

COOPERSBURG H.O.G. OBJECTIVES:

The Coopersburg Harley Owners Group, sponsored by the Crossroads Harley Davidson Dealership, offers the opportunity for Harley riders to participate in organized motorcycle activities. These activities involve group rides that raise funds for local and national charities, day and overnight fun runs, patriotic and memorial runs, plus organized runs to bike rallies and functions. Safety is emphasized through training programs and applied on the road riding experience. Coopersburg HOG supports a family oriented format and is dedicated to promoting a positive image of Harley riders.

THE MEETING

Chapter meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at the American Legion Post, 75 N. Main Street, 2nd floor, Sellersville, @ 9:00 AM. There is usually a ride (bike or car, depending on the weather) after the meeting for breakfast or whatever.

The January 2 meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance, led by Director Rich Singer. The minutes from the December meeting were read by Ruth Ricci, Secretary, and were approved by all members present. Treasurer's report was read by Todd Guinther and approved.

In attendance were 81 members and 5 guests. Total membership to date for 2005 is 134. Get your membership renewals in to Diane Henry.

Upcoming events for our chapter and other groups can be found on the events page. Sign-up sheets are provided on the stage area at each meeting.

The next meeting will be February 6.

OLD BUSINESS

The **business card** ads expired December 31, 2004. If you wish to renew or place an ad in the newsletter, contact Trudie Yaeger. \$36/yr., \$3/mo (pro-rated).

Kim Snyder showed **pictures** from the ride to Nazareth Speedway. Thanks, Kim ... they were great! He will be showing more at meetings from the Coopersburg HOG repertoire. Anyone having pictures, see Kim.

Meetings that fall *on* a holiday will be changed to another date.

A special **HOG PA license plate** for cars and trucks is available. Forms and information were included with the December newsletter or you can request forms from krambones@adelphia.net.

NEW BUSINESS

Coopersburg HOG presented a plaque to Ron Hansen in appreciation for his many years of service as Safety Officer. Thank you for a great job, Ron!

There will be a 2005 budget presentation at the February meeting by Kim Snyder and Todd Guinther.

FROM THE 'TORCH'

... Rich Singer, Director
Happy New Year to all! We are off and "riding"! Lots of events, rides, get-togethers and trips are being planned for 2005 ... there will be something for everyone. Please contact any staff member with your suggestions and ideas ... it is YOUR club. Check the newsletter each month for the calendar of events ... current and future. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings, functions, rides, etc. Ride safe!

... Torchman

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

... Colin Kelly
Rides and breakfasts will be scheduled in advance of each monthly meeting and will be published in the monthly newsletter as well as announced at meetings. Any suggestions, contact Jerry Ricci or me.



Orientation ride is scheduled for April 23, 2005.

Date for the third attempt of the third annual iron butt "tee" shirt run is June 11, 2005.

ACTIVITIES

... Jerry Ricci
Road Captains are needed for dinner and ice cream runs. Please see me.

Please check the HOG Hotline frequently, especially before a scheduled event!

If you have signed up for an event and cannot attend, please contact the Road Captain so they are not waiting for you.

See events page for schedule.

LUCKY WINNERS

The winner of the 50/50 was Don Rothstein, and Diane Henry and Dave Bennett won gift certificates. Congratulations all!

MEMBERSHIP

... Diane Henry, Chairman
Registration for membership is due now for the 2005 year. \$10 ea. Forms are available at the dealership or at meetings. If you cannot get to either of these places, please E-mail or call me for a form. You **MUST** be a member of National HOG.



... Pat Ford

The MDA donations from the Christmas wrapping at Crossroads H-D were quite generous. Thank you to everyone who participated in any way. The funds are used to purchase MDA packets from the dealer.

The Winter Party will be Saturday, January 22, 2005 at the Legion, 7 PM. Menu: ham & roast beef, browned potatoes, string beans & corn, beer & soda (cash bar). Bring a dessert. Members \$20/ea, guests \$25/ea. DJ for music and dancing. Gift exchange - bring one, get one (\$10), wrap and mark for guy or gal.

