 pm

19th - South, West Back East

26th - Cape May Lighthouse, KSU at 9:00 am, 50 Rides destination for NJ

April

2nd - Covered bridge tour of Chester and Lancaster Counties. KSU at 9:00 am

15th - Chapter meeting at 8:00 am, Bike Blessing after the meeting at 10:30 am

16th - Ride to the Tide, KSU at 8:30 am

22nd - Turkey Point, MD, KSU at 9:00 am

23rd - Reppert's Candy Store, KSU at 9:00 am

27th - Group leaves for Outer Banks Bike Week trip (closed event)

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7th - First Sunday at Ephrata VFW, KSU at 8:00 am

13th - Dutchway in Myerstown, KSU at 10:00 am

- Mile Eater #1, KSU at 7:00 am

14th - Dover Air Force Base via route 9, KSU at 9:00, 50 Rides destination for DE

20th - Chestertown, MD, KSU at 9:00

21st - Lucy the Elephant in Margate, NJ, KSU at 9:00 am

28th - Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Park in Cambridge, MD KSU at 8:00 am

Congratulations!

Congratulations for the third year in a row. Once again we have won the RIDE 365 highest average miles per member for the Northeast Region! Out of 83 chapters we placed first with an average of 12,385 miles per member. Bruce Motta, the HOG regional manager, sends his congratulations. Bruce will be coming to Brandywine and will treat the chapter to a well-deserved pizza party.

The following is a brief review of the chapter's history with Ride 365. In 2020 we had 32 members participate and our average was 8,444 miles per member. In 2021 with 37 members signed up we averaged 9,784 miles per member. Last year in 2022 we had 42 members participate in the Ride 365 Chapter Challenge. The chapter had a combined total ride mileage of 521,478 miles which led to our winning average of 12,385 miles per member.

2023 is starting out great so far with the mild winter giving us unexpectedly pleasant days for riding. Everyone's mileage in the chapter is important and counts towards a winning ride so make sure to get your bike registered for Ride 365. If you're not sure about how to get your bike(s) registered or have any questions about the program, please contact me, David Gunlefinger, at gunlefinger@yahoo.com or call me at 610-842-1842.

Ride numbers to date

Here's a quick look at what the chapter has accomplished so far this year.

11 Rides completed, 1 ride cancelled. 130 riders on completed rides. 14,900 miles ridden.

Listen for info regarding an upcoming meeting for those interested in being ride leaders, sweep, and wing.

How does my bike's engine work?

Have you ever wondered about the inner workings of your Harley V-Twin engine? Would you like to see parts of your engine before starting on repairs or improvements? Cutaway Creations is a fun website that will show you some of the workings of a Harley engine without picking up a wrench. They have still photos of both the V-Twin and Screamin' Eagle110 cutaways that show different perspectives of the engine. If you click on the video tab on the home page, there is also a video that shows the V-Twin model in motion. Just don't get upset that the Cutaway Creations lists the Harley engines under the "small engine" category! The site's home page also has other cutaway presentations that you might find interesting.

The first link below will take you directly to the site for the Harley V-Twin cutaway. The second link will take you to the cutaway for the Screamin' Eagle 110.

https://www.cutawaycreations.com/portfolio/harley-v-twin/

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Member Spotlight on . . . Larry Yates

Larry began his riding days on his dad's Honda Dream back in 1963. His first Harley was a 2012 Road King Classic that he bought in July of 2011. Today you will see him riding a red 2013 CVO Road King.

He enjoys chapter rides and day trips for the most part. One of his most memorable rides was to Orange County Choppers in Newburgh, NY. Traveling mostly scenic back roads he got to see lots of small villages and towns along the route there and back.

In his earlier days Larry served four years in the United States Air Force. After leaving the Air Force he went to work for SEPTA working his way up to Deputy Director of Transportation for the Suburban Division. Retiring from SEPTA after 26 years, he began a second career with the Township of Haverford as Assistant Director at Skatium (ice rink) eventually becoming the Director there. He retired from the rink in 2017 after twenty years of employment.

Larry has been happily married to Katheryne (Kate) for 55 years come April 1st of this year. The two met in Anchorage, Alaska where they lived for a while. Together they raised three terrific daughters. Maureen, the oldest, has her PHD in Education and is the Administrative Director of charter schools in San Diego, CA. She resides there with her husband and two daughters. His middle daughter, Linda, has her master's degree in Special Education and lives in Victoria, Canada with her husband and three children. Kathleen, the youngest daughter, lives with her husband and two children in Upper Pottsgrove. She has a master's degree and works for Pfizer.

"It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of the Brandywine HOG group and meet so many terrific individuals," says Larry. "I would offer the same advice my father gave me - Always be on the defensive when riding and observe your surroundings. Ride safe everyone!"



Larry's 2013 CVO Road King.



Did you know . . .

