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From the Director

Hello Fellow Chapter Members!

How exciting that May is finally here! Everything is in bloom with the warmer temperatures, and the fragrance of spring is in the air making this a favorite month for riding!

In addition, May is about promoting Motorcycle Safety Awareness. Penn DOT is advertising on major highway signs alerting drivers that we're back on the road. The Greater Pittsburgh Motorcycle Safety Council is promoting this awareness with the annual Home Run for Motorcycle Safety ballgame at PNC Park. Many of you are putting up the yellow Watch for Motorcycles signs in your front yards again. All of this in an effort to bring awareness that motorcyclists "are everywhere!"

Just as the International Female Ride Day encourages our lady riders to ride for a day, we all should continue to do our part by practicing our skills, ensuring that our motorcycles and our minds and bodies are in good shape. We should always ride within our skill set and obey the laws of the road, and of course, riding sober is a must.

As motorcyclists, we appreciate all efforts to increase this awareness with the public. In these days of much distracted driving, all attempts to remind motorists that we are on the roads again is very critical and much appreciated.

Please enjoy this wonderful month of May! Get those yellow signs out there, be alert and Ride Safe!

See you on the road!
 Your Friend and Director,
 Vince

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April Chapter Meeting

Angie Berkey Memorial Dinner



April Events

April 4 Pure Prairie League at Jergels - see Lori Jones for details

April 17 Angie Berkey Memorial Ride to Silvioni's Restaurant

April 18 Veteran's hospital visit

April 19 Blessing of the Bikes - Murrysville

April 22 3RHD Boot Camp 6:30-8:30 pm

April 25 3RHD Spring Open House



On Saturday April 18th 18 chapter members rode 13 bikes to the Southwestern Veteran's Center. We left from Three Rivers at 10:30 A.M. to go for a short ride up Saxon burg Blvd. before the event. At the VA we put our bikes on display in the parking lot, had a free lunch and ran a bingo until about 4:00. Some of our trike members also gave a few unofficial rides around the parking lot. The weather was warm and sunny and a good time was had by all



Spring Open House



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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May Events

May 1-3 MDA Ride:

May 5 and every Tuesday: Jergels
Bike Nite

May 6 and every other Wednesday:
Bike Nite at Mickeys

May 7 Ladies Garage Party

May 10 GPMSC Ride and Ball Game
@ PNC Park

May 13 and every other Wednesday:
Bike Nite at Knuckleheads

May 16 & 17 : 3RHD Demo Days

May 17 Lou Szymanski Memorial
Ride

May 22-25 Rolling Thunder -
see info at HOG website.

Welcome New Members

Mike Duran
Mark Catlett
Donald Rozman
Al Kucharski
Holly Peck



April chapter
Meeting



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

Chapter Stats

As of May 1, we have **167** active members:
 126 men and 41 women.

Upcoming Event

June 4-6 [Kentucky State Rally](#) with Steve Seman

June 6 [Basic Ride 2 Course](#) with Greg Haus

June 13 [Ride to Dillner Pa](#) with Bob Hoffmann

June 15 [Ride Your Bike to Work Day](#)

June 20 [Local Ride](#) with Steve Seman

June 27 [Thunder in the Valley](#)

June 28 [World Ride Day](#) with Steve Krchnvy

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

May 2 Bill McCarrier
 May 3 Colleen Behm
 May 3 Mel Cassidy
 May 3 Joe Schmitt
 May 4 Charlie Blatz
 May 5 Dave Albert
 May 6 Harry Cawley
 May 10 Dave Rhing
 May 11 Ed Varasse
 May 16 Josh Sutton
 May 17 Tom Galanda
 May 18 John Sentesi
 May 19 Tony Battilana
 May 20 Jim Morton

Anniversaries

May 2 George & Amy ShaufI

May 7 Tom & Cari Moore

May 12 Adam & Lynette Olszewski

May 23 Dave Rhing & Judy Moser

May 26 Larry & Linda Szramowski

*Never take a person's dignity.....it
is worth everything to them, and
nothing to you.*

I may not have
gone where I
intended to go,
but I think I've
ended up where
I needed to be

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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!*

COME TEST RIDE THE 2015s FOR FREE!

