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Spring Has Sprung by Alan R.

Can you believe it's May already? The calendar is filling up with many rides for our chapter and our membership is also growing with the number of rides and riding events which allow us to meet new friends. Please ask and encourage your riding friends to come join us and participate with us in 2026. As always, the chapter often needs help with some of the event logistics and we would appreciate your interactions with potential members.

Speaking of 2026 stop in at the dealership and take a close look at the new HD models. The new touring models are lighter rides with streamlined designs. They also sport new digital tech in the instrument panel. Test rides on the new models can be arranged with any of the sales staff. It's also important to support our dealership by attending as many events that you can even if it is for just a short visit.

Our chapter currently has 102 members. As we grow it is important to make sure your thoughts are known to the officers. Please share any thoughts you have at one of our monthly meetings or speak with one of the officers one on one. Feel free to communicate with your officers to make suggestions or share compliments, activity ideas, and content for the newsletter.

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Whether it's an afternoon getaway or a journey of a lifetime, every ride we take brings us closer together. Keep track of your lifetime mileage and annual miles, because they and you matter!

From the treasurer by Mike F.

I am pleased to be your new Treasurer. Joe left the treasurer's position in great shape. Thank you, Joe! He continues to help me along as I learn his accounting processes. The chapter is in sound shape financially. Saunde, our "Fearless & Generous Leader", has made getting the new rockers on order an easier task. Look for the rockers to be available by the end of May, possibly at the May meeting. We will have plenty of rockers available for those who have not pre-ordered. See me for orders for both sizes of Eagle patches as well as new West Chester Rockers.

There are still approximately ten of each of the large and small Brandywine Rockers. See Alan R. if you're interested in having one as a "souvenir". He is asking for a donation to the chapter for each.

Get the app from Alan R.

Are you familiar with the H-D APP? Here are some of the basics in the app that you can take advantage of:

- **Community** - Make new connections, create or join groups, and find events in your local area or at your next destination when traveling.
- **Membership** - Create a custom profile, track your points balance, and connect with your home dealership.
- **Ride planning** - Map a route and hit the road with GPS navigation. Add dealers, gas stations, and waypoints to create your perfect route that stays on the best roads. Then save it and share it with friends. Now, not only can you access the Harley-Davidson® Ride Planner on a desktop, but also on your smart phone.
- **GPS navigation and Ride Record** - Stay on course with real-time GPS navigation. Choose a destination or choose from rides you planned on the app or on the Harley-Davidson Ride Planner. Or, hit record to create a route of your own. Record rides for use on another day.
- **Ride Challenges** – Sign up for the HD ride challenge for the month and record your rides on the HD app to earn points.



West Chester HOG Chapter's 50 Rides, One Nation by Paul G.

This program is Harley's way of getting everyone out to explore the 50 states while enjoying the adventure along the road. Each state has a specific location that you need to visit and have a picture taken of you holding the cover of the current membership guide. Rules and regulations can be found at the Ride 365 portion of the HOG web site. When you have completed the submission for a state site online please send me a picture of the challenge coin or a copy of the verification letter that you receive from HOG. I will update the chapter totals and if that state has not been visited before I will add that state's puzzle piece to the map, which will be hanging somewhere in the dealership. We currently have three states, Alaska, California, and Hawaii, to be visited by members to complete the map.

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2026 Blessing of the Bikes by Curt B.

On April 18th our chapter was blessed with a great day for our meeting and Bike Blessing. There was a good turnout for the meeting and there were about 70 bikes/riders who showed up for the Bike Blessing. Thanks to Hannum's West Chester Harley-Davidson for supporting the event and the On Eagle's Wings chapter of Christian Motorcyclists Association for coming out to bless the bikes and riders. Thanks also to the chapter members who helped make things work. Following the blessing, sixteen members rode to the Windmill Family Restaurant in Morgantown for lunch and camaraderie. The day was amazing in many ways.

