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HOGS Gone Wild!



A Message from Director, Pat Donovan...

Riding season is now in full swing. As always ride smart, ride safe.

PGH HOG has lots of rides this year for every taste and skill level. We just had our weekend ride to ROLLING THUNDER. Thanks to all who traveled in some, shall we say, challenging weather. Was that hail?! **Hugo's** in Brownsville put on quite a breakfast spread for us on our way out on Friday morning. We needed a place to dry out! As always, our accommodations & location were perfect and a good time was had by all. If you missed it this year, think about it for next.

A big shout out of thanks for our SWEEPER extraordinaire, Alicia Suess. Awesome job.

Hope to see many faces on the upcoming rides.

Pat Donovan, Director

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Important Information from Head Road Captain, JJ Donovan

We started the month of May in the rain and we ended the month of May in the rain. The rain cancelled the first ever International Lady Riders Day and the Red Belt ride on the first Saturday of the month. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule the Red Belt ride for the next day.

Rain continued the next weekend for the VA Hospital Bingo ride, but a few bikes and a lot of cars made the trip to play bingo with the vets. The vets enjoyed the bingo and competed hard for the Harley Davidson tee shirts. Everybody had fun. We need to find a way to get the vets more Harley shirts. They really enjoy them.

For the third week in a row, rain tried to dampen the Captain Lou ride but there was still a big crowd for the 5th memorial ride to a beloved member. 41 members and guests joined together to pay their respects to a man who always put others before himself.

We did cancel the ride to Brandywine Falls, Ohio on Sunday the 21st due to the weather forecast. It looked like a bad decision until noon when the hard rain started and continued for the rest of the day. Road Captain Dan Cromeans hops to reschedule this ride later in the season.

We finished the month on Memorial Day weekend with a big ride to Rolling Thunder in Washington DC that of course started in the rain. Several times on the way down we had to gear up in rain suits, but the rain was not going to interrupt our weekend. Twenty-four bikes and 2 cars took 36 people to the POW/MIA Remembrance. The news reports put the total at just shy of 1 million bikes for the 30th gathering.

June brings us a full month with 6 rides over 4 weekends. On Saturday of the first weekend you can ride to the ever-popular Bubba's Burgers. On Sunday, you can ride to the Beacon Hotel Wing-Fest. The following week, because the Blue Ride is being rescheduled, Bill Kerr's river ride will take its place. This will free up the 17th for members to attend the 10th Anniversary Celebration for Three Rivers Harley Davidson. The next day, on Father's Day, is the ever-popular Clem's Barbeque Ride.

We finish the month of June on the 24th with a ride to Lehman's Hardware in Kidron, Ohio. We will probably cancel the ride to Thunder in the Valley as there is no Road Captain for this ride as of this publication.

We have short rides, long rides and intermediate rides scheduled in June. Check the attachment for the ride schedule and the join us for a ride.

JJ Donovan, Head Road Captain

Road Captain Reminders!

ROAD CAPTAIN GUIDELINES

1. Always conduct a pre-ride meeting
2. Ride to the skill level of the least experienced rider in the group
 - a. Keep within the comfort zone of the less experienced riders
 - b. Ask riders where they want to ride. Right or left. Front, back or middle
3. Explain Hand Signals
4. Limit the size of the group to a manageable number
 - a. Divide into sub groups if necessary
5. Never exceed the speed limit by more than five miles per hour
6. Come to a complete stop at all stop signs and red lights
 - a. Allow enough time for the last rider to come to a complete stop
 - b. Accelerate solely after any and all stops.
7. Do NOT proceed through a yellow light
8. Do NOT turn right on red EVER
9. Keep passing to a minimum
 - a. Signal intention
 - b. Rear most rider pulls to the passing lane first
 - c. Ride leader is last to pull out
 - d. After completing pass, the process is reversed
 - e. Riders should make room for merging traffic
 - f.
10. Remind riders to complete a Ride Survey on the Chapter website.
11. Complete Road Captain Form immediately after ride and e-mail to Head Road Captain
 - a. Send Release Forms & poker money to Head Road Captain
12. Always RIDE SAFE
13. HAVE FUN

Motorcycle Safety

The following safety information was emailed to me by Edgar Snyder and Associates, Snyder's Riders, and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Excellent information!