DEMO DAYS

MAY 16 AND 17

10A-4P
BOTH DAYS

FREE

TRH-D® DEALER CHARM
WITH \$50
MOTORCLOTHES®
PURCHASE (REG PRICE)
MAY 1-31 SEE MC DEPT

Riders must wear proper riding gear and show a Class M motorcycle license to demo ride

PARKING LOT DEMO PARTY

MAY 16!

LIVE MUSIC & VENDORS
FREE FOOD BY SMITH'S
ADULT BEVERAGES BY
KNUCKLEHEADS BAR
THREE RIVERS HARLEY® HUNNIES
BIKINI BIKE WASH!!

JUMPSTART



UP TO

50% OFF

LADIES' WATCHES
MAY 1-9

15% OFF

ALL JEWELRY
MAY 1-9

FREE

MULTI POINT
INSPECTION WITH
ANY SERVICE
MAY 1-31

FREE

\$50 H-D® GIFT CARD
WITH 2 DUNLOP TIRES
PURCHASE SEE PARTS DEPT
MAY 1-31

Ladies Garage Party **6:30p**
MAY 7

RSVP to Amanda@ThreeRiversHarley.com

Free Flowers!! **MAY 9**

For Mother's Day!!

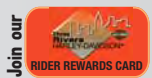
Every **Tues** Bike Night Jergels Bike Night **1st & 3rd Wed** Mickey's Place Bike Night **2nd & 4th Wed** Knucklehead's Bar

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SYRIA MOTOR CORPS POKER RUN

100 Mile Ride
2 Lane Roads

Sunday, July 12, 2015

50 - 50
Drawing

Ride Begins & Ends at Syria Shrine Center

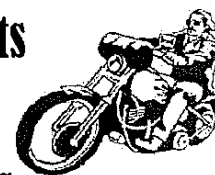
1877 Shriners Way, Cheswick, PA 15024

Live
Music
& DJ

9:00 AM Registration - Coffee & Donuts

11:00 AM Ride Begins - Rain or Shine

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM FREE Hot Food/Cold Beverages



SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY KDKA TV PERSONALITY JON BURNETT & SOME FORMER STEELERS

**BEST
POKER HAND
\$500**

**2ND BEST
POKER HAND
\$200**

First 350
Registered
Receive a FREE
Poker Run
Pin

PLAQUE AWARDED TO
oldest FEMALE driver
oldest MALE driver
That drove the ride on that day

Antique Motorcycle Show

American & Foreign Bikes

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Plaques

Sponsored by

Allegheny Mountain Chapter

Antique Motorcycle Club of America

Largest Organized Club Pre-Registered:

(Club ID Required) will receive a \$100 check made out to their charity and a plaque.

Largest Number of SMALL Club Members

Pre-Registered:

(Minimum of 100 members) will receive a plaque.

Registration Form

Driver: \$25 (Pre-Register before July 11th - \$20) Passenger: \$15

Please Print:

Driver: _____ Passenger: _____

Driver's Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Club: _____

E-Mail: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to Syria Motor Corps and send to: Tony Battilana
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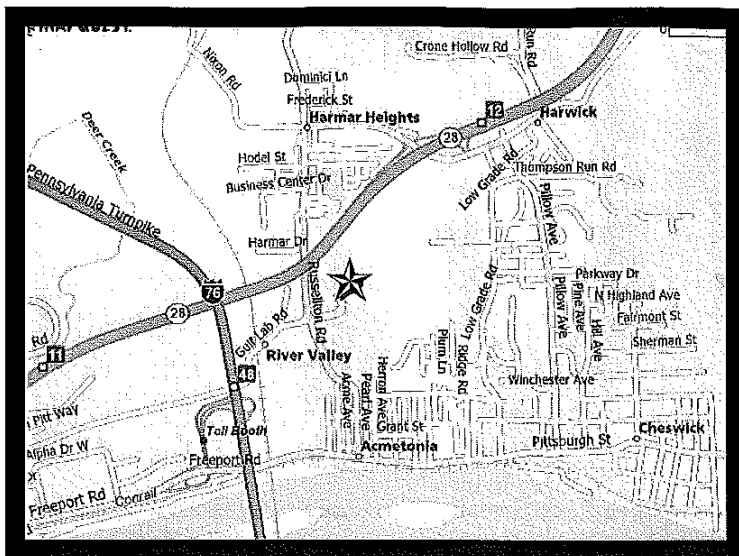
Proceeds are for the benefit of Shriners Hospitals for Children

