

# HARLEY OWNERS GROUP December 2017

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# HOGS Gone Wild!



Santa's idea of a motorcycle club.



### *A Message from Director, Pat Donovan...*

The leaves being gone from the trees and all the Christmas decorations are telling us that our riding season is quickly coming to a close. The good thing is that you can ask Santa for chrome and lights so you can personalize your bike some more and you will have the time to fix it all up for spring. Don't worry about the snow on the driveway. It will melt by itself sooner or later.

Our new corps of officers will be meeting soon to discuss schedules, events and changes for 2018. If you have a suggestion for 2018, please email me at [pjdonov@zoominternet.net](mailto:pjdonov@zoominternet.net). The Officers goal is to make your Hog club the best there is. We welcome your input.

Don't forget that the Chapter will provide gift wrapping services at TRH on the 16th and 23rd of December. Sign up at the Chapter meeting. These are always two fun afternoons with fellow chapter members, customers, potential members and the staff at TRH.

Have you made your New Year's reservations at the Best Western for the party in Erie? If not, hurry up or you will miss a great party.

Wishing you and you're a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ride & Have Fun!  
Pat Donovan  
Director

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Effective this issue, Jil Burley has joined the newsletter staff as co-editor. Jil contributed by brainstorming with me, as well as writing the articles "Counting Our Blessings" and "Christmas Around the World". She also assisted with formatting and editing. I am thrilled to have a "partner in crime" when writing these monthly missives. Please welcome Jil to the Newsletter team when you see her!

New Year's Eve Extravaganza is coming up soon. Get those reservations in! There is very little time left! See Alicia or Pat for more details.

Your 2018 officers will be starting their positions in January. Many stayed the same, but we do have some new additions. Please join me in thanking all who are willing to serve in the following capacities:

Director - Pat Donovan  
 Assistant Director/Webmaster - Bill Kerr  
 Treasurer - Bill McCarrier  
 Secretary - Alicia Suess  
 Membership - Linda Capane  
 Head Road Captain/Historian - JJ Donovan  
 Ladies of Harley - Ruth McCarrier  
 Safety Officer - Tom Moore  
 Co-Editors - Lori Jones/Jil Burley  
 Photographer - Larry Szramowski



Got News? Please send it to one of the editors before the 20th of each month, and we will do our best to fit it in!



### *Important Information from Head Road Captain, JJ Donovan*

December 2017

Riding in November in Pittsburgh is usually pretty unusual and this year was better than most. Light Up Night this year was sparse due to the cold with only 11 bikes and 1 passenger making the annual ride. There were some good days to ride though and Vince Gavin put together a late November ride on a Tuesday to Foxburg and 4 bikes and a passenger enjoyed a great afternoon of riding.

December is even tougher than November, but we will be patient and take what nature gives us for some short impromptu rides. Check your email when the weather looks bright and sunny.

If you signed up for the new Iron Britches Competition, I will need a picture of your odometer at the end of the month. We have more people than ever competing since we added more categories. Someone is going to win every level. It could be you so do not forget to send in your pictures.

Our next planned activity in regards riding motorcycles is our Road Captains Meeting in February. We are always looking for new rides and new road captains with new places to ride. If you have an idea for a ride, come to the February meeting. There can never be too many Road Captains. We are looking for short, long, and intermediate rides. Rides can be to an event, a place or just follow a route. Remember: we are a riding club. That is why we all joined because we love riding our motorcycles.

J J Donovan  
Head Road Captain

### Counting our Blessings

Those of us who see the world from the seat of a bike know we don't need Giving Tuesday to open our hearts and our throttles for those who might benefit from a little bit of help. (Giving Tuesday, by the way, is the day after Cyber Monday)

Here in our keystone state, there were 100 charity rides during the main riding season, from April through November. And that's only counting those listed by CycleFish.com. PA bikers rolled through the state's twists and turns raising money for tots, veterans, cancer fighters and victims, fallen firefighters, and in honor of friends and loved ones. We adorn our chrome with flags, strap stuffed animals in our passenger seats and boast brassieres on our shields. And then we proudly ride down the road with our heads held high and, often, tears in our eyes.

We raise spirits, awareness, and cash, in rides and for events like these:

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program has been around almost as long as some of us. Created in 1947, it has distributed half a billion toys to nearly 200 million children. Last year, the Pittsburgh region collected and distributed 128,000 toys locally.

