May – June 2023 Newsletter

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

HOG40

From The Director …

Recently, 21 members of Bayside and OBX HOG attended and completed the Basic Accident Scene Management (ASM) course (AKA: A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist) sponsored by Bayside Harley-Davidson, hosted by the Carrollton VFD at their training center, and conducted by the Road Guardians.

The 8-hour class was a mixture of both discussion and practical application of what to do in the first 5-30 minutes after a crash until professional help arrives. Topics included personal safety, basic 1st aid, when and how to properly remove a helmet, airway management, and movement of injured personnel.

Everyone had a good time learning and improving their skills and are looking forward to the opportunity for the Advanced course.

This is the 2nd year of members taking the course which has resulted in >50% of the chapter being trained in ASM!

Our Thanks to Bayside Harley-Davidson, Carrollton VFD, and Road Guardians for helping us become better motorcyclists.

Let’s Ride!

From The Asst-Director …

Show You Care

With the hot, sunny weather we have been experiencing, it's time to show the other half that you care. It's time to check them over and what are we looking for?, skin cancer.

Be sure to check over the back and sides of their neck. Get nosey and check theirs, along with their ears. When out riding, take advantage of the opportunity and volunteer to apply their suntan lotion for them, applying generously and often.

You might think about stopping the use of exfoliate products. Some reports have shown that their use can increase sun sensitivity in the skin by 45 percent thus putting you more at risk for sunburn.

Of course, it goes without saying wearing protective clothing, sun glasses and suntan lotion goes a long way.

So guys (ladies) take advantage of the situation.

Munk – Assistant Director

NIH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

Skin Cancer (Including Melanoma)

OVERVIEW

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer. The main types of skin cancer are squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, and melanoma. Melanoma is much less common than the other types but much more likely to invade nearby tissue and spread to other parts of the body. Most deaths from skin cancer are caused by melanoma. Explore the links on this page to learn more about skin cancer prevention, screening, treatment, statistics, research, clinical trials, and more. For more information follow go to: https://www.cancer.gov

From Your Safety Officer …

With the arrival of warmer weather comes the increase of traffic on the road. What does this mean for the you, the motorcyclist?

Here is some information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) using year 2020 data.

Overview

Motorcycle riders continue to be overrepresented in fatal traffic crashes. In 2020, 5,579 motorcyclists died. To increase your safety, remember to share the road, be alert, make yourselves visible (high visibility/reflective gear), wear a DOT-compliant motorcycle helmets, and to always ride sober.

Of the motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes in 2020, 36% were riding without valid motorcycle licenses

Motorcyclist Safety

You already know how much fun riding can be and understand the exhilaration of cruising the open road and the challenge of controlling a motorcycle. But motorcycling also can be dangerous. Per vehicle miles traveled in 2020, motorcyclists were about 28 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were 4 times more likely to be injured. Safe motorcycling takes balance, coordination, and good judgment.

Practice operating your motorcycle

If you haven't ridden in several weeks or months, make sure you take the time to get accustomed to the feel of your or a new bike by riding it in a controlled area. Once you feel comfortable you can take it into traffic. Make sure you know how to handle your motorcycle in a variety of conditions (e.g., inclement weather or encountering hazards such as slick roads, potholes, and road debris).

Before every ride

Perform T-CLOCS: Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil/fluids, Chassis, Stand (kick or center)

If carrying cargo, secure and balance the load on the cycle; and adjust the suspension and tire pressure to accommodate the extra weight.

Continued on next page…

Continued from previous page,

When 2 up, he or she should mount the motorcycle only after the engine has started; should sit as far forward as possible, directly behind you; and should keep both feet on the foot rests at all times, even when the motorcycle is stopped. Remind your passenger to keep his or her legs and feet away from the muffler. Tell your passenger to hold on firmly to your waist, hips, or belt; keep movement to a minimum; and lean at the same time and in the same direction as you do. Do not let your passenger dismount the motorcycle until you say it is safe.

On the Road

The best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. Always wear a helmet that meets U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. Snell and ANSI labels located inside the helmet also show that the helmet meets the standards of those private, non-profit organizations.

