

THE TALON



A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE MEMBERS

Tidewater HOG Chapter 5344



TO RIDE BEYOND—SENIOR ROAD CAPTAIN—TOM SANCHEZ

The -ber months are upon us! With them comes colder weather, pumpkin everything and more HOG activities! While I won't be partaking in any pumpkin spice lattes or candles, I will be enjoying riding with the lower temperatures! And I'll remember to check my tire pressure regularly as the changes in the weather mean changes to road conditions and tire conditions. I want to stay safe, and I hope you'll do the same!

Since our last Talon, we have had a couple of major over-night rides. Did you attend the Sturgis Rally? Did you go to the Wild and Wonderful HOG Rally in West Virginia? Do you have stories to share? How were the rides? We'd love to hear about your adventures. Remember that the reason we exist is to ride and share that enjoyment with others. Write an article. Tell a story. Come out to another ride or dealership event and share your experiences! As we get into these months, we'll still have some great rides. Rick Leighton will be leading a Moosey-moosey ride to Maine in search of, yep - you guessed it - moose. Bill Jackson will be leading a Fall Foliage ride to see the leaves change colors. We'll support those dealing with breast cancer at the Pink Ride or the less fortunate with the Thanksgiving foodbank ride. Hopefully, you'll come out and join us for the Ice Cream for Dinner ride, the Leadbelly's Ride, or the Chattanooga Choo Choo ride to see the train museum in Crewe!

There will also be Hookie rides to entice you to skip work during the week and choose your motorcycle over your office chair or whatever your job has you doing. You know you'd rather be riding, so come join us!

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Who says that you can't have an event without a motorcycle. The Wood Brothers Ride that was held July 25, 2024, through July 27, 2024, was a great event except that we decided to drive instead of taking our motorcycles. All week the news was calling for rain and after a meeting we decided that driving to the event would be the best decision. I can say that looking back on the decision to drive it might not have been the best, but it was the correct decision. By the time we left Virginia Beach it was just a little sprinkle but by the time we got to and past Emporia the bottom fell out of it. We would have been riding in a downpour for two hours and would have been soaked. The only break in the rain came when we stopped for lunch. Then we got back on the road and of course



David Schell was in his little 4-cylinder car, that had issues keeping up and Rick Leighton and I rode in Rick's F-150.

As we got closer to the mountains, we joked about offering David a tow rope so we could pull him up the mountains as that little car was having issues... We believe the Gerbil's could not keep up. At one point we reached 3100 feet above sea level and the temps dropped down to 69 degrees. Needless to say, it was a little cool. We got to the hotel and checked in and had a good dinner at Fiddlers restaurant and planned out what to do on Saturday.

Saturday morning, we drove to the Wood Brothers Racing Museum and had a great time. On the way to the museum, we spotted a black bear and decided to give it some space. We all said that the road to the museum would have been great on our motorcycles, but we will have to ride that stretch of the road again later. Inside the museum you could spend hours looking at all the racing trophies, fire suits, pictures of every driver that has been behind the wheel of the number 21 race car. For each driver that was behind the wheel of the race car, they had a signed helmet and fire suit plus other souvenirs. There were peddle cars, go carts and full-size race cars in the museum.

I can say for those that missed the museum and planned ride; you really did miss something worthwhile. All the history that was under the roof of that building was truly something to behold. Plus, the planned ride in the mountains would have been great. I am thinking the 3 of us are looking forward to going back to the museum and completing the planned ride on our motorcycles.

EVENTS

Pan Cake Breakfast—September 7

Ice Cream for Dinner—September 8

Ride to 23rd Anniversary 9/11—September 11

Chapter Meeting—September 11

Leadbelly's Ride—September 14

Sunrise Bay Bridge Ride—September 15

Go South Young Man Ride—September 18

Ocean Air Show—September 20-22

Employee Appreciation Lunch—September 21

Moosey Moose Ride to Maine—September 25—October 3

Chattanooga Choo Choo Ride—September 28

Ride to the Pin Ride- -September 29

Ride to H4TG—October 5

Chapter Meeting—October 9

Fall Foliage Ride—October 11-14

Hookie Ride—October 16

HOG Oyster Roast—October 19

Fall Festival—October 26

Urbanna Oyster Festival—November 2

More to come...See Facebook, emails and the website calendars for updates.

FREE HOV!

If you haven't had a chance to ride the new HOV lanes on I-64, stretching from Indian River Road past the 64/464/U.S. 17 interchange, you are missing out on a real treat. The speed limit is faster, 65mph compared to the other travel lanes of 60mph (but they're still passing us... how'd that happen?), and they have very light traffic, if any at all. Many times we find our group in the HOV lanes all alone, free of cages.