If you have ridden in the national parade that is Rolling Thunder, you can attest to the heart-swelling emotion created by the sight and sounds of the tens of thousands of bikes and their riders in a miles-long show of support for our military.

The Brotherhood Memorial Ride, in Zelienople, started in 2010 in memory of fallen firefighters. Hundreds of bikes snake through the streets to honor these young men and others like them, supporting families of fallen firefighters and injured military members.

Steel City Harley-Davidson donates 100% of its proceeds from its annual Ride for a Wish campaign, to grant wishes to children with life-threatening illness.

And who could miss our safety-orange vests as we teamed up to clean along our Adopted Highway in front of the dealership in October ... giving back to the community and helping our piece of the planet.

In 2014, a bike event with exactly one bike gave back to one very special person. Mark Gatto, of Gatto Harley-Davidson, made a dream come true for Amy Brooks, a local young woman who is a motivational speaker and author. Amy was born with an extremely rare condition called tetraphocomelia, which causes limb deformities. In Amy's case that meant she was born without arms or legs.

And at the top of her bucket list was to ride a motorcycle.

It was important to Mark to make that happen. So, he called a customer who'd recently purchased a 2007 Electra Glide Ultra Classic, with a sidecar. He helped Amy in, strapped her into a helmet, and took her for a ride through Tarentum. "She was scared at first. I kept asking if she was okay. Toward the end of the ride, she kept asking to go faster. You should have seen the smile. I've been in this business my whole life, and that was the most awesome thing I've ever done on a motorcycle" Mark said.

Yup, we raise spirits, and awareness, and if we're lucky, make some dreams come true - not only for ourselves, but for others as well. This holiday season, it's nice to remember we make an impact, even when our bikes might be in the garage, all tucked in for the winter and just waiting for spring.

### Counting our Blessings - Links for more information

Learn about Amy and her book, "Unseen Arms", here:

<http://www.amybrooks.org/>

find drop boxes for the Toys for Tots program here:

<https://north-versailles-pa.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/Default.aspx>

Brotherhood Memorial Ride Facebook site: - held in August

<https://www.facebook.com/brotherhoodmemorialride/>

Steel City's Ride for A Wish - held in June

<http://www.steelcityharley.com/--xListEvents?CalendarIDs=&id=275367>



Mark Gatto and Amy Brooks - 2014

### Helpful Hints for Cars in Winter

#### Keep your headlights clear with car wax!

Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

#### Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol!

Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

#### Ice-proof your windows with vinegar!

Frost on its way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water--preventing water from freezing!

#### Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray!

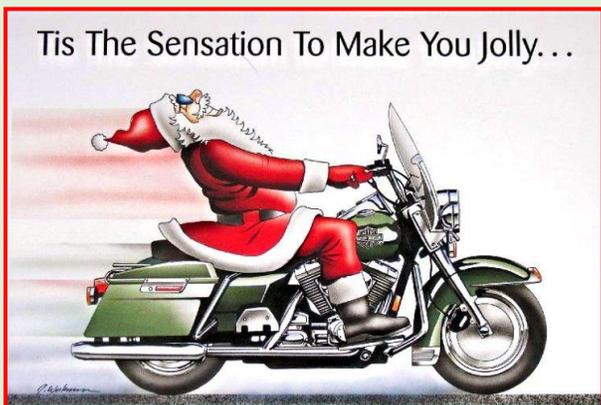
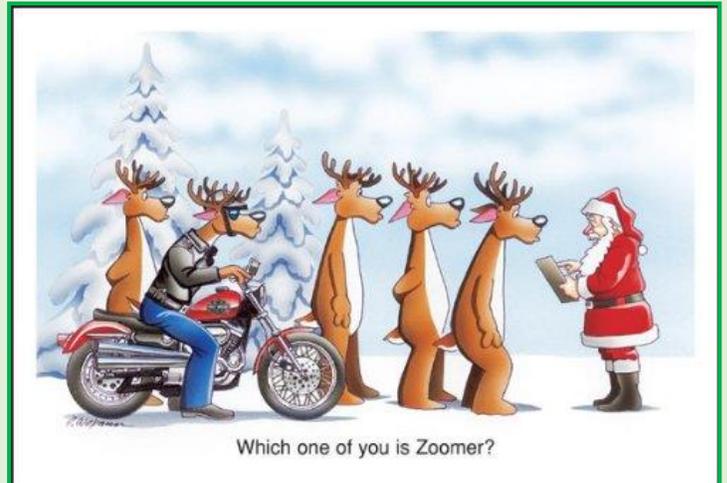
Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber.

