



June 2022 Newsletter

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Chapter Members had a great ride out to Farmville, VA



From the Director.....



Hello Brett here,....stepping in as the new Bayside HOG Director, at least for the next 6 months. For Those of you that are unaware Jim Henderson has stepped down as Bayside HOG's Director. Prior to moving into the Director position I did discuss the situation with Ed Burbach at Bayside and have received the Dealership's "blessing" to take over the role for the next six months. With that said I would like to focus on bringing the Chapter back together as a whole. I know that the first 6 months have been a whirlwind of ups and downs within our Chapter and it is obvious that due to this, a divide has occurred and is one that no one ever wanted to see. Moving forward I would like to see the Chapter come back together and I feel that the first step to achieving that goal is having members show each other respect and decency in not only their words but in their actions. You may be asking yourself... "What does he mean by that? I am respectful and decent to people."

One of the biggest issues our Chapter has had in the past 6 months is our use of social media, primarily Facebook. Social media is a great tool for sharing information, photos and stories but should not be a place where members go to speak negatively about a Chapter Event or about a Chapter Member. I know some comments have been passive aggressive and hurtful to not only those that have planned or worked events but in some cases, have painted negative images of a person or person's character. These are issues that myself and the board have agreed need to be addressed. At this point we are hoping to erase the past and move in a more positive direction to make the HOG Chapter, as a whole, a more enjoyable group to be part of for everyone involved.

I am working on solutions that may solve this issue. I would like to start in a kind of "old school" type of way by taking the social media part out of the equation. I will be setting up a "HOG Member Suggestion Box" and feel that by doing this, all members will have access to share their opinion anonymously. This lets those that do not use social media, e-mail ect., an outlet to have their voice heard. All comments will be anonymous, unless you sign your name. The box will be located by the HOG Patch Cabinet and it will be locked. I will be the only person with the key to the lock and I will be checking the box a minimum of once a week. This box is not meant in anyway to be "THE HOG CHAPTER BITCH BOX". If you have a complaint, suggestion, heck even a complement please put it in the box! HOWEVER, if you do have a complaint please PROVIDE A PROPOSED SOLUTION to the issue. If you are sharing good news, kudos ect. I will pass that information on to the Chapter at the Chapter meeting. If you are bringing up an issue and have supplied your information, I will reach out to you to discuss in more detail along with any board members that may need to be involved depending on your proposed solution.

In the light of keeping the Facebook comments issue under control, you may have noticed that member posts are not being automatically uploaded onto the member Facebook page. As of right now, all posts are being approved by an administrator of the page. In case you do not know there are 6 and not all are board members. I hope that posting can go back to the way it was.. As of the time I am writing this article, there have not been any posts that have been denied by any of the admins.

Now that we have cleared the air about that issue....on to the FUN!!

A post did go out on the member Facebook page about our upcoming July meeting theme. The theme for July is "Christmas in July". Please see my post on the members only page for additional details. I am really looking forward to this upcoming event and hope that we all can get together as a HOG family and celebrate brighter times within the Chapter. I hope ya'll can make it.

We also have the LOH Sponsored Poker Run supporting the HER Shelter on Sat. June 25th.

We have the Poker Run supporting the Covington Boys Home on Sat. July 16th

And we are REALLY excited to share that Bayside HOG will be sponsoring a Cornhole Tournament in September! Be on the look out for details. All proceeds from this event will be split evenly among our Charities.

Thanks everyone for taking the time to read my first Director's article.

Brett



Board of Director Election Write Ups

Assistant Director & Secretary Positions

The following Chapter Members are running for Assistant Director:

Paula Howerton—

My name is Paula Howerton and I'm running for Assistant Director of the Bayside Harley Owners group. For those of you who don't know me I've been with the Chapter for over 6 years and served on the Board of Directors for over 5 years. I have held the position of Secretary for almost 3 years, Photographer for one and Activities for one year. Some may think that because I don't operate a bike that I'm not qualified to be an Assistant Director. Let me assure you, that I'm as committed as anyone! For the past 5 years I have been deeply involved with many different activities and events with the Board and Chapter. My knowledge of the day to day operations of the Chapter make me uniquely qualified to perform this job. I hope I can get your vote and trust to perform these duties.

The following Chapter Members are running for Secretary:

Mark King—

USN Retired (20 Years) Chief Petty Officer working as a Nuclear Electrician

13 years Compaq Computer/Hewlett-Packard working as Industry Standard Server Technical Support Engineer.

10 years Newport News shipyard working in "Nuclear Test" in both refueling overhaul and new Construction on USN Aircraft Carriers

Previously and EMT and New York State EMT Instructor. Qualified Accident Scene Management and a member of Road Guardians.

Ridden Motorcycles for more that 40 years and have ridden Harley Ultra and Harley Road Glide for over 10 years. Member of National Harley Owners Group (HOG) and Bayside HOG supporting the chapter as both Membership Officer or Secretary for 8 years.

I look forward to supporting the chapter as Secretary for the remainder of 2022.

TJ High—

No write up submitted for publication.



Ladies of Harley



Happy June! It is officially riding weather again and we can't control our excitement any longer. Dust off your warmer weather riding gear and let's get these bikes on the road again. Please be safe and enjoy the much needed wind therapy.

LOH is focusing on 2 National Holidays again:

June's Awareness Month is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. This disease kills more people than breast cancer which makes it one of the most deadliest diseases. The numbers are projected to rise to over 13 million by 2030. There are tests that the doctors can do if Alzheimers runs in your family. If you have memory issues or this deadly disease runs in your family please take the steps to get tested to see if you are at risk of developing it.