Getting to the Syria Shrine:

From Route 28 North Bound: Take Harmarville - Route 910 exit (#11). Cross over Route 910 to Gulf Lab Road, follow to the end and the Syria Shrine is straight across the intersection of Russleton Road.

From Route 28 South Bound: Take Springdale exit (#12) and turn right onto Hyte Road, follow to the end and turn left onto Russleton Road, the Syria Shrine is $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the left.

From the PA Turnpike: Take old exit 5, now exit 48 (Allegheny Valley) go toward Cheswick and Springdale on Freeport Road, at the first red light turn left onto Pearl Street go to top of hill and the Syria Shrine is on the right.



Tony Battilana
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SYRIA MOTOR CORPS EVENTS

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Car Show/Cruise

Syria Shrine Pavilion

Sunday, July 10, 2016

2016 Poker Run

Syria Shrine Pavilion

We would like to thank the following clubs for their support

Abate - Allegheny County Vol. Firefighters - Antique Motorcycle Club of America - EMS Angels - Hiram's Riders - Grotto Riders - Lakewood Mech. Riders - Loop Riders - Masonic Motorcycle Club - Blue Knights - Red Knights - Western PA H.O.G. Clubs - Western PA Toy Run - W. PA Retreads - Widow's Sons - 4 Winds BMW Riders

Thanks For Your Continued Support



August 27-29 2015

Erie, Pennsylvania

“Smoke on the Water”

May 2015

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First Rally?

Are you a Rally virgin? I can remember when I was, and that 1st Rally I went to. It seems you a little lost, not quite sure where to go and what to do. So, here are a few tips for you to feel a little more comfortable.

First things first, you need to find registration. Registration is the heart of the rally, information central so to speak. This year you will find registration to be inside the Desert Meeting Room at the Ambassador Conference Center. As with all things HOG you will be required to check in, present your current National Membership Card to make sure your current. If your National Membership needs renewed we will be able to help do that with you right there at registration. You will also fill out and sign a release form and present that as well. Once this is done you will move down the line and receive you Rally Registration Bag. Inside this bag are items you purchased during preregistration such as T-Shirt, patch, pin, tickets for the wine tour, closing ceremonies dinner coupon and even some surprises. It is your responsibility to check over your registration bag before you leave. If something is missing it needs to be brought up then. Some items such as tickets for dinners will NOT BE replaced once you leave the registration area. And, don't misplace them! Again, they will NOT BE replaced.

You will be given a wristband at registration as well. Your wristband is a KEY to all activities at the rally. You must have your wristband on to attend all events, and in some cases must also present a ticket or coupon as well. You will be asked to show your wristband many times during the rally. Remember that its not to annoy you, and the volunteers that are asking are

doing their jobs. It is proof that your a rally attendee, and that you have signed a release form.

You will be asked to show your wristband before the guided rides leave, at the ice cream meet and greet, for the pig roast on Friday plus the coupon you will receive. Lets just say its your responsibility to make sure you have it on, and have the coupons needed for the event your attending if required. Its all pretty simple really.

So, your ready to leave registration, you've checked you bag, everything is in order, tickets, coupons, rally guide book, swag, signed up for all the rides, and can't wait to enjoy the rally. Now get out there and enjoy all that the Rally Coordinators have worked all year on, that our volunteers have stepped up and are assisting us with, and all your friends are waiting to get out there and ride and have fun. Lets have a kick ass rally in Erie!

p.s. Lets not forget to give a big thanks to our dealers, our corporate sponsors, the hotel staff, and all the volunteers. And remember that everyone who is attending and assisting at the rally has to be registered and sign a release form at registration.