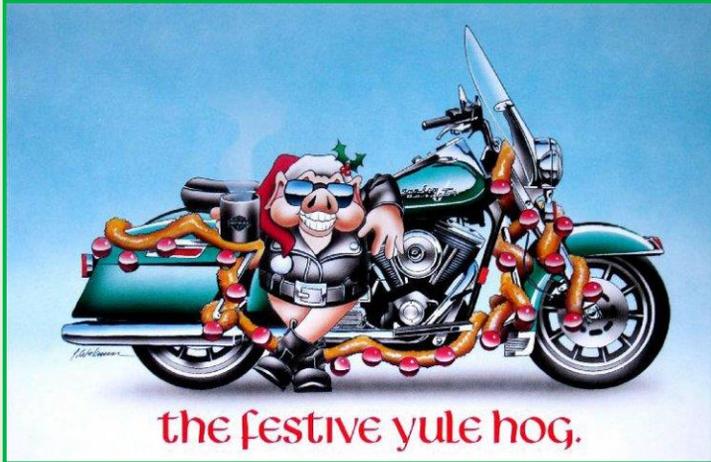
**Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream!** Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

#### De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer!

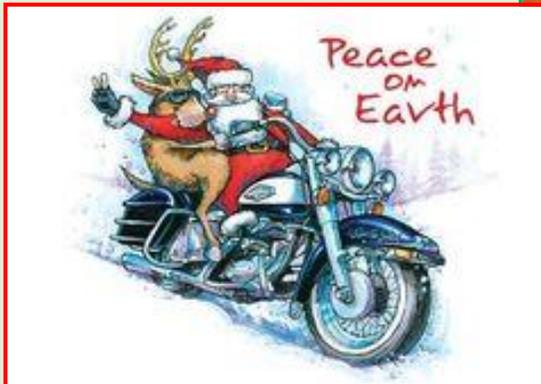
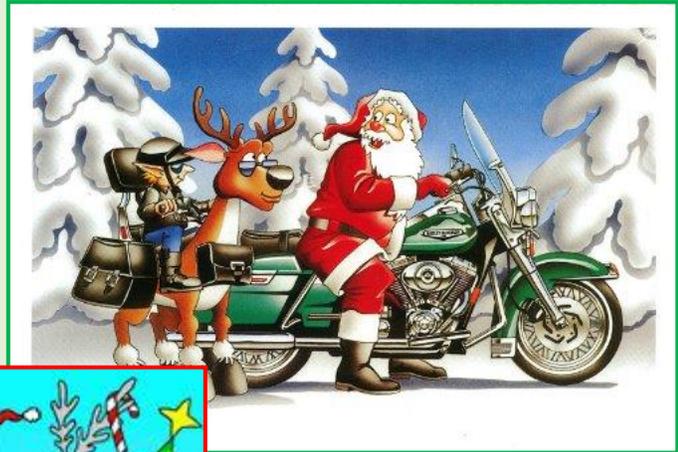
Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock & the problems solved!

# Holiday Cheer and Laughter





the festive yule hog.



## Latest news from the Harley-Davidson Web Page

**New Harley-Davidson Sport Glide Motorcycle Melds Street-Carving Agility With Long-Haul Capability**

**All-New Softail Model Debuts via Facebook Live at EICMA Motorcycle Show in Milan**

MILWAUKEE (November 7, 2017) - Whoever said you can't have the best of both worlds, has yet to ride the new Harley-Davidson® Sport Glide™ motorcycle. Introduced today in Milan at the EICMA motorcycle show, the new factory-custom cruiser is a versatile quick-change artist, ready to transition in just minutes from aggressive cruising to weekend touring duty. Outfitted with a detachable fairing and saddlebags, the Sport Glide is the ninth model based on the all-new Harley-Davidson Softail® platform and the latest in a line of 100 high-impact motorcycles the company plans to introduce by 2027.

