

HOGS GONE WILD

Official Newsletter of the Pittsburgh HOG 2224

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From our Director

Now that riding season is upon us, I am very much looking forward to seeing old and new friends. Getting out on the open road and feeling the joy and freedom of riding my ultra limited once again.

There is nothing like looking forward and then backwards seeing that long snake of motorcycles winding its way through country roads, back roads and beyond. Sometimes with a specific destination and sometimes just letting the motorcycle take you to anywhere. The Pittsburgh Hog Chapter is one of the best groups of people in the entire Hog world and I am so honored to be its director. I am looking forward to the 22' riding season and can't wait to see you out on the road.

Pittsburgh Hog Director

MUX



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UPCOMING RIDES



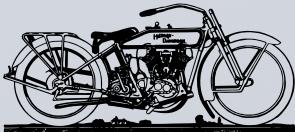
Red Belt Ride; Saturday, **April 23**; Sheetz Mt. Nebo 9:00 a.m.
Sheetz Mt. Nebo. Mux Road Captain



Blessing of the bikes, **April 24**; GetGo Glenshaw 11:30 a.m.
Stoneridge Church, Allison Park . Tom Moore Road Captain



Sharpen Skills Ride; Saturday, **April 30**; GetGo Gibsonia 9:30.
Steve Krtchnavy Road Captain



Lefty's Last Stand; Sunday **May 1**; GetGo Gibsonia 9:00
a.m. Rhonda Diercks Road Captian



Salt Fork State Park; Saturday, **May 14**; GetGo Robinson
9:00 a.m. Rob Peck Road Captain



Road Kill Ride; Saturday **May 21**; Sheetz Cemetery Lane 9:00
a.m. Mux Road Captain



Friday May 27
Rolling to Remember Washington D.C. *4 day ride* Start time
TBD J.J.Donovan Road Captain

UPCOMING RIDES CONTD



Sunday **June 5th**; **North Ride**; GetGo Gibsonia 9:00 a.m. Bill Huwe Road Captain



Friday **June 10th**; **New River Gorge, W.V.** *3 day ride*; Sheetz Mt. Nebo 8:00 a.m. Bill Kerr Road Captain



Saturday **June 18th**; **Murals of Steubenville**; GetGo Robinson 9:00 a.m. Chris Wielock Road Captain



Sunday **June 19th**; **Black Bird Distillery**; GetGo Glenshaw 9:30 a.m. Duane Eagen Road Captain



Saturday **June 25th**; **Cook Forest**; GetGo Glenshaw 10:00 Tim Caliguri Road Captain



Sunday June **26th**; **Indiana Covered Bridges Ride**; Sheetz Kittanning 8:30 a.m. Russ Walker Road Captain

Reminders

MAY

**Rolling to Remember
Chapter Ride - May 27-30**

**Call hotel directly to
reserve your room:
Best Western Battlefield
Manassas 703-361-8000,
rooms are reserved
under Pittsburgh HOG
10820 Balls Ford Road
Manassas, VA 20109**

\$99 per night

**LOOK FOR THE
SYMBOL IN THIS
NEWS LETTER TO
WIN A GIFT CARD!**

**FIRST PERSON TO EMAIL ME
THE CORRECT LOCATION
WINS!**

**WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED
AT THE MEETING**

JUNE

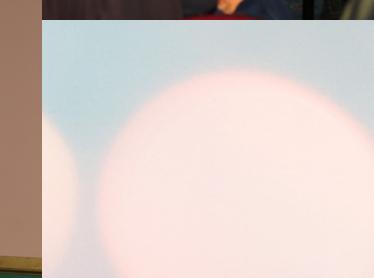
Rafting and Riding,

**June 10, 11, 12
The price for the rafting
trip is \$119 per person
and we have 12 spots
reserved. Please contact
Bill Kerr at 412-370-1619
if you would like to go
rafting.**

**2 nights at the Quality
Inn New River Gorge.
Price per night is \$99
plus tax, please call
(304) 574-3443 to book
your room, the rooms
are held under Harley
Owners Group**

**PICNIC Aug 20th
Roosevelt Grove**

CABIN FEVER II



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Blaine McMillen

Joe Ober

Bill Koday

Chris Willitts



So Glad you have joined us!