Future 2005 activities: February 20-bowling 12:00 PM @ Earl Lanes, Rt. 309, Quakertown, dinner after at Copperhead Restaurant, Rt. 378; March 19 Progressive Dinner* {\$10 ea., \$5 to be refunded upon attendance, everyone attending is asked to sign up to bring something; appetizers 12-1:30PM, soup & salad 2-4PM, dessert 5 PM 'til?}; April 17-Atlantic City; May 15-Longwood Gardens; June ?-Washington DC, WWII Memorial (possible overnigher).

The next **LOH** meeting is February 8, 2005, 6:30 PM, at the Roman Delight Restaurant, Rt. 113 & Telegraph Rd., Perkasio.

Suggestions for places to have LOH meetings in the Doylestown, Warrington/ Warminster, Southampton areas for the Tuesday after each monthly HOG meeting are welcomed.

LADIES (and significant others) -- we would like to see more of you participate in this planning and fun monthly event!

See events page for other activities.

* Hosts needed for **Progressive Dinner** for appetizer and soup & salad courses; only need to provide paper goods and beverages, which the club reimburses. EVERYONE is asked to bring *something!*

REMEMBERING

Priscilla Singer - had knee surgery December 30.

Tom Knox - currently living in Florida, lost *everything* but his truck & his Harley during the hurricanes-he is OK. Will have his new address in the February newsletter.

(Please notify Ruth Ricci, Trudie Yaeger or any Board member if you know of anyone who is ill, experienced a loss, or needs our help.)

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SAFETY TIPS ... Jim Nietupski
(Look for an article from Jim next month.)

Motorcycle Safety Riding Course

- Sign up to reserve your spot for the Safety Course (beginner/refresher or experienced rider) by calling 1-800-845-9533
 - Reserve your spot on the website at www.state.pa.us key word Motorcycle*. There are a variety of locations and times to take the course. Ask for locations and times when you call.
 - When you pass the course, give a copy of your paperwork to the safety officer.
 - Send a copy of your paperwork to HOG and receive a patch
- New MSP website: <http://www.pamsp.com>



FASHION CORNER -- Cathy Natali

Black sweatshirts, ¼ zip, M,L,XL,2XL \$30.00
 Tee shirts: (all tee shirts \$15.00)
 Long sleeved Henley, 4 left, 2XL \$10.00
 White w/pocket, 1-L, 12-XL, 1-2XL, 1-3XL
 Black w/pocket, 3-L, 2-XL, 1-3XL
 Cardinal, no pocket, 1-M, 5-L, 3-XL, 4-2XL
 Black, no pocket, 3-L, 3-XL, 1-2XL, 2-3XL
 Turquoise tank top, 3-XL, 2-2XL

Patches:
 PA - large & small
 HOG - large & small
 Coopersburg Chapter - large & small
 LOH - large & small

Pin - Coopersburg HOG, 1 left \$9.00
 Magnets: MIA/POW - 2 large
 Relay for Life, purple - 5 large, 4 small
 Cancer Survivor, pink - 4 large, 4 small
 Support Our Troops, yellow - 20 large, 14 small

(Contact me *before* a meeting if there is an item you want me to bring.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
 None this month.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gary Plessl, Mark Wicklund	5
Bill Hagner	6
Grant Fry	7
Gary Keating	10
Tom Quinn	11
Anthony Mirarchi	12
Nancy Way	15
Robin Lewis	17
John Galt	18
John Troxell, Tony Zedar	22
Jon O'Grady, Tom Zuber	24
Pat Ford	26
Luis Vasquez	28
Rich Singer	29
Robert Martin Jr.	30
Dave Nemec	31

Daytona - will haul your motorcycle to Daytona, FL for Bike Week, March 5-13, 2005. Leaving PA March 3, returning March 14, round trip cost \$400. Contact Burt Pyne 610-982-5408 (leave message).

