

EXHAUST NOTES

The Newsletter of the All American Harley Owners Group, Chapter #3887



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Rob Stirling

Hello Fellow H.O.G. Members

Oh, what fun that Holiday Party was!!!

Over 90 members and guests joined us for the 2023 Holiday Party. It was a night filled with games, music, food, and of course lots of laughs. We, along with All American Harley-Davidson, gave away close to 60 door prizes including some very nice wreaths that were made by several of our members.

As 2023 comes to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support. This year as Director has been a great experience and wouldn't have been possible without YOU! Thank you to our officers for staying on task, thinking outside the box, volunteering your time, and working together. Thank you to our RCs, Activities, and LOH teams for planning and executing over 200 rides and events. Thank you to all the members who supported AAHOG in any way - as a rider, volunteer, or attending events.

I look forward to what 2024 brings, and know there will be plenty of riding and adventures to be had. We've already planned several events for the beginning of the year! Hope to see all of you out and enjoying AAHOG and its members as much as possible.

Ride Safe and Have Fun!!!



Member Chronicles

Stories, Discoveries, and Road Trippin



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Nick McConnell



I look back on 2023 with amazement at all we've accomplished this year. The AAHOG members came together week after week, energized and filled with ideas for rides, social events, and ways to give back to our community. We had great participation at our monthly chapter meetings and joined with local MDAMRA chapters at the annual HOGS at the Beach party in Ocean City.

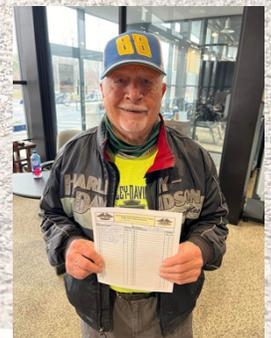
Together we rode for fun and charity events, explored familiar and new places, and met a lot of great people. We celebrated some fun milestones and supported each other through the happy and the sad times. This year we participated in the Nation of Patriots Flag Tour for the first time, and as part of this event, we donated \$1,000 to support veterans in need. At Christmas, we "adopted" two local families and made sure that seven kids had presents delivered to their doorstep by our very own Santa and one of his elves.



We finished the year by rallying together for two special events - RIDE 365 and Don French's annual quest to officially complete the same number of rides as his age. For RIDE 365, our chapter logged over 700,000 miles -- 62,000 more miles than last year. At this writing, we are in 2nd place for the Mid-Atlantic region, with Raleigh, NC sitting in 1st place. The results aren't final yet -- come on out on January 27 for the 2023 wrap-up party!

And with your help, Don was able to log 88 rides!

I'm looking forward 2024 as a year we can do more together. Thank you all for your help and friendship during 2023!



2024

Head Road Captain's Log

Hello fellow All American HOG Chapter Members,



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our AAHOG Members! I noted in a previous newsletter article about time flying by, well here we are in the 4th quarter 2023 and the holidays are upon us! I am not sure about anyone else, but I feel this year has flown by at an incredible pace!

We have had a tremendous year for rides and fun! Once again, a huge shout out to all our dedicated Road Captains who have scoured their riding APP programs for new ideas. Add that to how well they know our local Southern Maryland roads inside and out which helped them put together all our great rides to date.

Speaking of rides to date... at the time I'm completing this article (December 15, 2023) we have had 223 rides scheduled on our calendar through the end of this year. Of these 223 we only lost a total of 29 rides for the year due to weather and other riding obstacles. I know Rob made a huge shout-out to all our Road Captains at the Holiday Party, but I would like to throw out another huge shout here to all our great Road Captains who have done a tremendous job this year by giving their personal time to put together all these rides for our members! Be these rides long or short, local, or off to distant destinations, their time and effort are extremely important and greatly appreciated!!!

