



Exhaust Notes

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The Director's Updates

The chapter has a very healthy membership. We are up to 460 members. There are lots of volunteers, and we can always use more of them.

The Officers have been very busy this year. We created a new chapter website. New email addresses are out for most of the officers.

We had a great picnic, which for those members who purchased tickets and attended were provided a refund. Sadly, it was overcome by weather, but we managed to have a great meal and indoor games kept us busy for the afternoon.

Our Activities Officer is tireless in her pursuit of things to do. All of the socials and ideas she has, keeps Rob and I on the throttles.....we just keep hanging on as it is a great ride to be on. Be sure to thank Christina when you see her for all that she does to keep you busy. Continue to check the chapter calendar for all things that she keeps adding. By the way, the holiday party is coming up get your tickets at the October meeting!!

Lastly, I owe all the officers a hearty "thank you" for a job well done! Thank you for all your support guidance, criticism, and most of all the laughs throughout the year. I really appreciate all the things you do for me, and more for the chapter, for without your help this job of director would be a significant challenge to handle.

Kevin McConnell
Director





Director's Recognition Programs

Member of the Quarter: Phyllis Warman – always a volunteer, and with her knowledge of the dealership and chapter history, she always is a go to Lady! Provides great guidance and doesn't sugar coat it!

Officer of the Quarter: Christina Stirling – Activities/Webmaster

Officer of the Quarter: Greg Bouton – Creator and magician of our first newsletter this year, Exhaust Notes

H. O. G. Ride 365 High Milers 2021:

1st – Kevin M. – 14,882 mi
2nd – Lynden A. – 11,573 mi
3rd – David B. – 10,735 mi

Road Captain Leaderboard:

So far, Rob Stirling is in the lead – 18 rides!

(Kevin is closing in at a close 2nd with 15 rides)

You can be recognized too by volunteering for activities, submitting articles for the newsletter, leading rides, and adding up your miles via H. O. G. Ride 365.



Chapter Highlights with the Asst. Director



Closing Out 2021

With 2021 coming to an end soon, here are some highlights to recap:

Introduced a new and much improved website to include an Eblast system we can track and manage more efficiently.

Brain Freeze was a huge success. One of if not the most profitable of all time.

Chapter Picnic who would have thought the only day it rained in weeks would be on that day. Even with the rain we had a great turn out and came up with games to play that everyone would enjoy. We were also able to make this a free event with fundraising and the success of the Brain Freeze.

Hog at the Beach we had 28 members in attendance. It was a great time and lots of fun with all the chapters from Maryland & Delaware. We even took home some awards in the Bike Games.

Not to mention all the Rides, Socials and Events we have had. It really has been a fun and exciting year and it's not over yet!!

Chesapeake Freedom & Spirit – The rally is 23 - 25 June 2022, in Solomon's Island, Maryland. Solomon's Island is located where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay in beautiful Southern Maryland. The area is mostly rural, with amazing water views. Explore the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the United States, with over 150 major rivers and streams which flow into it.

Looking Ahead to 2022

With over 40 rides to choose from, there is something for everyone. Rides starting at 6:30am for a quick breakfast or take a day ride following the Star-Spangled Banner with the War of 1812 - the invasion of the Chesapeake, the burning of Washington, DC and ending at Baltimore at Fort McHenry where Francis Scott Key saw the American flag still flying and wrote the Star-Spangled Banner. Track an assassin's path where John Wilkes Booth planned the attack on President Lincoln, to his stop at Dr. Mudd's house to set his leg, then to cross the Potomac River on his escape route. A visit to the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, a test and evaluation museum, has many aircraft on display where you can get up close and talk to the people who flew and worked on these aircraft – make reservations for the flight simulators!!!! Take a ride up to the Naval Academy in Annapolis and enjoy the historic city. Take a ride to discover the lighthouses along the bay; ride to remote areas along the Potomac for lunch or dinner of Maryland's famous blue crab; or take a trip over the Potomac to Virginia to visit historic battlefields. There is something for everyone! Thanks for a great year and look forward to many more!!!