Motorcycle Safety Tips for Drivers and Riders

The information provided stated that most motorcycle accidents in this country are NOT THE BIKER'S FAULT, but rather are most often caused by car drivers. While this is generally met with disbelief, in fact motorcyclists receive unwarranted negative attitudes from many. Statements such as "They are the ones who are hard to see" and "They are the ones choosing to drive a motorcycle" lends an air of responsibility to the motorcyclist involved in an accident. The fact of the matter is that although motorcycles have a higher accident rate, it is actually perfectly possible to enjoy riding on busy roads. The motorcycles themselves are NOT dangerous. Instead, often it is the drivers who fail to treat motorcyclists with respect and caution and who cause most of the accidents involving motorcycles. Because it is the responsibility of all drivers, whether in cars or on bikes to drive safely and be aware of their environment, below is a list of safety advice to make our roads safer for both the driver and the motorcyclist. Thank you to the above-mentioned resources for providing us with this important information!

For Car Drivers:

1. Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles, especially when changing lanes and at intersections
2. Motorcycles may appear to be farther away than they really are. Keep that in mind.
3. Allow at least 3-4 seconds of following distance. Motorcycles can slow down without activating the break light.
4. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effect of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or to show off.
5. Most motorcycles' turn signals will stay on until manually turned off. Bikers sometimes forget to change theirs. When approaching, make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.

For Bikers:

1. Be visible
2. Dress for safety
3. Use Motorcycle Safety Foundations signature "SEE" system (Search, Evaluate, Execute) to assess road conditions and look for potential threats
4. Know the ins and outs of a particular bike BEFORE taking it onto the road
5. Follow the law. Never drive while drunk or under the influence of drugs. Remember that drivers don't always see you - and that some have an unfairly aggressive attitude toward motorcycles.

For more life-saving advice, visit the Motorcycle Safety Foundation online. Above all else, please always think of motorcyclists as PEOPLE, not MACHINES. The person under that helmet could be someone you love.

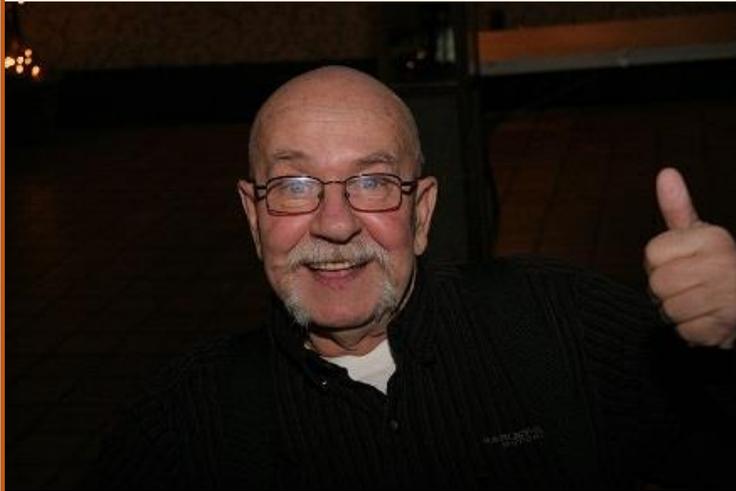
Giving Thanks to Our Veterans

Our annual Veterans Bingo was held this year on Saturday, May 13th. A large contingency of members traveled to the VA Pittsburgh Health Care Center/Hospital for a delightful day of bingo, companionship, and laughs with many veterans living at this facility. Todd Havecotte did a great job once again organizing this event, and Mike Homza kept the bingo balls a-popping! HOG members not only helped with the bingo, but were also heralded with stories and laughs provided by the vets they were assisting. This is one of the most enjoyable events many of us look forward to each year, and the feedback from our veterans shows that they look forward to and enjoy it as well. See you all next year!



