



Valley Chapter Hog Newsletter

OCTOBER 2014

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Next Meeting
NOVEMBER 11, 2014

Valley Chapter Hog

McMahon's



HALLOWEEN PARTY OCT 25TH

Join us for our Annual Dealership Halloween Party. We will be handing out prizes for best costumes, along with great food and beverages. The party will be during store hours (9:00- 3:00). Come get scared and have some fun!

2015 membership

Renews in January and runs to December 31st.

ALL information must be filled out on application including HOG Number with Expiration Date.

You will need to show your HOG Card when renewing.

Please note; You will forfeit your \$10.00 if not current with both HOG & Local chapter, if you are expired or don't have a National Number with HOG you cannot join.

Current Membership is 110
Pre ride-6:00 pm McMahon's -0- Bikes
Total bikes at meeting 0...due to rain



October 24th from 7:00-11:00

\$10.00 each, benefits
Beaver Co Humane Society

Club members going will meet at Rainaldi's Monaca 724-774-1877 at 7:00 for dinner, then off to the haunted trail!!!

Would be nice to wear a
Cat or Dog mask!



ATTENTION EVERYONE!

Please bring a childhood picture of you to the next meeting, or Christmas Party if you cannot make it to the meeting. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON IT- put it into a SEALED envelope and give it to VAL- we are going to have a guessing game at the Christmas Party to see who can guess what you use to look like!

(photo's will be returned if requested)

**NO NEW
MEMBERS
OR
VISITORS.**

Biker Tidbits

When to Wave

Yada Yada

I DON'T KNOW

**So I wave to
EVERYONE!**

**Advice is FREE and
worth EVERY
Penny**

**Well trained
reflexes are
quicker than LUCK!**

SHERM, (Director) Absent, out of town on business

ROGER, (Asst Director) Called meeting to order at 7:30pm with 21 members in Attendance. Minutes from previous meeting approved by Mel Bundy & Checkers White.

DALE, (Treasurer) Tonight's balance is \$3,242.10 after deposits and expenses. Approved by Jeff & Denise Meyer. Dale said he will take care of getting the gift cards for our upcoming Christmas Party.

GINA, (Sec/Editor) Nothing to report, but would like to make a list of all our members names and what they ride, with the year of their Harley.

JOHN, (Activities) Time is running out for riding, at least without a coat! All the car/bike cruises are done. Franklin Apple Fest was 44 degrees at the heat of the day, hit rain/sleet. Grand Canyon ride was brisk & damp but no rain. Foxburg Wine Fest was sunny & high 60's— Roger, Deb & I went.

Oct 19— Bayerhof Museum Ride leave at 12:30 from McMahon's \$10 each— CASH ONLY

Reminder— Breakfast Club at Eat n' Park **Oct 28th**

Nov 11th

⇒ Veteran's Parade in Beaver

⇒ Club Meeting

⇒ Nominations for 2015 Offices

Not happy with the way things are done??///

Run for an Office

(Bridgewater will NOT be having there Christmas Parade this year)

JOAN, (Membership) we have 110 paid members. Read a *Thank You* card from John & Barb Cox for the flowers received for his Father's passing.

Bob, (Photographer) Told about our recent trip to York, Harley Davidson Open House. Rich & Checkers White and Bob & Gina Sluder went from our chapter. Had problems at Best Western, made us move our bikes and said they were to noisy. We left Saturday, not like the good "old" times there. Guess they apologized to the Whites....but a little to late for us. Very disappointing.

Val, (Ladies of Harley) Discussed our Christmas Party menu, cost of non members is \$20.00, club members no charge. We will have a silent auction of baskets that any members donate, please help out as it defers cost of party for us. Gifts are optional, bring a gift— get a gift. Members with last name **A to M bring an appetizer** and members **N to Z bring desert**. Starts at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00— Daugherty twp. Fire Hall. Dancing, dinner, fun !! BYOB, mixer provided!

Roger, (Historian) Told us a story about his travels and rides, "*Memories, Dreams of a Harley Rider*" see pages 5 & 6 for his story.

Liz, (Welfare) Absent, no reports of any needs for club members.

(Road Captain's)

Bill O'Brien, Nothing to report, except to be careful, a lot of leaves are on the roads.

Rick Sliper, Absent, Roger Headland reported he & Rick had a great 3 day trip, he will let Rick tell the details.

Bill (Web Master) Absent, however Gina reported Bill was a little under the weather, but his computer is back up and running.

