



Tidewater VA Chapter
Harley Owners Group – Chapter # 5344
385 N. Witchduck Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Sponsored by: Southside Harley Davidson

Welcome to the Tidewater VA Chapter of the Harley Owners Group (HOG). Whether you are a new member or an existing member, our chapter wants and needs your active support for the club and our sponsoring dealer, Southside Harley Davidson. To help you along in understanding what the chapter is about and some of the activities we do, please read through the information below. For specific names, locations, and phone numbers of officers, meeting locations, times, etc., please get a current copy of the *Talon* (our Chapter newsletter), check out bulletin boards at Southside and visit us on the web at www.tidewaterhog.com or friend us on Facebook at Tidewater Hog Chapter #5344. Remember, this is your club. Our Chapter Executive Board can address any questions or concerns you may have. They will be glad to help...read on...and Ride Safe!

About the Chapter: The Tidewater VA Chapter is there for your motorcycling enjoyment. You will meet and mix with fellow riders, male and female; from all walks of life with one thing in common...they love to ride! Requirements are simple: First, you must be a member of the National Harley Owners Group. For information call 1-800-CLUB-HOG (1-800-258-2464); second, you apply and obtain membership in the local chapter. There is a nominal membership fee each year. We are chartered by National HOG. The Harley Davidson Corporation sponsors the National HOG. You should also know that our chapter is “family oriented” and, as such, we plan certain events that include all members of the family. It is never our intention to exclude anyone from participating or helping with activities.

Organization, Officers, and Members

Organization: The Executive Board manages the Chapter and it consists of the Primary Officers; Director, Assistant Director, Treasure, and Secretary. National HOG requires primary officers. Other discretionary officers of the Board represent the members (Members-At-Large, Activities Director, Senior Road Captain, Safety Officer, Editor, Ladies of Harley, Membership Chair, MDA Chair, Historian, Webmaster, and Photographer). Our Chapter members vote on the primary officers yearly. All members are eligible to run for office and vote. The Executive Board meets once per month. Members are encouraged to bring issues to the Board, attend Board meetings, and/ or use the suggestion box located upstairs at the dealership. The sponsoring dealer provides guidance to the Chapter and can make rulings that affect the Chapter if necessary. There are also a number of committees that take an active role in the workings of the Chapter. They include, but are not limited to, Chapter Picnic, annual MDA Camp visit, Chapter Holiday Party, and most importantly all charitable causes that our Chapter sponsors throughout the year. Committee heads as well as discretionary officers can be appointed by the Director, the Executive Board, or voted on by the Chapter at large. Volunteers for all Chapter positions, committees, and activities are encouraged, welcomed, and needed.

Sponsoring Dealer: Our sponsoring dealer, Southside Harley Davidson, is the reason we are in existence. They have the authority to ensure our chapter is living up to the standards of the HOG Chapter, the Chapter Charter, and the Operating Policies. Without a sponsoring dealer, there can be no Chapter. Southside Harley Davidson goes beyond being just a sponsor. Mary Cox (Owner) and Steve Benoit (Manager) actively support the Chapter by attending

meetings, events, and rides; by holding “Open Houses” at the dealership monthly, and by giving discounts to club members on meeting nights; all to benefit the Chapter members.

Officers

Director: The Director upholds the Charter and its By-Laws, chairs the Chapter and Executive Board meetings, and coordinates Chapter Officer responsibilities.

Assistant Director: The Assistant Director assists the Director in carrying out his/her responsibilities of membership orientation, and keeping the chapter members informed of HOG programs. The Assistant Director also acts as a State Rally liaison to ensure that information regarding State Rallies is communicated to the Chapter members.

Treasurer: The treasurer is responsible for the ethical and legal collection and disbursement of Chapter funds and for reporting the financial transactions to the membership on a monthly basis. This is done at the Chapter meetings and through the Talon newsletter. Annual financial reports to National HOG are also prepared and submitted by the treasurer.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for the administrative needs of the Chapter, such as recording and presentation of the minutes for all Chapter and Executive Board meetings. The Secretary also ensures that all Chapter membership is current and the Chapter has on file a signed copy of the annual Chapter Member Application. He/she submits to National HOG annually the Chapter information form and any other reports as required by National HOG.

Examples of some of the rides and events to watch for are:

New Year's Day Ride - This ride takes place on January 1 and is a short ride. Traditionally this ride is to get us all together for a time of fellowship to get the New Year started right...on our Harley! Lunch on New Year's Day with HOG friends can't be beat. Dress warmly for this one.

Chapter Spring fling family Picnic - This fun-filled day is normally held in May. It's what it says...a picnic/cookout and a day at the park together with family. Bring the kids and whatever else makes for a great family time.

Chapter Holiday Party - This fun night out is always on a Friday or Saturday night in December or January so that you can relax and enjoy the company of your fellow HOG members around the Holiday Season. Get your tickets early...they are limited. The exact day, time, and location along with prices will vary from year to year. You will always have plenty of time to get in on the planning and actual event.

One cannot possibly mention every ride and event but there are numerous each month and throughout the year, so come to the Chapter meetings (held at the dealership at 7:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month), get and read the *Talon*...but most importantly...get to know your fellow Chapter members!

This pretty much wraps it up with the exception of the Chapter By-Laws and the Rules-of-the-Road. You may view both of these documents by contacting one of your Board Members. They want you to see and read them both. By now you should have a pretty good idea of what the Chapter does and what it is about. Let's get out there for the rides and events.

See you at the next meeting, ride, or event and ...Ride Safe!

Sincerely,

Your Tidewater VA Chapter Members
The Executive Board &
Southside Harley Davidson