Rob Stirling
Asst. Director



Treasurer's Tidbits

What a year we have had with our new team of Primary Officers, and now a new Newsletter. This year I want to thank everyone who has come out and helped us raise money for our Chapter. These events included our annual primary fundraiser, the Brain Freeze, residual Ice Cream Sales, tips from supporting the Dealership events, and our 50//25/25 monthly Chapter Meeting raffle.

This year the Chapter was able to completely subsidize our Annual Picnic, due to direct volunteer support during these events. This subsidy utilized 22% of our annual earnings.

What a year we have had with our new team of Primary Officers, and now a new Newsletter. This year I When considering the projected expense for our holiday party (\$6,600.00) offset by an estimated 100 ticket sales (\$3,000.00), this reduces the overall cost to \$3600. When combining our membership dues and volunteer support income, this final annual expense utilizes 70% of our remaining annual income for 2021. Fortunately our surplus balance from years past remains untouched.



Looking forward, we should still contemplate additional fundraisers to cover our annual expenses when considering a potential rise in the cost of living.

I wish to thank those who volunteered their support this year and we hope to see additional individuals helping out next year!!

Barbara Allen
Treasurer



Activities Highlights



Summer 2021 Events:

Wed, Jul 7 – United Buffet & Grill (Social)

Sun, Jul 18 – Social Breakfast
American Legion Hughesville

Sat, Aug 7 – Chapter Picnic

Sat, Aug 14 – Sturgis Dreamin'
Celebration (Cooking at the Dealership)

Sun, Aug 22 – Summer of Music
Leonardtown Square (Sam Grow)

Fri, Sep 10 – Dealer Appreciation Lunch

Wed, Sep 15 – Bike Night
Fundraiser Mrs. Moo's Corner at Spider
Hall Farm (Social)

Sat, Sep 18 – Slice House (Social)

Sat, Sep 25 – Cooking at the
Dealership (Ice Cream)

Events on the Horizon:

Hello, fellow chapter members,

Well, here we are almost through the year already. Can you believe that? In the last 9 months we had lots of rides and Socials along with helping out at the dealership. I want to thank all the volunteers for helping with all the events; and as always, I want to thank all our Road Captains for leading us on all these wonderful rides and keeping us safe. Keep an eye out for more great rides and events. I'm always looking for new ideas and help.

Upcoming Events:

Sat, Oct 23 – Chili Cookoff / Bake Sale (We need bake good donations)

Sat, Dec 18 – Wreath Laying Ceremony (Social)

Sat, Jan 22 – Holiday Party

Christina Stirling
Activities

Volunteer Recognition:

Sturgis Dreamin' Celebration Event on Sat, Aug 14 – Matt Allen, Barb Endebrock Allen, Fred Heppner, Dale Sollars, Nick McConnell, Gigi Habiby, Beth Truesdale, Rob Stirling

Would like to thank all that help with cooking for the Dealership Appreciation Lunch on Fri, Sep 10 – Bill Mattingly, Wallace Simkin, Drew Stirling, Debbie Kirby Brooks, Fred Heppner, Frank Nuhfer, Nick McConnell, Gigi Habiby, Matthew Allen, Barbara Endebrock Allen and Kevin McConnell

Dealership Customer Appreciation Event on Sat, Sep 25 – Debbie Kirby Brooks, Todd Brooks, Cheryl Nuhfer, Frank Nuhfer, Kathy Linderman, Jeff Linderman, Phylis Warman, Jim Warman, Margaret Brown, Wallace Simkin, Conrad White, Dale Sollars and Kevin McConnell

Volunteers Needed:

Rally in Solomon's 2022 – Lyndon will need help at dealership for Demo Rides (and anything else he needs us to help with for the rally)



Head Road Captain's Log

We have had some great rides so far this year. We have gone out for food, ice cream, primary events for other chapters, seeing fun roads, rallies, and more. Thank you to our dedicated road captains. Our road captains have led approximately 80 rides this year, and I am sure there will be enough rides to make the 100-ride goal we set for this year.