2026 West Chester HOG Scavenger Hunt Photo Challenge by Dave G.

This is a photo scavenger hunt for all active members to participate in, have another excuse to ride and also a chance to win a prize. Both drivers and passengers are eligible to enter. **In order to participate in the Scavenger Hunt you have to be a current member. You must have attended at least one-chapter meeting or a chapter ride before submitting photos for the 2026 contest.**

There will be two challenges for 2026 and each will run for a two-month period. The first challenge will be in May & June and the second will be in September & October. Each challenge will have 20 subjects consisting of locations, places or objects to find. There will be 10 general locations and 10 specific locations for each two-month period. For example, a fire house whose name starts with a Z, a type of building or designated view. Miles listed for the specific locations are one way from the West Chester Harley Davidson location.

Picture requirements for drivers and passengers.

Drivers: The subject and your bike must be in the photo. Drivers do not have to be in the picture.

Passengers: Passengers must be in the picture with the bike and subject.

Both drivers and passenger have to submit their own pictures.

For each photo submitted you get one entry for a drawing for one of three prizes. There will be a prize drawing for each period. You can submit one photo or all twenty, the more you submit the greater the chance you have to win.

Prizes;
1st prize \$50 West Chester H-D Gift Card
2nd prize \$35 Wawa Gift Card
3rd prize \$20 Wawa Gift Card

Winners will be selected from the photos entered at the chapter meeting following the end of the challenge. You do not have to be present to win. Only one prize per participant.

The list of sites for the photo scavenger hunt will be sent out by last day of the month prior to the challenge period.

Entries need to be emailed to dgunlefinger@gmail.com. Make sure to put "Scavenger Photo Challenge" in the subject line and include your full name.

Any questions contact David G. at 484-609-0951 or dgunlefinger@gmail.com



May and June Scavenger Hunt Destinations from Dave G.

Specific Locations

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| 1. Audubon Center (building or sign)
1201 Pawlings Rd, Audubon, PA 19403 | 20 Miles |
| 2. Cecilton Volunteer Fire Co.
110 E Main St, Cecilton, MD 21913 | 50 Miles |
| 3. Friedensburg Fire House
1357 Long Run Rd, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 | 70 Miles |
| 4. Norrisville Volunteer Fire Company
2134 Harkins Rd, Pylesville, MD 21132 | 65 Miles |
| 5. The Reading Pagoda
98 Duryea Dr. Reading PA 19602 | 45 Miles |
| 6. Schaefferstown Post Office
1179 Heidelberg Ave. Schaefferstown PA 17088 | 55 Miles |
| 7. Wolf's Hollow County Park
1399 Schoff RD, Atglen PA 19310, sign by park entrance | 30 Miles |
| 8. Veterans Memorial Bridge
Goes across the Susquehanna River between Columbia and Wrightsville, Picture from either side. | 60 miles |
| 9. Butterscotch Pastry Shop, sign on building in back by parking lot
1406 Hollow Rd, Birchrunville, PA 19421 | 15 Miles |
| 10. White Horse Luncheonette
5562 Old Philadelphia Pike (Rte. 340), Gap, PA 17527 | 25 Miles |

Distances listed are approximate from West Chester H-D

General locations

1. Library building (include name on building or sign)
2. Ice Cream Shop (no Rita's)
3. Dunkin Donuts
4. Purple Building or Yellow Building
5. Dog(s)
6. Boat(s)
7. Pep boys store
8. Car wash
9. Painted mural on side of a building
10. Building built with serpentine, a green stone popular in the West Chester area