“The Sport Glide offers the thrilling dynamic capability of the new Softail platform with features that make it suited for both commuting and light touring,” said Dave Latz, senior product planning manager at Harley-Davidson. “Its factory-custom design speaks to modern performance and contemporary style.”

The Sport Glide's new fairing is shaped to deflect wind away from the rider's chest while leaving the rider's head in a clean stream of air. The fairing is secured to the fork tubes with quick-release clamps, making removal or installation fast and easy. The new lockable, rigid saddle bags feature a sleek clam-shell design and can be removed in seconds, leaving behind mounting points that are barely visible. New Mantis cast-aluminum wheels feature sweeping spokes and are the first directional wheels on a non-CVO model.

Designed to be lightweight and stiff, the new Softail chassis delivers agility and performance that will exceed the expectations of the most-demanding cruiser riders, while the rigid-mounted Milwaukee-Eight 107 V-Twin powertrain pumps out a mountain of torque for outstanding acceleration and passing power. A broad and supportive saddle sets the Sport Glide's seat height at just 25.7 inches, with forward-mounted foot controls contributing to a rider triangle designed to fit a broad range of riders. The brilliant Daymaker LED headlamp is surrounded by a ring of LED signature lighting. Anti-lock Braking System (ABS), electronic cruise control, a USB charging port, keyless ignition and the Harley-Davidson Smart Security System are all standard features of the Sport Glide.

### About Harley-Davidson Motor Company

Since 1903, Harley-Davidson Motor Company has fulfilled dreams of personal freedom with cruiser, touring and custom motorcycles, riding experiences and events, and a complete line of Harley-Davidson motorcycle parts, accessories, general merchandise, riding gear and apparel. For more information, visit [www.h-d.com](http://www.h-d.com).



# Christmas around the world

Australia ...



white boomers' (a popular Australian Christmas song!). He also changes his clothes for less 'hot' ones!

I wouldn't mind giving this a try just once.

In Hong Kong ...

Santa is most commonly called Santa Claus or Father Christmas. In Cantonese he is known as "Sing Daan Lou Yan" (Christmas Old Man) although most people use English to refer to him.



In Denmark... children believe that their presents are brought by the 'Julemanden' (which means 'Christmas Man'). He looks very similar to Santa Claus and also travels with a sleigh and reindeer. He lives in Greenland, likes rice pudding and is helped by 'nisser' which are like elves.

These kids might be right at home at one of our parties ...

When he gets to Australia, Santa gives the reindeer a rest and uses kangaroos or 'six



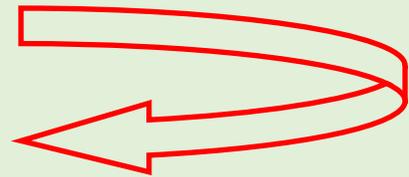


Hey, look, everyone! It's Todd as a child!  
Brum-Brum!

Awww...Come on, Greg!  
Give that kid a  
break!



And here, we have Cari  
**Moore's** Adopt-A-Highway in  
action!



Can anyone translate this to standard measurements? 🤖



**HARLEY DAVIDSON FAT BOY**

**₹ 15,08,000**  
EX-SHOWROOM DELHI

690mm  
Seat Height

Ground Clearance: 130mm  
Wheelbase: 1635mm

**2396 mm**  
Overall Length

**13.99 kmpl**  
Mileage

**3.3 litres**  
Oil Tank capacity

**331 kg**  
Wet Weight

**18.9 litres**  
Fuel Tank capacity

**318 kg**  
Dry Weight

**Engine, Power & Torque**  
1690 cc, Air-cooled, Twin Cam 103B  
Maximum Power 61 Bhp @ 5200 rpm  
Maximum Torque 132 Nm @ 3500 rpm  
Bore x Stroke: 98.4 mm x 111.1 mm  
6 Manual Gearbox

**Comfort Features**  
Electric Start  
Pillion Footrest  
Pass Light  
Step-up Seat/Split Seat  
Optional Security System

**Instrument Console**  
Tank-mounted electronic  
Speedometer, Analog  
Tachometer, Fuel Gauge  
Digital-2 Trip Meter  
Low Oil Pressure Light

**Brakes & Tyres**  
4-piston Front Brake  
2-piston Rear Brake  
41.3mm Front Telescopic Suspension  
Hidden, horizontal-mounted, coil-over  
Rear Suspension

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## Do You Know Your Biker Slang???

