

## from the Director - July

WOW it's been HOT!!! Not too bad while you are moving, but the traffic lights have been brutal. I still try to find a reason to cash in on the clear days and hit the trail to somewhere. I see several of our members have been riding together on extended trips. That brings back a lot of memories for me. In 2006 I started organizing extended trips for the chapter members. We covered a lot of ground North / South and West. I am so glad we did that when we were both younger and healthy. Don't pass up the opportunity to do the same. We surely have a beautiful country and we all need to take advantage of it while we can.

We had a good meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>, with 35 members present. I know vacations are happening this time of year and the attendance has been dropping off the last few months. I have decided to **cancel the meeting for August**. The September meeting will be at the same location in the Darlington Fir Hall and we will have a pizza party starting at 6:30. Soda and water will also be available. You will need to sign up on Facebook to be counted in on the party. I need to get a count for ordering supplies. The meeting will start on time at 7:00...

August 10<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Poker Run. LOH will also have a bake sale. I will need help with this event. We will set up at 8:30 am. Please come and support the chapter. August 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a 4 chapter group ride. Brandywine / Lancaster / Chesapeake / and 1<sup>st</sup> State are joining together to visit each dealership. Brandywine and Lancaster will be at our dealership around 11:30 am. We will lead the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg to 1<sup>st</sup> State. 1<sup>st</sup> State will lead the final leg to Brandywine. The total miles for the ride will be around 2:00 pm. Please sign up on Facebook events. This should be a great time.

We will be electing new Primary Officers for the chapter in November for the 2025 / 2026 season. Please consider donating some of your time to help with the organization and operation of our chapter. We will discuss this in more detail at the September meeting.

We picked up a new member. Chris Watts showed up on our doorstep before the meeting. I asked him how he found out about us and his answer was "My Wife". Word is getting out. As past member Ed Clark would say... "We're still the best dam HOG chapter."

\*\* Note \*\* It was my intention to lead a ride to the 2024 Rally in Charleston, W Va. on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to our medical status, Carol and I feel we are not up to such a long trip, and we have cancelled our reservation. I have informed the group that has organized the event that Carol & I will not be attending. Our Chapter has committed to registration duties on Thursday morning, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 – 11:30. I am asking all those who are still attending to please report for duty at the registration desk on Thursday and help out where needed. I am truly sorry and will be thinking about all of you are attending the Rally. The rides look amazing and I hope you have great weather and ride safe.

Come Ride with Us  
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