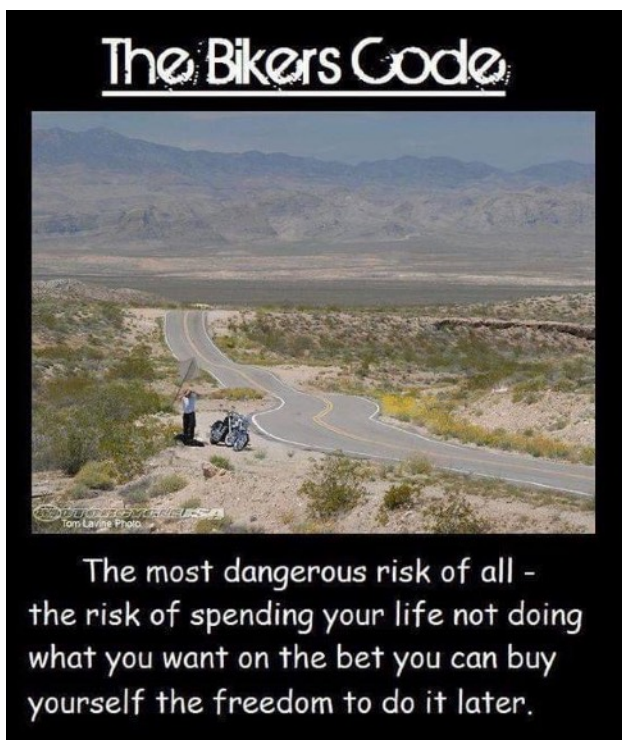


Membership has its privileges, a reminder from Alan R.

I would like to emphasize the value of getting to know and using your Harley Davidson HOG membership. One of the benefits we enjoy with HOG membership is the Roadside Assistance Program. Rather than needlessly spending money on a similar program let your HOG dues do the work for you. Like any other insurance program, the benefit gives us all the confidence of knowing that if something does go wrong while we are on the road, there is a plan in place to get us to the closest Harley dealer for repairs.

Premium features include:

- **24/7 Roadside Assistance** - Tows are covered to the nearest dealership; up to 52 events per year, max of 1 service per 7 days. There are no limits on coverage amount, there's no destination too far.
- **Additional Vehicles** - More than just motorcycles are covered with the option to include cars and light trucks.
- **Travel Expense** - If your breakdown results in unexpected travel expenses, you may qualify for reimbursement of up to \$1000 with Ultra Plus.



Upcoming rides and events

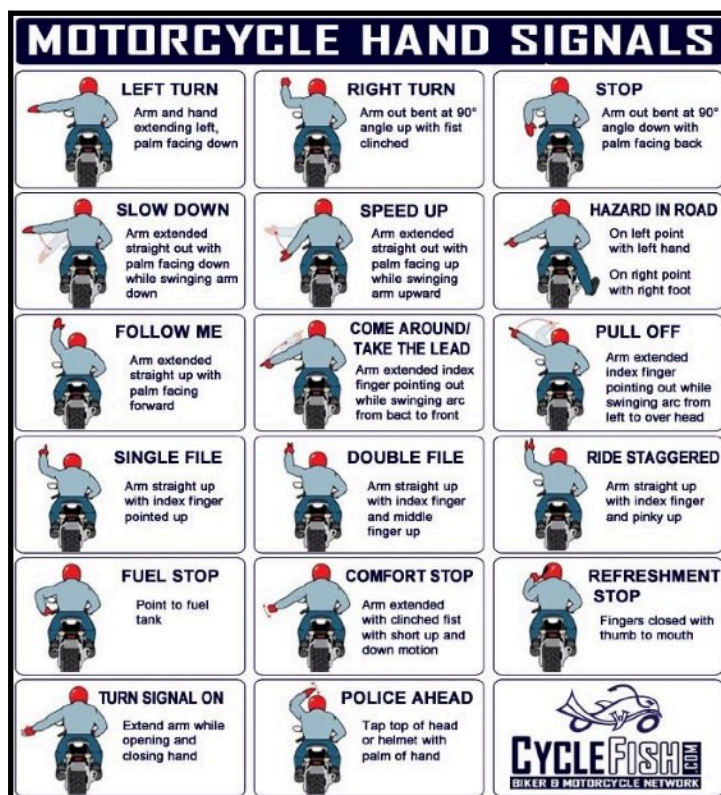
May

- 9th** - Hot Dog Shack, KSU at 10:00 am
- 16th** - Chapter Meeting at West Chester H-D at 8:00 am. Ride to Crystal Cave, KSU at 9:00 am
- 23rd** - Sweet Arrow Lake, KSU at 9:30 am

June

- 27th** - Bird in Hand Restaurant, KSU at 9:30 am

All rides depart from West Chester Harley-Davidson unless noted otherwise. Check the chapter's website or Facebook group for any changes or cancellations.



