

MCMAHON'S CYCLES SALES

Valley Chapter HOG Newsletter

September 2012

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Activities/Dates to Remember, Mark Your Calendar

September 27th thru September 30th York Open House

The hotel is SOLD OUT, Please call the Best Western of York (717) 767-6931 and make sure you have a reservation, ask for a confirmation number.

There is going to be a Flat Track Race, if you have never seen this kind of racing, Bill thinks you will definitely enjoy it. The group will be leaving on Thursday morning from McMahon's at 9:00 am; Please have a full tank and a full belly.

October 5th thru 7th Franklin Applefest in Franklin, PA

The best three days of the year begin the first Friday in October!

Arts & Crafts - Over 300 Vendors

Antique & Classic Car Show

5K Race for Any Pace

Kids' Korner

Farmers' Market

Free Entertainment

Food, Food & More Food

Located in beautiful Victorian Downtown Franklin, PA

December 1st Annual HOG Christmas Party will be held at Daugherty Fire Hall, located at 4198 Marion Hill Road, Daugherty Township.

THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY PARTY, starting at 6:00 pm with appetizers and dinner being served at 7:00 pm. The party is open to all club members, family and friends. This is always an enjoyable evening. BYOB, mixers will be provided.

Please remember to bring an appetizer or dessert to supplement the dinner.

There will be a Gift Exchange. Please wrap your gift and mark the tag if it's for Male/Female and place under the tree upon arriving.

The Women of Harley also plan to raffle off gift baskets to raise funds for the Christmas Party. Start now to think of a basket theme you would like to make.

Val McMahon will be bringing a menu from the Daugherty Fire Hall to the October meeting so that dinner choices and selections can be voted on by all club members in attendance to prepare for the upcoming party.

Minutes from September 11th Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Bob Tate.

Attendance – There were 39 members/guests.

Pre-Ride – There were 4 bikes on the pre-ride and Bill Livingston said they found Jeff Meyer wandering around Chippewa and led him to the meeting.

Visitors – None in attendance.

New Members – Bob McKinney rides a 2010 Deluxe, Joyce McKinney rides a 2007 Softail and Bill Kapton rides a 2011 Fatboy. Joe Bartoles is a member and this was the first meeting he has been able to attend.

Checkers White and Jeff Meyer approved the minutes from the August meeting.

Bill Livingston & Valerie McMahon approved the treasurer's report.

Assistant Director – Sherm is asking for anyone who has photographs from any Harley functions to put them on a memory card and give to him for the Christmas Party.

Secretary/Editor – Kim will be retiring from her position at the end of this year. Please consider attending the Christmas Party when election of officers will be held and taking over an office.

Membership – Joan reported that we have 113 paid members.

Activities – Dinner Ride to **Jergel's Rhythm Grille Bike Night in Warrendale on Tuesday, September 18th** leaving McMahon's at 6:00 pm. If you just want to meet at the restaurant use this address for your GPS (285 Northgate Drive, Warrendale, PA 15090).

Ladies of Harley – Denise wants everyone to start thinking about donating a basket for the Christmas Party Raffle. You can do a themed basket such as: a Lottery Basket, A Movie Basket or Alcohol Basket....use your imagination.

Lead Road Captain – Bill reported that he just returned from Branson, Missouri. He rode by himself to attend a reunion with 85 veterans from his division.

Safety Officer – Terry was unable to attend, due to cutting his hand. We send our best for a speedy recovery.

Photographer – Zack was unable to attend.

Webmaster – Mark was unable to attend.

New Business – Terry Alvaro would like to see if there is any interest in starting a "**Seniors Riding Group**", members could meet for breakfast or lunch during the week or just meet up and ride. Anyone who is interested please contact Terry at (724) 843-6583 or email him at www.tjalvaro@comcast.net.

Old Business – None

Minutes from September 11th Meeting

Historian – Mel gave us a little history about Bill & Jake McMahon and how they arrived and started the business in Beaver Falls. In 1972 two young Irish boys from the Elliott Section of Pittsburgh landed in Beaver Falls at 613th Avenue and rented an empty store front. The building was semi-new and the lot next to the building was littered with broken bottles, glass and weeds.

Back then there were not many restrictions with Harley Davidson and the first year they ordered 28 bikes. The first bike sold was a 1969 Sportster, with tax, title and 1 year of insurance for a total of \$1,800.00.

To supplement the business, Jake was a drywall finisher and Bill operated the business for 3 years by himself. At times he worked 12-14 hour days, took a shower, ate dinner and went back to the shop to work another long shift.

In 1977 the Honda line was added to their inventory, which included ATV's and Generators.

Between 1981-1982 there was major road construction and the BF/New Brighton bridge was closed. Bill said if the store was going to go under, he felt this was the time it was going to happen. They had no customers or traffic.

1991-1992 McMahon's remodeled the store.

1989 The HOG Chapter was organized.

Sponsoring Dealer – Bill & Val would like to get a Bus Trip put together and travel to the HD Museum in Milwaukee. They are looking at sometime in March 2013. A group of 40 people is needed with a paid commitment to go.

Val is going to start working on obtaining prices for the bus and hotel for 2 nights.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please pass the word along to your friends, family or anyone you think may be interested in going. It's a fun trip, there is plenty to see and do once you arrive in Milwaukee. The bus trip is a great time, there is plenty of food, snacks, movies and laughs along the way.

Welfare – Val announced that Dan Lokomski recently lost his grandmother, Jean Haney on 09/08/12 and his grandfather, Harold Haney on 08/08/12. We send our deepest sympathies to Dan and his family at this very sad time.

Donnie Shaw recently passed away from lung cancer at the young age of 58. There is going to be a Memorial Ride on Saturday, September 22nd. The ride is going to assemble starting at 4:15 pm at the Beaver Credit Union (IBEW) #17 Sassafras Way in Beaver and ride to the Church of the Nazarene in New Brighton, where a prayer service will be offered at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. Denise Meyer and Mel Bundy made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed Sunday



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Chapter #4155

Current Membership 113

REMINDER: Newsletters will only be sent to dues paying members, H.O.G. and our local Chapter dues need to be current. Our 2012 Chapter dues are still only \$10.00

**Tuesday, September 18th Leaving McMahon's at 6:00 pm
Dinner Ride/Bike Night @ Jergel's Rhythm Grille
285 Northgate Drive Warrendale, PA**

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 pm

"Special Dinner Menu & Prices"

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