Stars & Pipes  July 2019

Iron Horse Roundup

Thanks for coming!

Fairfax Harley Owners Group
Greetings,

Oh shoot! Ken and I had to change our plans at the last minute and we missed attending the 2nd Annual Iron Horse Roundup, but it was nice to look at all the pictures and read a really nice article about the experience. Hopefully, next year we will be able to make it. I hope you enjoy all the variety in the newsletter this month ranging from interesting facts about motorcycling (my personal favorite is the one that speaks to the physics of the bike), safety reminders and festive events like the roundup.

I always like learning how things work and once I learned more about the design of the tire tread on the bike it helped my confidence with the bike’s stability and what I could push it to do. Now I have more facts about that tire! Read the article and you will know what I’m talking about. There is an excellent multiple page article about highway safety, it is always good to refresh yourself on these subjects. Even experienced riders could use refreshers. Ken and I enjoyed a long distance trip last month, we will write an article about that next month. But I do want to say to those of you heading to Sturgis, PACK LIGHT! It is so much easier to deal with less clothing articles that you can wash often, or buy something along the way. You will need room for rain gear. If you must, then ship a box of your clothing to your hotel. You can also ship back home as UPS has a tent at Black Hills Harley-Davidson. Oh, and for those of you who use C-PAP, check into the travel sizes. I travel a lot for business and found that the travel one I put in my suitcase is well suited for the bike, it hardly takes up any space and is very lightweight. Check out https://www.1800cpap.com/ and look for the travel options best suited for you.

I also want to remind Boss HOGs to please share articles about your rides, we can’t all be everywhere and some of us choose to not be on Facebook but would love to hear your stories and see your photos. Enjoy your rides and your vacations and please don’t feel shy to share your experience with me at editor@fairfaxhog.com, the readers of the upcoming newsletters will be enriched by your experiences.

Peace and joy be with you!

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We Saddled Up and We Rode!

On the last weekend in June, Fairfax Harley Owners Group took over Canaan Valley Resort for our 2nd Annual Iron Horse Roundup! If you were one of the many members that were part of this journey, it was obvious how much FHOG is a family. We were a group of Harley-Davidson riders getting together to enjoy a weekend of camaraderie and fun involving the love of our American-made “Iron Horses,” the sound of roaring engines and the laughter of good friends both old and new. The IHR Committee has already started planning for next year. There will be a survey sent to each of the attending members so please take the time and fill it out. This survey will give the committee your input and help make next year’s Roundup that much better!

Our chapter is fortunate to have great members who step up and volunteer for tasks too numerous to mention. Without them, we would not be able to ride and have fun. FHOG has welcomed many new members in these past months and a few did not waste any time becoming Boss HOGs. The message here for those members who are not as involved is that you are missing much of the fun.

As with all things in life, you will get more out of something when you put more into it. The more you get into it, the more the rewards seem to multiply. This is the secret that the Officers, Boss HOGs, Road Captains and Volunteers have learned over the years. The return on their investment has exceeded their expectations by providing them with new friends, more riding experiences, improved motorcycling skills, new leadership skills and more opportunities for fun. We have a large chapter and for new members it may be a bit daunting to find a place to “fit in” or to “get involved.” Check the orange calendar, find an event or ride that interests you, and join in. Not a sermon just a thought.

FHOG leadership continues to think outside the box. We continually look for new ideas, new venues, new rides and new opportunities. We welcome each member’s input to bring additional excitement to our event calendar and meetings. Just because something has “always been done that way” doesn’t mean we can’t enhance it, tweak it, or completely change it.

Please note the Save the Date invitation in the newsletter for the next FHOG Holiday Party on January 11, 2020. This will be our 20th Anniversary Year End and Annual Holiday Celebration. This event is being held at The Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax. More information and details to follow. Register early for a special gift!

Be safe and remember . . . “We ride as one!”

