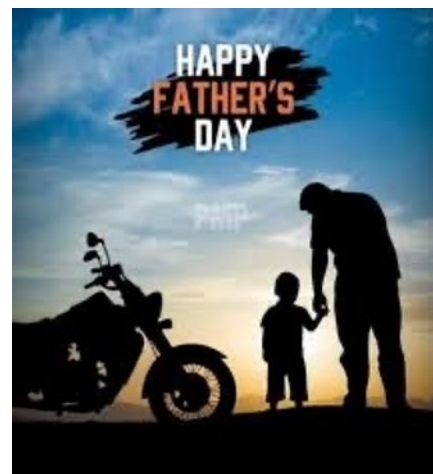




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A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE
MEMBERS

Tidewater HOG Chapter 5344

To Ride Beyond—Lead Road Captain—Tom Sanchez

Were you there?

Were you among the almost 50 people who rode as a group to the Virginia State Chapter Challenge? Were you one of several who came by car or rode alone or in another group to Colonial HD? If you were, we thank you! It was great to see so many members out riding. In fact, this question could, and should, be extended to our many rides we've held as a Chapter this year. Have you joined us for a ride to the Eastern Shore? To North Carolina? To Tappahannock or other places around the Tidewater region? If not, you may want to consider meeting up with us for a ride! Check out our website, our Facebook page, or sign up for our emails to know what is happening in the Chapter.

So far this year, we've had our Road Captains lead roughly 23 Chapter rides covering over 3500 miles! Not bad for less than 4 months into the year with as much rain as we've encountered since January! When you see a Road Captain, thank them for the work they do to help you have a fun and safe time. We don't do the job for the thanks, but it is still nice to be appreciated.

We have many more rides coming up as the weather continues to improve. With summer just around the corner, we'll even have a few overnight rides that you can sign up and attend. In May, we will have a ride west as Regie leads a group to Mayberry in May. Chris W will be leading many to Washington, DC for our annual ride to join in the Rolling to Remember demonstration. In June, we'll have some fun rides, but the traditional HOG Rally we usually attend at the end of the month will occur in July. Hopefully, you'll make your hotel reservations and join us in July for the HOG Rally in Fredericksburg, VA!

As you can see, there have been, and will continue to be, lots of opportunities to ride our beloved motorcycles with your friends in Tidewater HOG. Remember to check our website often, get signed up for email updates and alerts, and check out our Facebook page so you can be in-the-know for all of our chapter events. We'd love to see you out there riding with us. After all, we ride the most!

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EVENTS

LOH MEETING—MAY 4
8 RIVERS RIDE—MAY 6
SCAVENGER HUNT RIDE—May 7
CHAPTER MEETING—MAY 10
BENNY WYNCOOP MEMORIAL RIDE—MAY 13
MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 14
MAYBERRY IN MAY RIDE—MAY 18-21
ROLLING TO REMEMBER—MAY 26-29
BIRD PARK RIDE—JUNE 3
TWO CHAPTER CHALLENGE—JUNE 4
CHAPTER MEETING—JUNE 14
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—JUNE 17
HOGS AND HOT DOGS—JUNE 17
FATHER'S DAY—JUNE 18
GWYNN ISLAND FESTIVAL—JUNE 24



FALL FESTIVAL - Save the Date
WHERE: Southside Harley Davidson
ADDRESS: 385 N Witchduck Road VA Beach VA
DATE: Saturday October 28th 2023
TIME: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

-HUGE Yard Sale
-Large Donation Area & Bake Sale - shoppers pay what they want or can. 100% of money collected from this area will go to EDMARC Hospice for Children.
-Dee's Design's onsite! Bring your leathers to get patches sewn on.
Will have a large selection of patches for sale!
-Much More to come!! – Will Update thru Facebook!

HOGs & Hot Dogs at Harbor Park

Who: Tidewater HOG Members and Guests

What: Tidewater Tides vs. Worcester Red Sox

When: Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 6:35 PM

Where: Harbor Park 150 Park Ave Norfolk, VA 23510

Cost: \$14 per person

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Ticket price covers entry to the game
- Parking (\$6.00 per vehicle), alcohol, and food are **not included** in the ticket price.

Tickets must be paid for at the time of sign-up.

Tickets can be purchased at the May 10th Chapter Meeting.

- Tickets will be distributed at the June Chapter Meeting. There will be fireworks after the game.

Contact Chris Moore at activities@tidewaterhog.com for more information

VENDORS: Rent a parking spot to sell your goods! \$15 for 1 or \$25 for 2 spots. (bring your own set up) Email Pam at pam1.mcgrath@gmail.com. Put Fall Festival in subject line. We will be asking Vendors to send a few pictures of items they are selling so we can promote. You are welcome to sell anything (almost anything-ha-ha). You can sell clothing, home goods, crafts, vintage items, motorcycle parts & accessories, ETC!

