



MARCH 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**

They say spring is right around the corner, but it can't get here fast enough for me. Looking forward to getting out on my bike and riding.

This past month we have had an Officers meeting and established a budget for 2019. We have also had a Road Captains meeting and set a lot of dates up for a great riding season. So now all we need is some warmer weather to get started.

Our winter bowling league is doing great and we are having wonderful **SOCIAL TIME** for two hours every Sunday night at the Forest Hill Bowling Lanes. We can always use more substitutes. If you would like to join us, send me a text and I will put you on the list.

I spent some time with Pete Eisenhauer a few weeks ago and the dealership presented me with a temporary schedule of the dates and events they

are planning for in 2019. Pete said he would like to ride with us more and he is going to try to plan a ride once a month. The dealership is also planning a lot of spring and summer events that we will talk about as the months approach.

This year the Swap Meet will be on Sunday, April 7th. This is an outdoor event and it is time to get all your extra parts and clothing together that you would like to swap. The Chapter will again have a table set up for baked goods and drinks for sale. Please plan on donating some items for the table. I will also need help, so let me know if you can be there to give me some assistance. See you on the road when the **SUN SHINES**.

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

from the **SECRETARY**

We have one new member for the month of February, **BARB SOLBERG**. Please introduce yourself to her and welcome her into the family! The membership renewals continued to come in the mail on a somewhat daily basis through the end of February. Still waiting for a few to renew. The

renewal charge is now \$25.00 which includes a \$5.00 late fee. Riding season is fast approaching so get those renewals in and join the fun!

Following is the second installment of "How I Got Started" by Ida Hilsbos:

Walt bought me my first bike, a 1970 125 Yamaha Enduro so I could go trail riding with him on my own bike. My first road bike was a 1976 Yamaha 200. I sold these in 1978 and bought a 1976 Yamaha 175 Enduro and a 1978 Yamaha XS400. In 1981 our first child arrived, and we bought a house. We sold the XS400 to get the last \$800.00 for the down payment. Walt said I'd get another bike *someday*. Life went on and child #2 arrived in 1983 which left no time to go trail riding. *Someday* arrived in 2007 with the purchase of a 2007 Suzuki 650 S40 and Walt got a Sportster 883 so we could go riding again! In September 2018 I bought my first Harley, a 2016 Sportster 883 Super Low. I love it!

Free on three,
Neva

from the LADIES OF HARLEY

Since last I wrote, the LOH had our first meeting of 2019. We spent the evening discussing possible future events and fundraisers.

We also discussed some other issues, including whether a woman Road Captain should automatically lead the two major LOH events, the Progressive Dinner Ride and the Secret Santa Delivery Ride. After very little discussion it was decided that while there is nothing wrong

with a woman Road Captain taking the lead, there is also no problem with a male Road Captain doing so. If you are a female Road Captain and would like to lead one or both of these rides, then please let us know in advance.

Our third topic of conversation was a request by Sheila Lind that the LOH provide a door prize basket for the IFRD ride on May 4th, sponsored by our sister dealership Eisenhauer's Tioga Harley Davidson. It was unanimously and enthusiastically decided that we will put together a Maryland themed basket for the event. Rides from our area are going up on May 3rd and spending the night. Neva Lloyd Williams has offered to take the basket to Tioga on the 3rd. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March LOH and HOG meetings and we will collect the items at the April meetings. All members of both groups are encouraged to donate a little something from Maryland (like Berger cookies, Bordy Wines, a McCormack Spice or flavor packet, etc.).

Following the February meeting I was asked to bring up a possible name change for the Progressive Dinner Ride. I posted the survey on the Iron Pony's website and I also messaged Facebook friends asking them to respond to the survey. A handful of members responded directly to the survey but the overwhelming response

came to the group message and almost all of those people voted to keep the existing ride name.....Progressive Dinner Ride.