Ray
Some Fun Bike Facts
(Courtesy APF Motorcycle Salvage)

- Front tires disperse water at three times the rate of rear tires.
- When cornering, 75 per cent of a bike’s grip comes from the front tires.
- Kawasaki also makes spaceships.
- Yamaha makes swimming pools and unmanned helicopters.
- Evel Knievel holds the world record for breaking the most number of bones and surviving. His real name is Robert Craig Knievil.
- The Fonz (aka Henry Winkler) couldn’t actually ride a motorcycle.
- In the 1970s cop show CHiPs, Larry Wilcox and Erik Estrada, who played bike patrolmen Jon and Ponch, were so dissatisfied when their Kawasaki Z1000s were swapped for BMWs that they put the BMW fairings on the Kawasakis and continued to use them.
- Early bike helmets were lined with cork.
- The first motorcycle ever was the SH Roper 1869 steam cycle.
- Honda Super Blackbird riders crash, on average, once every 10 years.
- One in five ungaraged bikes in inner cities gets stolen.
- Insurance companies estimate that up to 25 per cent of bike theft claims are fraudulent.
- On average, engineers are the most likely people to crash.
- Lecturers are the least likely.
- The world’s smallest motorcyclist, Hungarian circus performer Pityu Toth, is only 2ft 4in tall.

Iron Horse Roundup Comradery
2019 Ride of the Patriots Commemorative Coins are again available!

Ride of the Patriots 2019 was the largest community event in Fairfax ... EVER!
Over 9,000 motorcycles carrying an estimated 14,000 patriots lined up along Fairfax Boulevard in Fairfax City to watch the community parade, listen to war heroes tell their stories and then ride to the Pentagon to join the last national Rolling Thunder.

It could be that, since 2019 was the last national Rolling Thunder, this won’t happen again ... EVER! Well that remains to be seen, so stay tuned for that.

We know for sure that the demand for 2019 Ride of the Patriots commemorative coins far exceeded the supply on hand. So, we ordered some more.

We only have a limited supply so if you want one, you'll need to act fast. Once these are gone, there won’t be any more.

There are two ways to get your 2019 coin.

If you are local, just go to the next Fairfax H.O.G. Chapter meeting and buy one.
If you are not local, simply send an email with your name & address to: procurement@fairfaxhog.com. You’ll receive instructions by return email.

Cliff and Oscar here at the Emporium to alert you!
Things are continuing to heat up in the emporium.
The commemorative coins are selling like wildfire! There aren’t many remaining so you quickly to purchase now!
Don't forget our 20th Anniversary Patches as well as a great selection of sl shirts for guys and gals.
Plus, we have a wide selection of Fairfax HOG rockers and patches! Yes! credit cards!
Come check out our table at the next HOG chapter meeting and Ride of t
A Road Captain Journey

With a successful newspaper route and some help from my Dad, I bought my first motorcycle at the age of 13. A gleaming burgundy over silver Honda Mini Trail 50. Total cost was $400. That was a lot of money in 1965. I rode this bike nonstop until I turned 16, when I bought my first street bike - a used Honda CB360T.

For the next 50 plus years, I was a self-taught weekend rider. My next milestone was 2014 when I retired from law enforcement after 40 years and joined Fairfax HOG with my first Harley, a Sportster.

It didn’t take long for me to realize that I had developed more awful riding habits than there are ice cream stands in Virginia! I discovered I had much to learn. Mediocrity is something that I never accepted, and riding was no different. I realized I needed instruction and I needed it quickly. So, I sought out an instructor and mentor. Unfortunately, the first one I found, thought the proper way to improve my skills was to yell at me every time I made a mistake as you might image that further shattered whatever confidence I had left.

I was able to improve my road riding first, but slow speed maneuvering proved elusive, yes I dropped my bike many times in the parking lots; however, I’m so grateful that Bob and Larry stuck with me, and I practiced incessantly. Just as I was starting to get my confidence back and getting comfortable, I ran into several setbacks. In the Spring of 2016, I fell down the stairs in my house and tore my left knee to shreds for which the reconstruction and rehab took 6 months. As I was finishing rehab, I developed severe pain in my right hip which x-rays showed that I had no cartilage left in my hip joint. So, I went straight from knee reconstruction to hip replacement surgery. In total, I was off the bike for a full year and when I returned to riding in March 2017, I was very rusty. Things were starting to come back when I learned at the worst possible moment that I have severe sleep apnea. On June 10, 2017 I fell asleep on my bike while mid-turn and ran off the road (now referred to as Cliff’s corner). I was life-flighted (no window seat and no complimentary beverage at a cost $35k) to the Inova Fairfax Hilton for a week and few extra days stay. Despite the prognosis of a lengthy recovery, I was back riding one month to the day.