I would like to thank our "new 2021" road captains: Rene Wilbur, Fred Heppner, Gary Davis, Rick Smitha, Bob Smith, and Greg Bouton. They have already led some wonderful rides. There are also more road captain candidates in training. If you would like to become a road captain, please contact myself or Matt Allen, we can get you rolling.

Our assistant head road captain Matt Allen has done a great job when I have been on travel/vacation. Sometimes he gets to the calendar before I do. Matt stands in for me at meetings with great information.

Our chapter has also had some RIDE Chiefs suggest some really fun rides and places to go. Keep the ideas rolling in. If you would like to be a RIDE Chief contact any road captain and they will assist you.

Road captains have assisted the dealership with riding on demo rides and talking to possible new Harley Davidson owners. Talking with them and helping them decide which model is best for them. Thank you very much for stepping up.

Great Big thank you to all the road captains and RIDE Chiefs who have led us to many fun rides.

Let's Ride

Doc Truesdale
Head Road Captain



Planned Rides

- Saturday, October 23 – Chili Cook-Off Ride – RC Rob Stirling
- Sunday, October 24 – Bealeton Flying Circus – RC Bob Smith
- Wednesday, October 27 – Hump Day Ride – RC Phyllis Warman
- Thursday, October 28 – Bike Night – RC Gary Davis
- Saturday, October 30 – Halloween Costume Ride – RC Rob Stirling
- Saturday, November 6 – Urbanna Oyster Festival – RC Bob Smith
- Thursday, November 11 – Veterans Day Parade – RC Art Leon
- Friday, November 19 – Full Moon Ride – RC Bob Smith



*For additional details, see the ride calendar at:
<https://www.allamericanhog.com/event-calendar-1>



A Word from our Sponsor



Upcoming Dealership Events

Oct 23: 13th Annual Chili Cookoff and bake sale (Patch sewing and leather repair by Natural Design here too)

Oct 30: Costume Contest

Nov 3: Store closing early (at 5) for private party

Nov 24: Store closing early at 3 and closed on 25th for Thanksgiving

Dec 11: Pics with Santa

Stay tuned for other events/ notices about hours for Christmas and New Year's. Thanks!

ALL AMERICAN HARLEY-DAVIDSON

LUCKY 13TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

SAT. OCTOBER 23RD

WE WANT YOU TO ENTER AND VOTE!

CHILI COOK-OFF ENTRIES IN AT 11

TASTING/VOTING TIL 2

AWARDS AT 2:30

TOP PRIZE GETS \$100 GIFT CARD!
WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

GET A FORM IN STORE OR EMAIL info@allamericanharley.com

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BENEFITS

DATE AND PRICE LIMITATIONS. CHILI COOK OFF WILL BE LIMITED TO ENTRY AT 11:00AM. NO LATE ENTRIES OR EXCHANGES. PRIZES ARE LIMITED TO WHAT IS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.

ALL AMERICAN HARLEY-DAVIDSON

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

SAT. OCTOBER 30TH

GET DRESSED UP! WE WILL HAVE PRIZES FOR:

- ADULTS • KIDS •
- PETS • EMPLOYEES •

SIGN IN BY NOON

AWARDS AT 2:30

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

FOR MORE INFO, CALL US OR EMAIL info@allamericanharley.com



A Fall Ride with Lyndon and AAHD Staff – late September 2021



It started as a request by Mike to take a few days off. Mike has been riding for many years, but his first real road trip was the round-trip ride we did to Milwaukee for the 2019 Dealer Meeting (link to that story here) and due to work and family obligations along with COVID he had not done another and was feeling the itch. Not wanting to intrude but always up for a ride I offered that if he wanted company, I was game, and he was enthusiastic about getting the band back together, so Keith was invited to join as well.