(Safety)

Bob Tate, absent

Dan Lokomski, absent

Bill McMahon (Sponsoring Dealer

October 25th Halloween party at McMahon's, prizes for "best" costumes

November 28th Christmas Parade, Beaver Falls meet at the store at 6:00pm

December 13th Christmas party at McMahon's

Grand canyon ride was a great time, a little 'Brisk', never got above 40 degrees, but NO rain! A total of 15 went. Checkers & Rich White celebrated their 55 wedding anniversary, and Rich went into a barber shop and had his long white beard cut off!! On the way home they stopped at Kinzua and saw 'our brick', then to Foxburg to eat and home.

VAL SAID NEVER CANCEL A RIDE BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER (the forecast called for rain all weekend & they NEVER got wet)

Next Meeting OCTOBER November 11th, 2014

Grand Valley Inn 7:30 pm

New Business:

A discussion on expired membership requirements was brought to the chapters attention.

To be a member of VALLEY CHAPTER HOG, you must be

*** A NATIONAL MEMBER IN HOG- with current standings**

And

*** A CURRENT MEMBER OF LOCAL CHAPTER- with dues current**

When your membership comes due and it is not renewed with BOTH of these- you are eliminated from the chapter and forfeit your dues paid.

HOG sends out notification on renewal in plenty of time to keep current

Valley Chapter Hog membership runs from January to December each year

NO: Old Business

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm
by Checkers White & Joan Bundy

October 2014

12th Bayerhof Music Museum ??

14th ^{our} Chapter Meeting

Fall Ride to Kinzua—???

25th Halloween Party—
McMahon's

28th Breakfast Club



Happy Halloween

November 2014

11th ^{our} Chapter Meeting

13th McMahon's Christmas party

25th Breakfast Club

28th Beaver Falls Christmas Parade,
meet at the store at 6:00pm



Happy Thanksgiving

December 2014

6th Our Christmas Party



13th McMahon's Christmas Party

??/ Breakfast Club

Merry Christmas

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7:30 pm

FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION GO TO
OUR WEB SITE AT
www.valleychapterhog.com

AND CHECK OUT
THE
"WHAT'S HAPPENING" AND
"ON GOING EVENTS SECTION"

50/50 Winner \$35.00

October Winner



Dale Linkenheimer

He donated \$10.00 to club...thanks Dale!

Breakfast Club

Details

(4th Tue each
month)

Eat'N Park—
Center Twp

9:00 am

By ROGER HEADLAND

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'Memories, Dreams, Reflections' of a Harley rider. (a presentation for HOG meeting 10-14-14)

I would like to share something, with you. Something, I am sure, you can probably relate to. Now, understanding, what it is, that I have come to 'learn,' that **in our life, we will encounter experiences, that can be very profound, or awesome;** and how these events can change us. What helped me most to realize this, were through different times of travel and adventures. For 'riders,' like us, in the Valley HOG (Harley Owners Group) Chapter- through our love of motorcycles, discoveries on distant rides, on new roads,; and in reading about the adventures of other Harley riders in – HOG tails (magazine).

John Muir, famous naturalist and founder of the Sierra Club, had written about **many a 'life-altering, awe experience,'** discovered, on foot, through a life time, of mountaineering in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California.

Now, in this presentation, I want to call these 'life-altering' experiences **-awesome, peak, mystical, or 'oceanic' experiences.** The experience within the experience.

Albert Einstein had once said- 'the most beautiful and profound emotion we can experience, is **'the sensation of the mystical. It is the sower of all true science.'**

The Univ. of Virginia actually did a study on this, in their journal of 'cognition and emotion.' 'Scientifically- awe is felt about diverse events and objects, from a thunderstorm, a sunset, to encountering the 'vastness' of space and Big Sky, to more personal scenes of childbirth, even devastation. **Experiences which can literally, 'blow your mind.'** Referring to how the stimuli cause the person to revise his 'frame of reference,' where you feel more connected to others and the world in general. It prompts you to redirect concern away from yourself toward the thing that is eliciting the awe.

One of my first peak experiences, happened during an adventure hitch hiking back to PA from northern California, in the early 70's, It was January, late at night, and below zero degrees, standing on the side of US route 50, in east/ central Utah, when a man picked me up and dropped me off near a small town.

As I walked toward the lights of town, I came across this old stone church. Cold and exhausted- I walked up the steps and into the church. The door was unlocked. The only light inside was from a candle flickering dimly. It was totally silent, in there, and although it was only me, I had this overwhelming feeling- that I was not alone.

I was feeling totally humble, reflecting upon thoughts of gratitude, for this shelter from the cold, and for the stranger, who had helped me find it. Then, suddenly, the candle went out, I was in total darkness, and yet, this unexplainable calm, came over me- where I knew 'all was well.'