Dress for the slide, not the ride: Arms and legs should be completely covered when riding a motorcycle, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots or shoes should be high enough to cover your ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

RIDE RESPONSIBLY

Obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings; ride with the flow of traffic and leave plenty of room between your bike and other vehicles; and always check behind you and signal before you change lanes. Remember to ride defensively. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes generally are caused when other drivers simply didn't see the motorcyclist. Proceed cautiously at intersections and yield to pedestrians and other vehicles as appropriate. You can increase your visibility by applying reflective materials to your motorcycle and by keeping your motorcycle's headlights on at all times, even using high beams during the day.

BE ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE

Alcohol and drugs, including some prescribed medications, negatively affect your judgment, coordination, balance, throttle control, and ability to shift gears. These substances also impair your alertness and reduce your reaction time. Even when you're fully alert, it's impossible to predict what other vehicles or pedestrians are going to do. Therefore, make sure you are alcohol and drug free when you get on your motorcycle. Otherwise, you'll be heading for trouble.

From The Sr. Road Captain …

Looking for a great ride? Where should we go? How do we get there? These is the questions that every rider faces when heading out for a ride on their motorcycle. The there are many resources available to assist you in the dilemma of finding those answers. Let's start with the broad view of the United States and then zoom in on specific areas.

First resource is the Federal Highway Administration list of National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads https://fhwaapps.fhwa.dot.gov/bywaysp To be designated as a National Scenic Byway, a byway must meet the criteria for at least one of six "intrinsic qualities": archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic. The features contributing to the distinctive characteristics of the corridor's intrinsic quality are recognized throughout the region and are considered regionally significant. Searchable by state, this is a great place to start finding the good roads around you.
Next are state resources. The state Departments of Transportation normally have maps of scenic roads.

Virginia has the Virginia Byway program. In 1966, the Virginia General Assembly passed the State Scenic Highway and Virginia Byway Act. The legislation defined a Scenic Byway as a road designated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) having relatively high aesthetic or cultural value, leading to or within areas of historical, natural or recreational significance. www.virginiadot.org/programs/prog-byways.asp You can find maps of VA Byways by region on the website.

North Carolina has a Byway Guide Book you can find at www.ncdot.gov/travel-maps/traffic-travel/scenic-byways/pages/default.aspx You can down load the book or order a hard copy by mailing:

North Carolina Byways Program
1557 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1577

Last and most likely the best resource is local knowledge. Visiting a motorcycle dealership and asking where the best roads in the area for riding is going provide you the ride you are looking for. That means YOU, members of Bayside HOG, are the best resource for finding a great place to ride in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Do you have a great road you found while riding your motorcycle? Do you know of a great place to eat or visit and a fun way to ride there? Would you like to share what you found with other motorcycle riders? Contact the Sr. Road Captain or any officer of Bayside HOG and we will get you set up to show off your local knowledge.

Ride Safely,
John Henderson, Sr. Road Captain, Bayside HOG

The Joy of Solo Riding
by Bill Neff

We love to ride. All of us. We love riding with friends for a shared experience. Riding in a group can be a challenging experience for some folks. Maintaining the safe one second/two second interval can be tough for novice riders and experienced ones as well. I find the easiest method is to start counting "one, one thousand" when the closest bike in front of you passes a mailbox, fence pole, road marker or whatever stands out. You should have finished counting by the time you pass that marker. Adjust your speed accordingly. But what about the rider behind you that appears to be creeping closer and closer? My usual method is to start drifting over to the other side of the lane hoping the rider is alert enough to see me and will drop back, after which I resume my position. A less subtle method would be to wave the rider back with your left hand. If the situation repeats you may need to remind the rider of the one-second rule when stopped at a light or sign. If you're not comfortable with that ask the ride leader to speak with them about the safety reason for the interval.

Anyway, for all those distance/time challenged folks there is a remedy. Solo riding. Just do it, as they say. Get out there and hit the open road. Been on a group ride where you really enjoyed the twists and turns? Try the same route on your own. Ride your ride. Use the whole road! Lean into those corners! Some of us like to push our speeds a tad past the posted limits. That's a judgment call based on your proficiency and confidence. I enjoy a great route out through Suffolk and Isle of Wight, in the back roads on either side of Rte. 460, then up towards Windsor, and then back 258 through Smithfield(where I blast my music on Main Street), towards Rescue, and then to Bridge Rd and back to Churchland. When you're not focused on maintaining your position in a staggered group you can look around a little more and soak up some wind therapy all to your own.