- Four men founded the Harley-Davidson Motor company. The company first operated from a small shed in Davidson's family backyard. William Harley, Arthur Davidson, and Davidson's two brothers created the world-class famous company.
- We read it as Harley-Davidson and not as Davidson-Harley because it was Harley, out of the four men, who came up with the original idea of a motorcycle.
- The first Harley-Davidson motorcycle had a single-cylinder engine, sporting a top speed of 25 mph and using a *tomato can* for a carburetor.
- The first Harley-Davidson model was rejected on the grounds of being too weak to handle the roads of Milwaukee. The team was undeterred. They invested in their first factory in 1906 despite the rejection.

Tips to prepare for the upcoming riding season

We made it! It's almost springtime and that means it's almost riding season! If you're anything like me, you're probably really excited at the prospect of riding in the next month or so. Now is the perfect time to start getting your motorcycle, your riding equipment and yourself prepared for that first ride. Here are some pro tips to get everything ready to go.

- 1. Change your fluids. If it's been longer than six months since you changed your engine oil, now would be the time to do it. How important is your oil? Racers change their oil every 300-500 miles—that's about as many miles as we ride in a weekend. You certainly don't have to do that, but don't start a new season with old oil. You should also change your gasoline, because gas goes bad and then your bike can run poorly. These days everything is fuel injected, and injectors get plugged up easily up if your gas is old. Coolant should also be drained and refilled. If your brake fluid is looking low you should top that off. And don't forget to clean and lubricate your chain if you have one!
- 2. Check your brakes. If you've noticed the brakes aren't working as well as they used to-maybe the lever is coming to the bars, or the bike isn't stopping as quickly as it once did- then you should bleed them and get some fresh fluid in the lines. For most riders, once a year is often enough.
- 3. Visual inspection. Really every time you ride you should give your whole bike a visual inspection. Look at brake lines and pads, any exposed wires, and wheels. Check to make sure your wheels are spinning freely, and your brakes are working correctly. Also, if you have some sockets and wrenches at home, give everything a quick tightening up. You will likely find several nuts and bolts that have become loose over a season of riding.
- 4. Check your tires. Make sure there are no visible cracks in your tires and that there is adequate tread left. You should measure for approximately 3/32" of tread remaining. If there's less than that, you should definitely get new tires before hitting the road. Even if your tires pass visual inspection, you should still get new ones if they're more than a couple years old. Also, make sure you get those pressures set to the manufacturer's spec.
- 5. Check your battery. Ideally, you should keep your battery on a tender all winter, and if you were able to do that you should be good to go. If not, start your bike and make sure it fires up right away. It's better to find this out now than to be ready to go for your first ride of the year with your buddies only to find that your battery is dead and your bike won't start.
- 6. **Give your bike a good cleaning.** Ideally a thorough detail would be the best, but if you don't have the time or resources, I suggest wiping it down with a soft cloth and a degreaser such as Simple Green. Clean your wheels, forks, calipers, swingarm, bodywork and especially your windscreen if you have one! There's nothing worse than not being able to see out of your shield when you're going down the road.
- 7. Make sure your riding gear is ready. I would always start every season with two sets so I didn't miss a beat if something happened to one. Most people only need one set, but give it a thorough inspection for any hole or marks to make sure it's going to protect you properly. Small rips in chest area are okay, but if there are any rips on the elbows, shoulders, knees—any place where if you hit ground it will break open—consider buying a replacement. Don't forget to check the zipper! You don't want to be all ready to ride and unable to zip your suit.
- 8. Check your helmet. If your head has ever touched the ground, you need a new helmet, period. Even if it hasn't, helmets do not last forever. As a general rule, make sure your helmet is no more than 5 years old. The foam liner breaks down over time, and if you've stored your helmet in the garage, variances in temperature can also shorten its life. Check the date of manufacture, usually found on the chin strap, and get a new one if it's too old. The materials and technology just keep getting better. Don't forget your spring cleaning! Things collect dust, so you especially want to clean your helmet, and wipe down your armor, boots and gloves.

Not only will changing your fluids, inspecting everything and cleaning your bike make your bike fresh for the upcoming riding season, it will also make sure that everything is in spec. and functioning properly so you can stay as safe as possible.

The tips above were taken from an article written by Elena Myers Court for McGraw Powersports. Elena Myers Court is an American professional motorcycle racer. She made history in 2010 as the first female to win an AMA Pro Racing sprint road race. She is also the first woman to win a professional motorsports race of any kind at Daytona International Speedway, on March 17, 2012. https://www.mcgrawpowersports.com/ten-pro-tips-to-prepare-for-riding-season/

Need some HOG Swag?

The chapter has the following items for sale:

- Large Brandywine Chapter Rocker	\$30
- Small Brandywine Chapter Rocker	\$10
- Large HOG Eagle Patch	\$15
- Small HOG Eagle Patch	\$5
- Chapter Pins (limited stock)	\$10
- T-shirts (Long & short sleeves)	\$35
(Various colors & sizes - ask Joe	for
details)	

Please contact Joe Wilson at jwilsonpsu@yahoo.com if you are interested in purchasing an item and he will bring to the next meeting or ride.