At this other time, backpacking in the "Mummy Range" of northern Colorado, in 2003, with two other climbers- it was night again, tired and exhausted, I had just crawled into my sleeping bag, at 11,000' Mirror Lake, our 'base camp,' after days of having hiked through the beautiful meadows and canyons along the Cache La Poudre River, and after having climbed to the summit of Comanche Peak, earlier, that day. As I laid there, looking up at this omnipotent starlit sky; a sense of the 'mystical,' again, over took me. So I jumped up and reached for my notepad, to quickly write down my thoughts, before losing the experience.

I wrote- 'what I have found, is that every day of our lives, refines the spiritual within us. Every night, like tonight, we can reflect upon the contrasts of both exhaustion, from the days adventure, and exhilaration, from the elements and beauty we have experienced. Finally, I have learned, that today, like every day, is just another day, that only the best of poets could ever describe.'

Later, I added the words, from a Pueblo Indian poem- 'In peace it had begun, in peace, it shall never end.'

I believe, **this feeling of awe and exhilaration,** is something that the "Road Captain" (Rick) and I had experienced, the day of **our motorcycle ride, Monday Sept 15th,** riding both east and west on the Blue Ridge Parkway (BRP), N.C., then, just past Little Switzerland, taking Hwy 80, south, down the "Devils Staircase," a steep 'twisty' descent, then through canyon, alongside cascading river, past James Lake, then a remote, but short gravel road, and, on the paved road, back to Linville Falls and the BRP, on the fast, gently switch backing climb of, north, Hwy 181. At the summit, we pulled over, to catch our breath, and to be greeted by a group of riders on dirt bikes, who had, obviously taken the less traveled road. Then just before reaching Asheville, we were suddenly caught in a torrential down pore, where visibility became nil. We had to pull over and wait it out.

To conclude, this presentation, I have only to say- such is **'the experience' and 'science of awe;'** and, the 'Memories, Dreams, Reflections, of a Harley rider.'

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In sitting at dinner, that night, at Chiles in Ashville, it was clear, in our conversation, that we had experienced an awesome ride. As a biker- I would call the days ride, a **'peak' experience**. In fact, in our trip, it had been one of four days, of awesome rides. And the reason why, members of the Valley Hog Chapter – 'live to ride.'

One last example- from 2011, I had been on a motorcycle ride, by myself, beginning in PA, through Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park, then central Colorado to Alamosa, a border town before New Mexico. From there, across the vast 'high' desert, above the Rio Grand Canyon, between distant Mountain ranges, on either side. A true odyssey and adventure, for any rider.

After spending the night at the American Youth Hostel, I set out on a short ride to the Indian reservation. It was still early morning, as I arrived, got off my bike, and began walking through pasture, past horses grazing, and a few weathered looking dogs, from the reservation. There were no other people around, except a photographer who asked, if I wanted him to take my picture, of me, standing in front of the adobe dwellings? Since he had seen me taking pictures on my cell phone.

Then I entered the ancient church, what I had really come to see; after having seen pictures, of the church, on the internet, taken by Ansell Adams, in the 1930's. Upon entering, immediately, I felt a **'presence,' that, must, transcend the boundaries of all men**. Generations of Native Americans had worshiped here. Now, I stood alone, in the center of this intimate sanctuary. In complete reverence and awe.

I don't know how to describe what I was feeling. I knew, I had never felt more alive. From the ride, the day before; conversing with adventurers, from all over the world, at the Youth Hostel; to this very moment, inside an old adobe church, that, in a parched and rugged land, had survived the time and change of centuries.

Later, I remembered something I had read, written by a Sioux Medicine Man, as he had reflected upon a 'peak' experience of his own. Standing, alone, atop the vastness of a mountain summit, he looked round about, and beneath him, where, he explains, he could see ' the shapes of all things, in the spirit.' He writes- **'I saw more than I can tell, and I understood more than I saw**. And I saw, that it was holy.'

To conclude, this presentation, I have only to say- such is **'the experience' and 'science of awe;'** and, the 'Memories, Dreams, Reflections, of a Harley rider.'

Thank you, Roger Headland (Historian, Valley HOG Chapter) - October 14, 2014

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Text: Mans Search for Meaning, 1946, by Viktor Frankl; concepts of transcending, experiencing awe; oceanic, mystic or peak experiences.

Title of presentation: Memories, Dreams, Reflections: a 1961 text, by Carl Gustav Jung

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NOT FROM SUCCESS!**



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Saturday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm

Closed Sunday



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National HOG and Local Chapter
will receive newsletters, no exceptions.