The basic plan was to ride down the BRP to Sparta, NC then spend another day riding the Snake and other curvy roads in the area- maybe ride down to Little Switzerland for the Diamondback and other fun- before taking some back roads north thru VA and WV and a stop in Harrisonburg for the night then cover some more curvy roads on the way back to the Nice bridge and home.



Seemed like a great plan as long as Mother Nature would cooperate with the weather. She didn't...

As our departure neared it seemed clear that we'd be in for high probability of rain each day and while getting rained on is nothing new to us, when covering a lot of curvy technical roads, it is a serious bummer. Weatherman was showing clear skies north for a few days before rain moved in from the west so at the last minute, we cancelled the plans for NC to take on WV and PA.

We were packed up for departure Saturday and hit the road immediately after work and took the back way to 301 then across the bridge to Port Royal where we jogged right, left, left, right before a quick stop at the Stonewall Jackson death site (who knew that was a thing!?).



606 took us across 95 and back into nice roads where we might have taken some more back roads and made it a shorter route, but the day was getting late, and we were getting into deer season, so we continued south on 208 across Lake Anna then headed north on 522 into Culpepper. Picked up rooms at the Quality Inn and found a quality Mexican meal across the street before a quick bike clean up and an early bedtime.





Sunday

The heavy morning dew made it look like we got rained on the night before and Mike and I mopped off the bikes while getting packed. But the weather was cool and perfect, and we were on the road at 8 headed south on 29 before a cut across to join the always entertaining 33 thru Elkton where we were met with a thick fog and temps that dropped 10 degrees. Continuing on 33 and across Skyline Drive before a Quick stop by a stream for beef jerky then more mountain riding across another majestic Blue Ridge into WV before taking a right in Oak Flat on Sweedlin Valley Road (which was exceptional!) into Moorefield to pick up 220 then 50 thru Romney for gas and bio break. A left-on Jersey Mountain Road then left in Points before another quick stop on the banks of the South Branch of the Potomac River for a scenic spot snack and map check.



So far, the roads have been amazing, and we aim to keep it that way but there is a small concern of a road that may not be paved all the way thru and there is no quick alternative, so we cross our fingers and continue to Springfield and go right towards Green Spring along fast sweepers that seem to beg me to completely discard the speed limit. A right turn before town takes

us to the North Branch of the Potomac and we cross on an old wooden toll bridge (this is a unique crossing that everyone should really experience) that carries us from WV back into MD and past Old School Restoration and Kitchen (another great place for your “Future Road Trip checklist”).

Left on 51 before a right on the road we are not confident of, Cresap Mill rd. Despite our trepidation the road is paved all the way to 68 and in deference to Mike’s need for a bit of straight (ish) line speed we hop on the I68 east for 2 exits before exiting south to Little Orleans and our lunch stop at Bills place, a true “biker” hang- in both senses of the word.



Satiated, we point back north and quickly cross into PA on 26 which is another of those roads that seems to push your right wrist past the posted limits, and it has been recently re- paved as well. Like a brand-new roller coaster! 26 carries us thru Everett and near Yellow Creek I am tempted to go right for a snap shot opportunity at a covered bridge nearby but, given the time, go left on 36 and head toward Freedom (east Freedom actually) where we pick up 164 to 22 to 422 to a scenic break at the boat launch in Yellow Creek state park where we manage to save a frazzled fisherman the trouble of swimming out to fetch the boat he let slip away.



Good deed of the day accomplished, we continue to Indiana, PA where despite Keith’s desire to just keep on riding, the second motel we check has accommodations for us and a restaurant across the street.

Needing supplies, we divide and conquer then regroup before meeting for dinner across the street where Keith’s new friend Brian fixes us up with entirely too much food and drink and we round out the evening with more bourbon at the motel.



Monday

I wake up feeling over served but as Mike had wisely headed to bed earlier than Keith and I, he takes the lead in getting the bikes cleaned up and organized while I ponder a route and pack. Weather still looks good for us today almost anywhere, so our plan B continues, and we head out of town on a search for Frog Rock (another serendipitous road trip story).