Mark Smith, Rally Coordinator

If you are planning to attend closing ceremonies dinner, It must be prepaid with registration. If you have registered and would like to come to dinner, please contact “Scoop”, our Treasurer and she can accept payment.

mszakacs@verizon.net

There will be NO dinners sold at the rally.



ZIPPO

There will be a ride to Zippo on Friday and on Saturday. Here is a little history of an iconic company.

George G. Blaisdell founded Zippo Manufacturing Company in 1932, and produced the first Zippo lighter in early 1933, being inspired by an Austrian cigarette lighter of similar design made by IMCO. It got its name because Blaisdell liked the sound of the word "zipper" and "zippo" sounded more modern.^[1] On March 3, 1936, a patent was granted for the Zippo lighter.

Zippo lighters became popular in the United States military, especially during World War II — when, as the company's web site says, Zippo "ceased production of lighters for consumer markets and dedicated all manufacturing to the US military". Period Zippos were made of brass, but Zippo used a black crackle finished steel during the war years because of metal shortages. While the Zippo Manufacturing Company never had an official contract with the military, soldiers and armed forces personnel insisted that base exchange (BX) and post exchange (PX) stores carry this sought-after lighter. While it had previously been common to have Zippos with authorized badges, unit crests and division insignia, it became popular among the American soldiers of the Vietnam War to get their Zippos engraved with personal mottos. These lighters are now sought after collector's items and popular souvenirs for visitors to Vietnam.

After World War II, the Zippo lighter became increasingly used in advertising by companies large and small

through the 1960s. Much of the early Zippo lighter advertising are works of art painted by hand, and as technology has evolved, so has the design and finish of the Zippo lighter. The basic mechanism of the Zippo lighter has remained unchanged.

In 2002, Zippo expanded its product line to include a variety of utility-style multi-purpose lighters, known as Zippo MPLs. This was followed in 2005 with the Outdoor Utility Lighter, known as the OUL. These lighters are fueled with butane. In August 2007, Zippo released a new butane lighter called the Zippo BLU.

A museum called "Zippo/Case visitors center" is located in Bradford, Pennsylvania, at 1932 Zippo Drive. This 15,000-square-foot (1,400 m²) building contains rare and custom made Zippo lighters, and also sells the entire Zippo line. The museum was featured on the NPR program *Weekend Edition* on Sunday, January 25, 2009. The museum also contains an enormous collection of Case knives. Since the Zippo company's 60th anniversary in 1992, annual editions have been produced for Zippo collectors.

From 1949 to 2002, Zippos were also produced in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. Since 1933, over 500,000,000 Zippo lighters have been produced.

In 2009, Zippo announced plans to purchase Ronson Consumer Products Corporation, a long-time competitor in the lighter market. On February 3, 2010, the deal was finalized.

In March 2011, due to significant decrease of sales from 18 million lighters a year in the mid-1990s to about 12 million lighters a year recently, combined with increasing pressure on people not to smoke, Zippo Manufacturing Co. tried offering a wider variety of products using the Zippo name, such as watches, leisure clothing and eau de cologne. This strategy is similar to the success Victorinox Swiss Army Brands Inc. has had selling watches, luggage, clothing and fragrance.

On June 5, 2012, the company manufactured its 500,000,000th lighter as well as celebrated its 80th anniversary.

Zippo embodies American pride not only in its design and manufacturing, but also through partnerships with companies and brands that share its patriotic values. More than half of the brands on the Brand Keys list have been featured on a Zippo lighter, including Jeep which came in at number one. In fact, in 2011, West Coast Customs produced a custom Zippo Jeep. In addition, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, ranked 13 on the list, is currently Zippo's number one licensed brand.

Thank you Zippo for being a supporter of this years PA Rally!!



The Zippo Jeep will be at the rally all day on Friday the 28th. Including at the pig roast that is being sponsored by Erie Harley-Davidson.



The Host Hotels are the Hilton Garden Inn and the Courtyard by Marriott

Hilton Garden Inn	(sold out)	814-866-1390
Courtyard by Marriott	(sold out)	814-860-8300
Holiday Inn Express		814-217-1100
Comfort Inn & Suites		814-866-6666
Econo Lodge		814-866-5544