We currently have 22 Road Captains and 3 Road Captain Candidates. Sadly, Sandy & Jay Hawthorn have decided to step down as AAHD RCs. Jay and Sandy have a daunting path ahead of them as Jay battles pancreatic cancer. They have been AAHD Road Captains for several years and have always given 110% to better the AAHOG and provide many, many rides for all to enjoy! Along with me, I believe the entire membership wishes them both the BEST possible outcome for Jay so he can once again begin leading rides and enjoying their local HOG group - Wiregrass Dothan HOG of Harley Davidson of Dothan, AL.

I have provided a HOG Calendar to all RCs for the upcoming year 2024. This calendar is to give them as much time as possible to look to 2024 for newer and more exciting rides. If you have any ride ideas, please pass them along maybe they can help turn that into your epic ride!

Ride events of noteworthy mention for the quarter... Moonlight rides, costumes rides for our annual costume contest and dealer chili cook-off, and a very brisk early morning ride led by Kevin McConnell through the always amazing "Street of Flags" that was started by Frank Nuhfer and his patriotic neighbors to honor us on our way to participate in the Annual Leonardtown Veteran's Day Parade.

At the beginning of December, several RCs and chapter members traveled south to Alabama to visit Jay and Sandy Hawthorn and spend a little time with them in hopes of bringing a morale boost as he and Sandy focus on Jay's battle with cancer. We were there for a few hours and Jay and Sandy's spirits were high. We ate and chatted, catching up just as most AAHOG Members usually do, I believe it was a fun time together! Many thanks to Doc for kicking off the event, which was intended to be a ride for all but sadly Ole Mother Nature did not cooperate, so we caged it. We departed on Friday and returned home on Monday, minus Rick Smitha and Mark Dunn who had to head back north the same day we got together. THANK YOU to everyone who made this trip, it truly shows how All-American HOG. is a family!

A few photos from the visit are on the next page. As you can see, we first stopped at their local Harley Davidson Dealership Harley in Dothan, AL, we even managed to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Head Road Captain's Log



Okay moving on... Please make sure you grab your Chapter Challenge Book and plug in your updates so we have many, many books to check out and give each other some friendly competition for completing the many challenges!

RIDE 365... for those who participated -- Thank You!!! For those that did not, why not?? Not for you, why is that? If you are uncertain of the program, please feel free to grab any one of our Primaries, RCs, or any other participating member to find out what it is all about. As we move into 2024, let's all try to get our mileage in as often as possible so we have a good sense of where we are before "crunch time". Together let's make this another banner year for AAHOG,

So here we are ending another year, and 2023 has been a good year for riding but we have also had a few heartaches mixed in along the way. As we move into 2024 take care of yourselves, your loved ones, and your friends! As always, many thanks to every chapter member who has come out and joined our RCs for the many, many great rides! Lastly, and once again many, many thanks to all our Road Captains and we all look forward to another great riding year in 2024! No Rules - Let's Ride!

Hope you had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cheers,
Ed

Rides & Events



Be sure to check Rob's weekly E-Blast and our Facebook page for the latest scoop, details, and last-minute changes about Chapter rides & events.

Near future:

Saturdays in January
Membership Renewal



January 17, Patch Sewing

February 10, LOH Sock Hop Social, 6:30 PM, Mechanicsville

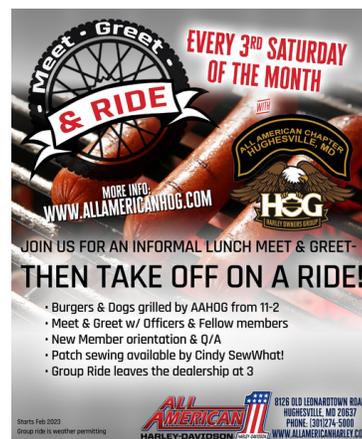
March 16, HOG Grilling, Patch Sewing, Riding Academy Reunion, Weekend Cones

Join Us for our Monthly Rides

When	What	Who
1st Thursday	Monthly Lunch Ride	Fred Heppner
2nd Tuesday	Brunch Ride to Bulrushes Cafe	Bill Mattingly
3rd Sunday	Breakfast Ride, American Legion	



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Monthly
MARCH 16,
APRIL 20, MAY 18

ALL DAY
AAHD, HUGHESVILLE



We're Firming Up Our 2024 Schedule. Meanwhile, plan to join us at our first event of the year:



February 10 - LOH Sock Hop Social



Well...it's hard to believe we are about to end the year. Rene and I would like to thank all our AAHOG sisters and brothers for supporting the LOH events; we had a great, action packed year.

