



## *Brandywine Bullet*

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### **Happy New Year Brandywine HOG**

by David Gunlefinger

Recently on a ride I was asked what type of director I was going to be for the chapter. The little voice in my head hoped a good one. But the answer I gave was "Stick around and see." This was in some ways a poor answer, and the member knew it. They asked again for a better answer about the future of the chapter. Fair enough.

My thoughts and ideas on the direction in which I would like to see the chapter go are the following.

- I have no big plans to change the chapter, at its core we are Harley-Davidson Motorcycle enthusiasts. We like motorcycles and like to ride. We ride a lot and I will continue to encourage this.
- I would like to see more members become actively involved in the chapter as it continues to grow. This is already happening and will hopefully continue. Besides the four primary officers, Curt Barr has stepped up to be the editor of our newsletter. Mike McGinty is stepping up as Head Road Captain and will be handling the organization of future rides.

### **Happy New Year (cont.)**

Deb Gunn is going to help with photography for the chapter. Flora Rodgers is stepping up to be the activities officer. Erin McQuiston is going to be helping with social media, Mail Chimp, Facebook, and possibly a Web page in the future.

As always ride when as much as you can and be safe. The officers and I are looking forward to seeing everyone this year.

### **From 2022 to 2023**

The old year ended with a Christmas celebration at Renzi's where friends met and shared a meal and stories from the year. Everyone enjoyed great food, conversation, and door prizes.

The new year began in true chapter fashion on January 1st with a ride. Members met at the dealership and rode to the VFW Post in Parkesburg to join in the Brass Nutz Run. Though a bit chilly to start, the ride turned out to be not much of a test of fortitude since the temperature climbed into the fifties by ride time. A well led ride around the Chester and Lancaster County countryside was just the thing to begin 2023 with about 70 to 80 miles on the day.

# Assistant Director's Notes

by Alan Rodgers

Happy New Year everyone!

Here we are at the dawning of 2023 with a whole new year ahead of us. What new adventures or misadventures await us? What stories will we have to tell at the end? These are questions we get to answer as we move through the year. One thing for sure, we are going to have some serious F-U-N!!! We have already begun discussing some exciting events for the chapter so stay tuned to hear more about them.

I would like to take a moment and offer a big, heartfelt thank you to Past Director Hugh (Mac) McCloskey and Past Secretary Jo McCloskey for their service as officers and founding members. Sitting in that Directors seat takes a lot of work and energy and no one can really understand that until you sit there. So, Thank you Mac. Jo, we appreciate everything you did as Secretary to keep the chapter organized. I'm sure I speak for the membership when I say thank you both for your devotion to the chapter and the many hours out of your life that you gave to make sure the chapter was running as it should. Our chapter became what it is today because of your efforts. Thank you again for your service.

HOG itself turns 35 this year and the motor company turns 120. There is a large celebration planned in Milwaukee this year and you can find all the details at [www.h-d.com/120](http://www.h-d.com/120) if you want go to join the fun.

I am honored and look forward to serving the chapter as the Assistant Director for a second year. For those who don't know me, I am a founding Member of Brandywine HOG and have risen up the ranks to become Assistant Director. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. Remember, this is YOUR chapter! Our motto is "Ride and Have Fun." If you have a ride destination in mind or an event you think we should participate in, let one of the officers know. We are always looking for new and fun activities for the chapter. Let's make this our most memorable year yet.

See you on the road, and remember the only ride you will ever regret is the one you never took.

Happy 2023.



Many members of the chapter and their guests enjoyed a meal and time to socialize at the Christmas party in December 2022.

## Upcoming Rides and Events

### January

- 21<sup>st</sup> - Chapter meeting at 8:00 am, ride to Lancaster H-D, KSU at 10:00 am after mtg.
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Poker Ride With a Twist (closed ride), KSU at 10:00 am
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Old South Smokehouse, KSU at 10:00 am

### February

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Get Out and Ride, KSU at 10:00 am
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting at 8:00 am
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Dutchway Market, KSU at 9:30

### March

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Windmill Restaurant, KSU at 10:00 am
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting at 8:00 am

### April

- 15<sup>th</sup> - Chapter meeting at 8:00 am, Bike Blessing after the meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Turkey Point, MD, KSU at 9:00 am
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Group leaves for Outer Banks Bike Week trip (closed event)

### May

- 14<sup>th</sup> - Dover Air Force Base via route 9, KSU at 9:00
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Chestertown, MD, KSU at 9:00

## Get out and Ride Brandywine

By David Gunlefinger

Well done Brandywine HOG! The amount of miles ridden by our chapter in 2022 was a fantastic accomplishment. Last year we had 42 members sign up and get their mileage recorded through the National HOG Ride 365 program. HOG and our dealership keep the the mileage records for each rider who signs up. All members can see this information at members.hog.com.

