



February 2022 Newsletter

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Bayside Chapter members finally made it out to the Valentines, VA post office for the annual Valentine's Day ride. Which ended up being a mid-week ride due to the "LOVE"ly weather.



Just Remember...



From the Director



Greetings HOG Members!

I hope that everyone is looking forward to the 2022 ride season as much as I am. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we've struggled with weather cancellations in recent weeks that always seemed to hit us on Fridays! Congratulations to **Chris Shay** who persevered and finally got to lead her long-planned ride to NN Burger in Tappahannock after three cancellations. But we've taken full advantage of other opportunities and I understand from Vince **Howerton** that we're now tracking well on our Chapter mileage after a few lengthy and well-attended rides. **Howard Albrecht** led our annual Valentine's Day Ride with short notice on a Thursday to avoid bad weather the following weekend. I was honored to lead the recent outing to Deadwood on behalf of the Ladies of Harley which gained us over 5,000 miles for that single event. Thanks to **Heather Mathias** for her great planning and preparation. Keep the faith, everyone – better weather is around the corner and soon we'll be racking up the miles, especially with the great rides we have planned this year. By the way, **Paul Boland** has prepared a great article about preparing for the riding season—check it out!



We have a few upcoming events worth mentioning:

- Please be sure to join us for the annual St. Patrick's Day Poker Run on March 12. This is a fund raiser for the Chapter and will be supported by Bayside with a band and food trucks!
- Our Ladies of Harley will change things up this year and host an Easter-themed Poker Run on April 9 instead of the annual Easter egg hunt to raise funds for their chosen cause, the HER Shelter. Take a look at the articles from Heather and Vince for more details!
- The Chapter will be offering "2-Up" ride training on February 19 to help better acquaint interested motorcyclists and potential passengers with that style of riding.

Please continue to check our calendar at www.baysidehog.com for the current Chapter events.

I've already touched on the topic of fundraising, and I'd like to announce that the Board has voted to hold a special meeting on March 19 to address our fundraising strategy for this year. This meeting will be open to the full Chapter membership to get a fulsome perspective on our objectives and methods. As I mentioned in my recent email message to the Membership, our Chapter has a long and proud history of raising money for worthy organizations. At this early point in the year, it's necessary to make some important decisions about the scope of our 2022 fundraising. We must decide on the magnitude of our fundraising efforts. We must make choices about the means and methods that we'll use. There are passions about whether we engage in charitable fundraising and which organizations receive our support. As a member of record, your input is indispensable in helping the Board reach decisions that reflect the best interests of the Chapter. Those decisions will set the course for the coming year and the more faithful we are to the wishes of the Chapter, the more engaged the membership will likely be.

I'd also like to let you all know that the National HOG organization has provided its local Chapters with a couple of items for each member as a token of appreciation. **Brett Mathias** will be distributing a HOG-branded water bottle and bandana to each current member and to any new member while supplies last – *trust me, we have a lot of them*. Brett will be distributing these at our Chapter meetings exclusively, so if you want yours please plan to attend a meeting!

Finally, I'd like to let you know that **Bill Seabright** will now be our direct dealership contact. I've brought Bill current with the Chapter's plans for this year. Bill's worked with another area HOG Chapter and he's been very supportive of our efforts.

I look forward to riding with you all. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Jim

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Ladies of Harley



Would like to remind ya'll

**SAVE A LIFE
GROPE YOUR WIFE** 

February has so many National Observances; but the one that I feel we should all remember is National Self Check Month! Most of us have been affected in some way by Cancer. This could be you having or had it, a friend has or had it, or a family member has or had it. No matter what the case may be Cancer sucks for everyone. If we did self examinations we could nip Cancer in the bud before it is past the point of no return. I would like to challenge everyone to do monthly self exams to stay healthy and ahead of the game. I am asking you to do this because Cancer does not discriminate on age, race, or sex. I have been battling Cancer for years and personally know how much it affects not only me but my family and friends. If it was not for me doing my self examinations I would not be here to be a part of this amazing family. Please keep this in mind and know that we all love each and everyone of you and want what is best for you.

If you are a new member to the Bayside HOG Chapter and are a woman or your wife is part of the Chapter and you are not part of LOH; we would love to have you in LOH. LOH was re-started at Bayside last year, and within that year we have been blessed to have an amazing group of women. We would love for Bayside LOH to continue to grow! Our goal is to reach 30 LOH members by the end of the year. Do you have what it takes to be a part of this amazing group of ladies? If so please reach out to me at loh.baysidehog@usa.com

Our group consists of both ladies that ride with their significant other and that ride their own bikes. We have a meeting once a month at AJ Gators on Portsmouth blvd. (Dates are on the calendar) you must be a Bayside HOG Chapter Member in order to attend these meetings, and you must be a female. We also have a ladies day outing once a month (these are closed to just the LOH members), and we host a ride once a month (must be a Chapter member to attend these rides).