One of our last events was a class on making themed wreaths. A great time was had and those who attended walked away with some awesome wreaths. Since we had such fun, a group of us got together and made an array of holiday themed wreaths as centerpieces for the holiday party tables (see below), and better yet, to be given away as door prizes. I'm sure we had some happy winners!

As we end the year, we wish all of you health and happiness in the new year and we look forward to seeing you at the first event of the new year, LOH Sock Hop Social on February 10th. See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter for more info.

Happy New Year - Becky Dunn and Rene Wilbur

Until next time..... "Live to Ride, Ride to Live"

-- Rene and Becky



holiday
PARTY



LADIES OF HARLEY (LOH)

LOH was established by the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) to encourage female members to become more involved in chapter activities. Ladies of Harley is not a separate organization from H.O.G., but rather an additional benefit for all female members. It is not women trying to separate from the men but rather trying to encourage more members to be involved. By joining the All American H.O.G. Chapter, you are automatically thought to be a member of LOH and will be included on the e-mail list so you can be aware of all LOH activities.



SAFETY Rx WITH DOC TRUESDALE

HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

I spoke to Santa and told him all of you have been nice, so I am sure there were gifts under the tree for all of you. Hopefully chrome and leather or possibly a gift card.

We have had a GREAT year of riding during 2023: over 200 chapter rides, several Rallies and family vacations. Be sure to log your Ride 365 miles. Thank you to all who have ridden safely. If you had an ooopps I am sure it was a tiny one.

December has arrived and the weather is changing. Happily, November was a mild month with some pretty decent riding weather. Our Holiday party was a success, with very good food, music, wonderful desserts, friendship and of course, our traditional Parts game. The winner this year was Bill Mattingly.

Thanksgiving left me stuffed and Christmas was filled with lots of sweets! We know many of you shopped at the dealership for holiday gifts for your bike (and loved ones) because we helped with the wrapping. Hopefully, everyone had a great Christmas!

The forecast for January is COLD!!! Here are some ideas to help you through this:



Staying Cozy During the Winter Solstice

With the colder months upon us, it's important to be mindful of staying warm. Here are some helpful tips: Dress in layers, take breaks indoors to warm up, and keep in mind wind chill factors while working or riding outdoors. Check out the chart on the next page, and consider keeping a copy with your bike if you're a motorcyclist. For those who aren't physically insulated, consider purchasing heated gear which is available at a dealership. (Refer to the article on page 15 for more information).



Motorcycle Windchill Chart

		Temperature									
		45°F	40°F	35°F	30°F	25°F	20°F	15°F	10°F	5°F	0°F
Speed in MPH	25	36	29	29	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24
	30	35	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26
	35	35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27
	40	34	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29
	45	33	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30
	50	33	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31
	55	32	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32
	60	32	25	17	11	3	-4	-12	-19	-26	-33
	65	31	24	16	10	2	-5	-12	-19	-27	-34
	70	31	24	16	10	2	-6	-13	-20	-27	-35
75	30	23	15	9	1	-7	-13	-21	-28	-36	
80	30	23	15	8	1	-7	-14	-21	-29	-36	

Several holidays are being celebrated in the next few months, Christmas, New Year's, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Valentine's Day, and Groundhog Day. Travel safely and enjoy your time with friends and family.

In the event of snow “be prepared” Have your snow removal equipment ready. If you are not physically insulated, wear heated gear, which you can buy at the dealership.

(Remember the Jan '22 snowstorm that left drivers in VA stranded on I-95 for 24+ hours?)

Remember to keep gloves, hats, blankets, snacks, and water in your cage in the event you get stuck in traffic. Do your best to have at least ½ tank of gas at all times.