My Harley

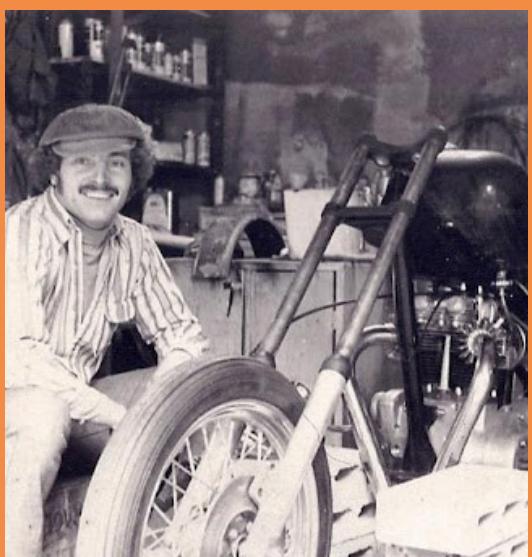
My motorcycles: Todd Havekotte



My association with motorcycles got off to a rocky start in 1971 when my best friend bought a gorgeous purple Triumph 500! I fell in love with it and wanted desperately to have a bike of my own even though my parents insisted that it was dangerous and they were AGAINST it! Ya, but me being young, strong minded and always with cash in my pocket because I worked since I was 11 went out and paid \$750 cash for my first bike; a Honda 350 with custom paint and high bars. My only problem was that being under 21 at the time my parents were required to sign with me for the title. This led to the biggest fight of my young life. After 2 days they finally gave in thankfully and I became a bad ass biker 😊. I rode the Honda around Kent Ohio where I was going to Architecture school and also back and forth to Pittsburgh as it was my only transportation at the time. The bike was too small for the open road and used to shake off parts on the turnpike. I think the red line on it was about 11,000 rpm



After about a year I took my Honda on a ride to visit that same friend of mine at Ohio U. in Athens where I met up with this wild woman bar tender who had gotten really drunk one weekend and bought a Triumph 650 Tiger and then sobered up the next day and couldn't even start it. That lead to one of the wildest weekends of my life (aha the good old days). Anyway, she agreed to trade her Triumph straight up for my Honda and I brought it home on a trailer. I had a lot of fun both riding and working on that bike. And the girl was fun too! As it tuned out she was from Pittsburgh and we had a few more wild times back here at home when she came home to visit. The first build on the 650 was a hard tail complete with flames on the gas tank and straight pipes. I'm embarrassed when I think about how loud that bike was. You could hear me from a ½ mile away! After riding that for a season I tore it down over the winter, buffed the whole engine by hand and started to build the bike back as a sleek black soft tail with a 12 over springer. Unfortunately, I never got that bike running and ended up selling it for \$500 when I got married since my wife didn't ride. The worst \$500 I ever made.



I've regretted it to this day. I never even found out if the guys I sold to ever got it running. After that I was out of the bikes until 2010.

I can't remember what got me started but, in the fall of 2010, I got to thinking back to my biker days and I started looking up motorcycle pictures on the internet (some guys look at girls. I looked at motorcycles, what can I tell you). One of the photos I found was the picture below of a 2004 Harley Davidson Softail Springer. It turned out to be exactly the bike of my dreams, at exactly the price I was willing to pay and at the Harley dealer nearest to my house! I truly felt that bike was made for me! So, I grabbed my courage and set out to have "the conversation" with my wife. To this day I can remember it. Of course, the first response was "absolutely not! Your crazy": but then she paused, walked down the hall and turned back to give me my conditions. "Pay for it out of your own money, don't take my parking space in the garage, pay your life insurance and NEVER make me ride it!" That was good enough for me (nothing about starvation or diverse) so that very day in February of 2011 I bought Big Blue and turns out opened the door to making many new friends. I've logged over 120,000 miles on that springer and ridden it all over the country! The bad news is I also blew out the engine, TWICE! The first breakdown was in Nova Scotia! The bike came home in the back of a minivan and I became the poster child for the Harley warranty as I got a \$9000 engine replacement for a \$50 deductible! The second breakdown was "close to home" just outside of Richmond Virginia. I called home after the second breakdown and had another conversation with the wife. I liked this one much better. She said "why don't you get a bike that's more Fing reliable!". I just took her at her word and the next Monday I bought the 2016 denim black Road Glide and learning from my mistake with the Triumph I kept the Springer too!

I've logged almost 95,000 miles on the Road Glide with many places visited and hopefully many more to go! It's been a great ride so far but I ride everyday like it could be my last. I'm a lucky man. The joy and the friendships I've made through riding, and all the beautiful places I've seen hold a happy place in my heart.