To make a donation: If you have items to donate to be sold with proceeds going to EDMARC, email Pam at

pam1.mcgrath@gmail.com. Put Fall Festival in subject line. You can also bring items to a monthly HOG meeting and Linda Knowles (Director), Amy Lugand (LOH) or any Board Member will be happy to assist.

Pam McGrath
LOH



HARLEY DAVIDSON ROC TRAINING

The Harley Owners Group (HOG) is a worldwide organization consisting of passionate motorcycle enthusiasts with an appreciation for the iconic Harley-Davidson brand. With over one million members across the globe, HOG provides its members with unparalleled benefits such as exclusive access to events, ride-ins and rallies, and a chance to connect with likeminded individuals who share their love for the open road.

One of the key roles in the HOG organization is that of the HOG Officer. These officers are responsible for ensuring the successful execution of HOG events and activities, as well as the maintenance of the organization's values and reputation. Being a HOG officer requires both passion and a strong commitment to the cause, and as such, HOG provides special training programs designed to help its officers excel in their roles and achieve the most out of their membership.

The HOG Officer Training Program is an essential element of becoming a successful HOG officer. It introduces its participants to the key principles of motorcycle safety, leadership, communication, and problem-solving that are key in executing successful HOG events. The training also focuses on enhancing members' knowledge of HOG history and culture, enhancing their familiarity with key resources, systems and applications needed for efficient event planning and promoting camaraderie within the HOG community.

HOG officer training is comprehensive, and to ensure peak performance, only the most skilled trainers are utilized. These trainers possess a wealth of knowledge and experience in motorcycle riding, organizational leadership and teamwork management, as well as being gifted communicators equipped to break complex ideas into subtle and easily understandable components.

The HOG Officer Training program covers everything from planning and organizing HOG events to strategies to sponsor support the organization. Harassment prevention training is also offered, ensuring HOG events remain inclusive and enjoyable for everyone.

At the end of their training, HOG officers have all the necessary tools, infrastructure, and support to lead successful HOG events and contribute toward the culture and ethos of the organization, making themselves an impactful member of the motorcycle community. Additionally, it opens up opportunities to attend HOG events across the world, with the organization's values, culture, and like-minded seniors with whom to share unforgettable memories with.

In summary, the Harley Owners Group has developed a comprehensive training program for officers that trains them to be the best version of themselves. This training ensures each HOG officer can execute their roles efficiently, contribute to the organization's culture positively, and attend worldwide events without any hassle. The Harley Owners Group Officer training program is second to none, and every prospect officer can be assured of success once they graduate.

**ART VERDIN
SECRETARY**



Why Ride to 120 Anniversary

Riding a Harley Davidson motorcycle to the 120th Anniversary of Harley Davidson is an incredible experience. Not only is it a chance to be part of a community of like-minded individuals, but it is an opportunity to enjoy the thrill of the open road and take in the stunning views along the way. The Harley Davidson brand is synonymous with style and quality, and a Harley Davidson motorcycle is the perfect way to commemorate the 120th Anniversary.

The sound of a Harley Davidson motorcycle is unmistakable and indescribably powerful. It's a sound that cannot be replicated by any other brand. Riding a Harley Davidson allows you to experience that unique sound while you're taking in the scenery around you.

The Harley Davidson brand also stands as a symbol of freedom and independence. When you ride a Harley Davidson motorcycle, you're not just riding a bike – you're making a statement. You're saying that you have the courage to take the road less traveled, and that you're determined to experience the world in your own way.

The 120th Anniversary of Harley Davidson is a special occasion, and riding a Harley Davidson motorcycle is the ultimate way to celebrate it. You'll be able to revel in the nostalgia of the past, as well as experience the excitement of the future of Harley Davidson. As you make your way to the 120th Anniversary celebration, you'll get to experience the unparalleled joy of riding a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Riding a Harley Davidson motorcycle to the 120th Anniversary of Harley Davidson is an experience you'll never forget. You'll get to enjoy the thrill of the open road and make a powerful statement of independence. Plus, you'll get to be part of a community of like-minded individuals who share a passion for Harley Davidson and the freedom of the open road. It's an experience you won't soon forget.

Why it is so great to ride a Harley Davidson Motorcycle to the 120th Anniversary of Harley Davidson? Answer this question for yourself.

Bill Arnold
Road Captain
Tidewater HOG



74 and 74 – 52 years

74 cubic inches, an engine that seemed massive to me in 1971 when I bought my first Electra Glide. It weighed a whopping 750 pounds, put out 58 horsepower and was capable of going 101 miles per hour or so Harley claimed. It had a 4 speed transmission and it had a windshield. There was no Harley fairing available back then. The seat was a single large seat, “comfortable for two” or so it was advertised (It was but you had to be very friendly.) There was no tour pack available back then either.



Submitted by Bill Jackson and used with permission of Bruce Motta, HOG Regional Manager and the dealership.