Ride Safe,

Doc



REMEMBER DOC'S

Thoughts of the day

A COLD HAMBURGER CAN BE REHEATED QUITE NICELY BY STRAPPING IT TO AN EXHAUST PIPE AND RIDING FORTY MILES.

NEVER BE ASHAMED TO UNLEARN AN OLD HABIT.



JOURNEYS

Its All About the Ride

AND EVERYONE LOVES SHARING RIDING
STORIES. GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW H.O.G.
MEMBERS BY READING ABOUT THEIR JOURNEYS
AND BY SHARING YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES

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I don't get to ride with my friend Ted as often as I like because he lives in New York, so late last year we made plans for a long weekend of spring riding on the mountain roads of West Virginia and picked late April to do it. Then life intervened as he was diagnosed with a serious health problem that required surgery on the very day we had planned to start our ride and, of course, recuperation would follow and he would not be cleared to ride until August.

August it is — and we might need to make it even more special by adding some time in the hills of southern Ohio. The basic plan was to make a home base in Athens, OH for 3-4 days and do loops thru the surrounding countryside each day and sample the local hospitality each evening before a scenic ride back to eastern WV for another day or two of riding, before each heading our separate directions home.

Mostly healed and sort of OKd to ride by his doc in August, Ted snuck away from work and blasted down to southern Maryland on Saturday August 19 where we got his bike serviced while our Anniversary Bike Show was going on. It was hot but no rain and about the time his bike was finished and washed, I was caught up with work enough that we rolled out at 3:30 to make our first evening stop in Ruckersville, VA.

Some quiet back roads to the Nice-Middleton Bridge, 301 to Port Royal then 10 miles on 17 before a left on 610. From there, we took 2 before a right on 606 and a quick stop at the Stonewall Jackson Death site. I stop here often, as it is an interesting spot for a break and those with me are always curious about this unusual spot. We continued on and stitched together a whole bunch of country roads before finally getting on 33 for a bit before turning left on 607. We stopped to fill our tanks at 29 before grabbing rooms at the Holiday Inn.

We unpacked and each did a quick catch up on correspondence before a making the short stroll across the parking lot for drinks. A pretty nice Italian dinner rounds out the evening.

SUNDAY

We have a fairly long day of twisty roads in front of us so want to hit the road early to make it to Athens, OH early enough to get settled and scope out the town a little. It is mid-August but the morning is wonderfully cool as we get coffee and load the bikes, looking forward to amazing roads in WV and the triple nickel in OH.

Quickly get back on 33 heading west into the mountains, wave to Skyline Drive as we cross under her, continue thru Harrisonburg, and are soon climbing into our second mountain ridge of the day. At the top we cross into WV and see a nice overlook on the left for a short break and some pics. The views going up to and down from that crest are epic but we manage to keep our eyes on the road enough to safely navigate the many switchbacks and smooth pavement the local governments have been thoughtful enough to provide us! Through the valley then up and over another smaller ridge with more tight turns before descending into another valley and heading north through it to Seneca Rocks then west again through the hills to Elkins with nothing but perfect roads on a quiet and cool Sunday morning. There is nothing either of us would rather be doing!





Shortly after the town of Pickle Street we bid farewell to 33 and bear right on 47 which continues the twists, turns, and mountain scenery we have been enjoying and carries us all the way to Parkersburg. Here we stumble across a park with a scenic overlook at the confluence of the Ohio and Little Kanawha rivers for a short break and some more pictures.



Across the Ohio River we take a right on the (it really should be) famous Triple Nickel, Route 555 North. It is a technical but smooth road that curves right and left as it rolls through the hills past farms and homes.

Given that we are heading to Athens, we don't need to go very far north but we have time and take it all the way to Ringgold before we head south and my sense of direction let's us down as we add a few wrong turns before finally winding our way thru the pretty downtown home of The Buckeyes and find our modest motel on the edge of town. After unpacking and showers we toast a great day of riding with drinks before a short walk to Larry's Dawg House for a foot-long dinner followed by deep conversation fueled by just a bit too much bourbon.