GOOD DEALS AVAILABLE
1997 Ultra Classic FLHTCU radiance red, 1340CC, 35,000 miles, new clutch-tires-brakes; updated electrical system, \$11,250 o/b/o. Colin Kelly 215-536-3034 or c1545@msn.com (12/04-2/05)
HD tires - front & rear Dunlop MT-90B16, D-402 & D-402F, 5-ply tread, single whitewall, never used, fits FLHTC, \$275/pair firm. Call "Bones" Yanni 215-362-5927. (11/04-1/05)
16" Chrome Spoke Wheels used 10,000 miles, \$300/pair o/b/o. Call "Bones" Yanni 215-362-5927 (11/04-1/05)
H-D electric heated gloves extra large, 1 pair, used 2 winters, like new, \$60. Call Doc Young 610-252-7972 or E-mail docyoungsemc@rcn.com (12/04-2/05)



DEALER'S HAPPENINGS ...Ron Scherba & Al DeFeo

The winner of the shopping spree is Brenda Frey from Bethlehem ... congratulations!

Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 AM to 7 PM,
 Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM to 5 PM, Saturday 9 AM to 3 PM

JANUARY EVENTS

- Jan. 2** - Chapter meeting 9AM, American Legion, Sellersville
- Jan. 4** - LOH dinner & meeting, 6:30PM, The Oaks, Rt. 611, Pipersville, PA
- Jan. 8** - Dinner run, 6:30PM, Julie's Restaurant, Rt. 611, across from Willow Grove AFB (Todd Guinther)
- Jan. 22** - Winter Party @ Legion, 7PM, \$20/ea. members, \$25/ea. guests. Bring a dessert; gift exchange - bring one, get one (\$10), wrapped & marked guy or gal.

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

- Feb. 2** - Staff meeting 7 PM @ Crossroads H-D
- Feb. 5** - Dinner run 6:30 PM, Willows, East Texas
- Feb. 6** - Chapter meeting 9 AM, American Legion; breakfast after @ Coopersburg Fire House (Bob Natali)
- Feb. 8** - LOH dinner meeting 6:30 PM, Roman Delight, Rt. 113 & Telegraph Rd, Perkasio
- Feb. 19** - Dinner run 6:30 PM, Capri, Rt. 611 & Stump Rd. (Jerry Ricci)
- Feb. 20** - LOH Bowling 12 PM, Earl Lanes, Rt. 309, Q'town, dinner after (about 3 PM) at Sunday's, Rt. 309, Q'town
- Apr. 23** - Orientation Ride (Colin Kelly)
- Apr.30-May 1** - MDA *Ride for Life*, Maple Grove Raceway
- May 1** - Chapter meeting 9 AM, American Legion; ride after to MDA, Maple Grove Raceway (Al Way)
- June 5** - Chapter meeting 9 AM, American Legion; ride after to Daniel Boone Park (Al Way)
- June 11** - Iron Butt tee-shirt ride

OUTSIDE EVENTS

- Jan. 8-9** - Motorcycle parts extravaganza @ York fair grounds, opens 10AM
- Jan. 21-23** - Javitz Center NY International Motorcycle Show
- Jan.22-23** - Annual Bike Expo, Expo Center, Lehigh Valley, opens 10AM
- Feb. 12,13** - Somerset NJ Bike Expo, www.GSEC.com
- March 4-13** - Daytona
- Apr. 30-May 1** - MDA, Maple Grove Raceway
- May 13-22** - Myrtle Beach
- May 15** - Day with a Vet, Rolling Thunder
- May 29** - Run to the Wall, Washington DC (Rolling Thunder National)
- June 11-19** - Laconia
- June 12** - Ride for Freedom, Norristown (Friends of the Forgotten)
- July 31** - POW/MIA Run
- Aug. 7-14** - Sturgis
- Aug. 28** - Ride for Freedom, Reading Motorcycle Club

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Canning	1
Charlie Ford	7
Chris Hutchinson, Scott McKittrick, Russ Smith	9
Jim Needhammer	10
Ken Vincent	12
Marty Malvoso	17
Tom Shainline	25
Anita Keating	28