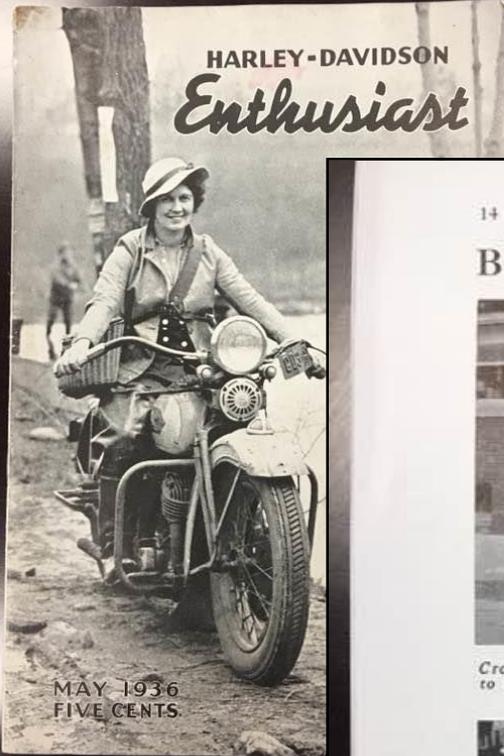
Of note from Memorial Road Captain, Scott Jones:

Our Captain Lou Memorial Ride was held on Saturday, May 20th, with a fantastic turnout! Over 40 members and guests joined together to travel to the cemetery to pay our respects to Lou Szymanski, who passed away 5 years ago. Lou's wife, Georgene, daughter Kim and husband Tim, and son, Louie, participated in this annual event honoring their loved one. At the cemetery, many members spoke openly about the influence Lou had upon their lives and shared many funny stories about this man. Suzanne Connors sang Amazing Grace, Larry Szramowski sang How Great Thou Art, and Greg Haus closed out our memorial at the cemetery with a prayer. The group then took a meandering ride to the Villa Restaurant near Kittanning, and enjoyed delicious food and friendship. The best part is that the predicted rain held off for this event. Lou must have been smiling down on us with that infamous twinkle in his eye for this day!



Our next memorial ride will be held on Saturday, July 8th, details to be determined later. This memorial ride will be to remember the many members and family members we have lost in the past year. These memorial rides mean a lot to the friends and families. I encourage you to participate if possible, even if you are new or didn't know some of the lost ones. Our chapter does a great job of supporting one another! We are truly a family.





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Miniature T. T. at Waco

Wahoo! Whoopee! Waco! June 7th —See the nation's finest riders in action! The Waco Motorcycle Club is sponsoring these races as part of the city's Centennial celebration. Says Sec. Pardo: "Our course measures .62 mile per lap and is one of the fastest and finest in the United States. It contains two short but fast straightaways, enough hill work to lend a touch of hillclimbing and several spectacular hairpin turns. Almost 100 per cent vision over the entire course makes it thrilling from the spectator's viewpoint. This, coupled with the fact we are going to pay the highest cash prizes in the history of miniature T.T. racing in America, should assure a record-breaking entry list. The date is June 7th, with June 14th as rain date.

"All Class C competition riders interested in riding in these races are asked to get in touch with the Waco Motorcycle Club immediately. Their address is 2502 Reuter Avenue, Waco, Texas.

"And you riders just looking for a place to spend your vacation, just throw a leg over the saddle, point the front wheel toward Texas and give her the spurs. Come on down here where the cream of sport events will take place this year and feast yourself on some of our good old Texas hospitality. The latch string is hanging out." We'll be seeing you!

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[Davidson And AMF.](#) Link · iloveharleydavidsonbikes.net

Published by [Cyril Huze](#) June 11th, 2015 in [Builders](#), [Editorial](#) and [Events](#).

The merger between Harley-Davidson and AMF (American Machine and Foundry Company) – a producer of leisure products – was effective in 1969. It took 11 years for Harley-Davidson to become independent again.