Chapter Events by Flora Rodgers

As we are approaching warmer weather I am looking forward to a fun and exciting year as your Activities Officer for 2023. We will be asking for volunteers to help and as many of you as possible to participate with these events to make them successful for the chapter. If you have any suggestions for an event, please feel free to share them with me.

On March 18th we had our first event, which was Designer Handbag Bingo. What a great night that was. We had 14 people attend for a great cause. Even though no one won a handbag, we all had a great time with lots of laughs and memories.

I am also working on a Blue Rocks Bike Night for June 16th, more info to come. Brandywine HOG's 4th annual Anniversary lunch ride will be on July 23rd. More details to follow. Even though it may be a long time out, I am making plans for our Brandywine HOG Christmas Party.

Please keep an eye out for more fun and exciting events coming your way.

From the editor

The chapter newsletter is published every other month with the next issue coming out in May. I would like to get more members involved by sharing a ride experience. Maybe you would like to talk about an extended trip you took or you have an interesting picture from a recent ride, a fun story, or a riding tip to share. Please send them along by email or text to Curt Barr at crbarr55@gmail.com or 610 416-6868. I would be happy to help you turn it into an article for the newsletter. Great pics you have from one of our rides can also be shared with our chapter photographer, Deb Gunn, for use on the TV at the dealership or on social media. Email pics to her at qunn19@comcast.net.



Motorcyclists, while riding a bike when encountered by other bikers coming from the opposite direction, point out their index and middle finger of their left hand towards the ground. This is a way of expressing respect towards the other motorcyclist. It's our way of saying, "Hello! Keep the rubber side down, keep both wheels on the ground". It signifies that the rider is wishing the fellow rider to stay safe and ride safe. Though there are many mysterious talks around the traditional biker wave, but let's leave it for some other day. Also seen are many variations of rider wave, which all interpret into different ways of wishing goodness to other riders. When the same gesture is shown to a four-wheeled driver by a motorcyclist, it means that the biker is saying 'Thank You!' for being seen.

The wave was speculated to have started in 1904 when Arthur Davidson and William Harley passed each other and waved. Whatever the origin, when you cross paths with a motorcyclist, raise your hand to greet him with a two-finger rider wave. Let's bring the community closer.





Polar Bear Challenge 22-23

The Polar Bear Challenge will be wrapping up at the end of the month. This year twenty-four members signed up to participate in the challenge. With a mild start to 2023 it will be interesting to see how the rider miles stack up. A \$50 Wawa gift card and bragging rights will go to one rider who braved the weather and rode the most miles. A \$25 Wawa gift card will go to the runner up. Thanks to all the participants for helping make this fun event a success, and also to Brandywine Harley-Davidson for supporting our chapter in fun adventures like this.

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50 Rides, One Nation

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. Some of the locations are well known – Tennessee's Dragon, for example – while others may surprise you: Alaska's Richardson Highway may not have been on your bucket list, but now it is! Other bucket-list-worthy attractions include Colorado's Million Dollar Highway, the Arkansas Pig Trail, and the Overseas Highway through the Florida Keys. Details of all 50 rides are available in a downloadable guide. 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.

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CT	Joe Wilson	МО	Curt Barr	NY	Mac McCloskey	TN	Mac McCloskey
CT	Mac McCloskey	NC	Curt Barr	ОН	Curt Barr	VA	Curt Barr
CT	Mike McGinty	NC	Jo McCloskey	OH	Jo McCloskey	VA	Jo McCloskey
DE	Curt Barr	NC	Mac McCloskey	ОН	Mac McCloskey	VA	Mac McCloskey
DE	Dave Goodwin	NH	Chris Pyfer	ОН	Mike McGinty	VT	Chris Pyfer
DE	Jo McCloskey	NH	Jo McCloskey	OR	Chris Pyfer	VT	Jo McCloskey
DE	Mac McCloskey	NH	Joe Wilson	PA	Chris Pyfer	VT	Joe Wilson
DE	Mike McGinty	NH	Mac McCloskey	PA	Curt Barr	VT	Mac McCloskey
FL	Jo McCloskey	NH	Mike McGinty	PA	Mac McCloskey	VT	Mike McGinty
FL	Mac McCloskey	NJ	Chris Pyfer	RI	Chris Pyfer	WA	Chris Pyfer
IA	Curt Barr	NJ	Curt Barr	RI	Jo McCloskey	WV	Curt Barr
IL	Curt Barr	NJ	Dave Goodwin	RI	Joe Wilson	WV	Patty Riley
IN	Curt Barr	NJ	Jo McCloskey	RI	Mac McCloskey	WV	Tom Riley
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MD	Curt Barr						
MD	Dave Goodwin						



Mac McCloskey

Mike McGinty

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2nd Annual

Blessing of the Bikes

April 15, 2023 | 10:30 AM (Rain Date April 22, 2023 @ 10:30 AM)



This is a **FREE event** held at Brandywine Harley-Davidson. Free run pins to the first 100 participants.

A brief ceremony will be held prior to the individual bike and rider blessing.

This event is sponsored by Brandywine HOG with special thanks to the On Eagles Wings chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association.

For more information visit BrandywineHarley.com.



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