If you want to be included in future group texts, please send me a friend request and I will be happy to include you. I want everyone to have a voice and hope that LOH is an inclusive group, since apparently my primary job as the LOH lead is to encourage female participation in the HOG chapter!

See you at the meeting. I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

Ellen Patton

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| Barbara | Butcher | 3 | 1 |
| Steven | Testerman | 3 | 1 |
| Al | Demers | 3 | 5 |
| Barb | Solberg | 3 | 6 |
| Markie | Blake | 3 | 8 |
| Raymond | Pessagno | 3 | 11 |
| Richard | Schlosser | 3 | 14 |
| Joanne | Watkins | 3 | 14 |
| Edward | Clark | 3 | 16 |
| Carolyn | Nelson | 3 | 19 |
| Brian | Nesbit | 3 | 19 |
| Randy | Otto | 3 | 19 |
| Kerry | Fritz | 3 | 20 |
| Pam | Krawczyk | 3 | 20 |
| Susan | Mcguire | 3 | 20 |
| Randall | Mitchell | 3 | 21 |
| Mark | Newman | 3 | 22 |
| Carol Ann | Hoeck | 3 | 23 |
| Dan | Powell | 3 | 28 |
| Tim | Boyer | 3 | 30 |
| Wesley | Lafon | 3 | 31 |

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 Sunshine Girl

Greetings from your Sunshine Girl!

Sending well wishes to our good friend John Gerdes after a procedure that kept him overnight in the hospital February 20th.

Please remember to contact me directly to share any news!

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th to my fellow Irish!! Erin Go Bragh!
And a special Happy Birthday to my sweetheart Brian on the 19th.

Please remember to contact me directly through email

(Lmcbw1969@gmail.com),
Facebook Messenger (Jeanie Riggs) or text (410-236-3420) to share any news!

Life is good - Enjoy the Ride! - Sláinte,

Your Sunshine Girl,
Jeanie

from the SAFETY OFFICER

Okay looks like the weather is warming and better days are coming. It is time to make sure you're ready for riding. Check your tires, and oil level. Adjust your clutch and make sure that all of your lights are working properly.

Tires will almost certainly require inflation. During the winter months, you

will lose tire pressure, and it can be as much as 6 lbs. Riding on under inflated tires causes them to heat up faster and cause interior break down of the tire which can result in early failure. It is not fun to have the front tire go down especially when you let off the throttle to slow down as that can cause the handle bars to tank slap which is hard to control. Also, a low pressure rear tire makes the back of the bike real squirmy to handle.

Check your oil, transmission and primary as they could also be a little low.

Make sure your clutch operates properly so it doesn't grab when the clutch handle is let out.

If you feel like having everything checked by a professional mechanic, call and set an appointment with the Dealership. We want you to have a safe riding season and to enjoy the many rides to come.

While riding in a group with us please remember to use hand signals, and always hold them for four seconds so they get passed back. You can then enjoy your ride and be confident that the lead Road Captain has picked the safest way to get everyone to the destination.

The Dealership is offering safety courses again but they will be held at a new location.

Your Safety Officer,
Rich

from the HISTORIAN

Hey. For all of us, on this date in 1899, Felix Hoffman of the German company Bayer was issued the first patent for aspirin. You don't have to look it up, I already did.

By the time you're reading this, I hope to be visiting my Mom in "sunny" West Palm Beach and the Road Captains will have a large part of this year's ride calendar complete. We have planned a large variety of rides this year to hopefully meet everybody's wishes. Grab your bike, bring your friends and let's ride!!

Al

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 April edition of the newsletter must be sent to me not later than 6 p.m. on March 20th.

Ride with pride,

Cheryle

from the H.O.G. TAG COORDINATOR

Hi everyone, I have news about the Chapter HOG tags. I contacted the DMV two weeks ago. They informed me they are having trouble with the machine press at the prison that makes the plates. That is the hold up, so please renew your

stickers and they will send new ones with your new tags with the correct expiration month. It's going to be about another 8 weeks, but they are coming.