On February 26, 1980 thirteen Harley-Davidson senior executives signed a letter of intent to purchase Harley-Davidson Motor Company from AMF. By mid-June, the **buyback was official, and the phrase “The Eagle Soars Alone”** became a rallying cry. In 1981 Harley started to demonstrate its commitment to innovation and quality with the FXR/FXRS Super Glide® II with its rubber-isolated, five-speed powertrain and the welded and stamped frame for the new Sportster® models.

In 1983. Harley-Davidson successfully petitioned the International Trade Commission (ITC) for tariff relief, which was granted April 1, 1983. The tariff, scheduled to end five years later, was placed on all imported Japanese motorcycles 700cc or larger as a response to Japanese motorcycle manufacturers stockpiling inventories of unsold motorcycles in the United States. (photo @ H-D) <http://cyrilhuzeblog.com/>

Didja Already Know This?

Ride, Ride, Ride, Let it Ride!

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Red Belt Ride

Mike Macario (Mux) had to reschedule his Red Belt Ride from Saturday, May 6 to Sunday, May 7, due to inclement weather. In spite of the change of plans, from what was shared at the May meeting, the ride was lots of fun, and a big success! Way to go, Mux! Looking forward to more fun rides led by you!

Brandywine Falls, Ohio

Dan Cromeans' Ride to Brandywine Falls in Ohio also had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Mother Nature sure is getting her kicks at our expense! The good news is that Dan plans to reschedule his ride for later this summer. Be sure to keep your eye on our calendar and on your email, so that you have the most up-to-date information regarding rides and alternate dates!



Rolling Thunder

One ride not rescheduled was the annual Rolling Thunder Ride to Washington, D.C. Although once again, rain raised its head and grinned at everyone, our intrepid riders knew there was no rescheduling this ride, so off they rode. We look forward to hearing about this ride at our next meeting!



Rolling Thunder 2017

Memorial Day weekend, a large group of Pittsburgh HOG members and guests, led by our Director and our Head Road Captain, Pat and JJ Donovan, traveled to Washington, DC to participate once again in Rolling Thunder, remembering our fallen soldiers. The group had a variety of destinations in mind for excursions, including the Air and Space Museum, Quantico, and a trip to the Pentagon. When asked about this annual event, everyone agreed that it was an amazing time once again, and can't wait to return next year.



Rolling Thunder Continued



Farewell to Another Old Friend!

On Tuesday, May 30, fire overtook another HOG riding destination. Firefighters in the Cooks Forest region were called at 3:30 AM to fight a fire at the Farmer's Inn in Sigel, PA. The blazing fire could be seen as far away as Brookville, 10 miles south of the location. The main building, which housed the restaurant as well as the gift shop, bakery, and ice cream parlor, was burned to the ground. Fortunately, this building was the only one to sustain severe structural damage, and no one was injured as a result of the blaze, including the many animals housed at the facility. Farmer's Inn recently celebrated its 40th anniversary, but fortunately, the owner plans to rebuild. Let's hope the wonderful covered porch, swing, and rocking chairs will be included in the plans.



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A Focus On...Victor Jason!



Victor Jason is a charismatic member of our chapter, who has been happily married to his wife, Sandy, for 32 years! The couple has 2 sons, Matthew and Adam, and they recently became grandparents!

Victor retired from Bayer Healthcare Pharmaceuticals on February 17th after 31 years working, most recently as National Sales Director, Neurology. Hopefully that means we will be seeing a lot more of Victor now!

His first bike was purchased at age 44 - a 2003 Heritage Softail Classic 100th Anniversary Edition. He's been riding now for 14 years, and in addition to his Softail Classic, he also rides a 2010 Ultra Classic.

His longest ride was to Nashville, TN with the company of his wife and friends.

Victor has been a member of Pittsburgh HOG since 2003, and enjoys meeting other members with a similar passion for Harleys. The best ride he went on with the chapter was a ride to Rolling Thunder, and he would love to see the chapter take trips to Maggie Valley and also Alaska!