Most of all, enjoy the view!

Did you know…

On Saturday April 22nd, Bayside H.O.G. participated in the Virginia State Chapter Challenge held at Colonial Harley-Davidson in Prince George. Members of the chapter proudly rode our Harley's or hopped in a cage and scooted down to Colonial HD and represented. It was later announced that our Chapter 5316 Won the Panhead Division (those chapters with less than 150 members)

Congratulations Bayside H.O.G.!

Bayside Chapter 5316

HOG
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

2023 VA CHAPTER CHALLENGE

PANHEAD DIVISION WINNERS!

From your Editor…

"The Biker Wave"

Have you seen the Biker Wave, if you've been on a bike for more than a couple of days, then you have! When you see me riding and we pass going opposite directions, my wave isn't because I think your bike is cool, (well, sometimes it is), or you are cool for riding it. I may know you, and often times I don't. My wave isn't because I want you to be my friend, I already think of you as a brother or sister, and it's not because I want or need you to acknowledge my presence. My wave isn't just to say "hey", it's also my way of signaling to you that you, your passenger are in my prayers for an enjoyable and safe ride. It's in that moment and that my wish for you is that your ride ends safely and you arrive back to those love you, call you friend, brother, sister, father, mother, son, daughter, husband or wife. When you see my wave, know that I've said a prayer that you get home to those who are waiting for you. To put it simply, its my way of saying keep the rubber on the road and the iron in the air my brothers and sisters. Now Let's Ride!

On The Cover…

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP (H.O.G.) IS CELEBRATING 40 YRS!

The 2023 Calendar year not only marks the 120th Anniversary of Harley-Davidson, but also the 40th Anniversary since the creation of the Harley Owners Group. During the Harley-Davidson Anniversary Homecoming Festival in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, HOG members who top by the museum to check in will receive a commemorative gift.

For more information and updates on the 120th Anniversary and Homecoming Festival, follow the link below;

https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/event-calendar/homecoming.html

Out on the Road with Bayside H.O.G.

2023 Bayside H.O.G. Charity Raffle

Custom Harley Davidson Themed
Model 1911 A1 .45 Cal

Glock Model 22
.40 cal

Lady "Rose" Themed
Sig Sauer .380 cal

1st Prize – Custom Harley Themed Model 1911, .45 cal
2nd Prize – Lady "Rose" Themed Sig Sauer .380 cal
3rd Prize - Glock Model 22, .40 cal

1st winning ticket gets first choice of 3 prizes, 2nd winning ticket gets choice of remaining 2 prizes, and 3rd winning tickets gets final prize.

Drawing to be held on Veteran's Day November 11, 2023

Need not be present to win!

- Only 1000 Raffle Tickets Available! 1 Ticket for every $20 Donation

Profits to benefit Bayside Harley Owners Group selected charities

Tickets can be purchased from any Bayside H.O.G Member!

Firearm transfers will be through licensed FFL Dealer(s). All NFA Rules and Regulations will apply! Winner must be legally eligible to own a firearm and pass applicable background checks.

NFA Paperwork must be completed by December 1, 2023

Mark Your Calendars …

May 5th	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 PM
May 7th	Sunday Funday Ride	9:30 AM
May 14th	Sunday Funday Ride	9:30 AM
May 19th	Bayside H.O.G. Chapter Mtg	6:30 PM
May 21st	Sunday Funday Ride	12:30 PM
May 28th	Sunday Funday Ride	12:30 PM
June 2nd	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 PM
June 4th	Sunday Funday Ride	9:30 AM
June 11th	Sunday Funday Ride	9:30 AM
June 15th – 18th	Amish Country Road Trip	9:30 AM
June 16th	Bayside H.O.G. Chapter Mtg	6:30 PM
June 18th	Sunday Funday Ride	12:30 PM
June 25th	Sunday Funday Ride	12:30 PM
June 30th - July 4th	Maggie Valley Ride	9:30 AM

Check Us Out!