A few changes LOH has made to the calendar this year are (All LOH Events are listed on the Calendar)

- ♥ February 19th will be our first double up training. We will be going out to lunch afterwards and the class time is 11am.
- ♥ April 9th we will not be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt for the kids this year. We have decided that we are going to be hosting a Easter Poker Run. This is going to be so much fun. It is more like a Motorcycle Easter Egg Hunt. You don't want to miss this! Mark your calendars and be prepared to kick off the riding season with a fun filled day.

**Ladies let's not
forget OUR MEN!
Give them a little
nudge too!**



By: Heather Mathais, L.O.H. Officer



February 2022

L.O.H. Ladies of the Month

This month I picked a mother-daughter duo to represent how spectacular Bayside LOH Ladies are. Terri and Sarah have been a part of Bayside HOG Chapter for years. Terri has just started joining the ladies within the past 6 months and has brought so much compassion and love in with her. She is the loving wife of our very own Bayside HOG Santa Mark. She has been to all of our events since joining including being Mrs. Clause this past Christmas. Terri has also shown love, support, and concern for all the ladies in the group. Sarah has been with LOH since the first day we got up and running again. We can always count on Sarah to bring the laughter when she is around. Sarah has shown up to assist with events, ladies day outings, and to be supportive to any of the ladies in need. Sarah is one loving woman that will always be by your side no matter what the case may be. She works 2 full time jobs and still finds the time to be a great asset to LOH. I want to personally say thank you to the two of you for all the love and support you bring to the group. I know all the ladies will agree with me when I say we are truly blessed to have the both of you as riding sisters.



LOH Ladies @
Deadwood



Adventure Awaits



By: Vince Howerton, Sr. Road Captain

Greeting and I'm done with snow for the year! I'm writing this article from my office, my couch, and would like to update you on what Jim (Director) and I have been working on for 2022. As in every year preceding this one, we have had lofty goals as to the number of and amount of miles we'd like to ride as a Chapter! Together I feel as we have some good ideas that I hope the Chapter will embrace! I'd like to stop here for a second and say that again, "*Chapter will embrace*". Without the participation of all of you we can plan and create all the rides we can conjure up. Participation is key for a successful Chapter and we are striving to offer different ride destinations this year. In addition to our Sunday rides we will be adding several other options. For example, our LOH will now be offering a monthly ride on Saturdays. Our first LOH ride took us to Deadwood! I'm personally committed to make sure these Saturday LOH rides are going to be successful and fun! In addition we're going to do quarterly overnight rides that could be 1 or 2 nights on the road. This offers up lots of great riding destinations for those not afraid to put some miles on their rides! Mid-week rides will be making a come back, and finally we will try to do 2 Marquis rides! What I mean by this is rides that will take several days of riding and going to great riding destinations like Tail of the Dragon, The Cherohalla Skyway, Back of the Dragon and the Snake, to name a few. Bottom line is this, we need support from the members. Nothing more depressing than planning these rides and 1 or 2 people show up! So, in order to try and prevent this, keep your eyes open on our Facebook page. We will be offering choices where Chapter members can express places that we should go to. As your Senior Road Captain, again, I promise to listen and be responsive to what the Chapter wants from their riding experience. One more thing... classes! Yes it's back to school for you! One of the things Jim and I, with help from other board members, want to do is help train our members on different group riding skills. For example, we our doing a 2up training class for our riders and their passengers. This will be happening on 2/19/22 and we hope to see all our riders, and their 2up, attending these classes! As you can see, we have some ambitious goals for 2022! Participation from our members will make these goals attainable! I look forward to many miles and even more smiles on the road this year! LETS RIDE!!!



**LET'S
GO
KILL
SOME
BUGS**





Safety First

By: Paul Boland, Safety Officer

This month's safety message we will talk about what to do as we take our bikes out of our cold weather storage and prepare to begin riding again. Remembering back to the Basic Riders Course, we all learned the acronym T-CLOCS which stands for:

- ◇ Tires
- ◇ Controls
- ◇ Lights
- ◇ Oil
- ◇ Chassis
- ◇ Stands

You should go through a full inspection of your motorcycle to ensure everything is in proper order as we prepare for the upcoming riding season. To start off the colder weather will reduce the pressures in your tires so ensure your tires are properly inflated and show no signs of damage. Also look over your brakes to ensure there is adequate material on the pads and that the rotors are not warped.

Next check over your controls to ensure there is no binding and proper amount of play in the cables and throttle moves freely.

For the lights and electric checks, start with your battery. Hopefully you keep your bike on a tender if not, a multimeter can tell the state of charge. Check that all the lights are working properly and didn't get any condensation in the lens.