So, try and keep warm, Spring is coming.

If you would like tags for your car, truck or bike, give me a call (443-527-2266) or email me at ccriderlloyd@aol.com and I will assist you.

God Bless the Best
Damn Hog Chapter.

The Tag Meister,
Chuck Lloyd

from the **HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN**

The Road Captains had their planning meeting on February 24th. A wealth of information will be forthcoming to everyone within the next week or so. There are lunch rides, dinner rides, and various other rides scheduled, including overnight rides.

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**

Riding season is just a few weeks away and you should all be thinking about having your motorcycle serviced and ready for the upcoming season. The

service department is offering free pickup and delivery for all chapter members. Call ASAP and get on the schedule.

On March 2nd we will be having our 'In Store' Poker Run. You will have the opportunity to visit 5 stops in the dealership to develop a winning poker hand and win a \$100.00 gift card. The food truck will be available and a DJ will be playing for your listening pleasure.

On March 16th we are having a Saint Patties Event. The SPIN A WHEEL will be set up for a chance at some great discounts.

Also, don't forget to make plans for the Swap Meet on April 7th.

On Easter Sunday, April 21st, the Dealership will be closed, but there will be a bike blessing in the morning. (More details for April events will be available in next month's newsletter)

We also have a fantastic selection of slightly used bikes with very low mileage. Come on in and tell your friends to take advantage of some of the great deals we are offering. We would love to put them on a Harley Davidson Motorcycle of their choice.

for YOUR INFO.: **Ride 365**

Ride 365 is the Official Mileage Recognition Program for HOG. Ride 365 includes the existing

Lifetime Recognition, and the two new programs: Annual Recognition and Annual Chapter Challenge.

Get your odometer mileage validated at the dealership. The sooner the better. We are already approaching March. If you did this last year, see anyone in service to get your miles rerecorded for the 2019-riding season. You can register more than one bike. If you trade in your bike, you keep the miles and just need to register the miles on your new bike. You only need to check in at the beginning of the year and again on or just before December 31, 2019 when your final odometer reading is due.

However, you may want to check in with the dealership frequently to enter your updated miles so you can earn digital badges and add to your annual & chapter totals throughout the year. This is optional if you want to do it.

All miles ridden by you will include miles ridden outside of an official chapter event. For 2018 we came in 12th overall in our region (Mid-Atlantic) out of 116 chapters although 17 chapters didn't log any miles.

Terri Bowen

for YOUR **INFORMATION: Iron Adventure Rally**

The Iron Adventure Run of New England that was held in Maine for 2018 will be in Ludlow, Vermont for 2019. I have received and will continue to receive informational emails about the event. Hotel reservations are now open at the Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo Mountain Resort. I will not be attending this event. If there is anyone who is interested in attending this rally, I would be glad to share these emails with you. Please

contact me about this and I will add you to the list.

Mike Hoeck
410-937-0259

CHECK THE
ACTIVITIES
CALENDAR FOR
MORE EVENTS IN
MARCH AND APRIL

**March
2019**



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 CHAPTER MEETING 7:30 PM | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 Social Night - JP's Smokehouse North | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 LUNCH RIDE Warren's Tavern. 9/9 11:00AM | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Stone Bridge Grille 9/9 11AM |
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Chesapeake HOG Chapter Events

Come Ride with US!

WooHoo, Spring time riding is here! The Road Captain's have been meeting and the Riding calendar is back! Put the dates on your calendar and plan on joining us for some great times. Pray for the best weather and remember that our rides are appropriate weather permitting. Check back to the Iron Pony Riders Facebook page regularly as our ride updates are posted there up to the very last minute! As always, Be safe and Have Fun! -Connie

MARCH 2019

Sat, Mar 2 – 11AM – 4PM. Eisenhower's Chesapeake HD In Store Poker Run – Music – Prizes – Food Available.

Wed, Mar 6 – Monthly Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm at the Darlington VFW, 3440 Conowingo Road, Street MD. Come join us to hear all about our upcoming season of riding!

