



JANUARY 2019 CHESAPEAKE THUNDER



Newsletter of the
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Harley Owners Group #4355

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CHAPTER MEETING:

1st Wednesday of each month @ **7:30**
Meeting Location - VFW -- 3440
Conowingo Rd. Street, MD

**ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS
WILL BE HELD AT THE VFW**

from the DIRECTOR

I hope you all had a Very Merry Christmas with your families and friends and I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year for 2019.

Now that 2018 is behind us, I am looking forward to a much dryer new year with lots of rides and events.

I want to thank Pete Eisenhower for a great VIP night in December. We had a fabulous turnout of members and Pete had also invited anyone who bought a new motorcycle in 2018. The dealership was packed and everybody was grabbing up the fantastic deals in clothing and parts. Refreshments were being served in the service area by our very own Brad Lankford and the cashier line didn't stop till 8:30 p.m. GREAT NIGHT!!

I want to thank Rich & Jane for the use of their house for the wrapping party for Secret Santa and all the other times we use

their house for meetings throughout the year.

The Secret Santa delivery was well attended with 29 members, but for the third year in a row we had to complete the route in cars and trucks, which also included a mandatory u-turn. We all met at the Green Turtle in Bel Air for lunch and a good time was had by all. This was the 19th event this year that was affected by rain. (Come on sun and warm weather!)

I want to have a meeting on January 25th with ALL the chapter officers. We have a few new volunteers who stood up to help the chapter in some of the vacated positions. We will be discussing all positions and the responsibilities of the task at hand. Again we will be meeting at the home of Rich & Jane's at 6:30 p.m.

Our Road Captains will be having our first meeting sometime in February. We need all the Road Captains to make a special effort to attend so we can get everyone's input for the 2019 calendar. If any of the Chapter members have any thoughts of places you would like to see us ride to, please contact any of the Road Captains before the meeting with you suggestions.

Our Bowling League will be starting up in February. This will be our 3rd year and a chance for you to socialize with other chapter members during the cold winter months. We really have a good time and everyone should consider joining us on Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. We are usually finished around 8:30, which gives you plenty time to get home at a decent hour. The league starts on Sunday, February 10th at the Forest Hill Lanes. You would need to be there by 6:15 p.m. and bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. The league runs for 12 weeks and the last night of bowling is May 5th. There are no prizes. It's all in good fun and you just pay for bowling, and we have a great time. Come and see me if you are interested in joining us. Also, we are always looking for substitutes to fill in when some of the 'regulars' can't make it.

We have started our annual dues collection for 2019. This year the cost of membership will be \$20.00 per member and \$25.00 if you renew after February. Required forms are available on our web site www.chesapeakehog.org

Come Ride with Us,
Mike Hoeck
410-937-0259

from the ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Once again, a new year of great opportunities lies before us. Although some of us are faced with the challenge of taking on new roles in the chapter, I am grateful to be able to assume my new role under the tutelage of Mike Hoeck, who is now a

seasoned veteran going into his second term as Director.

Although we have a great team of road captains that work hard to provide us with a full calendar of interesting rides, suggestions from members are always welcomed. Quite often the best rides started as member requests or suggestions. Chat with a road captain today about having your ideas submitted at the ride planning meeting in February!

I will be working hard over the coming weeks to finish planning two great multi-night rides for 2019. By popular demand, we will be returning to the Finger Lakes of New York in July. For 5 days between July 3 and July 7, we will visit the beautiful wine country of the Finger Lakes region. Some of you have previously visited this area and I value any suggestions for destinations that you enjoyed and would like to be incorporated into the ride. My goal is to have this ride fully planned and to provide the membership with details by the end of January. Please contact me soon if you wish to have input.

The second multi-night ride that I am planning is actually a HOG rally. Hills N Hollers Rally will be held in Johnson City, TN September 18-21. Our ride will start on September 14 and for the next 4 days, we will navigate the Blue Ridge Parkway in its entirety, visit Maggie Valley, ride the Tail of the Dragon, visit Pigeon

Forge and finally arrive at the rally on Wednesday September 18. We will depart from the rally around noon on Saturday and take 2 days to return home. I hope to finalize the details of this ride in the next 4 to 6 weeks as well.