Check your oil and other fluids. Most of the bigger bikes have dip sticks for the engine oil and the transmission some of the smaller bikes and have just one sump and dip stick.

The next inspection will include the chassis. Turn your handlebars and ensure your steering head bearing moves freely and doesn't have excess play. Inspect your forks for signs of leaking seals or other damage.

Lastly check your side and or center stand if equipped. The side stand is probably not going to prevent you from having a safe ride; however, when they are gummed up with old grease it can be a little annoying.

Remember just a little pre ride preparation can help ensure you have a safe and uneventful ride.





REPORT

Membership Corner

Current Active Members

74

10,770

Total Chapter Miles



Love in the time of Motorcycles

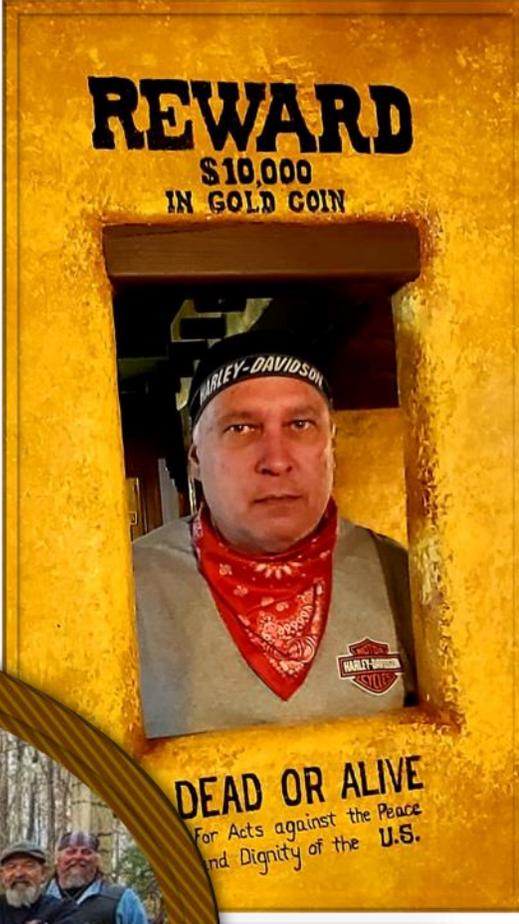
A very short story By: James Petrowicz

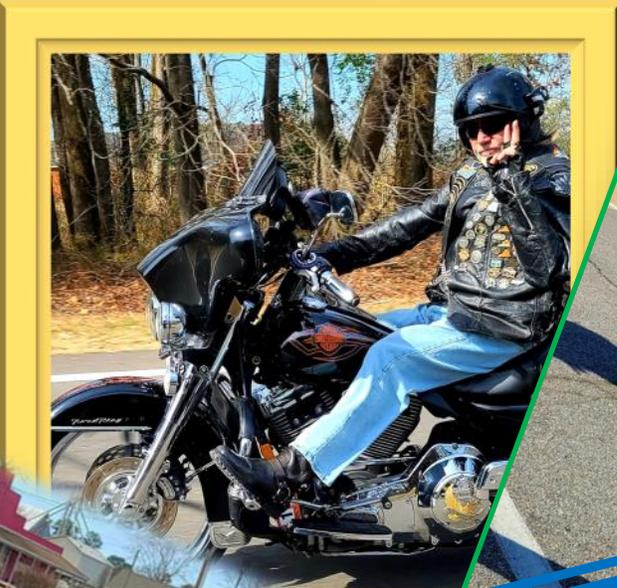
As we celebrate Valentine's Day, I am reminded of how much my wife loves me and I her. Ours is a love that has grown over the years. First it was just the two of us, plodding through life not sure what could fill the seeming void in our lives. After a few years of marriage, two different cities, five pets and more hours spent working than I care to think about, my wife surprised me, as I was nearing the completion of my Bachelor's degree, with this phrase. "If you still want a motorcycle, I think you should get one." Now I was no spring chicken, probably well past when most learn to ride but I was determined so, I did what most shouldn't do. I bought a motorcycle with no idea how to ride it. Sure, I've read about it, but that was it. So, I did the responsible thing and enrolled in a class. I passed the class and was ready to set out on what would become a passion. As I straddled that 883 Sportster, I felt like the luckiest man in the world. Little did I know that the same passion was growing in my wife. She played it cool, watching me ride around a bit and let me go off. A few weeks later, I told her she should take the class, but as she wasn't sure. I convinced her that I could show her the basics, so that she could decide if it was something she wanted to do. Within a couple of Saturdays, she was zipping around an empty parking lot on my bike and all I could think of was, "Why oh why, did I go and do that!" A few months go by and she would drop little things like she missed me while I was out riding, it sure would be nice if the bike could hold both of us, and my favorite. "When do I get to practice again?" Having a small 883 with only a solo seat there was no way she could go with me, but if she got her permit, we could at least share the bike. She signed up for a class and passed with flying colors. Now, I was completely honest about wanting to share the bike but fortunately, fate intervened, and I found a wonderful Dyna Street Bob, it was purple and perfect. So, we went from a single bike family to a two-bike family. This opened a whole new world for us. We soon found out that we could spend days out wondering the countryside. Sure, we have both gotten bigger bikes since then, but I truly believe finding a passion we share together made our love grow even bigger. So, fellas I know you enjoy having your girl on the back of your bike, but maybe consider what it would mean for her and for you, if she got one too. I must say when we set out on a ride, I sure do enjoy the view from behind her.



