



# The Talon

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE MEMBERS

Tidewater HOG Chapter 5344



## To Ride Beyond—Senior Road Captain—Linda Knowles

As we are heading into the Fall riding season, I hope the temperatures will reflect this and we will start having some cooler weather. Our crazy summer weather didn't stop our Road Captains from planning rides for Chapter members over the last couple of months. As I write this article, there have been 39 rides this year and 11 more that had to be cancelled due to weather. That's a total of 50 planned rides as of the end of August for this year! The Road Captains have more rides already planned for you as the year continues on. It is rare that there isn't at least one ride planned on a weekend. Our Road Captains have spent many hours planning these rides and giving up of their weekends to lead the rides. To be a Road Captain is a big commitment of time that they make to our Chapter and our Chapter would not be what it is if it wasn't for them.

You may have noticed stars on Road Captain's rockers. This is our way to celebrate their dedication to our Chapter. Stars are given out after 2 years of being a Road Captain and then at every 5 years thereafter. For the July – September time frame, congratulations and a big THANK YOU to Yves Lugand for 5 years, Rick Leighton for 2 years and Tom Sanchez for 2 years.

Finally, information regarding all our rides and events that are coming up are available on our Facebook page, Tidewater HOG Chapter #5344 or on our website, tidewaterhog.com under the calendar section.

Hope to see you on a ride soon and HAVE FUN!

**Linda Knowles**

**Senior Road Captain**

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Hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! The Ladies of Harley have assembled an awesome Outdoor Adventure Wagon at SSHD that will be raffled off at our Fall Festival on October 29 at SSHD. Tickets are \$10 or 3/\$20 and are available at the Motor Clothes Dept at SSHD and HRHD. They will also be available at our Chapter Meetings. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Edmarc Hospice for Children and the remainder will help offset costs for our Holiday Party. Please purchase your tickets today!

Our next LOH Social will be:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 6:00-9:00!  
MULTI-VENDOR BINGO GAME FOR CHARITY AT [VFW POST 4809](#) IN NORFOLK  
20 GAMES \$20 \* 50/50 (WINNER GOT \$180)

Save the Date! October 29 will be our Fall Festival! Please contact Pam McGrath if you want to reserve a parking space!

All my best,

**Amy Lugand**



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## FALL MOTORCYCLE ROUTES IN VIRGINIA

There's something invigorating about hitting the open road on a bike knowing that adventure is ahead. A big part of motorcycle road trips is being able to experience the travel on a machine you are in full control of while appreciating the splendor of the roads running through classic American landscapes. Scenic motorcycle routes in Virginia are emblems of the rolling hills and small towns we picture when describing the beautiful diversity you can access on a cross-state trip. Get ready to hop on to a highway of inspiration as we outline our 10 favorite routes in the Old Dominion.

The 'Birthplace of a Nation' is known for its rich land and natural splendor that allowed it to be the first English settlement in the United States. Cruising through this terrain can act as a history lesson of sorts, and a great reminder of what it's like to connect with your surroundings. Picking just 10 rides was difficult, but we narrowed it down to a group we think will do any style of ride justice:

**George Washington Memorial Parkway:** Tapping into the historical element of our country early,

this famed parkway traverses multiple landmarks while running parallel to the Potomac River. You can find national monuments, including the Lady Bird Johnson National Grove or the [Navy and Marine Memorial](#).

This ride can serve as a great reminder of the development of a nation and the different eras of growth we have experienced. Did we mention it's also an awesome ride with well-maintained roads? Sign us up.

**Blue Ridge Parkway:** This ride is nature-intensive and technically demanding, which brings great appeal to riders who are also outdoor enthusiasts. There are overlooks and rest stops with wondrous elevated views, as well as picnic and campsites throughout the sweeping vistas. We highly recommend this route for soloists or small groups looking to make a weekend of it.

**Back of the Dragon:** Virginia's famous designated motorcycle route in Tazewell County is truly a majestic beast. With 32 miles of spectacular curves through rolling hills, this is one you're not going to want to miss. The technical riding involved for its slaloms and hairpins can be your focus, or you can just enjoy a ride unlike any other in the nation. Whichever you choose, you're going to love it.

**Appalachian Mountain Routes:** A broader set of scenic roads set both in Virginia and West Virginia, these routes are the ones that harken us back to the development of a nation. Peppered with small towns and historical developments, the mountain range, and natural beauty provides an exclamation point on every ridge you crest.

**Skyline Drive:** Taking your ride through scenic Shenandoah National Park is a no-brainer if you have the opportunity. Cruise through the forgiving but dynamic roads with the crisp mountain air swirling around you. This is a great example of old and new riders making a pilgrimage- it is one of the most heavily trafficked motorcycle routes (and popular for cars), meaning there might be some traffic here and there, but this 100+ mile stretch beginning at Front Royal will show you a part of Virginia you may never have known about.