June is also the month of fathers! All the ladies would like to wish all the men in the chapter a very Happy Father's Day. You are amazing men and we are grateful for everyone of you.



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



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L.O.H. Ladies of the Month

LINDA MYERS AND KAREN KUMNICK

Linda is our firecracker in the group. She may be little but she is fierce. Linda has been a part of LOH since it was restarted last year. She is always willing to volunteer her time, energy, and cute costumes for all LOH and HOG chapter events. She always has a smile on her face and hugs ready for all that needs one.

Karen is one of our lioness' of the group. She is always there for the LOH ladies whenever they need a listening ear. She is super protective of the ladies in the group like a lioness with her cubs. Karen has been part of LOH from the start as well. We can always count on her to get us on our feet dancing our way through any situation.

Ladies you are such a big part of LOH and mean so much to us. You both are rock stars and we appreciate everything you do for LOH and the HOG chapter. Keep being the amazing Ladies that you are.





GIRLS JUST WANNA
HAVE FUN!



The Ladies and the "famous Lawrence"



Thoughts from the Sr. Road Captain



By: Vince Howerton, Sr. Road Captain



Good day, and I hope everyone is doing well! As your Senior Road Captain I struggle with how to get more people involved with our rides. We have an expression I hate. STP, Same Ten People. Meaning there's always a certain number of people that attend all events. I look at my job, or position, as one that's supposed to create events that appeal to the entire Chapter. Lately we have done polls on Facebook and spoke with numerous people in our Chapter. In addition, we asked who would be interested in doing a couple nights out riding on the Back of the Dragon. Well, the response was less than exciting. I'm not sure if it's the Holiday or what. I can't help, however, that maybe it's me! So please bear with me, let me give you, my resume. I am retired Army, 22 years, and retired Corrections Officer (Florida) of 18 years. I've been riding motorcycles for over 40 years, Harley Davidsons since 1984. I've ridden mostly on the Eastern parts of this country. I've done the Tail of the Dragon more times than I can count. I've ridden the Cherohala 3 times, the Back of the Dragon 4 times, the Snake 3 times, Moonshiners 28 times, Burkes Garden twice! Needless to say I've been there and done that. In addition, I've led most of those rides through there! What I'm trying to say, I guess, is I know my way around and have plenty of experience that I'm willing to share with this Chapter. Any of these rides would be a ride most people would cherish for a lifetime! I am willing to lead rides to these areas and feel I can provide an amazing experience. The problem is there seems to be no, if not very little interest in doing these types of rides! If you looked at hiring a guide to plan this type of outing for you or a group, you'd spend hundreds of dollars! As your Senior Road Captain I'm willing to plan and lead these types of rides for nothing. I love riding, I love sharing these experiences! I guess what I'm asking is what am I missing? I'll do all the work, plan the trip, reserve the rooms, plan the stops, fueling, restaurants all of it! All I need is people to say "I'm in". So here I go, one more time, I'm listing my contact info. If you'd like to do one of these epic trips let me know! I don't care if there is 2 or 22 of us! I'll plan the trip. Let's get out and ride. Watch Facebook, I'll be posting some more trips. If you'd like to reach out to me here's my info.

Phone (757) 849-4002, or text, email- howertonv@yahoo.com

I'm sincere in saying this, I want to do more long trips with this Chapter! South side HOG is doing a 15-day ride through Canada Memorial Day, Hampton Roads is going to Ohio for 3 days to some Rally. Bayside is staying put! I'd proposed a trip to ride the Back of the Dragon and got 1 response! Please, if there somewhere you'd like to go just let me know! I'm a free resource ready to work for you! I'm here for all of you and ready to ride. All I need is some support. Hope to see you on the road, let's ride!



REPORT

Membership Corner

Current Active Members

78

39,000

Total Chapter Miles



Director, Brett Mathais
Assistant Director, OPEN
Secretary, Paula Howerton
Treasure, Marilyn Peacock
Membership Officer, Rick Swink
Ladies of Harley Officer, Heather Mathais
TAMA Representative, Jeff Williamson
Sr. Road Captain, Vincent Howerton
Safety Officer, Paul Boland
Editor, Theresa Petrowicz

Webmaster & Social Media, Ken Reynard
Historian, Marie Swink
Photographer, Bill Neff
Member at Large, James Petrowicz



2nd Annual FFER Shelter

POKER RUN

SATURDAY
June 25 2022

Registration: 9:30am till last bike out at 11:00 am.

50/50 raffle * Silent Auction * Live Music * Food Trucks *
Best Hand/Worst Hand * Fundraiser for FFER Shelter

2211 FREDERICK BLVD. PORTSMOUTH, VA

\$20 per vehicle



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 6:30pm HOG Chapter Meeting	18 8:00am Longest Ride Ever 9:30am LOH Spon- sored Ride to Cur- rituck Lighthouse
19	20 6:30pm LOH Meeting	21	22	23 5:00 Bike Night	24	25 9:30am HER Shelter Poker Run
26 9:30 Sunday Funday Ride	27	28	29	30		

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30pm HOG Board Meeting	2
3 9:30am Sunday Fun Day Ride	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30am Sunday Fun Day Ride	11	12	13	14	15 6:30pm HOG Chapter Meeting	16 Covington Boys Home Poker Run
17 9:30am Sunday Fun Day Ride	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30am Sunday Fun Day Ride	25	26	27	28 LOH Cooking @ Bike Night	29	30
31 9:30am Sunday Fun Day Ride						



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