Remember, people are like motorcycles; each is customized a bit differently.

Matt

from the SECRETARY

I can't believe another year has passed. Seems like not long ago the Road Captains were setting up rides for last year. I welcome all the returning and incoming officers. We will be transitioning into our new positions this month so please bear with us, as we get comfortable with our new roles.

December New Members: Please welcome **John and Patti Thomas** to the "Best Dam HOG Chapter". They have just purchased their first bikes. We look forward to riding with you and getting to know you.

Speaking of new bikes, I am adding a new section to the newsletter titled "How I Got Started Riding". Some of our members have known each other for a long time while others not so much. It will be interesting to find out how everyone got started riding and for members to get to know each other a little better. Please write a paragraph or so on how you got started riding, including the year, make, and model of your first bike. Mail or email it to me (trikerneva@aol.com). I will include a few in each month's newsletter.

If you haven't paid your membership renewal yet, bring your forms (found online at www.chesapeakehog.org) and payment to the February meeting or mail them to me, 704 Bridgeton Rd, Fawn Grove, Pa 17321. Renewals

need to be paid by the end of February or a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed.

I am looking forward to assuming my new role as Chapter Secretary and the upcoming riding season.

Free on three,
Neva

from the **LADIES OF HARLEY**

This is my first and final newsletter for 2019. Ellen Patton will be taking over as the new LOH Officer! I would like to welcome her and I know that she will do a fantastic job! Our new Secretary will be Neva Williams-Lloyd and the new Cake Boss is Debbie Morton.

Wine & Books: Our January meeting will be held at the home of Carol Ann Hoeck. We are reading *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg and we are meeting on January 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in participating in our Wine & Books group, you may contact Linda Haske.

Secret Santa: The Wrapping Party was held at the Dunham's home on December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to Jane and Richard for allowing us to hold this annual event at your home each year. We had a great time together and we appreciate you opening your home to us! The Secret Santa Delivery went well; even in the rain! Thanks to Richard Dunham, our Santa Claus, for doing a wonderful job. The kids were very happy to see him. Our families appreciated all of their food and presents that we delivered. We followed the delivery with a luncheon at the Green Turtle. I would like to thank all of the

Chapter Members who helped with the delivery and all those who supported the Secret Santa project this year; you are amazing! Thanks to all the ladies and the chapter members for your support over the years. Your kindness and generosity have been appreciated. Thank you for allowing me to lead the ladies!

Thanks,
Linda

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vincent	Iacovelli	1	3
Richard	Newsome	1	4
Jay	Bradley	1	10
Vinton	Crowl	1	12
Robert	Harnek	1	14
Jonathan	Scarff	1	15
Jacqueline	Mentzer	1	16
James	Cooper	1	19
Thomas	Watkins	1	23
Mike	Zelenka	1	23
Stuart	Lovell	1	24
Jane	Genovese	1	28

Birthday wishes go out to all our members who have recently celebrated or will soon be celebrating birthdays! Sorry if birthdays were omitted for this month. Please let us know so that we can update our information.

from the SAFETY OFFICER

Let's begin by saying, "I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year. Well, the weather is still not cooperating with us because

this year there were 19 events either cancelled or done in cages.

Secret Santa went off good as the rain wasn't too bad, and there were plenty of Santa's Elves to help. The weather wasn't real cold but there was a light rain, so it really didn't dampen our spirits. Hopefully next year will be so much better, and the weather will cooperate and be mild.

Okay, now remember when you get ready to ride dress warm and check the air pressure in the tires because you can lose a little due to the cold weather. It could be as much as a couple of pounds of air pressure in colder weather. Remember air temperature versus wind chill when riding.

Make sure your bike is ready to ride as you know how good tires are, and remember the dealership will pick it up and deliver it back for free plus 20 percent off parts and labor thru January. If anyone has a ride they would like to see happen, let one of the Road Captains know, because we will have a meeting coming up soon.

Ride Safe,
Rich

from the Sunshine Girl

Our sincerely sympathies go out this month to George Dorbert on the passing of his father and to Don Morton on the sudden passing of his sister.