Best of all, it is free!

Legislation sponsored by the McGrath Law Group, passed by the Virginia legislature has allowed motorcycles to ride for free in HOV lanes since 2008, with or without a passenger. The Virginia law is § 33.2-501.

§ 33.2-501. Designation of HOV lanes; use of such lanes; penalties.

A. In order to facilitate the rapid and orderly movement of traffic to and from urban areas during peak traffic periods, the Board may designate one or more lanes of any highway in the Interstate System, primary state highway system, or secondary state highway system as HOV lanes. When lanes have been so designated and have been appropriately marked with signs or other markers as the Board may prescribe, they shall be reserved during periods designated by the Board for the exclusive use of buses and high-occupancy vehicles. Any local governing body may also, with respect to highways under its exclusive jurisdiction, designate HOV lanes and impose and enforce restrictions on the use of such lanes. Any highway for which the locality receives highway maintenance funds pursuant to § 33.2-319 shall be deemed to be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the local governing body for the purposes of this section. HOV lanes shall be reserved for high-occupancy vehicles of a specified number of occupants as determined by the Board or, for HOV lanes designated by a local governing body, by that local governing body. However, no designation of any lane or lanes of any highway as HOV lanes shall apply to the use of any such lanes by:

1. Emergency vehicles such as firefighting vehicles and emergency medical services vehicles;
2. Law-enforcement vehicles;
3. Motorcycles;
4. a. Transit and commuter buses designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver;
- b. Any vehicle operating under a certificate issued under § 46.2-2075, 46.2-2080, 46.2-2096, 46.2-2099.4, or

HOV lanes are not free outside of Virginia. WV's EZ Pass will charge a Sturgis-bound HOG \$4.25 for both the Pax Toll Plaza B at milepost 56 and the Chelyan Toll Plaza at mile post 83 on Interstate 64. In Florida, you will be charged tolls via the Sun Pass tolling system, which is compatible with the EZ Pass.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello, Tidewater HOGS! Hard to believe we are moving towards the end of summer. The weather has not always cooperated with us this summer with excessive heat and rain but we still got some rides in and fun rides the were! We've had some overnight rides including attending the Wild and Wonderful HOG Rally in West Virginia. We had 29 members show for the Extortion 17 Ride to Remember Ride which was very impressive. Hopefully next year we will have 31 members to represent all our servicemen who were lost in the helicopter crash the ride memorializes.

Our Chapter has always been supportive of our military and first responders and we have two more events coming up in September - September 11th is the Ride to 23rd Anniversary Patriot Day Memorial Ride and helping out with the opening ceremony for the Oceana Air Show on September 20th.

Our members also have been volunteering to help Southside Harley with some of their events and customers have been very complimentary of our efforts.

The Road Captains have a lot of day rides planned to keep you busy! We have the Moosey Moosey Ride going to Maine in September and the Fall Foliage Ride is in October. We also have the annual Oyster Roast and at the end of October we have the Fall Festival. In November we have our holiday party, Have an Elfin' Good Time on the 23rd.

At our last meeting it was reported we have over 370 members. Though we don't see all them, participation has grown in Chapter activities. It's so great to meet new members and have them join us on our rides and events. It's also impressive that we have members who are still involved in our Chapter and have been for 40 years. There are not many HOG Chapters who can say that!

Lastly, it's getting to that time of year for nominations for Officers for 2025. Nominations will be taken at the October Chapter Meeting. Voting will commence after that date and the winners will be announced at the November Chapter Meeting.

This Chapter has stayed strong since 1983 as members were willing to step up and take positions. Just as this Chapter cannot work without volunteers, we also need Members to lead. I want to thank everyone for their help to make this Chapter what it is, THE Best Chapter we can be!!!!

LINDA KNOWLES

DIRECTOR



Another great HOG rally on the books (second for me), and it was great. Got to ride more twisty windy roads and see the beauty of the mountains. It was interesting riding with other groups of people on guided rides. They were much like our rides here so there wasn't much guessing on how it's done. That was good. I got to go to two distilleries and see how moonshine is made then to some beautiful parks to see the sights and the New River Gorge. It was awesome riding across the New River Bridge. What a view. Then we went on another day to a hot dog place called Hillbilly Hot Dogs for lunch. That was eclectic and entertaining. Thank God the weather was nice during our stay and got to see more beautiful mountain places.