I returned to riding with more motivation and passion than ever before. I remember some people asking if I was afraid to ride again. Ha! I couldn't wait to get back up in the wind.

Once I regained my riding legs, I went at practicing with a vengeance and resumed my training with Bob and Larry. I knew I was starting to improve when accomplished riders within the chapter said things to me like, “wow - you are a different rider. I would ride with you anywhere”. Armed with confidence now, I set my sights on becoming a road captain.

First step – attend the group rider class, check did that!
Second step - become a Boss Hog, check did that!
Third step - started to create routes, run pickup rides, and practice developing the skills of a Road Captain. Again, the key was practice and lots of it by April I attended Road Captain training and started to lead HOG rides with a Road Captain evaluator. I wasn’t perfect, I made some mistakes, but learned from them and was coached through them to improve.

Tada! at the May Chapter meeting I was awarded the presentation of my Road Captain rocker! I often say, if I can do this, everyone can do this. Seek out instruction and PRACTICE!

The result is so worth it.

Good luck!
SAVE THE DATE
Fairfax Harley Owners Group
20th Anniversary Year End Celebration
&
Annual Holiday Party

Saturday January 11, 2020

$30.00 person
Includes
(2) Beverage Tickets

BOSS HOGS
Ray Riddle
Diana Struck
Ruby Lowe

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JD & Sheri Morrissette
FHOG members
Another VA State HOG Rally is in the books and once again Fairfax HOG retains the Flying Eagle presented to the Chapter with the highest number of attendees! Simply put – FAIRFAX HOG ROCKS! This is just another reason why I’m so honored and proud to serve as the Director for the best HOG Chapter in the world. The purpose of the VA State HOG Rally is to come together as a HOG family, to fellowship, to share ideas, to participate in rides and to show Chapter colors. Well, it’s safe to say that Fairfax HOG accomplished all this and more! And who would have known that Fairfax HOG has our own rock stars? Yep, that’s right…. thanks to Russ Webster & Darin O’Sheilds playing tunes on their guitars and several others banging on the bongo drums and singing, Fairfax HOG displayed our musical abilities. Now we may not get any record deals anytime soon, but we had a great time! I want to give a shout out to Jean Henchey and Diane Struck who were the co-boss hogs for our hospitality suite. They ensured the room remained stocked with some great munchies, water, soda and, of course, adult beverages (not paid for by FHOG).

Although it wasn’t the typical hospitality suite (it was a normal hotel room), we made it “our own.” I want to also thank Harry Avila for ensuring the hospitality suite was a room on the first floor that opened to the pool area. I believe everyone that attended this year’s rally will agree that it was a big success and we all had a lot of fun. It goes without saying that a whole bunch of prior planning and multiple coordination meetings went into preparing for our state rally. The rally committee attends meetings throughout the year (at their own expense), so I want to give a special thanks to Harry Avila and Felicia (Shishi) Wilke for their commitment to serve on the VA State Rally Committee. They made us proud! In 2015 the VA State Rally will be held in Williamsburg (again) so start making plans now to attend.
Motorcycle Safety on the Highway

Studies show that riding divided highways are statistically safer than most other roadways. For many driving at high speeds, frequent lane changes, eighteen wheelers and congestion can be unnerving. To make your highway ride less stressful you need to foresee problems before they materialize and continually position yourself to be seen and defend against other driver mistakes and aggression.

**Entering & exiting**

When entering the highway, use the entrance ramp to accelerate to speed before merging into traffic. Give drivers ahead plenty of room in case they decide to slow—sudden braking is common and extra dangerous when merging. Be extremely careful of vehicles in your blind spot as you merge into the lane. Once you’re on the highway, change lanes gradually and stay out of the right-hand lane when approaching exit or entrance ramps to avoid cars that are entering or exiting the freeway.

Other things to watch for are poorly secured loads on car rooftops and in trucks and trailers—potential debris! You also need to be wary when approaching tollbooths, as drivers frantically jockey for a place in the shortest line. Pick your lane early and clearly signal your intent. Using an “EZ-Pass” transponder allows you to roll through the booth without stopping to search for cash.