Victor is looking forward to this riding season. He stated, "Now that I'm retired, I'm looking forward to being able to ride every day. EVERY DAY IS SATURDAY!"

Stop and chat with Victor when you have a chance - he's an interesting guy!

A Focus On...Cari Moore!



Introducing the HOG membership officer, Cari Moore. Cari has a brother and mom living here in Pittsburgh, as well as 2 stepsons and 10 grandchildren! She has been married to Road Captain Tom Moore for 23 years, just celebrating that anniversary in May!

She is currently working as an Admin Specialist doing payroll for a robotic drone company. That's pretty interesting!

Cari (and husband Tom) purchased their first bike, a 2007 StreetGlide, at age 50. Seems like a good idea to me! 😊 They currently ride a 2013 110th Anniversary Ultra Limited.

Cari's farthest ride was to Rolling Thunder, riding with Tom and what Cari describes as "the best chapter ever!" The Chapter Cari is referring to is, of course, Pittsburgh HOG, of which she has been a member for 3 years. She says we have great people, new friends, and wonderful rides, and she loves being a "Harley gal". (I think the greatest rides might have been the Harley Gals "toy runs"?)

Cari would love to see the chapter take a ride to the Smokey Mountains, and hopes to do the Tail of the Dragon in August. Here's hoping Cari gets to do just that!

IMPORTANT!!!

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

- June 3 - Bubba's Burgers Ride - Road Captain Bob Hoffmann
- June 4 - Country Roads Ride to Beacon for Wingfest - Road Captain Greg Haus
- June 8 - Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM - Monte Cello's
- June 10 - River Ride 1 - Road Captain Bill Kerr
- June 17 - TRHD 10th Anniversary Celebration
- June 18 - Clem's Barbeque Ride - Road Captain Bill Huwe
- June 24 - Lehman's Hardware, Kidron, Ohio Ride - Road Captain Bob Hoffmann
- June 23 - 25 - Thunder in the Valley (FYI - No Chapter Ride Scheduled)
- July 1 - Asphalt Roller Coaster Ride - Dan Cromeans - HIGHLY TECHNICAL RIDE
- July 2 - Country Ride - Road Captain Mike Macario (Mux)
- July 8 - HOG Chapter 2224 Memorial Ride - Road Captain Scott Jones
- July 9 - Ferry Ride - Ohio - Road Captain Steve Krchnavy
- July 9 - River Ride 2 - Road Captain Bill Kerr
- July 13 - Chapter Meeting - 7:30 - Monte Cello's
- July 15 - Roar on the Shore Ride - Road Captain Bob Burt
- July 16 - Geneva On the Lake Ride - Road Captain Charlie Blatz
- July 22 - Silver Shovel Ride - Ohio - Road Captain JJ Donovan
- July 22 - Summer Sizzler Motorcop Rodeo Party at TRHD
- July 29 - Glacial Groves, Ohio Ride - Road Captain Tom Moore

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



"We have a mouse. And judging by the motorcycle parked outside his hole, he's a pretty cool one."



"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"

Harley-Davidson Tops Automotive Industry in Brand Intimacy by Evans Brasfield (From www.motorcycle.com)

April 25, 2017

Ever heard of “brand intimacy”? Most people haven’t. It’s a marketing term used to describe the emotional attachment between individuals and brands. When it comes to brand intimacy, one industry, the automotive industry, takes up many of the top positions. Ironically, the leader in the automotive category is not an automobile brand at all.

According to MBLM’s Brand 2017 Intimacy Report, Harley-Davidson has moved to the top of the automotive heap after ranking third in 2015. When the sheer number of cars sold is compared to that of motorcycles, the fact that a motorcycle-only brand could top this category is significant. While number-two-ranked BMW and number-four-ranked Honda also make and sell motorcycles, the number is dwarfed by the volume of cars these companies sell in the **U.S., making Harley’s accomplishment** even more remarkable.