**Route 250:** This ride is famous in West Virginia, and for good reason. It provides an element of adrenaline with its top-to-bottom hill action, and is preferred by many veteran riders. This doesn't mean newer travelers shouldn't experience it, but there is an element of caution necessary if you aren't used to the action of the road. Once you've reigned in the excitement from the ride itself, you can appreciate the numerous Americana stops, including George Washington National park and a slew of classic diners.

## Motorcycle Routes in Virginia, continued

**Colonial Parkway:** A history buff's ride, you can make a quick pass through the Historic Triangle, which is made up of Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Historic Jamestown. This is a quick jog with some scenic byways, allowing you to make the experience a bigger part of the journey than the 23-mile route itself.

There's even a theme park should you really want to make a day of it!

**Nelson Scenic Loop:** This 50-mile mixed-use road is one of the most beautiful rides in Virginia. Sure to provide serene moments as you go from Route 151 to Route 664 and connect to the Blue Ridge Parkway, there are overlooks among massive arbors that will provide you exclusive access to the natural beauty of Virginia. As a bonus, the craft beer and food scene throughout these routes is amazing these days.

**Chesapeake Bay-Bridge Tunnel:** This ride is not for the faint of heart, but is perfect for those looking for a quick adventure. This ride takes you over the entire width of the bay, and you can feel the wind influencing your trip while getting an overhead view. Described as one of the 'manmade wonders' of the United States, this ride will bring exhilaration and a feeling of accomplishment when you're finished.

**Route 39:** Making your way from Shenandoah Valley and through George Washington National Forest, this ride is all about the verdant countryside of Virginia. With waterways and woods juxtaposed next to the Allegheny Mountains, you're going to want to take your time through this 60-mile stretch. Pack a lunch and some drinks and enjoy this ride solo or with a group, but make sure you treat this ride as a field trip. We highly recommend the spring and fall for the colors of the scenery

While we could easily make ten more lists like this, this is a great place to start. The beauty of Virginia provides for a combination of roads and countryside that is almost unmatched anywhere else in terms of ride quality. **Law Tigers**



## TRIKES EYE VIEW

Looks like Summer is winding down. I've noticed how the days are getting shorter little by little. I'm looking forward to cooler temperatures while the weather is still nice and good for riding. Last weekend, the temps were in the 70's so we had a campfire and made s'mores cones. They're a neater way to make the sweet treat containing the gooey goodness. My grand children and friend really enjoyed them. I can give the recipe here but there are many ways to making them. So here goes:

Take a sugar cone

Put some mini marshmallows inside

Add some chocolate M&Ms

Add some caramel M&Ms

I added a graham cookie with chocolate on top

Wrap in aluminum foil

Place as close to the fire as you can. We put inside the fire pit for 10 minutes.

We used fireplace grabbers to pick them out of the pit. Un-wrap the cone and

Keep the foil handy just in case the cone leaks. Enjoy.

Lisa Verdin



The Girl Who Ate Everything



*"I did want a heart, but I decided a motorcycle would be a lot cooler. Besides, now I can give you a ride back to Kansas"*

### EVENTS

BAYBRIDGE SUNUP RIDE—SEPTEMBER 10

LOH SOCIAL—SEPTEMBER 13

CHAPTER MEETING—SEPTEMBER 14

FALL FOLIAGE IN NEW ENGLAND—OCTOBER 1-OCTOBER 8

LOH FALL FESTIVAL—OCTOBER 29

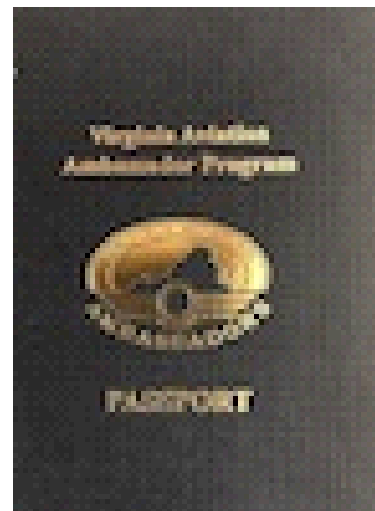
GATSBY NIGHT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION—JANUARY 21  
(Tickets are on sale now)



## 2022 TOUR RIDE

Tidewater Chapter 2022 Tour Ride Regional Airports in Virginia This year's Tidewater Tour Ride is Regional Airports in Virginia. These are the small airports that only small planes land at. You will be given a list and map of the Airports that are in VA. You also will be given a Virginia Aviation Ambassadors Passport booklet. If you want to you can go to the airports and get your book stamped for every stamp you will get 2 extra points. You will need to find the Airports and take a picture of the airport sign with you and the ride sheet in it. A Harley Davidson motorcycle needs to be in the picture also. There will be some rides that will prove to be a lot of fun and interesting to you. Come have some real rides with fellow HOGs. The cost will be \$15.00 for the ride sheet and you will receive a very nice pin, along with a lot of fun rides.

