

THE TALON



A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE MEMBERS

Tidewater HOG Chapter 5344



To Ride Beyond—Lead Road Captain—Tom Sanchez

Wow! What a year we had in 2023! I hope you’ve enjoyed your holiday season and are ready to ride! Last year we rode roughly 9974 miles of chapter rides. Ted Lawson had the most miles with 6651. Bill Arnold was second with 6113, Jim Stone had 4480, and Rick Leighton had 4757 to round out the awards. Our passenger winners were Sandy Honeycutt with 3285 and Vickie Melle with 2852! The Chapter Mileage Program starts again on January 1st. Hopefully, you came out to the New Year’s Day ride and are starting to build those miles with the HOG Chapter! It’ll be fun to see who has the most miles by the end of this year!

Remember, the Chapter Mileage Program is different from the Ride 365 program and in addition to that program through Harley-Davidson. To sign up for your Ride 365 mileage program, you can see one of our Road Captains on any ride in January. They will have a signup sheet similar to what you can give Leslie at the Dealership. To sign up, you’ll need your HOG number, last 6 of your VIN and your mileage to start the year. This should be easy since you’ll have your bike there with you when you come to a ride! Your 365 miles may also earn you awards and gift cards from Harley. So, sign up at the start of the year!

The Road Captains have already started planning rides for 2024. We’ll experience some of the same great rides and support some of the same great causes, like the Maci’s Ride for Autism and The Pink Ride for Breast Cancer. But, there will also be lots of new rides, to new destinations, and possibly new overnight trips to allow us to explore great scenery further from Hampton Roads. We’re excited and hope you are too. Lets have a great year riding with Tidewater HOG!

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FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Greetings fellow HOGs and Happy New Year! I would like to introduce myself as the 2024 Tidewater HOG Assistant Director. I would be remiss by not mentioning my predecessor, Chris Ward, and acknowledging the past four years of stewardship and hard work he has done in this position. I have got some big shoes to fill! Thanks Chris!

My background: I learned to ride in 1981 on a Honda M400. Before joining the Navy in 1986, I was “co-owner” of a Honda Rebel. The Navy brought me to Hampton Roads in 1992, and I spent a year riding a Suzuki LS650 almost every weekend for a year to visit my family in Summerville SC, a round trip of 860 miles on a one-cylinder bike. I carried a lot of park plugs and learned how to replace a fouled plug like a pit crew expert. The experience soured me and I did not ride again until I purchased my first Harley in 2006, and joined HOG. I became a member of Tidewater HOG in 2015.

I look forward to serving all of you as Assistant Director and working with your Director, Linda, and with Joe Scharl to support our volunteer activities and employee appreciation days. I look forward to introducing new members to HOG and hope to see the same support at Group Orientation rides you all gave Chris. Your input is always appreciated! In my first six years with Tidewater HOG, I had no active group role, but was always welcomed as if we were family. Go to an overnight ride and you will see what I mean.

In parting, I cannot help but promote the 2024 Sturgis trip in July/August, which I will be leading. It is posted on our Facebook site, but feel free to pull me to the side if you have any questions or suggestions about the trip.

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024!

REGIE FARR

EVENTS

Chapter Meeting—January 10	Valentine’s Dinner—February 11
Hookie ride—January 17	Chapter Meeting—February 14
TBD Ride—January 20	Sweet Tooth Ride—February 17
Valentine’s Ride—February 3	Pool Tournament—February 18
World Famous Sale—February 10	TBD Ride—February 24

MORE TO COME IN 2024!



WINTER 2023/24



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! I hope this finds you ready to ride in 2024! As I look back over the past year, we had several day and overnight rides cancelled due to the weather and I hope this year's weather will cooperate with us better. We welcome Regie Farr as our new Assistant Director and Mike Pastore as our new Activities Officer. Steve Cain has taken over as Webmaster along with remaining as a Member at Large. Road Captains are already working on rides and we are planning fun events for this year. We have calendars on our website for the next few months which show what we have planned to do. PJ McGrath continues to take care that our Facebook page and emails have all the latest information regarding rides and events we have going on. We try our best to get Chapter information out to you and continue to work on making our system work the best way to disseminate this information to our members. We already have a Chapter Valentines Dinner planned along with our annual Pool Tournament in February. In March we will be planning a Chapter night at an Admirals Hockey game and a visit to the Aviation Museum. Our Activities Officer is already looking into planning fun events for April and beyond. We will be having fund raising events during the year and we will need volunteers to help us out. Many of you volunteered this past year and we appreciate the help as the Board cannot do it all. Our Road Captains have several rides planned already for the next few months and are working on some overnight trips during the year. We hope you will be able to join us on one of the rides or events we have planned for the Chapter. Let's make 2024 a great year of riding and fun!

LINDA KNOWLES
DIRECTOR



Riding a motorcycle during the holidays can be a great experience, but it's important to take extra precautions due to increased traffic and weather hazards. Here are some tips for motorcycle riding during the Winter:

1. Check the weather: Before heading out, be sure to check the weather forecast for your route. Winter weather can be unpredictable, so it's important to be prepared for any and all conditions.
2. Dress for the weather: If you're riding in cold weather, make sure to dress in layers and wear thermal or insulated gear to stay warm. Heated gear is a good thing to have.
3. Plan your route: Holiday traffic and road conditions can be crazy and heavy, so plan your route carefully to avoid any problems. GPS is good to have.
4. Stay visible: Days are shorter during the winter, so make sure your motorcycle lights all work and having reflectors are a bonus. I put reflective tape on my helmet too.
5. Take breaks: Riding in cold weather can be physically demanding, so be sure to take regular breaks to warm up and stay alert and hydrated.
6. Don't drink and ride: Holiday celebrations often involve alcohol, so be extra cautious and never ride your motorcycle if you've been drinking.

It all comes down to using common sense especially this time of year with heavy traffic and bad weather. Enjoy and ride safe.

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