MONDAY

Setting a pattern that will follow for a few days, Ted is at work remotely as he is hoping not to let his employers know he is actually gallivanting across the countryside on his Harley instead of TCB. After being ignored for a while I head out to scope out more of the town and pick up breakfast and some supplies.

We finally hit the road at 10 and head west on 56, which rolls and turns as it leads us into the Hocking Hills. In South Bloomingville we head northwest on 664 for a bit and find the John Glenn Astronomy Park- worth the visit- an interesting little stop for anyone with even a passing interest in the stars. We continue north across the Hocking River then in Logan pick up 93 north thru Webb Summit. From there, we turn left on 668 through the verdant Wayne National Forest and in New Lexington, pick up Tunnel Hill Road east to grab a surprisingly nice, but far too short, piece of 669 that returns us to the Triple Nickel north of Ringgold. We head south to cover several of the fun miles we had enjoyed yesterday. There are a surprising number of covered bridges just off the beaten track but despite some stops to see some sights, we are too quickly in Bartlett and headed west on 550 back to Athens.

Tonight we sample the goodness of the West End Cider House and allow the bartender to guide us through some fancy fermentations and snacks to go with them. Excellent place that is happily also quite close to our lodgings! Some more music and conversation at the motel put a cap on our fine day.

TUESDAY

Once again, Ted is working in the morning and once again he fails to let me know his schedule so I nail down what looks like another nice route for the day and go for a short warm-up ride in his absence. Finally, we head out, again on the enjoyable 56 before heading south on 278 and I think to myself, there are just no bad roads in this part of the country!

Shortly after the Hope Iron Furnace (worth a stop for a short history lesson) we stop again at a wonderful overlook of Lake Hope and enjoy a late road breakfast with the lake surprisingly all to ourselves.



We continue on 278 thru the Zaleski State Forest then jog east on 50, cut over to 32 Southwest and take a left on 678 South, yet another stellar road. North of Wilkesville we head south on 160 and in Vinton go right on 325 through Rio Grande before heading east on 141 into Gallipolis, an old river town along the Ohio. There is a city park with a nice river view and we almost stop there before noticing the boat launch below and I feel the need to get the Shark a bit closer to the water for pictures while Ted wants to know what the fishermen are catching.

Time to grab lunch and roll north out of town along the river toward Pomeroy and past an old coal fired power plant, then go left on 143 thru more countryside. In Albany we pick up 681 for a bit before turning right on CR10 then County19 back to 56 and return to our humble abode. Also close by is the Little Fish Brewery which provides great libations, tasty bites, friendly, knowledgeable staff, and, unexpectedly, a political fundraiser for the mayor. We enjoy the first three and largely dodged the latter...although in the spirit of political lobbying I did manage to get a **Fast Johnnie** sticker added to the taps!



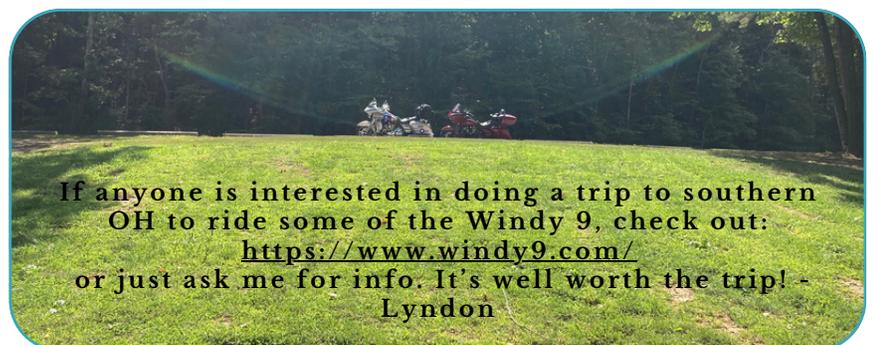
WEDNESDAY

Same morning drill, then out 56 again and a loop past Lake Hope before doubling back to pick up the exceptional 691 north. We continued north on windy country roads then, near Zanesville, picked up the Triple Nickel again to head south to 37 and east to McConnelsville for a quick lunch at the Chatterbox by the Muskingum River. After lunch and a quick stop at the historic lock and dam, we followed the river south for a bit before heading back across and knitting together some roads to take us southwest into Bartlett where we picked up 550 again to head back to Athens. A great but incredibly hot day of riding so it was followed by a low key evening as the rain moved in.