HARLEY T SHIRT



QUILT RAFFLE



**All proceeds to be split between Here
for the Girls and the Pink Ride**

1) TICKETS ARE 1 FOR \$5, 6 FOR \$20

2) DRAWING WILL BE ON 11/23/2024

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT FOR DRAWING!



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THEIA is the Greek goddess of divine light. She is known for providing radiance to gold, silver, precious metal, and gems. She is an oracular goddess gifted with the ability to predict the future. That is also my Motorcycle's name. I greet her every morning with a "Hello my beautiful goddess." Yes, I have named my motorcycle and bestowed the powers of the goddess herself upon her. When we go for rides, we do it together. We hit the road almost as one. I feel her beneath me and know her, how she moves and what she expects. I know when there is something wrong, and she provides a comfort for me that few humans can give. A sort of peace that only those of us who really ride "with" our bikes can understand.

I have had many motorcycles in my life but not all of them have had a name or were more than just a conveyance to and from places. Those that became part of me, part of my personality, that gave me that sense of comfort, those were named. Theia is one of them.

Many of us do this. We give personalities to our motorcycles. But why? I think part of that answer is due to the peace we get from the ride. When we feel that comfortable on the bike and, that we feel safe, secure. When we can forget the troubles we have and just enjoy the feel of the road and the wind. Its when we have That connection, that's when we name our bikes. Its also that sense of pride we have in them. Lets face it, we do put a lot of money into our bikes. We try to make them be an extension of ourselves and, by doing that, we become closer to the bike and give them a personality which requires a name. then we spend even more money adorning the bike with ways that show off that name. but, they are worth it.

When you have a bike like that, you feel more comfortable with your ride, almost like the bike is helping to keep you safe. To me, Theia is doing the ride just as much as I am. I know I have lost myself riding with her and, the next thing I know, I am where I was going. She did most of that on her own. LOL. It sounds funny but, I know a lot of you understand what I am talking about.

I hope you are riding a bike you love, one that you have given a name to. I hope you get to experience that kind of relationship with your bike. The one where you are at peace each time you hit the road. The kind of peace that helps you smooth over some the trials of life. I know, for myself, Theia has helped me quite often, I hope all of you have that too.

MIKE PASTORE





“AN ELFIN’ GOOD TIME” Tidewater HOG Holiday Event

DATE and TIME: November 23, 2024 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Ballyhoo’s Seafood Restaurant

2865 Lynnhaven Dr, Suite D3, Va Beach, VA 23451

(757) 412-4441

TICKETS: \$10.00 Per Person

Heavy Hors D’oeuvres

(Iced Tea & Soda included)

Cash Bar for Adult Beverages

Come out, enjoy the fun!! . Raffles, Prizes and more!

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST



This is a Closed Event for Tidewater HOG Chapter Members and 1 guest per member.

OH WHERE OH WHERE DID MY EARRING GO?

Earrings have been around since ancient civilizations wore them to ward off evil spirits and even thought they improved their hearing and eyesight. As time passed, they were looked at as a symbol of social status to now where they are used as a fashion accessory. Most women and some men have many pairs they use to match their mood or clothing.

For me, they are an accumulation of one earring out of the pair. Most of the time, the culprit for the loss is my motorcycle helmet. I am a fan of hoops and had several pairs. I say had because now I have one each. I've even resorted to wearing two mismatched earrings that from a distance look like the same earring. Unfortunately, I have now lost one of them! For many of my biker friends this is our fate for wanting to wear earrings all the time. I've use earrings with a latch back work the best for me. I find those with backs dig into my head due to the pressure of the helmet and those with fish hooks tend to catch the helmet even more. Obviously, the latch back can get caught in the helmet lining and go bouncing off, never to be found.

There's nothing like getting home, go to remove your earrings and there is only one. My favorite is being on a ride, use the restroom and see yourself in the mirror standing there with one earring. Then begins the search around your bike to see if it's on the ground, checking your helmet to see it might be stuck to the lining or just accepting the fact it's gone and not waste your time looking for it. Once in a blue moon, one of your fellow riders might find it but not often. I should have hoop earrings set up in Amazon to be delivered about every three months so I won't have to mess with buying new ones. Actually, I am in the process of getting a couple of new pairs that are exactly the same - planning ahead for the loss. Maybe I should start a Facebook page for women riders where we could share the "one earring" and maybe someone else can use it! Just one more way you throw money into the motorcycle money pit but it's worth it. Let's Ride (and maybe we'll find the missing earring).

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