The following is a summary of the standings.

**National total** - we ranked # 33 with a total of 521,478 miles for the year.

**National Average per rider** - we ranked # 11 with an average of 12,478 miles per member.

**For the Northeast Region** we ranked #2 with the 521,478 total miles.

If you're unsure or have any questions about the Ride 365 program please contact me, David Gunlefinger, by email at gunlefinger@yahoo.com or call me at 610-842-1842.

The mileage information from Ride 365 is also used for our chapter's Get Out and Ride program. In 2022 for each 1000 miles recorded, members got a chance in the drawing for a \$50.00 Brandywine Harley-Davidson store gift card. If they rode 8,500 miles they got eight entries. The top mileage rider/couple received a \$100 gift card, bragging rights for a year, and their name on the Get Out and Ride Plaque in the store by our display board.

Top mileage winners in 2022 were Mac and Jo McCloskey - riding 54,003 miles. Congratulations!!! I would also like to congratulate the following members who each won one of the gift cards in the drawing.

John Kelly  
Skip Schultz  
Jeff Bonnem  
Marcus Stewart



The chapter had a good turnout for the Brass Nutz Run on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a chill in the air to start, but it turned out to be a great day of riding. 20 bikes and 26 riders shared the day and the miles.



Lisa McGinty, one of the happy winners of a door prize at the Christmas party!

## 2023 Leadership team



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## Polar Bear Challenge 22-23

Well, it turns out the Brass Nutz Run on January 1<sup>st</sup> was a bit more balmy than many previous years, but the miles still count towards your Polar Bear Challenge totals. If needed, you can still get registered for the Polar Bear Challenge by sending a pic of your odometer to Alan Rodgers.

Keep riding even when the temps drop, but watch out for icy spots,



## 2022 10,000-Mile milestone members

Part of the chapters Get out and Ride Brandywine yearly program is to recognize members who reach the 10,000-mile milestone.

I have asked and will be asking members a few brief question when they pass this marker. I hope you will take a moment to respond. We all have a unique perspective about our experience's so let's share our stories.

Congratulations to John Kelly for reaching this milestone and sharing his story.

### From John Kelly

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

I enjoyed the group ride to New England. Not being one that particularly enjoys visiting dealerships, I was pleasantly surprised at how cordial a few of them were. The picnic put on by Laconia HD was awesome, and the truly amazing customer service from Wilkins HD was very memorable. In the spring I headed south to explore several of the Southern Dozen tours through the foothills and mountains of Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Western North Carolina. I also hit a chunk of Eastern Kentucky, where I found a ride called the Dragon-slayer. In the late summer I revisited the Smoky Mountain areas to hit a couple bike rallies in Maggie Valley, NC. While there I hit the Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum and was amazed at the increase in exhibits since my last visit.

#### Now where or what would you like to do?

I'll be returning to the Smokies, as I do most years. While in the southern states, I also want to find a couple more parts of the Dragon: The Head and the Claw. Once the weather warms up, I'll head back to New England to climb Mount Washington again and revisit the Jarhead Memorial and the Cathedral of the Pines.

## John's thoughts cont.

### Rider advice?

Run good tires and maintain proper air pressure. Don't try to ride above your skill level. In the hot weather stay hydrated. During the brutal heat and humidity while enroute to Wilkins HD, I learned firsthand the pitfalls of dehydration.

## 10,000-Mile Members for 2022

Congratulations to the following 21 chapter members who rode 10,000 miles or more in 2022.

Mac and Jo McCloskey, David Gunlefinger, Curt Barr, Deb and Bernie Gunn, Steve Petree, Skip Shultz, Jeri Shillady, Lisa & Mike McGinty, Joyce Mullen, Ed Zaleski, Teresa Steuer, Christopher Pyfer, Mark Banghart, Tom Riley, Mike Fordham, John Kelley, Mike Myers and Glen Hershey.

Thank you for sharing some of your stories from your adventures with the chapter. Get those miles recorded for 2023 so they can be tracked on RIDE 365. Any questions feel free to contact me by email at [gunlefinger@yahoo.com](mailto:gunlefinger@yahoo.com) or call me at



## Five Key Points to Safe Riding

### Assume you are invisible to other drivers.

Don't ever assume another driver knows you're there. Adhere to the attitude that no one else on the road is concerned with your personal safety. Learn to use a riding strategy like SEE (search, evaluate, execute) to manage the roadway and traffic.