In the spirit of safe riding, please review the hand signals above. The chapter doesn't use all of the signals as we ride, but those we do use help communicate what is going on with the ride. Remember to always pass the signals back along the group as you ride to make sure everyone is in the know.

The following article was submitted by Maria R. It offers some thoughts to consider whether you are the rider or the passenger.

Loving a Rider: How to Support Your Husband or Significant Other When He Rides

There is something about the rumble of a motorcycle that is hard to explain unless you have lived it. For many men, riding is not just about the bike. It is freedom. It is stress relief. It is time with friends. It is a chance to clear their mind and leave the worries of life behind for a little while. For those of us who love a rider—whether we ride ourselves, ride passenger, or stay home—supporting that part of who they are can strengthen a relationship in beautiful ways. Many of us in the Harley Owners Group family understand this all too well.

Understanding Why He Rides

When life gets busy and responsibilities pile up, riding often becomes his version of therapy. Some men ride because they love the open road. Others ride for the friendships and brotherhood. Some ride because the wind, the road, and the sound of the bike give them a feeling of peace they cannot find anywhere else. It may not always make sense to us at first, especially when we worry about safety or wish they would stay home more often. But when we understand that riding helps them recharge, we begin to see it differently. The ride is not about leaving us behind. It is about returning home happier, lighter, and more like themselves.

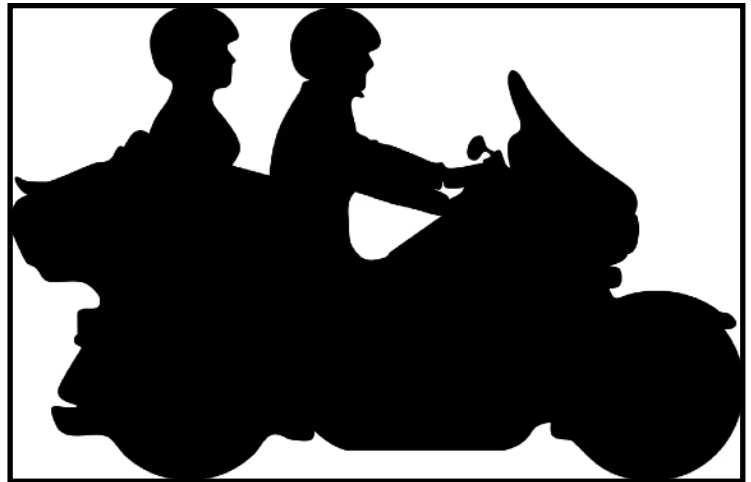
If You Ride With Him

Being a supportive passenger is about more than simply sitting on the back of the bike. It is about trust. Trusting him to ride safely. Trusting the bike. Trusting the journey.

The best passengers move with the rider, lean gently with the turns, and stay relaxed. They communicate before the ride begins—where you are going, when you will stop, and what to expect. You do not have to love every curve in the road or every mile traveled. But when you share the experience together, you become part of something special. Some of the best conversations happen at gas stations, over lunch, or while taking a break at a scenic overlook. The ride becomes more than a ride. It becomes a memory.

If You Stay Home

Not every woman wants to ride—and that is okay too. Supporting the one you love does not always mean climbing on the back seat. Sometimes it means helping him pack for the day. Handing him his sunglasses. Making sure he has his rain gear. Sending a quick text before he leaves that says, “Have fun. Be safe. I love you.” Little things matter more than we realize. You could even surprise him by packing a small lunch or his favorite snack in the saddlebag. A sandwich, fruit, trail mix, or a handwritten note can mean more than you know. When he comes home, ask him about the ride. Where did they go? Who was there? What was the best part? Even if you were not there, showing interest lets him know that what matters to him matters to you too.