So, the first thing was to buy a custom made fairing. Mine came with a cigarette lighter and an 8 track stereo! Then, a custom tour pack, which was as wide as the entire bike and saddlebags. Lenora and I could take food for a 3 day weekend, a butane stove, a 3 person tent, fishing gear, a change of clothes and 2 sleeping bags. (And tools and spare Harley parts!) We would ride the Forest Service Roads (Nope, they were not paved.) of the Sierra Nevada Mountains until we found an isolated spot in the woods by a lake, make camp and go fishing.

The time came when I needed to meet her Mother and Dad. We rode that motorcycle from San Francisco, California to the small town on the Inland Passage called Powell River, British Columbia, 1,000 miles, including 2 ferries. The second ferry delivered us to the town dock in Lenora’s home town and apparently, for many of the folks who lived there, it was the first Harley Davidson they had ever seen.

Skip forward 52 years and number 74 of 1500 (a little bit of irony) Harley Davidson Anniversary CVO Road Glide Limited arrived in the Tidewater area. It now resides in my garage. Hopefully it, too, will be an adventure.

Bill Jackson



Trike's Eye View



Trikes Eye View

The winter blues have thawed away
And springtime skies come out to play
The wind is warm and skies are blue
It's time to rev your engine too

With leather jackets on our backs
And helmets ready for attack
We hit the road with zeal and zest
Our freedom has now been possessed

The world is ours with each mile
The beauty of nature makes us smile
The trees in bloom, the fields so green
The colorful sights are quite a scene

The fragrance of flowers fills the air
And the sun is on your face so fair
With each ride springtime gets sweeter
Motorcycling in spring is surely a winner.

Lisa Verdin

Survivors, and fellow members,
at 37, I was told those three words, "you have cancer".
WTF, I'm in great shape and never had any signs. Finding
it early is the key to still being able to ride at 70 and en-
joy each day.

There is no sure way to prevent cancer. But there are
things you can do and talk to your healthcare provider
about what might lower your chances of getting cancer.
Getting regular checkups and tests is the best way to find
cancer early.

A way to help cure cancer is the American Cancer Socie-
ty, Relay For Life. This event helps to fund needed re-
search to find a cure. Our local Relay is on June 3rd at
Chesapeake City Park from 10am to 10 pm. This event is
open to all with many games to celebrate life, come out
and enjoy the activities.



Mike (HOG MEMBER)



FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a great year we are having! Congratulations to the Chapter for winning the Knucklehead Division at the State HOG Chapter Challenge on April 22nd. We had 39 bikes and 47 people who rode up to Colonial Harley-Davidson, along with several members who went up on their own to check in and support the Chapter. Thanks to all who were able to go and a special Thanks to our Road Captains who got everyone there and back safely. We've had some awesome rides put together by our Road Captains. Our Ladies of Harley raised money for one of our charities, Edmarc, with a Bake Sale. We've had a couple of events at Southside-Harley where we were to cook for their events which unfortunately were cancelled due to weather. The great thing was we had many members who volunteered to help with these events still show up at Southside to hang out with other members in spite of the events being cancelled. We've had several new members join us in the last two months and I want to welcome them to our Chapter and let them know we are glad they chose to do so! Our last New Member Orientation included 6 new members and several of our "seasoned" members showed up to give them the feeling of a group ride during the Group Ride Orientation. The group then rode to Poplar Halls to participate in a community event which the neighborhood really appreciated. Thank you to the members who have been coming out for the orientations, your participation is greatly appreciated. We also started our "Buy a Rider Lunch" program where one member on one of our rides will have their lunch paid for. Which ride this will occur at will not be announced – you just have to happen to be there to have a chance! Starting in May, our Chapter meetings will move outside to the picnic area behind Southside. Finally, your Board of Directors are planning some special things to happen at some of the meetings over the course of the year so we hope you'll join us!

Linda Knowles
Director



Poplar Halls Community Day

On April 15th we held our New Member/Group Ride Orientation. We had six new members and several other members showed up to help make the Group Ride portion more realistic. The week before we had been asked to participate in the Poplar Halls Community Day event but it was postponed due to rain. They rescheduled it for the 15th but the Chapter already had commitments for the day so we hadn't planned on being able to attend. As our Road Captains can do, plans can be made on the fly so they asked and the group agreed, to go to the event after the Group Ride Orientation ride was completed to still make a showing. There were 17 bikes that rode through the neighborhood and the residents were very happy to see them. At the end of the ride, the community welcomed the group and had a good time talking to our members and checking out the bikes. A couple of residents took rides around on the back of the trikes and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a chance to do something for the community and spread a little joy. Well done Tidewater HOG!

Linda Knowles



Tidewater HOG Attends Poplar Hall Community Day



Tidewater Hog Member Faith Gutierrez takes a resident on a ride and she loved it.

**TIDEWATER HOG OFFICERS AND ROAD CAPTAINS
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