*What a great story!! Thank you very much
Todd*

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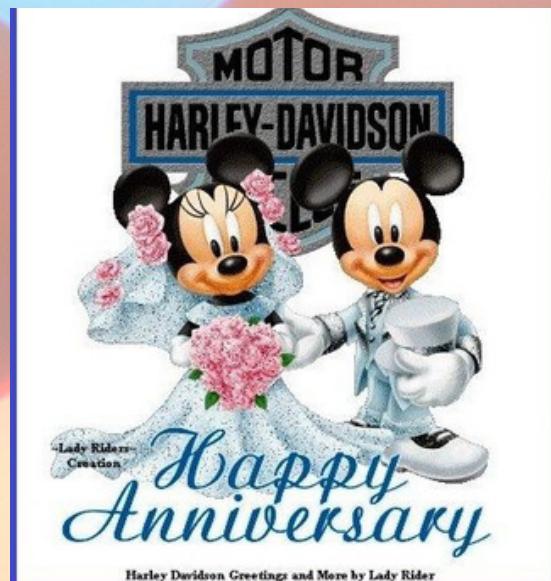
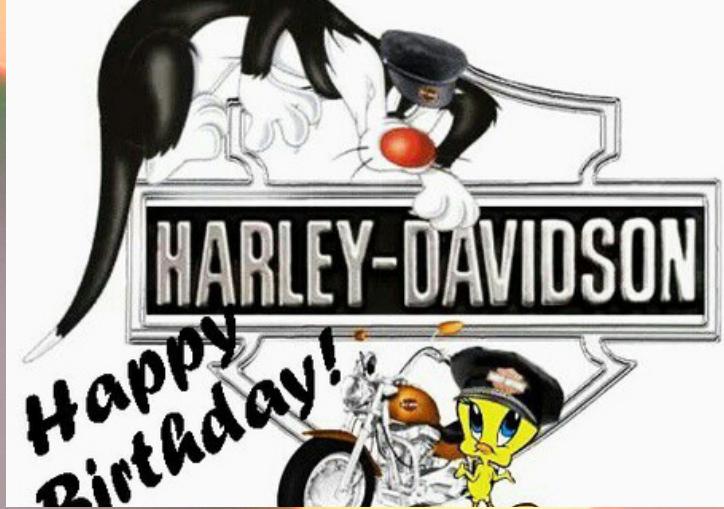
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APRIL

4/01 VICTOR JASON
 4/05 WILAI GOULD
 4/10 CAROL MCDONALD
 4/12 WILL DEMSHAR
 4/12 LARRY SZRAMOWSKI
 4/17 ED PRICE
 4/18 JOHN BRASUK
 4/19 TOM ALFONSI
 4/20 GAYLE LOEHR
 4/29 GARY DALEY

MAY

5/01 HOLLY PECK
 5/02 BILL MCCARRIER
 5/04 ERIC GRIFFITH
 5/11 DEB MACARIO
 5/11 ED VARASSE
 4/16 JOSH SUTTON
 5/17 TOM GALANDA
 5/24 MICHAEL LEONI

JUNE

6/01 RAY MCDONALD
 6/01 LINDA SZRAMOWSKI
 6/01 TRACY EAGON
 6/05 PAT DONOVAN
 6/11 RONALD BADER
 6/12 WILLIAM WILLETT
 6/14 GREG HAUS
 6/18 DUANE EAGAN
 6/27 DARLENE KLACIK
 6/29 TIM CALIGIURI
 6/30 JAMES WILLIAMS

APRIL

ED & JAN
 VARASSE
 4/24
 46 YRS

JUNE

BOB & MARY
 BURT
 6/03
 44 YRS

STEVE & CINDY
 KRCHNAVY
 6/16
 32 YRS

MAY

TOM & CARI MOORE
 5/07
 28 YRS.

ROB & GAYLE
 LOEHR
 6/21
 29 YRS

SCOTT & SHARON
 SHEARER
 5/24
 37 YRS.

BILL & RUTH
 MCCARRIER
 6/23
 38 YRS

BILL KERR & SUZI ZAKI
 DAVE & PAT WOJIK
 5/25
 5 YRS

LARRY & LINDA
 SZRAMOWSKI
 5/26
 38 YRS

TRY OUR SPONSOR

APRIL 23RD SPRING OPEN HOUSE

April 30th KSWA Event

May 21st HERd in the Burgh

JUNE 4th Cruise for Cadets

JUNE 11th KSWA EVENT

JUNE 25TH JUMPSTART SUMMER
EVENT WITH VFW 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>.

HOG Chapter Meetings

Regular monthly Chapter meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm and held at Monte Cello's Restaurant on Babcock Boulevard. (Members may choose to arrive any time after 6, 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.

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

Attention All Members and GUESTS

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

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

Please keep in mind, dates, times, and events are subject to change. Our Head Road Captain will keep you informed of changes via e-mail

Chapter Stats

As of April 2022 ninety-three active members



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Deb Macario



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. 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 Chapter Ride. If you are looking for good people to ride with and good times, join our chapter! We welcome you!