Loving a Rider (cont.)

When Worry Creeps In

Let us be honest—loving a rider can be hard sometimes. We know the risks. We hear the stories. We worry when the weather changes or when they are gone longer than expected. Those feelings are normal. The key is learning to balance worry with trust.

Trust that he is wearing the right gear. Trust that he is riding with good people. Trust that he knows the responsibility that comes with being on the road. Instead of letting fear take over, talk openly. Share your concerns in a loving way. Ask him to text you when he arrives. Encourage safe habits without making him feel guilty for wanting to ride. The goal is not to stop him from doing something he loves. The goal is to love him through it.

Finding Balance When One Loves to Ride and the Other Doesn't

Not every couple enjoys the same things—and that is okay. Sometimes one person could spend every free moment on the bike, while the other would rather stay home, go shopping, work in the garden, visit family, or simply enjoy a quiet day. A healthy relationship is not about making one person give up what they love. It is about making room for both people to enjoy the things that matter to them. Maybe Saturday morning is ride time. He gets a few hours with his friends, the open road, and the wind in his face. Then later in the day, you go out to dinner, watch a movie, take a walk, visit friends, or do something that you enjoy together. Sometimes it means taking turns. One weekend may revolve around a motorcycle ride. The next may be about something completely different that matters to you. The strongest relationships are not built by doing everything together every minute. They are built by respecting each other's interests, making compromises, and being willing to step into each other's world from time to time. For the rider, that may mean remembering that not every weekend has to be about the motorcycle. For the spouse or significant other, it may mean understanding that riding fills something important inside of them. When both people feel seen, supported, and valued, there is room for both freedom and connection. That is where the real balance happens.



Making Riding Part of Your Relationship

Riding does not have to be “his thing” and your separate world. Maybe you ride along sometimes and stay home other times. Maybe you meet the group for lunch after the ride. Maybe you help plan a destination or take photos when everyone returns. There are so many ways to be part of the motorcycle life, even if you are not the one holding the handlebars. And for the women who do ride their own bikes, there is another layer of understanding. You know firsthand what the open road feels like and why it calls to so many of us. Whether you ride beside him, behind him, or support him from home, you are still part of the journey.

Final Thoughts

Supporting your husband or significant other when he rides is really about something deeper. It is about loving someone enough to support what brings them joy. It is about understanding that sometimes the best thing we can give the people we love is the freedom to do the things that make them feel alive. And when they come back home with windblown hair, a smile on their face, and stories to tell, we are reminded that the miles were worth it after all.

2026 Leadership team

The group that follows are your officers for the remainder of 2026. If you are new to the chapter, please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself to them at an upcoming meeting or ride. They are all here to serve the chapter and talk with any member about concerns or to answer questions you may have.



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GRAND OPENING WEEKEND!

FRI MAY 29 - SUN MAY 31

FRIDAY MAY 29	1PM RIBBON CUTTING w/ West Chester Chamber of Commerce 6PM - 8PM BIKE NIGHT Live Music By: Bullseye Diner FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS, & MORE! <small>Harley Central Hammer & Bolt Top Gun Garage Double Diamond Toppers Luv & Ride Co.</small>	LEVANTE
SATURDAY MAY 30	12PM LIVE MUSIC Live Music By: The Schmidt Show FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS, & MORE! <small>Big Back Burgers Snowflakes Shogun Mobile Cigar Lounge Double Diamond Tattoos Levante Brewing Co.</small>	LEVANTE
SUNDAY MAY 31	11AM - 3 PM SUNDAY FUNDAY We're grillin'! FREE Hotdogs & Chips 12PM - 2PM FREE SOFT PRETZELS & TEST RIDES!	

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