422 west toward Kittanning then 66 north which, although a bit of a truck route with pavement that is a little rough is yet another fun road with steep rolling hills on a crisp clear morning. Near Clarion we stop for gas and are rewarded by a chat with the owner of a beautiful 1936 Buick hot rod with a 60s era corvette motor. We are curious and he obliges by showing it off with full descriptions.



In Leeper we get back on 36 to Tionesta then 62 into East Hickory to pick up 666 east. I assume we will find a sign for a group pic with the devilish route sign but am wrong and theorize that enough of those signs were stolen that the county just stopped putting them back up. We manage to find Frog Rock on the first try and a short hike down the steep hill rewards us with a sparkling view of Tionesta Creek and our new green friend.

666 is a fairly narrow, bumpy road than encourages a relaxed pace thru the forest as it traces along the creek, and despite his stated desire for some fast roads, Mike declares this road his favorite of the trip so far and vows to return with a tent sometime for an overnight.

Planning a stop at the appropriately named Wild Hog BBQ we head east on 59 but find it closed so U turn to Warren for subs and wings at Fat Daddy's. Back east on 59 we stop at one easy



picture spot and take a heavy detour for the Rimrock overlook which requires a short hike thru the woods for our maximum viewing pleasure.

We have no planned stopping point but figure to head south tomorrow and there look to be motels in Coudersport and Wellsboro with little between, so we

decide to stop in the former if an appropriate spot is there and continue on if not. The last motel on the left heading out of town is the



Laurelwood Inn and Steakhouse with full bar. Bikers' paradise, with an old school family feel and exterior doors!... We feel we have hit the trifecta and pull in. Adjacent rooms with chairs out front lead to a nice after ride cocktail party and the Inns owner, Paul, comes over to share a drink of his magic mason jars and we swap stories of the road. Really couldn't be more perfect, the night is cool and fresh and though only 2 days away from home and work we feel a world away. Awesome. As we are in the country and the night air is so fresh, Keith just sleeps with the door open!



Tuesday

The morning comes cool and with the expected clouds and though it feels like rain is closing in, the predictions are that we should have dry roads today...but will get pounded tomorrow. Rats.

Oh well, tomorrow is another day, and we are about to be headed in a homeward direction, so we roll out and figure to determine our end point later in the day. Mike and I made an early supply run then loaded up with Keith and headed to the nearby Fezz's community diner for breakfast. The diner is exactly what we hoped for visually but is closed so down the road a bit to Robbin's for home cooked breakfast outdoors where we again bump into Paul.



South on 44 thru Susquehannock state park enjoying the twisties of yet another great road to ourselves being surrounded by trees and climbing past 2000 feet in elevation. Bucolic

stop at Upper Pine Bottom State Park provides a few Kodak moments of a nicely cared for babbling brook lined with pines and hemlocks. South along Pine Creek to Jersey Shore (yup we're still in PA) where we make tracks for a bit on 220 then negotiate our way to 64 into Pleasant Gap and head south and east on 144 and 322 thru Potlicker Flats (we really had to go thru a town named Potlicker Flats?) before picking up 35 south into Mifflintown.

The town features a charming Main Street and a substantial pedestrian bridge across the Juniata River, and we stop there for a rest and some scenery.



South of town, 35 turns into another one of those lightly travelled, beautifully paved, big time fun roads and carries us down thru the Juniata valley to

Shade Gap where we pick up 522 into Burnt Cabins (wonder how it got that name?). Past the camp site and mill we go right on one of my all-time favorite (and far too

short) roads that swoops and dives while it carries us into Cowan Gap state park. Being a Tuesday after Labor Day, the place is empty, but we grab a picnic table by the lake and enjoy the scenery while discussing the rest of the day.



Mountain House.

Rain is moving in, and tomorrow will be a soaker, so we decide to enjoy today but end up at home tonight...but first Mountain House!