**Lane selection (two lanes vs three lanes or more) and lane position (left, center, right)**

If you ride where drivers can’t see you, don’t be surprised if you experience a lot of close calls. Be as conspicuous as possible by choosing lane positions that place you where drivers can easily see you, either through their windows or in their mirrors. On the highway, this means not lingering in the area just behind the front doors, a.k.a. the blind spot.

When there are three lanes, choose the middle lane as that provides more options to maneuver left or right if necessary.

**Passing other vehicles and 18 wheelers**

Signal your lane change intentions with blinker and hand signal.

Make sure to ride through the danger zone and avoid changing lanes into a driver’s blind spot. Instead, accelerate ahead before moving over. Understand that you have blind spots too. Typical motorcycle mirrors aren’t great at revealing what’s behind you, so take a quick glance over your shoulder to be sure it’s safe before changing lanes.

Passing big vehicles like trucks and 18 wheelers pose added considerations such as draft and wind surge from either side, being in blind spots for longer periods, and getting trapped in the danger zone. Never begin to pass a truck if you can not make it from all the way behind the truck until all the way in front of the truck without obstruction. Sometimes you may have to hold back a bit until other vehicles in front of you complete their pass first and are out of your way.

You should not be in the lane position (channel) that has you closest to the truck. Risk include blind spot, truck or trailer swerving, truck lane change and wind surges that suck you in or push you out (right or left).

When you have safely passed the truck, don’t immediately slow down or change lanes into the lane the truck is in until you are a safe distance ahead of the truck.

**Keep a wide view looking far ahead**

Besides making you visible, the best lane position allows you to see well ahead so you can spot problems early and provides a space buffer between you and surrounding vehicles. Smart lane positioning also includes ample following distance that gives you good forward vision and the time and space to respond calmly if traffic stops quickly or if a shredded truck tire or other debris suddenly appears from underneath a car in front of you. Heavy highway traffic doesn’t always allow prudent following distance. To increase forward vision and reduce the risk of being hit by inattentive drivers, position yourself to the left or right to create an escape path between lanes if you need it.
You can minimize the risk of getting caught up in another driver’s mistake by spotting potential hazards early. Keep a lookout for brake lights and sudden head or arm movements that may indicate slowing traffic, imminent lane changes, or an erratic maneuver. Seeing these subtle clues allows you to avoid last-second decisions and desperate reactions.

**Keep your cool while driving**
If a driver insists on crowding your six, change lanes to let him by. If you can’t shake the tailgater, increase following distance from the car ahead. Tailgaters become less problematic if you keep the pace set by the average driver and stay out of the left lane unless passing. When passing, do so quickly to minimize riding in blind spots and to stay out of the way.

**Stay focused on the road**
It is easy to temporarily lose focus on the road while changing radio stations, talking on the headset, reading the navigation system and all the other technological conveniences on today’s bikes. It only takes seconds to find that you lost focus long enough to put yourself in a high-risk situation. Resist the temptation.

**Fatigue**
When riding on rural highways with little traffic, your biggest challenge may be simply staying alert. In contrast, surviving a highway run during rush hour requires steadfast diligence. Keep your wits sharp and adopt effective highway strategies to ensure your safe arrival. This includes frequent breaks, eating light meals and drinking plenty of fluids.

Keep hydrated: Drink water often

**Adverse weather**
Road conditions change rapidly in adverse weather, especially at highway speed. Check weather forecast periodically while traveling. Observe the sky and watch for storm clouds. Many times, you can avoid riding in bad weather by minor modifications to your route or timing a break. But if you decide to ride through a storm, wear proper gear that keeps you visible, warm, and dry. A ½ helmet will not provide a good experience while riding in rain.

**Practice motorcycle safety**
Conduct your T-CLOCK’s prior to every ride. Wear proper clothes, gloves, footwear and Helmet. Be sure to protect your eyes from objects in the air as well as the sun. Obey traffic laws, drive an appropriate speed for conditions and be visible.

*Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window. Four wheels move the body, two wheels move the soul.*

Tom Zedan
safety@fairfaxhog.com
Director's Challenge 2019

Beginning January 2019 all members, with the exception of the FHOG Officers, are eligible to earn the challenge coin.