The demographic groups that put Harley on top are consumers 35 to 44 years-old and for 45 to 64-year-olds. (Interestingly, the top brand for millennials is Chevrolet.) Still, HD ranked in the top three across all age groups, which illustrates the incredible strength of the brand among more than just the demos considered to be the Harley faithful. Clearly, Harley-Davidson is doing something right.

Harley-Davidson confirms electric motorcycle, 100 new models ([John Beltz Snyder for www.autoblog.com](http://www.autoblog.com) [May 11th 2017 at 10:00AM](#))

A couple of years ago, Harley-Davidson drummed up excitement about electric motorcycles, offering rides on its Livewire prototype. We were told at the end of that project that there would be an electric Harley eventually, but details were scarce. Now, the company tells Drive that it has plans for 100 new motorcycles over the next 10 years, and an electric bike is definitely part of the plan.

Sound is playing a key role in the development of the electric Harley, says Bill Davidson, Harley-Davidson Museum President and great-grandson of company founder William Davidson. Noting the unique sound of gas-powered Harleys, he says the company wants to set its electric bike apart in the same way. "We have studied our competitors, and we understand what they are up to, and we did not want a normal-sounding electric motorcycle. We wanted something that plays into that look and sound formula. It is something really cool. I often refer to it as sounding like a jet fighter."

Davidson says the company doesn't have a definite timeline for the electric motorcycle's introduction, but the project is "progressing well" and that it will launch the bike "eventually." Davidson declined to say whether the company would produce a range of multiple EV motorcycles.

Davidson also says he believes autonomous driving could have a positive effect on Harley-Davidson sales, but not because the technology will make its way into motorcycles. Quite the opposite, he thinks riding could attract new buyers from the enthusiast community as driving becomes more automated.

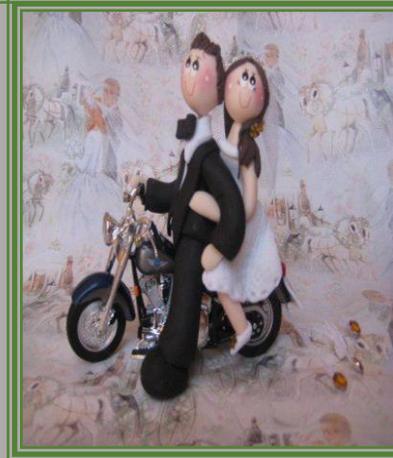
"Society has become driven by so many factors and we are all now in touch 24/7 as we're surrounded by electronics," says Davidson, "and I think riding a motorcycle lets you break free of that and enjoy nature and have fun."

Happy Birthday!



Harley Davidson Greetings and More by Lady Rider

Happy Anniversary



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

June 1 - Mark Finkbeiner
 June 1 - Ray McDonald
 June 1 - Holly Peck
 June 1 - Linda Szramowski
 June 5 - Patricia Donovan
 June 7 - Bruce Pallon
 June 10 - Jeff Lewis
 June 11 - Ron "Rock" Bader
 June 14 - Greg Haus
 June 29 - Tim Caligiuri
 June 30 - James Williams

Please join us in wishing the following members Happy Anniversary!

June 3 - Bob and Mary Burt - 39 years
 June 15 - Wil and Martha Demshire - 15 years
 June 16 - Steve and Cynthia Krchnavy - 27 yrs
 June 16 - Mr. & Mrs. James Williams - 16 yrs
 June 20 - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dixon - 31 years
 June 20 - Patrick and Sara Rodgers, Jr - 2 yrs
 June 21 - Rob and Gayle Loehr - 24 years
 June 23 - Bill and Ruth McCarrier - 33 years
 June 24 - Ric and Eva Aulicino - 34 years

Congratulations to Suzi and Bill Kerr on their marriage May 25, 2017! May happiness follow throughout your lives!

HOG condolences go out to Bill and Ruth McCarrier on the passing of Ruth's brother-in-law.

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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 May 30, 2017, the Chapter has 130 active members (95 men & 35 women) plus an additional 38 members needing action, for a total of 168 members.