Facebook – Bayside Portsmouth Harley Owners Group

Worldwide Web: www.baysidehog.com

Email Us …

Director: baysidehog.director@usa.com

Assistant Director: baysidehog.asst-director@usa.com

Ladies of Harley: baysidehog.loh@usa.com

Activities: baysidehog.activities@usa.com

Membership: bayside.membership@usa.com

Newsletter Editor: bayside.editor@usa.com

Social Media: bayside.social-media@usa.com

Webmaster: contact@baysidehog.com

Bayside Harley-Davidson holds Demo Rides several times a year and the Annual Rumble through the Tunnels during Fleet Week. Bayside H.O.G.'s Road Captains participate and lead these rides and safety is our top priority.

Bayside H.O.G.'s Road Captains have also assisted in leading the Swamp Roar as well. Our Road Captains have let between 350 – 700 bikes in these events and have been successful in bringing everyone back safely.

Bayside H.O.G. is also proud to host rides every Sunday (weather permitting) and our rides are open to all riders and passengers! All makes and model bikes are welcome.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK FOR OUR SCHEDULE OF RIDES!

NATIONAL HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

Benefits of a HOG Membership!

H.O.G.® MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS	ASSOCIATE MEMBER | $29 PER YEAR	FULL MEMBER | $49 PER YEAR
H.O.G.® Membership Card	✓	✓
H.O.G.® Rallies/Events Member Check-in	✓	✓
H.O.G.® Chapters	✓	✓
H.O.G.® Ladies of Harley®	✓	✓
H.O.G.® e-Newsletter	✓	✓
H.O.G.® Merchandise	✓	✓
H.O.G.® Members Service Center	✓	✓
H.O.G.® RIDE 365 challenges	✓	✓
H.O.G.® Patch/Pin	✓	✓
Harley-Davidson Museum® Free Admission	✓	✓
Harley-Davidson® Insurance Services	✓	✓
EagleRider rentals and tours	✓	✓
Safe rider skills recognition	✓	✓
H-D® Visa® Free Ride sweepstakes double entry	✓	✓
H.O.G.® 10, 25, 35-year member recognition	✓	✓
The Enthusiast Magazine		✓
H.O.G.® Visa® Points for miles ridden		✓
H.O.G.® Roadside assistance		✓
H.O.G.® Roadside assistance additional coverage		✓
Theft reward program		✓
Motorcycle shipping		✓
AT&T Wireless		✓

Associate **Member** | $29 Per Year – Designed for the passenger or family member of an active full member.
One Year Full **Member** | $49 Per Year – Owners of HD motorcycle only. Just supply your VIN
Two Year Full **Member** | $93 Per Year
Three Years Full **Member** | $132 Per Year
If interest in life membership, please call 800-CLUB-HOG (258-2464) for details.
https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/hog/membership-benefits.html

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

Chapter Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Member Nat'l H.O.G. Number: _____

Expiration Date of National H.O.G.® Membership: _____

I have read the *H.O.G.® Chapter Charter* and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this Dealer sponsored Chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G.® or H.O.G.® Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G.® members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G.® activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

> "A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER

2023 Bayside H.O.G. Board of Directors

Director
Lee Spencer

Assistant Director
Chuck "Munk" Peacock

Treasurer
Marilyn Peacock

Secretary
Temesia "TJ" High

Membership Officer
Chris Shay

Activities Officer
Howard Albrecht

Senior Road Captain
John Henderson

Safety Officer
Paul Boland

Social Media Officer
John Tignor

Webmaster
Ken Reynard

TAMA Representative
Jeff Williamson

Member at Large
Mark King

Member at Large
Bill Neff

Editor
John Tignor

Photographer
Nick Dayawon

Dealership Representative
Amy Strickland

Proudly Sponsored By;
Bayside Harley-Davidson
2211 Frederick Blvd
Portsmouth, VA 23704
Ph: (757) 397-5550

Bayside H-D on the web;
www.baysidehd.com

Bayside H.O.G. on the web:
www.baysidehog.com

Story Ideas of Comments?
Bayside.editor@usa.com

"Screw It, Lets Ride!"