Do you…. Or... Do YOU know someone that exhibits a positive & supportive attitude within FHOG

If so then nominate them by placing an entry in the engine mail box located next to the membership showcase. The director will choose one member each month from the nominations to receive the commemorative Directors Challenge Coin.

Boss HOG: Ray Riddle / director@fairfaxhog.com

Stumped Ya!

Time to try your hand to win a prize if you guess what these three photos have in common. There is a winner every time and some people have taken a big SWAG and gotten them correct!

Send your response to editor@fairfaxhog.com

Thank you to 29 Diner for all you do in the community to support Veterans.
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Historical Perspective

July 20, 1931

The Harley-Davidson Board of Directors decided to begin development of a three-wheeled commercial vehicle. A year later, that vehicle debuted as the Servi-Car. The Servi-Car was one of several products aimed at businesses, and joined forecars, sidevans, and package trucks in Harley’s line of commercial vehicles. Servi-Cars were popular with police departments, car dealers, and numerous other businesses because of their versatility. Production of the Servi-Car ceased in 1973 after 41 years, making it one of the longest running production lines in Harley-Davidson history.

July 14, 1969

Easy Rider was released, starring Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper.

In the movie Hopper and Fonda ride two chopper-style motorcycles designed by Cliff Vaughns and Ben Hardy. The originals are no longer in existence, but replicas of the motorcycles can be seen at the Harley-Davidson Museum.
My name is Anthony Rahner, I've been a HOG Member since 2008 when I first bought my 2008 Softail since then I graduated to a 2017 Ultra. I became a Fairfax HOG Road Captain in 2018 and attended the BOSS HOG seminar in the early part of 2019. I will be leading a destination ride to the “2019 MountainFest Rally” from Patriot Harley-Davidson to Triple “S” Harley-Davidson on July 27-28. Although this is my first ride as Road Captain, I have been attending the MountainFest Rally for the past five years and have put in some major mileage on other rides. On July 27th, we will leave Patriot Harley-Davidson and arrive at Triple “S” Harley-Davidson to start the day by buying our entry tickets at the Triple “S” MountainFest Welcome Tent or you can purchase them in advance online at: https://wvmountainfest.com.

The tickets will allow you entry in the Rally Fairgrounds where you will see many attractions, the MountainFest Vendor Mall, Food Vendors, the Wall of Death, Live Music in the Coal Bucket Saloon, and Live Music on the Main Stage featuring:

- 3:30 PM – Copper Chief
- 6:30 PM – The Charlie Daniels Band
- 8:00 PM – Cheap Trick

The event will be 200+ miles one way and because this is an overnighter, it's a rain or shine ride. We will make 2 stops for gas and snacks. You can purchase lunch when we get to Triple “S”. I reserved a block of rooms at the Euro-Suites Hotel (breakfast included w/room) which is located 4 miles from Triple “S” Harley-Davidson. I would highly advise taking advantage of the room block soon as prices are going up in the area as we get closer to the event. After our visit at Triple “S” Harley-Davidson and enjoying some music and lunch, you can check into your hotel and when your ready, you can venture over to the Mylan Park Main Site where the vendors, shows and live entertainment will be located. As a convenience, I will also be leading a pick-up ride from the Euro-Suite Hotel back to Patriot Harley-Davidson on Sunday, July 28th after breakfast. I will mention what time the pick-up ride will leave at the morning briefing.

Hope to see you all there!

For questions and/or to RSVP please email Anthony Rahner at Anthony.j.rahner@gmail.com or Ed Murphy at emurphy@rdsDC.com. We really hope you can join us and I promise, you will have a blast!
**Cancelling a Ride?**

Notify Activities no later than 9pm the night before the ride so the Hotline can be updated and an email and text blast can be sent to ensure nobody shows up at the starting location.

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**2019 Annual Rocker Earned Existing Boss Hogs**

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**DUCKPIN BOWLING**

Shenandoah Bowling Lanes
5904 Main Street
Mount Jackson, Virginia

106 miles! (Destination Ride)

July 14, 2019
Meet 8:45 am @ PHD

In case of rain, or if you want to cage it, meet at the Bowling Lanes @ 11:45 am.