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 1%er is:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any motorcyclist</li> <li>b. The fastest riders</li> <li>c. Those that aren't law abiding</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. BATF is:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bikers at the Field</li> <li>b. Bikers are Too Fat</li> <li>c. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Bar Hopper is:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An alcoholic biker</li> <li>b. A motorcycle used for bar hopping</li> <li>c. A long-distance bike</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Café racers are _____ in style:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. French</li> <li>b. British</li> <li>c. Italian</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Cage is:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Car</li> <li>b. Truck</li> <li>c. Van</li> <li>d. All of the above</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Where is Biketoberfest held?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Daytona</li> <li>b. San Diego</li> <li>c. Houston</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Easy Rider is:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A movie</li> <li>b. A magazine</li> <li>c. Both</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Fairing is located where:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. At the back of the bike</li> <li>b. In the center of the bike</li> <li>c. At the front of the bike</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. Fishtailing involves which wheel?             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Front</li> <li>b. Back</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. ABS is:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Anti-lock braking system</li> <li>b. A rider's 6-pack</li> <li>c. A Biker Story</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;"><i>Not sure of some of the answers? Attend our December meeting to check your knowledge! See you then!</i></p> |
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# From Our Dealership...



**winter HOURS**

OCT 1ST THRU MAY 1ST

Monday-Thursday: 10AM-7PM  
 Friday: 10AM-5PM  
 Saturday: 10AM-4PM  
 Sunday: Closed

**WINTER STORAGE PACKAGES**

**PACKAGE 1 ~ \$150.00 + TAX**

- Secure Storage
- Tender Rotation
- Bike Cover
- 25 Point Inspection

\*An additional \$50.00 will be charged for all Trike motorcycles.

**PACKAGE 2 ~ \$259.00 + TAX**

- Secure Storage
- Tender Rotation
- Oil Change (Syn 3 with Chrome Filter)
- Bike Cover
- 25 Point Inspection

\*An additional \$50.00 will be charged for all Trike motorcycles.

**PACKAGE 3 ~ FREE!**

- With any qualifying Service work
- Labor and P&A combined

SEE TRH-D® SVC. DPT. FOR QUALIFYING SERVICE WORK DETAILS.

**OCTOBER 1ST THROUGH APRIL 1ST**

Reserve Your Spot Now!  
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**SPACE IS LIMITED!**

**Welcome to our online shop**

Photos with Santa & Miss Claus  
December 16, 2017

Bring the little ones or even get a picture with Santa yourself. This is a fun event for everyone regardless of your age!

After Christmas Extravaganza  
December 26, 2017 – All Day

Polar Bear Ride 2018  
January 1, 2018  
Registration at 10:30am Kickstands up at Noon!

# IMPORTANT!!!

*Dates to Keep in Mind! Looking ahead, the chapter has numerous important dates to add to your calendars!*

**Thursday, December 14, 2017 - Chapter Meeting**  
7:30pm-9:00pm, [Monte Cellos Babcock Blvd](#)

This month's meeting is at Monte Cellos on Babcock Blvd. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Stop in early for dinner and conversation. Pizza and Salad Holiday Party!

**Saturday, Dec. 16 & 23 - Gift Wrapping at Three Rivers - we need volunteers!**

*(Pittsburgh HOG has recently added a new feature to assist members in obtaining the most recent information on upcoming rides. Visit [Pittsburghhog.com](#) and click on the event calendar partway down the page. From there, you will find a message regarding how to receive text messages in the event of a ride needing cancelled. You can also enroll to receive the text messages by simply texting hogpgh to 84483)*

*Please note: All plans are subject to change. Watch your email and the HOG website for the most up-to-date information.*

Food for Thought...