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February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:00pm HOG Board of Directors Meeting	5 10:00am Rain Date, Valentine's Day Ride
6 9:30am Sunday Funday Ride	7	8	9	10	11	12 9:45am LOH ride to Deadwood
13 9:30am Sun- day Funday Ride	14	15	16	17	18 6:30pm HOG Chapter Meeting	19 11:00am 2 Up Training
20 9:30am Sun- day Funday Ride	21 6:30pm LOH Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30am Sun- day Funday Ride	28					

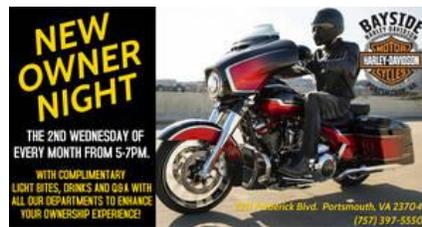
Rides, Events & Activities

H.O.G and L.O.H. February

- ♥ **Friday, February 18th:** 6:30pm, H.O.G Chapter Meeting @ Bayside
- ♥ **Saturday, February 19th:** 11am - 3pm 2 Up Training
- ♥ **Sunday, February 20th:** 9:30am, Sunday Funday Ride, KSU 10am, TBD, Lead by TBD
- ♥ **Monday, February 21st:** 6:30pm, LOH Meeting @ AJ Gator's, Portsmouth
- ♥ **Sunday, February 27th:** 9:30am, Sunday Funday Ride, KSU 10am, TBD, Lead by TBD



Bayside Harley Davidson Events



Other Hampton Roads Area Events/Rides





March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4 6:30 HOG Board Meeting	5 9:30 LOH Ride	
		Run to the Sun H.O.G. Touring Rally					
6 9:30am Sunday Funday Ride	7	8	9 5pm New Owners Night	10	11	12 9am St. Patty's Day Poker Run	
13 9:30am Sunday Funday Ride	14	15	16	17	18 6:30pm HOG Meeting	19 TBD HOG Special Meeting—Fundraising Poker Run Rain Date	
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27 9:30am Sunday Funday Ride	28	29	30	31			

Rides, Events & Activities

H.O.G and L.O.H. February

- ♣ **Friday, March 4th:** 6:30pm, Bayside HOG Board of Director's Meeting @ Bayside
- ♣ **Saturday, March 5th:** 9:30am - 5pm, LOH Ride—The Ponte in Lake Gaston
- ♣ **Sunday, March 6th:** 9:30am, Sunday Funday Ride, KSU 10am, TBD, Lead by TBD
- ♣ **Wednesday, March 9th:** 5pm, New Owners Night @ Bayside
- ♣ **Saturday, March 12th:** 9am Bayside St. Patty's Day Annual Poker Run
- ♣ **Sunday, March 13th:** 9:30am, Sunday Funday Ride, KSU 10am, TBD, Lead by Chris S.
- ♣ **Friday, March 18th:** 6:30pm, H.O.G Chapter Meeting @ Bayside
- ♣ **Saturday, March 19th:** Time TBD, HOG Special Meeting (Fundraising), St. Patty's Day Rain Date
- ♣ **Sunday, March 20th:** 9:30am, Sunday Funday Ride, KSU 10am, TBD, Lead by John H.
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The poster features a green Harley-Davidson motorcycle on the left. In the top left corner is the Bayside Chapter Portsmouth, VA HOG logo. The central text reads 'St. Patty's Day Poker Run March 12th'. To the right, a fan of playing cards (Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10 of diamonds) is shown. Below the cards, the text says 'Prizes Best Hand, Worst Hand'. At the bottom right, there is a green leprechaun hat with a gold buckle and a pile of gold coins with a four-leaf clover.

**BAYSIDE CHAPTER
PORTSMOUTH, VA
HOG
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP**

St. Patty's Day Poker Run March 12th

Prizes
Best Hand, Worst Hand

Wear your green
for 1 free extra card draw



Thank you Cynthia and Maurice Slaughter for hosting our HOG Chapter at Bayside!