Boss HOG: Anne Foster
Please RSVP to aeshorthick@gmail.com
Cancellation Hotline: 703-352-0516

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FAIRFAX HOG Presents...
Group Riding and 2-Up Seminar
Sunday, July 14 at 11:00 AM

Patriot Harley Davidson
9739 Fairfax Blvd.
Fairfax, VA. 22031

Learn to Ride like a Group
and Not Like This

Boss HOG: Tom Zechm
safety@fairfaxhog.com
Call Events Hotline @ 703-352-0516 for Updates or Cancellations

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**July 19 TGIF Ride to Gettysburg Bike Week**

Meet 9:00 at PHD

This is a Closed Destination ride to Gettysburg Bike Week location.
Route will include Rt 50 West to Rt 15 North

Lunch at Chubby’s BBQ.
Followed by a short ride to Gettysburg Bike Week

Bike Week entrance tickets @ $15

I will lead a pick-up ride back to PHD leaving at 2:00
Route will include I-270, I-495, & I-66

Boss Hogs -- Steve Fred, stevejfred@aol.com; 703-598-2869
Contact the Activities Hotline for the latest info at: 703-352-0516
George Mason Regional Library Show and Tell
Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 12:00 PM
George Mason Regional Library
7001 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA
Share your Harley-Davidson with the kids and their parents! You'll find a more excited audience! Meet at the George Mason Regional Library at 12:00 p.m., so the bikes can cool off. The Show and Tell runs from 1:00 - 2:30. Don't miss seeing the faces of kids (both young and old) sitting on a Harley for the first time.

Boss HOG: Stephen Wells / Fabio Corbatto
E-mail: stephen.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov

This is a closed ride open only to Fairfax HOG Members.
Meet at the Library at 12:00 PM.
Ride will be rescheduled if rain causes cancellation.

Bonnie's Fried Chicken Ride
Aug 3, 2019 (Saturday)
Leave IHOP Chantilly
(13804 Metrotech Dr.)
Breakfast at 8 AM
Kick stands up at 9 AM
Enjoy a great 120 mile ride and the Best Fried Chicken around!!
Top it off with ice cream at Nutter's!!

Boss Hog - Jack Causa
jcausa@hotmail.com
703 626 2248
Cancellation Hot Line
703 352 0516

Fairfax Alphabet Soup Tracking Game!
(Think Fast!)
- Earn points for going places and taking photos!
- Top 3 scoring members earn prizes!
- Entries must be received between Nov. 13th and November 30th.

This contest will run the whole season, and is open to all members of Fairfax HOG. Take staged photos of all the places you go, and submit them at the end of the year.

For full rules and entry forms, contact Marty Smith (mmaxx1790@gmail.com, 703-442-1490).
NEW MEMBER RIDE gets a new name!!
by Jack Causa, Assistant Director

The New Member Ride is getting rebranded as the MYSTERY RIDE. The New Member Ride, which normally follows the Group Rider Training session, was a ride led by the Assistant Director with participation from the Safety Officer. The purpose of the ride had been to get new members out for a ride while also attracting some seasoned chapter members to join in. While our intentions were sound, the New Member Ride has been poorly attended. New members were not participating nor were seasoned chapter members.

Starting with the July 14th ride, we will be introducing the MYSTERY RIDE and spicing things up to attract more new members and seasoned chapter members. We want this ride to be a fun ride for all. The MYSTERY RIDE will continue to be led by the Assistant Director with help from the Safety Officer. The goal is:

- Get new members to participate in a ride,
- Provide an opportunity for new members to meet seasoned chapter members,
- Welcome new members to a chapter ride,
- Give new members a chance to practice their group riding skills.
- Conduct an afternoon ride – most of our rides leave at 9 am. Having a ride leave at 12:30 pm should attract more riders,
- Have no predetermined route – it will be a “follow the leader” ride. The ride will go where the road captain feels like going.
- Include a snack stop: ice cream, donuts, candy, etc.
- 100 mile ride through back roads and scenic byways.