Tues, Mar 12 – March Social Night – JD's Smokehouse North, located in Churchville near the college. We're trying out a new place for social night. They specialize in authentic BBQ, craft beer and having a great time! We'll fit right in. Meet us there at 6:30pm.

Sun, Mar 24 – Let's go for a Ride! We'll take off on some country roads with lots of scenery to see. Our destination is Freeland, MD, where we'll have lunch at Warrener's Tavern. Dust them bikes off! D/D 1130AM. Lead/Rear – Matt S/Al D.

Sat, Mar 30 – First Spring Ride – We're gonna ride to the Stone Bridge Grille located on the original site of the Historic Maryland Line Inn. Yes, there really is a "stone bridge" and as Maryland's oldest bridge, the Parkton Stone Arch Bridge is a rare survivor of the turnpikes that provided the state's first reliable overland transportation in the early 19th century. D/D 11AM. Lead/Rear – Christina/Al D.

APRIL 2019

Wed, Apr 3 – Monthly Chapter Meeting –7:30pm at the Darlington VFW, 3440 Conowingo Road. Spring is here! Our riding calendar has begun. There's lots to talk about – come join us!

Sat, Apr 13 – Meet the Members Ride – We love to invite all new members to join us for a ride – try us on for size, you might like us! We'll take a familiar ride up to the Great American Saloon and of course finish up the day with ice cream. Yummm!! D/D 1030AM. Lead/Rear – Neva/Chuck.

Sun, Apr 14 – "Ride to the Tide" This is an all day event which benefits the Special Olympics of Delaware. Hundreds of motorcycles take part in a police escorted ride from Smyrna to Rehoboth Beach. The event is capped at 1,000 bikes and has sold out every year. You must pre-register to reserve your spot. Online go to sode.org/fundraisers/ride-to-the-tide. You can reserve a spot for yourself and your passenger and choose whether you wish to purchase the event t-shirt. D/D 930AM. Lead/Rear – Dave M./Christina

Wed, Apr 17 – April Social Night – Liberatore's in Bel Air. Who doesn't love pasta!? See you there! 6:30PM.

Sun, Apr 21 – Easter Sunday – Bike Blessing at the Dealership after the 10am. Easter service – Details to follow!

APRIL 2019 - continued

Sat, Apr 27 – Historic Cape May Overnight Ride – Our first overnight ride of the season. With reservations for breakfast in Elmer, NJ, dinner in Cape May, and breakfast again the next day.. how could you NOT want to go!? All while traveling on 2 wheels (or 3!) with a great group of friends! Reservations @ Madison Ave Beach Club 609-884-8266. D/D 8:30AM. Lead/Rear – Al H./Vik

Sat, Apr 27 – The Annual Spring St. Mary's Church Chicken Dinner Ride! This ride is one of the chapters favorites! Some of the best chicken in Harford County, we'll support a local church community, and fill our bellies too! Meet us at the dealership no later than 1:15pm. and bring along cash for your ticket - \$12/per person. D/D 130PM. Lead/Rear – Don M./Rich D.

****IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ****

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A RIDE?

Remember to join the **Iron Pony Riders** Facebook page so you can get the latest invitations and updates to all of the events. Signing up in advance for any of the rides will help us plan for such things as restaurant reservations, road captains, etc.

1. Sign-up sheets on the back table at the meeting.
2. Call or text me on my cell phone at 443-752-7264.
3. If you need to cancel, please let us know.

Facebook Users – Please attempt to keep your attendance status accurate on the Iron Pony Riders Event pages. We all have busy schedules and active families. We understand that at times, plans change. Response options include “Going” “Can’t Go” and “Maybe”. Yes, you can change that option if you change your mind. If you do change your mind, please go back to the page and click the other option. Rides with any type of reservation rely on that information to be accurate. Thank you!

Come join us, Matt and I look forward to seeing you out there on the road! -Connie