Q. Why did the motorcycle quit working?  
A. Because it was two tired!

Q. How can you tell a HAPPY motorcycle rider?  
A. 'Cause of all the BUGS on his teeth!

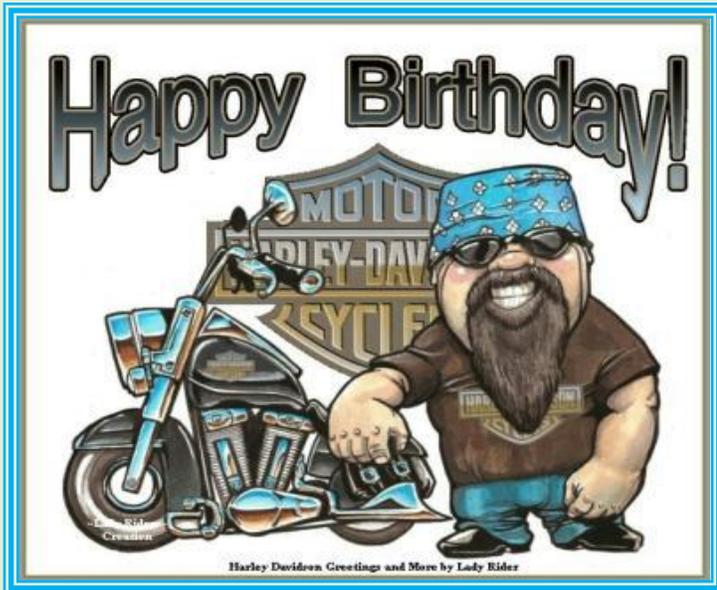
Q. What do you call a bunch of cows?  
A. A herd.

Q. Why is an old Harley like a good ol' huntin' dog?  
A. Both like to ride in the back of pickup trucks and if you leave them in the garage over-night, you'll find a puddle on the floor in the morning.  
HEY NOW! (My pups don't piddle indoors! HAAAA)

Q. What do you call a bunch of fish?  
A. A school.

Q. What do you call a bunch of Harleys?  
A. A trailer load.





Happy Anniversary



Please join us in wishing the following members happy December Birthdays!

December 2 - Linda Capane  
 December 3 - Paulette Depto  
 December 5 - Keith Belden  
 December 5 - Matt "Fuzzy" Connelly  
 December 5 - Dano Olszewski  
 December 10 - John Sonnett  
 December 13 - Dan Noullet  
 December 15 - Suzanne Connors  
 December 16 - Tom McDonald  
 December 17 - Darin Hayes  
 December 18 - Walt Heckla  
 December 19 - Sal Caloderone  
 December 19 - Mike Gass  
 December 28 - Jeff Goerlich  
 December 28 - Pat Rodgers, Jr.  
 December 28 - Sharon Shearer  
 December 29 - Virgil Marshall  
 December 30 - Richard Dixon  
 December 30 - Tom Koch

Please join us in wishing the following members Happy Anniversary!

Mark and Teresa Trombetta  
 December 10, 2005  
 (12 years)

Darwin and Marti Strand  
 December 29, 2013  
 (4 years)

Tom and Karen Galanda  
 December 31, 2005  
 (12 years)



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**Please note!** Events listed in the calendar are subject to change. All information contained in this newsletter, calendar, or website is accurate and complete at the time of publication. Since much of this information is subject to change at any time for a variety of reasons it is recommended that you check your e-mail account frequently especially prior to leaving your home to participate in a Chapter Ride. If you do not have an e-mail account, information may also be verified by contacting the Road Captain for that particular Chapter Ride.

## Don't Miss Photo Fun!

You can view chapter photographer Larry Szramowski's photos from a variety of Chapter Activities by visiting:  
<http://hogchapter2224.shutterfly.com/>

## HOG Chapter Meetings

Regular monthly Chapter meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm and are held at Monte Cello's Restaurant on Babcock Boulevard. (Many members choose to arrive anytime after 6, in order to enjoy dinner and companionship prior to the meeting.) Food and refreshments are available before, during, and after the meeting at your own cost. There will be a 50-50 drawing each month with proceeds benefiting the Pgh. H.O.G. Chapter.

## Attention All Members and GUESTS

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET WHEN YOU ENTER THE**

Everyone in attendance will receive a door prize ticket. Prizes may vary from month to month. All Pittsburgh H.O.G. Chapter members that are present and signed in are also eligible for the monthly rollover drawing. The drawings will take place at the end of the meeting. Good luck

## Editor's Note

We would greatly value input from the members regarding the newsletter. Please feel free to send photos, suggestions for articles and comments to the editor's email.

## Chapter Stats

As of December 1, 2017, the Chapter has 139 active members (101 men & 38 women) plus an additional 3 members needing action, for a total of 142 members.