**ROAD CAPTAINS NEEDED IF NO NAME IS LISTED.
CONTACT JERRY RICCI**

- Dinner Runs:*
- January 8** - Todd Guinther, Julie's Restaurant, 6:30PM
 - February 5** - Al Way, Willow's, East Texas, 6 PM
 - February 19** - Jerry Ricci, 6:30PM
 - March 5** - Tom Spellman
 - April 9** - Cathy Natali
 - April 23** - _____
 - May 7** - _____
 - May 21** - _____
 - June 4** - _____
 - June 18** - _____
 - July 2** - _____
 - July 30** - _____

August 13 - Al Way
August 27 - _____
Sept. 10 - _____
Sept. 24 - _____
Oct. 8 - _____
Oct. 22 - _____
Nov. 5 - _____
Nov. 19 - _____
Dec. 3 - _____
Dec. 17 - _____

Ice Cream Runs: May 11, May 25, July 6, August 30, September 14.

MDA HISTORY

What started as a vision over sixteen years ago has now become an amazing tradition in the East. Since 1988, the Eastern Harley-Davidson Dealers Association, which includes thirty-two dealerships, has brought almost 34,000+ riders together to raise over \$5.8 million for "Jerry's Kids." The "Ride for Life" attracts thousands of riders each year. Dedicated enthusiasts from across the mid-Atlantic region, including: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, collect pledges throughout the year and will make the journey to the Reading/Allentown area in the spring. The event has attracted celebrities like Malcolm Forbes, Elizabeth Taylor, Peter Fonda, Marshall Tucker Band, Richie Havens, plus legendary "Willie G" Davidson of Harley-Davidson.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON CUSTOMER PROFILE

Harley-Davidson produces the finest motorcycles in the industry. Therefore, "Ride For Life" participants are middle and upper-middle class working people, with:

- Average age between 35 - 49 years old
- Median income between \$75,000 - \$99,000
- 74.4% are educated beyond High School
- 96.7% would buy another Harley-Davidson
- Many are executives and middle managers in a large variety of business fields
- Own an average two automobiles, a pickup truck, plus motorcycles

Schedule of Activities and Events for Ride for Life XVIII* April 30 - May 1, 2005

Saturday, April 30, 2005 (Day)

Music: The Ozone Rangers Band

Motorcycle Events/Shows:

- LBZ Stunt Riders
- Harley-Davidson & Buell Demo Fleet
- AMA Sanctioned Scenic Ride
- Bike Show "People's Choice Ride in Show"
- Professional Exhibition Drags
- Slow Ride Competition
- Biker Billy Cooks with Fire

Activities Not to Miss

- Chainsaw Artisan
- Silent Auction
- Incentive Pick-Up
- MDA Featured Performances
- MDA Children's Obstacle Course Show

Food

- Ticket "FREE" lunch
- Additional food items available for purchase
- Ice Cream Social

Saturday Evening, April 30, 2005: Riveredge

- 20 Minutes of Research Club Cocktail Party
 - VIP Party for the Riders who raise \$1,240 for MDA
 - Goodwill Ambassador & Sponsor Speeches
- Open Party

Sunday, May 1, 2005 (Day)

Music: The Ozone Rangers Band

Motorcycle Events/Shows

- Parade
- LBZ Stunt Riders
- Harley-Davidson & Buell Demo Fleet
- Professional Exhibition Drags
- Golf Ball Drop Competition
- Biker Billy Cooks with Fire

Activities Not to Miss

- Glass Blower Performances
- Chainsaw Artisan
- Incentive Pick-Up
- Silent Auction
- MDA Featured Performances
- MDA Children's Obstacle Course Show
- Live Auction & Closing Ceremony

Food

- Ticket "FREE" lunch
- Additional Food Items Available for Purchase
- Ice Cream Social

RIDE FOR LIFE XVIII
SEARCHING FOR A CURE MINUTE BY MINUTE
The more you collect, the more you can earn.
THE \$\$\$'s YOU RAISE WILL FUND THE
FOLLOWING:

\$45.	Enters a Rider into both days of event including participation in activities and meals
\$62.	1 Minute of Research plus a Pin
\$93.	1.5 Minutes of Research plus a Hat
\$124.	2 Minutes of Research plus a T-Shirt