A few more miles down our curvy road we T into 30 where it crests the mountain above McConnellsburg and across the street is the appropriately named biker hang out,

We take advantage of Taco Tuesday while enjoying the majestic view on their deck then head east on 30 down the mountain and south on 75 thru Mercersburg where we don preventive rain suits then pick up some back roads past Whitetail and thru Blair's Valley before getting on I70 east in Clear Spring, MD to make some tracks before the rain hits. We seemed to ride out of it and pulled over at the rest stop before Fredrick for High Fives and goodbyes before hammering down 270 to the beltway and going our separate ways.

Only 3 days on the road but when you do it that right it feels like a week. Can't wait to do it again!

When we come to the place where the road and the sky collide

Throw me over the edge and let my spirit glide
They told me I was gonna have to work for a living
But all I want to do is ride

I don't care where we're going from here
Honey, you decide



Lyndon
Director of Operations
All American Harley Davidson



A Ride to Remember

Editor's Notes

During the evening of May 29, 2021, my family and I enjoyed the company of relatives visiting from Tennessee. That evening my father-in-law briefly remarked on his time in service, which struck a chord in me that encouraged me to reflect on my time in service as well. Realizing that day was the 20th anniversary of my walking onto the yellow footprints at Paris Island, SC, I also reflected on the time I spent with others while in service to this great Nation.

Not long after dinner that evening, I received an email from All American Harley Davidson inviting me to join the local H. O. G. Chapter #3887 the next morning on the 2021 Rolling to Remember ride. I pondered participating on the ride for a bit, but it wasn't long after that I had made up my mind over a cup of coffee with my in-laws. I expressed to them my interest in joining the chapter on the ride; and to my surprise, they and my wife were very encouraging. The next morning, a cold one for the time of year, I rolled up to AAHD to see a decent size group of riders preparing to depart on the ride. I didn't know anyone, but no one hesitated to answer any of my questions when asked, so I instantly felt welcomed. Shortly thereafter, we received our safety brief then off we were to the Capital City. Even though it was a cold morning, I was amazed at how smooth the ride was and how fluid the riders were in their movement and communication. Just as impressive was the willingness for local law enforcement to guide our way into our destination at RFK. Soon after pulling into our file and parking, I was pointed in the right direction to the head by Mike, one of the first members I met that morning. Not long after, the crowd grew to an impressive size given the circumstances for travel this year; nonetheless, while we were leaving, I am sure DC heard us.

While on the route up to the Washington DC Mall the flow was smooth and fast. I had heard previously this would be a heat fest with all the bikes moving in a stop-and-go flow

but I was not met with this pace at all until we pulled up to the Marine Staff Sergeant saluting riders as they entered the mall. What was this? I wasn't anticipating this being a part of the ride (yes, this was my first ride of its kind [i.e., the successor to Rolling Thunder]); nonetheless, my responding salute felt seamless. Now I've ridden motorcycles pretty much as far back as I can remember, but I can't think of many other times on the machine, if any, that has pressed upon my soul as that moment. I had later heard from another Marine I work with that the "Saluting Marine, Tim Chambers, had been honoring our service members in his way for almost 20 years, which is impressive, to say the least and another reason why this is a ride for me to remember.

Moving forward, the pace had once again picked up with the crowds waiving as we all passed by around the mall. Before I knew it, the ceremonial element of the ride was over. It was then that I felt like I was in a race to keep up with the pack that I rode in with; albeit the pace was commensurate with traffic, I had a sense of excitement while trying to keep up. At one point near Pentagon City, we had to make a hasty U-turn, which was quite fluid from my perspective as the ad hoc tail. Afterwards, it seemed to be smooth sailing all the way back to AAHD. The group of riders I rode in with was the first to arrive, so that had its own sense of pride, but it was the welcoming that I received from the other riders that was the icing on the cake for me. After saying adios, I knew I wanted to be a part of this chapter. Thank you all for being who you are! Semper Fi

Greg Bouton
Editor