THURSDAY

I had put together an awesome route to lead us back to the Ohio River, then follow it north on some very technical roads before crossing into West Virginia. Unfortunately, the pouring rains we faced in the morning made that sound a lot less fun so we donned our rain gear and rolled east on 50 to make some straighter and faster miles while getting drenched. Somewhere along the way we outran the rain and finally hopped off on 219 North after crossing back into MD. North past Deep Creek Lake (and a short stop by the Monkey Business Adventure park) to 68 and some more fast miles (and it is pretty nice for an interstate) before peeling off in Hancock and taking the back way to our lodgings in Hedgesville, WV where we finally did a proper job of cleaning the bikes!

Friday and Saturday were mostly filled with riding the many sweet roads I am familiar with in the eastern panhandle of WV and up into southern PA before we had to head back to our respective homes- tired but refreshed!



Year's End

Doc Truesdale

It has been a great year of riding for me. Ventured out to Canada, Arkansas, Iowa, Traveling H.O.G. Rally, Nations of Patriots ride, Rolling to Remember ride, Fredericksburg H.O.G. Rally. Also, many chapter rides and just riding to enjoy the wind. Beth was able to do many rides with me, enjoying the scenery and family. There were a few things I missed due to my job and family obligations.

Looking back over the year 😊

Thank you to all the Road Captains for taking us to some great places and fun rides.



Jefferson City Capital Tour

Frank Nuhfer

What do a Harley Davidson shirt and the State of Missouri, Office of Administration, have in common? Quite a bit, and now the “rest of the story”....

My bride was jealous of my motorcycle trips where I ate some of the most delicious food and saw so many wonderful sights. To quote her frustration, it went something like this: “You never take me anywhere, you love that motorcycle more than you love me.” So, I decided to drive her to Jefferson City, the state capital of Missouri, to eat some German food at Das Stein Haus. (It was October, after all.) Conrad White, Ray Schlegel, and I had eaten there on our San Antonio return leg in 2021 and I just loved it. After 2-1/2 days of driving, we arrived in Jefferson City around noon and Cheryl wanted to go visit the Capitol building. To enter the Capitol building, we had to go through a metal detector and empty everything in our pockets into one of those baskets to be X-rayed. Suddenly, a voice behind me asked me if I really rode a Harley Davidson. I looked and saw this well-dressed person and knew he had seen the All American Harley Davidson shirt I was wearing, so I answered him, “Yes, I really do ride”. He asked what I rode, and I responded by telling him I rode a 2015 Ultra Classic Limited, and then broke out the camera and showed him a picture of Big Red. I then proceeded to tell him and the security officer that I had over 112,500 miles on Big Red, and briefly told him about my escapades on my bike. He introduced himself as Mr. Kenneth Zellers, Commissioner, State Chief Administrative Officer. He then led us on a semi-private tour of the Capitol building, took pictures of us standing in front of the Governor’s office, and told us some of the history of the building. He pointed out some interesting murals and other interesting facts about the building and said that he had owned 14 Harley’s but his position now left no time to do any riding, so he sold his Harley.

So, if you are ever in Jefferson City, Missouri, ride your Harley, wear your shirt, and visit the State Capitol Building.



Accessory Review - Gerbing Heated Base Layer

Lyndon Abell

Having never used heated gear regularly, I may not be the most qualified to review a piece of heated gear... but since many others are in the same boat, maybe I am - you be the judge.