\$221.	3.5 Minutes of Research plus a Stein
\$310.	5 Minutes of Research plus a Motorcycle Chance
<p>Special Ride For Life Motorcycle Drawing! !! Chance to win a New Exiting 2005 Harley-Davidson Deluxe autographed by Willie G. Davidson! (For every \$310 you raise, you will receive 1 chance to win the motorcycle - \$310=1 chance, \$620=2 chances, etc.)</p>	
\$600.	CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE SENT A CHILD TO SUMMER CAMP! Plaque with Camp picture engraved with "Camp Sponsor 2005"
\$1,240.	20 MINUTES OF RESEARCH CLUB! Flag, medallion & entrance in the 20 Minutes of Research Club Cocktail Party Celebration
\$1,860.	30 Minutes of Research plus Framed Camper Artwork (Drawn for participant)
\$2,790.	45 Minutes of Research plus a Black Nylon Jacket
\$3,720.	1 Hour of MDA Research to Remember Mattie Stepanek & Special Mattie Memorial Pin
\$5,580.	90 Minutes of Research plus a Hand Blown Glass Sculpture

20 Minutes of Research Club

- You and a participant guest will be invited to join us at a V.I.P. Cocktail Reception on Saturday night, April 30th.
- You will receive a commemorative photo, taken with an MDA Goodwill Ambassador on Saturday at the Reception.
- You will lead the RFL Parade.
- Every 20 Minutes of Research Club member will be presented with a Medallion and a Bike Flag to display in the parade.

Grand Prize for Top Fundraiser

The top fundraising participant for *Ride for Life XVIII* will enjoy an exciting trip for two to Bike Week, Daytona, March 2006. This 7-day / 6-night trip package includes hotel accommodations and airfare.

Parade Location Staging
May 1st, 8 am to 9:30 am.
Leave for Maple Grove 9:45 AM

Staging Location:

Target (Broadcasting Plaza Shopping Center),
2769 Papermill Rd, Wyomissing, PA
19610-3329

Located on US 222, Broadcasting Road exit

Destination:

Maple Grove Raceway,
30 Stauffer Park Lane, Mohnton, PA
19540-7751

Route Length: 13.5 miles

This is the highlight of the year for many of the kids - thanks for helping make *Ride for Life* even more special for them!

ABOUT MDA ...

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary national health agency - a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect thousands of Americans. MDA is one of the world's leading voluntary health agencies fostering research and patient care. In the mid-Atlantic area, MDA clinics offer medical services to children and adults with any one of the four neuromuscular diseases. Services include: diagnosis; follow-up and rehabilitative care; genetic counseling; physical, occupational and respiratory therapy; transportation to MDA clinics; MDA Summer Youth Camp and payment toward equipment like wheelchairs and leg braces. 31 area clinics offer medical services to almost 9,000 patients. There are currently 46 research projects funded by MDA in progress in this area, some of which are conducted at the following institutions:

- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- Johns Hopkins University
- University of Maryland
- The Kennedy Institute
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Alfred I. DuPont Institute
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Magee Women's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Once at *Ride for Life* you will be joining thousands of motorcyclists in the biggest and best motorcycle rally on the East Coast. ***Ride for Life* is the largest netting fundraising event for Harley-Davidson and MDA, making it the #1 event of its kind in the country.** Last year we raised over \$852,800 net dollars to benefit "Jerry's Kids." Thanks in advance for helping us this year in our goal to surpass that total!

• What you need to do:

1. Be sure you are registered to participate with your local motorcycle dealer or club coordinator (**all motorcycle brands are welcome**).
2. Start collecting donations from friends, co-workers, and neighbors to benefit MDA's client service and research programs. (Determine if your company has a matching gift program that could further raise needed dollars for MDA. **Up-front collections only - NO PLEDGES.**)

A minimum of \$45.00 is required to participate in "Ride for Life."

Thank you for all your support and efforts that will make "Ride for Life" a great success. See you on April 30 & May 1st!