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From the Director

Happy New Year Fellow Chapter Members!

Now that the holidays are officially over, I believe most of us are already thinking about the upcoming 2015 Riding Season. Our goal has not changed: our Road Captains will soon meet to plan another season to "Ride and have Fun"!

The New Year will bring plenty of opportunities to enjoy more adventurous riding, chances to meet more fellow riders and the prospects of creating even more friendships.

January can be a dismal month, but with the short month of February to follow many of us can look forward to riding again perhaps as early as March. Until then, and to help us see the light at the end of a wintry tunnel, there are many Chapter activities being planned that will bring us together during the cold, boring, non-riding days of winter.

Remember to check the Chapter's calendar soon for updates. Attending the planned activities and enjoying each other's company will help us endure winter until spring is finally here and we can enjoy our true passion of riding motorcycles.

May we remain safe and healthy through this cold winter season and believe that spring is right around the corner.
Your Friend and Director,
Vince

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One Sunny Summer Day

It started one sunny summer day back in 1970. I saw the moving truck pull up to the house at the end of the street and curiosity got the best of me as a 10 year old. I had to see who was moving in. After a few minutes leaning against the tree across the street watching the guys unload the truck, it happened. I first got a glimpse of the blue paint and the shimmering chrome. What is that, a bicycle? No, it's a mini-bike, holy cow! They have a mini bike! What is that now...a red one too.....are you kidding me? So now I had to go across the street and see this up close and personal. As I came around the back of the truck I see this little blond haired kid (who was to become my best friend of the past 40 plus years) standing there holding onto the handle bars of the blue mini-bike. I got bitten by the bike bug that day my friends and it was the best summer ever.

Over the next couple of years it seemed that more of my friends were getting motor-bikes. One got a Honda 70, another got a Honda 100 and yet another got a Honda 90. Of course, by now, my best friend and I had been riding his blue and red RUPP mini-bikes every chance we got. I was getting pretty good at trail riding and having a blast doing it. Did I happen to mention that the RUPP mini-bike is an automatic? It's important to mention because the next bike I got to try was my other friends Honda 70 mini dirt bike...it was not an automatic. This was going to be the first time I had to use a clutch and shift gears. So in his driveway I jumped on, all confident and that, because I had been riding the RUPP a couple of years...right? I twist the throttle, let out the clutch and the bike takes off! I go flying down the driveway toward the house at what seemed like Mach speed. Now, not having a clue as to how to stop this rocket ship I'm on which is on a collision course with the house, I decide to try and bail-out. I grab the brakes and the rear tire immediately locks up, (because I had no idea you had to pull in the clutch) I start to skid and bam, I come to a crashing stop right into the garbage cans beside the house. Wow! What a rush. The bike wasn't hurt and neither was I. So my buddy says, "Wow, not bad, try it again". So I did and by the end of the day I was riding and shifting gears like a pro.

So now it's about this time that I start to beg my dad for a motorcycle, mini-bike, a bicycle with a motor or anything that I could ride that had a motor and two wheels. The answer was always "not now, maybe some other time". That wasn't working for me. As much as I appreciated my friends letting me ride their bikes, I needed to have my own. I stated saving my money to buy one myself. I saved half of the money needed to buy a Honda XL 100 street and trail. My dad ponied up the difference and the rest is history. We had a hunting camp in Cooks Forrest and I rode the wheels off that bike there. Next I purchased a Kawasaki KE 100 road and trail which I used to get back and forth to my summer job while I was in High School. Eventually that was sold so I could buy my first true street bike, a Kawasaki KZ 400. My best friend, the one I learned to ride with on his RUPP mini-bike had also purchased a KZ 400 the following year. We rode everywhere together, we even crashed into each other once, (no one got hurt).

The KZ 400 was the bike that truly started my love affair with street bikes. One after another they just kept coming, every few years trading up for a bigger, badder, better, faster bike. Throughout all this time I was always dreaming of owning a Harley. In September of 2005 that dream came true. A brand new Vivid Black 2006 model of the Heritage Softail Classic. I must have died and gone to heaven. Black and all that chrome, what could be better?

Joining the local H.O.G. chapter and meeting some of the best people I have ever known, is what made it better. Having the bike of my dreams and riding it with people who love riding Harley's as much as I do was the best thing ever. The people I met in the former Butler chapter and the people I have come to know in the Pittsburgh chapter have not only become friends but I consider them/you family. Being involved with this Chapter as an officer and the former Butler chapter as an officer have been some of the best times of my biker life. Being able to server the chapter as the Web-Master has been terrific and I have appreciated the opportunity to do so.

Whether you are a little kid riding mini-bikes or a big kid riding Harley's, I believe it's the people you meet and the friends that you make along the way that are the most fulfilling. Karrie and I love riding together and we are looking forward to many more great rides and good times with all of you, our chapter friends and family. Thanks for reading.