We hope that the mystery nature of this ride will attract new members, seasoned chapter members and any other riders looking for a fun afternoon ride.
Yee Haw! A lot of hard work and planning over the last year produced a very successful 2nd Annual Iron Horse Roundup! Almost 70 FHOG members and guests, including 7 Past Directors, convened at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, West Virginia.

On Wednesday, the IHR Committee headed to the mountains on their iron steeds with covered wagon in tow, loaded up with plenty of water, snacks, and other necessities to last the next 4 days. Several others came up early too, so everything was put into place in record time that afternoon.

It was a beautiful Thursday morning, when Bob Diehl hosted the Golf Tournament and it was no surprise to hear he won it too! "Texas" Allen LeMessurier and Steve Fred led 2 Chapter rides up to the Canaan Resort, and Ray Riddle led a group over to Smoke Hole Caverns for a late afternoon tour followed by dinner at Cheetah P’s. Camaraderie was overflowing at the fire pit that night as attendees continued to roll into town.

Another great day of riding was enjoyed on Friday. Joe Livingood led a bold and spirited group on a 250 mile ride to Staunton and back while Marty Smith took us on an adventure to see several roadside attractions. We started dinner with a video of highlights of our chapter over many years, then the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer, recognizing members we’ve lost this year: Dean Beasom, Mike McGrath and Wes Bowling. Each Past Director offered historical insights and experiences, and it was heartening to hear of their continuing support for the Chapter. Following dinner, there were competitive remote controlled biker races and a model bike build off. Congratulations to Ollie Plunket for winning the biker race, and who knew it would take almost 2 hours to build those model bikes, but Team Marty and Eric did it! Trophies presented to the winners were extra special as they were donated by Mary Lawson on behalf of Garry and refurbished for IHR. Larry Larson also brought many historical artifacts that were positioned around the room for everyone to see a look back across the years of many Chapter activities. A BIG THANK YOU to both Mary and Larry for their thoughtfulness!

Saturday’s ride to Franklin included Smoke Hole Road which is an 18 mile stretch considered to be a mini version of the Tail of the Dragon. We split into 2 groups, which allowed the spirited riders to secure ample seating at the lunch spot for everyone. <smirk> That evening, dinner started with a group photo and more insights from Past Directors. Lynne Morrison and Steve Marshall won for best Cowgirl and Cowboy hats, Larry Larson was the lucky winner of the HD neon clock, and Lynne Morrison won $152 in the 50/50 raffle (yes, she and Keith cleaned up this year!). Road Captains Steve Fred, Marty Smith, “Texas” Allen LeMessurier, Ray Riddle and Joe Livingood were presented with 2019 IHR Horseshoes for this year’s rides. And there was no better way to cap off the evening than by listening to the awesome Rusty Highway Band. A grand time was had by all on the dance floor! Oh, and don’t be surprised to find interesting pics and videos on your cell phone if left on the table when JD is nearby.

Saturday night brought torrential rain to West Virginia, so it was a bit sporty on some of the nearby roads leaving Canaan Resort, but everyone arrived home safely. Overall, it was a fantastic 4 days to enjoy the rides and camaraderie away from the DC area. We are already planning for next year! Be sure to provide feedback and recommendations in the survey which will come to all attendees via email.
Iron Horse Roundup Highlights
**July Birthdays**

- Kurt Hurst: July 1
- Diane Struck: July 1
- Chaz Wagner: July 2
- Linda Lacy: July 8
- Scott Frankhauser: July 13
- Jennifer Levy: July 13
- Larry Boyd: July 16
- Lionel Ramos: July 16
- Michelle Herrity: July 17
- Marty Smith: July 17
- Daniel Williams: July 17
- Joe Plazio: July 19
- John Hillaert: July 21
- Mary Lawson: July 21
- Gary Peters: July 21
- Denise Anderson: July 26
- Paul Coughlin: July 26
- Dawn Turton: July 28

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**FAMILY BIRTHDAY DINNER**

**JULY 25, 2019**

**Where** - Cantina D’Italia - 150 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170

**When** - Thursday, 7 PM, July 25, 2019

**Why** - Join us as we eat, laugh and celebrate all those July birthdays.

**Boss Hogs – Jack/Barb Causa** - RSVP - barbachandler@yahoo.com  Cancellation Hot Line: 703.352.0516
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