

Pittsburgh HOG Chapter #2224

February HOG Chapter Meeting

February 8, 2024

Monte Cello's Restaurant

Officers Present: Josh Sutton, Bill McCarrier, Mike Booth, Tim Caliguiri, Ruth McCarrier, Larry Szramowski, Linda Szramowski, Rhonda Diercks, Bill Huwe

Officers Absent: Tim Beck

Director: Josh Sutton

- Opened the meeting @ 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Last month's minutes were approved by Karen Galanda and seconded by Ray McDonald.
- The club ordered two flag poles. One is for the American Flag the other is for the HOG chapter flag. The poles arrived but were sub-standard and will be sent back. Mike Booth will order more substantial replacements.
- New member Sara West was introduced. She is the wife of John West. Welcome to the club Sara!
- Please make sure you sign in at each meeting. This helps us keep accurate records of attendance. We are considering a prize for perfect attendance!

TRHD Sales Manager Todd Levinson:

- Saturday, 2/10 at 11:00 am there will be a new model reveal of the 2024 bikes as well as comparisons between new model touring bikes vs. the previous models at TRHD.
- The 2024 radio will be demonstrated.
- There will be an explanation of the differences between the base models and the CVO model bikes.
- Chapter member Suzanne Connors will be teaching a Paint and Sip class at the dealership on 2/10.
- TRHD has hired a new Service Manager. Welcome Anthony!
- TRHD has a HUGE inventory of 2024 model bikes. Come check them out!
- TRHD will be at the Pittsburgh Auto Show on 2/16-2/19. Come check us out. There are a few admission tickets available at the dealership. See Todd in his office if you are interested.

Treasurer: Bill McCarrier

Beginning Balance: **\$3,286.69**

- Revenues
 - Chapter Dues \$840.00
 - January 50/50 \$90.00
 - Poker Hand \$38.00
 - T-shirt sales \$25.00

	Total Revenues	\$993.00
• Expenses		
○ Flag poles		\$246.35
○ License Plate cover (Mux)		\$27.65
○ My Chapter Manager Fee		\$19.00
○ Engraving for Trophy		\$7.49
	Total Expenses	\$300.49
Ending Balance		\$3,979.20

A motion was made by Duane Eagan to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Tom Galanda.

Secretary: Ruth McCarrier

- No report

Assistant Director: Mike Booth

- There will be a sale at TRHD including 25% off purses and jewelry on 2/10/24.
- There are three officer positions that are still vacant:
 - Social Media
 - Ladies of Harley
 - Historian

Membership: Tim Caliguiri

- We have a total of 70 active members as of 2/8/24.
- Tim has been "Cleaning up" the chapter numbers. Some members will be assigned a new number to reflect the number of members more adequately in the chapter. If you wish to not have your chapter number changed, please let Tim know.

Tim Beck: Webmaster

- Absent

Activities Officer: Linda Szramowski

- Activities planned are as follows:
 - 2/10 Hidden Gem: Bayernhof museum and dinner at Rear End Gastropub. Meet at TRHD @ 12:00pm.
 - 2/17 Having a Ball: Mars Lanes and Breakneck Tavern for dinner. Meet at Mars Lanes @12:00 pm.
 - 2/24 Get Your Game On: Game Masters and Bull Dawg's Burgers. Meet at Get Your Game On @ 2:00
 - 3/9 Please Release Me: Breakout Games and dinner at Dave & Busters. Meet at Breakout Games at 4:00.
- Larry and Linda will be on vacation starting on 2/14 so they will not be present, but members can still participate in the activities.

Editor: Josh Sutton

- Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced.
- The newsletter will be sent out only to active members. It will be published within the next few days.
- The chapter is investigating the possibility of getting a Venmo or PayPal account to provide members a way to pay for the chapter events that require a pre-payment. More on that once we see if it is possible. If possible, we may be able to accept membership dues next year using one of these payment procedures.

Road Captain: Rhonda Diercks

- Road Captain meeting will be held on Saturday March 2 @ noon at Monte Cello's. Please be prepared with the ride destination, time and starting location planned.
- 2023 Iron Britches Trophies were presented to John West (Tin) and Todd Havekotte (Leather) since they could not attend last month's meeting.
- The new Iron Britches contest has begun. If you have not previously participated, please send a picture of your 2024 starting mileage (Odometer) to Rhonda.
- If you do not have email- Please verify with the road captain prior to each ride to make sure there have been no changes regarding the ride.
- Please consider planning Sunday rides to allow the TRHD employees to ride with us since they all work on Saturday.
- All Road Captain forms are updated and will be passed out at the 3/2 Road Captain meeting. They are also available on the website under the Road Captain tab.
- The chapter is required, as per the HOG charter, to hold 4 CLOSED chapter rides per year. A ride is considered closed when only chapter members and 1 guest per member are permitted to ride.
- Historically the Progressive Ride has been a closed ride. This year we will have the ride once again with breakfast at the Loehr's, lunch at the Varasse's and dessert at the McCarrier's. These three couples will choose a date and let Rhonda know before the 3/2 Road Captain meeting so it can be included in the riding schedule.
- The following events will be included in our calendar this year:
 - Closed Rides (open only to members and 1 guest per member)
 - Open Rides (open to any rider/passenger IF they sign the waiver)
 - Dealer events
 - Dealer recognized rides.

Safety Officer: Bill Huwe

- Be aware of the salt piles on the road at intersections. Make sure to wash the bike well to remove the salt residue.
- Please check your bike well including:
 - Side stands (they do come loose)
 - Belts
 - Fob batteries (it's a good idea to always carry spare batteries in your bike)
 - Riding gear (does it fit, is it in good condition??)

- Helmet (Helmets should be replaced every 5 years and replaced immediately if it is dropped)

Photographer: Larry Szramowski

- HE LOVES US AND WE LOVE HIM!!

Drawings:

- Door Prize: \$25.00 TRHD gift card- AJ Miller
- 50/50 winner: \$82.00- Bill Huwe
- Rollover: Rhonda Diercks (\$125.00). The rollover drawing will begin again at \$25.00 in March.

The motion was made by Larry Szramowski to adjourn the meeting. Duane Eagan seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next Chapter meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 2024 @ 7:00 pm at Monte Cello's restaurant.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth McCarrier, Secretary