**Bill Arnold**



**2022 Regional Airport Tour Ride**

# SAFETY

Autumn is definitely the best time for riding. With the cool, crisp air and the captivating colors of autumn, no one can deny that this is the perfect time to hop on your motorcycle and explore the beauty of the great outdoors.

Any rider will agree that fall motorcycle riding can be pretty rewarding for a number of reasons. For one, you don't have to bear the heat. You don't have to put up with the traffic, either! It is just you and your beloved bike on the wide, open road. How exciting can that be?

However, riding your motorcycle during this time of the year also comes with its own set of challenges so make sure you take the necessary precautions to avoid any unpleasant surprises that will spoil an otherwise remarkable experience.

## **FALL MOTORCYCLE RIDING TIPS: HOW TO STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD**

**Brush up on your riding skills.** If you haven't been riding your bike lately, it is possible that your riding skills may have become a little rusty so do some slow speed maneuvering and braking drills before taking your motorcycle out for a spin. Remember, it is always better to be safe than sorry!

**Use the right tires.** Are you still using those sporty tires you used this summer? Well, this is the perfect time to change them. Sporty tires are made with softer rubber and are great for warm weather but they tend to lose their traction in colder weather. Use touring tires instead.

**Check your lights.** Now that the days are shorter, you will probably go riding in the dark so check your headlights, brake lights and turn lights are in great working condition.

**Watch what you wear.** Autumn is notorious for greatly fluctuating temperatures so dress appropriately to counter these abrupt changes. Wear a leather jacket to keep you warm since the wind and dropping temperature can easily tire you out and impair your senses. Layering up may be a good idea but if you find it exhausting, you may choose to wear heated gear instead. You may also want to bring several pairs of riding gloves so you'll have the perfect pair whatever the weather.

**Don't forget your rain gear.** You wouldn't want to get caught up in the rain without the appropriate motorcycle riding gear since it can significantly affect your riding ability and increase your risk of hypothermia, a potentially dangerous condition wherein your body loses heat faster than it can produce it.

**Look out for those leaves.** Yes, the changing colors of autumn may be a sight to behold but you need to look out for those falling leaves! While it may look unassuming, a pile of dry leaves can cover potholes and other inconsistencies on the road that may increase your risk of encountering accidents. Sharp objects hidden beneath the debris can also give you a flat tire and put you in danger. Moreover, wet leaves can make the road slicker than it usually is and reduce your bike traction so drive slowly until you have come past the obstacle.

**Be extra cautious.** While you need to be cautious and alert every time you take your motorcycle out for a ride, you need to be especially careful during this time of the year. The morning frost will leave a thin layer of ice on road surfaces making them more slippery than usual while strong gusty winds can easily set you off balance.

Fall motorcycle riding can be fun but you need to take extra precautions to make sure you reach your destination without a hitch!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Fellow HOGs,

I'd like to thank our Activities Officer, Chris Moore for putting together the HOGs and Dogs night at the Tides game on Aug 20th. It was a great time.

Elections are coming up for the four elected officer positions. Please reach out to Chris Ward, Jo Ann Emmons, Jim Stone and me, if you are interested in running for any of the positions. We are happy to discuss what is involved with each of the positions. Nominations will be conducted during the October meeting with voting to occur before the November meeting.

Also, upcoming we have plenty of rides scheduled for September and October. In September Bill J is leading the Bay Bridge Sunup Ride on the 10th, Chris W and Yves L are doing a new member orientation and group ride on the 17th, Bill A has the Southern Snow ride on the 18th and Regie is doing his Road Captain qualification ride on the 24th. In October on the 1st and 2nd I will lead a ride on each day in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Also starting on the 1st is the multi day Maine ride being led by Rick L. That group is planning to return on the 9th. Mark your calendars for the 29th, the Ladies of Harley will be hosting their Fall Festival.

Looking ahead there is a holiday party that is happening Saturday, January 21st, 2023. Tickets are on sale at Motorclothes for \$35 per ticket. The event will be hosted at Holiday Inn, 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA.

Remember to be safe and most importantly have fun!!

Kind regards,

**Mike Flynn—Director**





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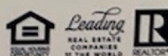
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