And a speedy recovery to Jim Montgomery from an auto accident just before Christmas. All of us at Chesapeake Chapter HOG will keep all of you in our thoughts at this time.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for the warm welcome as I begin my new position as Sunshine Girl. As I find my place in this role, I am very fortunate to have Carol Ann as my mentor to guide me through the responsibilities of the job. And I

am wise enough to acknowledge that she can never truly be 'replaced', but rather I can uphold the high standards she has set forth all these years. With that said, I invite all of you to reach out to me directly through email

(Lmcbw1969@gmail.com),

Facebook Messenger (Jeanie Riggs) or text (410-236-3420). I will be posting announcements on our FB Iron Ponies page for members who share the news of sickness, retirements, new jobs, births, sympathies, etc. I will also mail out a personal greeting on behalf of the Chesapeake HOG Chapter for these occasions. Please be patient with me as I learn the ropes and take all this new information (and advice) in! I look forward to keeping you all up to date on our HOG family! Life is Good - Enjoy the Ride! –
Your Sunshine Girl,

Jeanie

from the EDITOR

If you have interesting and informative articles to submit for possible future newsletters, please send your articles to me at jgerdesjr@verizon.net or call me at 443-752-5127 and tell me your story idea so that it can be included in the newsletter.

Remember to send in articles about any fun and fascinating trips. Other chapter members may want to follow in your footsteps and visit there sometime.

Articles for the February edition of the newsletter must be sent to me not later than 6 p.m. on January 23rd.

Ride with pride,

Cheryle

from the H.O.G. TAG COORDINATOR

After a long time coming, the HOG car tags have been ordered. It was very difficult at times, but Neva stuck to her guns and got it done! They will take 4-6 weeks to be delivered. Please remember to return your regular car tags to the MVA as soon as possible after receiving your new HOG tag. You only have 30 days to do this before your registration is flagged!

If you are interested in getting Chapter tags for your bike, truck or car, just let me know. Applications are available at meetings or you can contact me by phone, text, email or Facebook. A one-time processing of fee of \$25.00 is the only additional charge. There is no additional yearly fee charged to have the tags. Just the regular renewal fee.

For our north of the border members, Pennsylvania HOG tags (not chapter tags) are also available for your car, truck or trailer. The one-time fee is \$40.00 with no additional yearly fee charged. I also have those applications available.

Looking forward to a great new year!

The Tagmeister,

Chuck

ccriderlloyd@aol.com
(443) 527-2266

from the HISTORIAN

Hey! See who remembers this. On this date in 1974, President Richard Nixon signed a bill making the national speed limit 55 mph in an effort to conserve fuel during the OPEC embargo. You don't have to look it up, I already did.

I hope everybody had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Only 77 more days 'til Spring!!!

I'm looking for ideas for a monthly activity we can do during our Chapter meetings, relating to history. Any ideas, please see me.

Ride safe (soon)

Al

from the HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Hope everyone had a wonderful, safe, and memorable holiday.

Congratulations to all those members that put some miles on their bikes and were recognized for their efforts. Thanks also goes to Mike Hoeck for tracking the mileage and submitting a comprehensive and informative report.

The Road Captains will be having their planning meeting in mid February. This is the meeting where a majority of the rides and events will be placed on the calendar for hopefully the better part of this year. If you have any suggestions for a ride and or event please let one of the road captains know so that they can bring the information to the future planning meetings. Please try to get as much information as possible including contact info.

Please check the newsletter, facebook posting, chapter web site at www.chesapeakehog.org, as well as gmails for many exciting, new,

different, rides and events, as well as any updates.

Ride safe and enjoy the ride.

Vik

from the Dealership

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a new and exciting 2019. The Showroom floor is filled with over 100 motorcycles, so come on in and browse and bring your friends. We are hoping for a much dryer riding season in 2019.

Susan wants to let us know that the new line of Valentine cloths and Jewelry has been ordered and is expected to arrive mid January.

JANUARY SOCIAL NIGHT

The chapter Social Night for January will be held at STEELFISH GRILLE

(660 Boulton St. Bel Air)

on Jan. 16 @ 6:30

HOG TAGS & RENEWAL

Remember that in order to keep your HOG tags you must maintain your HOG chapter membership.

January 2019

The Official CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER H.O.G. Fingerator Calendar

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