### Look where you want to go.

It's called visual directional control. Keep your head and eyes oriented 3-4 seconds ahead of you when cornering. In an emergency, do not stare at the guardrail, the gravel shoulder or the oncoming car — chances are you'll hit whatever you're trying to avoid. (The term for this is target fixation.)

### Countersteer.

Use precise inputs to the handgrips, not body lean, to lean the motorcycle. When you countersteer, you initially turn the handlebars in the opposite direction you think you should. Press forward on the right handgrip, the bike leans right. Press forward on the left handgrip, the bike leans left. (Note: countersteering is not how you turn a motorcycle; it's how you lean a motorcycle.)

### Use both brakes.

Your front brake provides 70 percent or more of your stopping power in an emergency. Squeeze, do not grab, the front brake, and keep squeezing, increasing the squeezing pressure until you've slowed sufficiently or stopped. Untrained riders are often afraid to use the front brake for fear of flipping over. Trained riders know better.

### Never stop riding the bike.

Don't ever give up control of your motorcycle. "Laying it down" is not a strategy. The person with the most control of any situation is you. Look where you want to go, countersteer or use maximum braking to avoid a crash.

The safe riding tips above were from the Office of Traffic Safety website, A Division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. You can access the tips and other info at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/mmsc/riding-tips/Pages/riding-strategies.aspx>

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Friday	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday	Closed

## Upcoming Member birthdays

### January

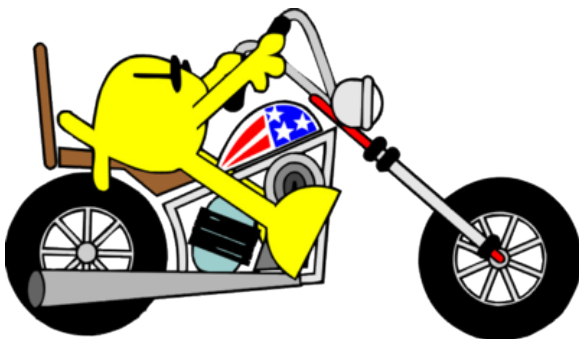
Hanna Bierling 4th  
Melissa Billingsley 5th  
Larry Yates 16th  
Marcus Stewart 17th  
Jeri Shillady 23rd  
John Kelley 24th  
Hugh McClosky 27th

### February

Lisa McGinty 3rd  
Joe Mac Croy 3rd  
Bernie Gunn 16th  
Denny Waldman 19th  
Ed Zaleski 26th  
Skip Shultz 26th  
Flora Rodgers 28th

### April

Mark Banghart 3rd  
Deb Spanakos 7th  
Tina Waldrop 11th



**If you are planning any trips in the year ahead, this may be of interest to you. Thanks to Joe Wilson for passing the info along.**

Gold Star families are the immediate family of military personnel who have died in service to our nation. Veterans and Gold Star families planning their 2023 Motorcycle adventures can take advantage of this newly offered benefit available to them. A press release issued on November 8, 2022 announced that veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and Gold Star Families can obtain a free lifetime pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests.

To find out more visit the website here: [New lifetime pass available for Military Veterans and Gold Star Families to access public lands - Office of Communications \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#)

Blue Star families, those with active military members, are eligible for a similar offer. Information is available at <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.htm>

## From the editor . . . .

The chapter newsletter is published every other month with the next issue coming out in March. I would like to get more members involved by sharing a ride experience. Maybe you would like to tell 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](mailto: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, Debbie Gunn, for use on the TV at the dealership or on social media. Email pics to her at [gunn19@comcast.net](mailto:gunn19@comcast.net).



## From the treasurer

### Name Tag Orders

I am going to start taking orders for any member interested in purchasing a name tag (see attached form for examples). I will be collecting the orders & money during the next few chapter meetings (December, January & February). The order form is on the following page and I will also have forms with me at the meetings. The name tags are **\$10 each** (subject to change if pricing is increased by the vendor before the order is placed). You will be notified if there is a price change. **Payment must be included with your orders.**

You can give the order & payment to me after the meetings or you can leave them in the mailbox beside our display at the dealership. The dealership is not accepting payment or orders. If you leave them in the mailbox, please text or email me that they are there to be picked up.

- Cash or a check made out to **Brandywine Harley Davidson** will be accepted.
- **I will make the order for these after the February meeting.**
- Any questions contact me, Joe Wilson, at 215-290-2236 or [jwilsonpsu@yahoo.com](mailto:jwilsonpsu@yahoo.com)
- (Order form is on the next page.)