Bob (2B's,10) Hoffmann

You can view photos from a variety of Chapter Activities by visiting:
<http://hogchapter2224.shutterfly.com/>
Or see video by searching PGHHOG 2224 or yandrew21 on YouTube



December Events

Dec 5 **Customer Appreciation Nite at 3RHD 6-9 pm - please RSVP**

Dec 11 **Chapter Meeting at Monte Cello's Restaurant**

Dec 20 **Photos with Santa at 3RHD**

Dec 21 **3RHD open for business**

Jan 1 **Polar Bear Ride**



Upcoming Events

January 1 Polar Bear Ride - Led by Joe Homolek

January 8 [Chapter Meeting](#) at Monte Cellos 7:30 pm - come early and join everyone for dinner

January 15 [Outlaws at Jergels](#) Restaurant (cover charge)

January 17 [Ladies Only Night Out](#)

January 24 [Chapter Dinner](#) -(restaurant to be announced)

February 14 [1st Road Captain Meeting](#) at Monte Cellos - Lunch to be provided 12-3:00.



Polar Bear Ride
2015

Welcome New Members

Joe Schmitt

Chapter Stats

As of January 6, we have 75 active members, 57 men and 18 women.



New Year's Eve at
Oglebay Resort

Please note! Events listed in the calendar are subject to change. All information contained in this newsletter, calendar, or website is accurate and complete at the time of publication. Since much of this information is subject to change at any time for a variety of reasons it is recommended that you check your e-mail account frequently especially prior to leaving your home to participate in a Chapter Ride. If you do not have an e-mail account, information may also be verified by contacting the Road Captain for that particular Chapter Ride.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would like to wish the following members a

Happy Birthday

January 1 Virgil Marshall
 January 1 Howard Simeone
 January 4 Adam Olszewski
 January 6 Karrie Wood
 January 7 Scott Jones
 January 11 Georgene Szymanski
 January 13 Chyrel Klaas
 January 14 Nancy Miller
 January 20 Russ Strachan
 January 22 Jim Mathie
 January 23 Mike Beatty
 January 25 Tim Schofield
 January 28 Emerick Aulicino

Editor's Note

We would greatly value input from the members regarding the newsletter. Please feel free to send photos, suggestions for articles and comments to the editor's email.

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Anniversaries

January 1 Mike & Renae Breskovich

January 10 Tom & Linda Rose

Chapter Membership Enrollment

Renewing members: 2015 Enrollment/Renewal Forms and your payment must be received on or before Thursday, February 12th to remain on the membership roster. Forms and payments will be accepted at the January and February Chapter meetings.

New Members from 2014:

Some of you do not need to complete and return the 2015 Enrollment Form that you received with your newsletter. If you joined the Chapter late this year your membership is already valid until 12-31-2015.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!

You may have received a complimentary 2014 Membership because you purchased your Harley at Three Rivers Harley-Davidson. Even members joining the Chapter by paying dues late in the year received a membership that is valid through the entire following year rather than receiving a membership that is valid for just a few days.

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Monthly HOG Chapter

Regular monthly Chapter meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 pm. The meetings are held in a private room at, Monte Cello's, 2198 Babcock Blvd., Ross Twp., 15209, 412-821-8177. Food and refreshments are available before, during, and after the meeting at your own cost. There will be a 50-50 drawing each month with proceeds benefiting the Pgh. H.O.G. Chapter.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET WHEN YOU ENTER THE MEETING ROOM

Everyone in attendance will receive a door prize ticket. Prizes may vary from month to month. All Pittsburgh H.O.G. Chapter members that are present and signed in are also eligible for the monthly rollover drawing. The drawings will take place at the end of the meeting. Good luck!



Let's Ride and Have Fun!

**MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT AND RELEASE FORM**

CHAPTER NAME PITTSBURGH PA H.O.G. CHAPTER #2224

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ BIRTHDAY _____

MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER US _____ EXPIRATION _____

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters 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 MYPROPERTY 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 _____

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* SECTION - 1	
TODAYS DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	
YOUR NAME (FIRST & LAST)	
YOUR NICKNAME	
YOUR DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	
YOUR REWARDS NUMBER (AT THREE RIVERS H-D)	
NAME OF SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER	
BIRTHDAY OF SPOUSE OR SIGNIFICANT OTHER	
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	
YOUR HOME PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)	
YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)	

* SECTION - 2		
NAME OF EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON(S)	PHONE NUMBER	ADDITIONAL PHONE NO.
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2		
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* SECTION - 3	
MEDICATIONS TAKEN REGULARLY	MEDICATIONS TAKEN REGULARLY

* SECTION - 4
OTHER INFORMATION – PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED

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