I was taking a 150-mile ride on a Low Rider with no windshield on a Sunday in mid-February and wanted to arrive at my lunch stop without hypothermia so I decided to splurge on the Gerbing battery operated base layer hoping it would hold the key to my comfort. The base layer is a bit heavier than a long-sleeved t-shirt and has a small zip pocket on the left side where the small battery connects. While I could feel some wires in the garment while looking for them, while wearing it, all I felt was the battery and it was not obtrusive.

Using the included charger, I fully charged the battery the day before departure—it took about 3 hours and the LEDs on the battery showed the progress clearly. The instructions aggressively warn against using the high setting for more than a few minutes so I experimented with all the settings the night before my ride and confirmed that high gets really hot! Then I topped off the battery to make sure I had a full charge.

Although the high 40s were promised for later in the day, it was still in the 30s at my departure. Along with my leathers, I wore a HD sleeveless performance T under the base layer, followed by a wool shirt and a thin fleece mid-layer under my leather jacket and vest. I set the Gerbing to medium and rolled out. Interestingly I was only aware of warmth being generated now and then; I simply never got cold - pretty sweet. Except for my hands - they were cold, but certainly not as cold as they would have been had my torso not been warm. With heated grips, I would have been just fine!

After 2 hours of backroads, I met friends for lunch* and remembered to turn off my base layer when I landed. The conversation went much longer than planned which meant I had spent the warmest hours inside and it would be dark when I reached my destination - no problem! Knowing I could kick the heat back on, I discarded my fleece layer for less of the “Michelin man” feel on the second (somewhat warmer) leg of my journey.

It was more of the same with a surprisingly comfortable ride despite cool temps out and made me feel good about stepping into the world of heat generation. Instead of looking forward to getting to a warm house I took a few extra turns and stretched the ride out a bit because February rides are a great treat!

Towards the end of my ride, the battery ran out. I estimate I got about four hours on medium heat which is more than enough for a commute, but if you were planning to be riding all day you might need an extra battery unless the low setting was sufficient. Also worth noting is that while Gerbing provides a charger with the base layer, it seems to be proprietary and none of my other cords will work - so a road trip requires a bit more equipment be packed.

My ride home the next day was warmer (about 50) and on a bike (Pan America) that provides a bit more protection and had heated grips, so I left with no fleece but heat on medium. At a light 30 minutes into my ride, I dropped the heat to low, as I was too warm, and continued my ride in warm comfort.

My next day commuting I resumed my evaluation of the Gerbing Base Layer and it continued to impress. I am happy I finally leaped to the heat generation!

(See my Bottom Line on the following page)

*Isabellas in Frederick - Highly Recommend

Bottom Line:

For many (including my wife), heated gear is the game changer that allows them to ride comfortably in cooler months, but I just never wanted to fuss with the cords when getting on and off the bike so I stuck with “insulate” rather than “generate”. This piece of gear will make commutes comfortable with fewer layers and will make long rides that start cold and then warm up, much simpler and more comfortable. For all-day rides, the plug-in is clearly better but if you prefer cordless, and an extra battery should get the job done!

Pros:

No wires to plug in (or unplug before you get off)
Heat is close to your body so it is efficient
3 heat settings
Charger included

Cons:

Battery doesn't provide heat all day unless on low
Accessing the heat setting while riding can be difficult
Proprietary charger (gotta use theirs)

If you'd like to discuss, feel free to reach out to me at the dealership or send us an email.

Note: This article was originally published in our Spring 2023 newsletter.

REMINDER - TICKETS ON SALE NOW



GOT CABIN FEVER? NEED TO GET OUT?....JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AT THE
LOH SOCK HOP SOCIAL!

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE DECADE:
50'S 60'S 70'S 80'S OR EVEN 90'S
FEATURING COURTNEY STIRLING AS DJ

WHEN: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024

TIME: 6:30 TO 10:30

WHERE: MOOSE LODGE MECHANICSVILLE, MD

TICKET COST: \$10 PER PERSON

CASH BAR

HEAVY SNACKS, SODA, & WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 2, 2024

MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND

TICKETS AVAILABLE SEE RENE WILBUR OR BECKY DUNN