The dealership has over a dozen '23s on the showroom floor for you to check out. Stop by and look for the orange tags on the handlebars.

## Member news

### New arrival

Congratulations to Debbie and Bernie Gunn on the birth of their new grandson on November 29, 2022. Eric William Gunn has all the makings of a future Harley rider. Just check out that throttle and brake grip!



### A new beginning

After thirty-two years with State Farm, Robert Brown is making a career change. He will be joining with Goosehead Insurance and can begin writing policies as of the second week of February. Robert's main focus will be home and vehicle policies and he has access to many A-rated insurance companies. If you would like to talk with him about any insurance needs you have he can be reached at 309 310-3669 or [Maxxxpath2@yahoo.com](mailto:Maxxxpath2@yahoo.com).



# Brandywine HOG chapter

## Name Tag order form

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

Phone Number or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$10 cash or check made payable to Brandywine Harley Davidson\*

Print how you want your name to appear (No nicknames allowed per HOG as of 2020)

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Note: The more text entered the smaller the print will be on the name badge. First & Last names will be on 2 separate lines.

Any questions contact Joe Wilson via email at [jwilsonpsu@yahoo.com](mailto:jwilsonpsu@yahoo.com) or via phone at 215-290-2236.

\*Price is as of 12/1/22 & subject to change if supplier updates pricing between 12/1/22 & the date of the order. You will be advised of price change if it occurs.



(sample for position only)

## Here's the information that Joe shared at our chapter meeting about the Road Warrior Program

- This program is designed to encourage participation in the Brandywine H.O.G. chapter events.
- The threshold level of 1,000 points is designed so that any active member could earn a Road Warrior patch in any given year.
- So, this is very easily attainable... you just have to get out and ride, participate, and come to meetings.
- The Road Warrior Point's Coordinator will maintain the points.
- At each chapter meeting, ride, or event, there will be a sign-in sheet used in tracking and tabulating the Road Warrior points.
- It will be your individual responsibility to submit your points for those items not recorded on a sign-in sheet or mileage milestones on a timely basis to the Road Warrior Points Coordinator (prior to close of quarter in which the activity occurred).
- However, it is the responsibility of each member to check in with the point's coordinator to make sure their points are accurate and up to par.... The point coordinator will produce the points for a quarter at the next meeting after the quarter ends. The membership should review the points & any questions need to be raised prior to or at following meeting. If nothing stated, then those points are considered accurate.
- Any member that reaches 1000 points will be awarded a Road Warrior patch as well as the year patch. In subsequent years, the member will receive just the current year patch.
- The member with the most points for the current year will receive their name on the Road Warrior plaque with the year achieved.
- You must be a member of Brandywine HOG at the time of the event to receive the points.

## Points per event description

- All points are reset Jan 1<sup>st</sup> every year
- 250 Completion of 25,000 Miles \*
- 200 Completion of 20,000 Miles \*
- 150 Completion of 15,000 Miles \*
- 100 Completion of 10,000 Miles \*
- 50 Completion of 5,000 Miles \*
- 10 Completion of 1,000 Miles \*
- 100 Completion of Rider Safety Course (in Current year)
- 100 Recruit a new member for Brandywine Chapter
- 100 Work at Brandywine H.O.G. special event (Dam Ride, Grill and Chill meet and greet etc.)
- 50 Brandywine Chapter Lead or Sweep (per ride worked)
- 50 Write a news article that is published in the Brandywine H.O.G. 8249 Newsletter (except articles that are a necessary part of officer position such as announcements/ chapter business)
- 50 Donate a raffle prize to Brandywine HOG
- 50 Brandywine HOG Chapter Membership Enrollment received by January's meeting each year (except this year as new Program so must be received by Feb Meeting)
- 50 Attend Brandywine H.O.G. meetings,
- 20 Participating in Brandywine H.O.G. rides (not included if Leading or Sweeping for a ride because you will receive the points for that instead)

### Mileage Footnote

\*All Mileage information will come from the Harley Davidson Ride 365 program under the Brandywine Chapter. They will be the miles ridden & logged for the current year. You will receive the points for each milestone that you reach during the year. So, if you record 5,000 miles, you will receive 60 points (10 for the 1,000 milestone & 50 for the 5,000 milestone). If you record 2,500 miles., you will receive 10 points for reaching the 1,000 miles milestone. If you record 25,000 miles or more, you will receive 760 points. These points will be accounted for after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year when Ride 365 is finalized.



2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://BrandywineHarley.com).



# 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**