

Hello from your new Director! I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and The Director's Note enjoyed a safe and Happy New Year with your family and friends!

For those of you who don't know me, here is a short bio. I started riding as a kid on mini bikes as many do and graduated to dirt bikes through my teen age years. Even at that age, riding a Harley was always the ultimate dream I had. Once I was legal driving age (mostly) I mixed in a little street riding but motocross and trail riding were my real passion back then. Once I hit 21, other priorities took over and it would be nearly 20 years before I had my own motorcycle again.

During that time I met a girl, got married, had 2 beautiful daughters and focused on all the responsibilities that come with that. Raising a family, work and fixing up a 100+ year old farmhouse became a top priority for me but that dream of riding the ultimate street motorcycle was still lurking in the background. I was the guy in the minivan at the stoplight, kids hollering in the background, entranced by the Harley across the intersection.

I ride a 2012 CVO Ultra Classic and love every mile I put on it. I am a charter member of the Wolverine HOG Chapter, attended the very first meeting and a majority of them since. I immediately signed up for Road Crew and worked my way up as Assistant Road Captain, Road Captain and Senior Road Captain. Time came that we needed a webmaster and so I threw my name in the hat and was selected for the job. After 3 years serving in that role I took a break for a year when the opportunity once again came up. This time as your Assistant Director and I have served in that role for the past 5 years.

I want to express my thanks to Paul Blotske for his service to the Chapter over the years, most recently as our Chapter Director. He has always been focused on the HOG mission to "Ride and Have Fun" and making sure that the Chapter runs smoothly. Not to mention that he had the challenge of managing a very dynamic group of officers, I guarantee not an easy task being one of those officers myself. Paul has assured me that he is not going away and has already signed up to help John Cain on the Activities committee. A huge thanks to you, Paul!

Next I would like to say thanks to our sponsoring dealer, Wolverine Harley-Davidson, George DeLaNuez, and you the members for giving me the opportunity to serve the Chapter as Director. I look forward to carrying the baton for this next leg of our journey and promise to do my very best for you. My immediate focus is to make sure the Chapter continues to run smoothly and provide new ways for you to ride and have fun. I encourage you to contact me with any ideas you have to accomplish that and welcome all the help I can get to make them happen.



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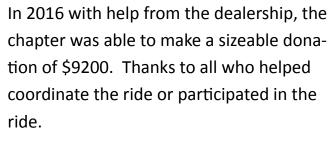


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Have questions or ideas for upcoming events? Contact:













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The good news is that because of your support and generosity in donating Winter coats to the Veterans in our Veteran Housing program. The Salvation Army Harbor Light Macomb is able to help make the lives of many people in our community who have fallen on hard times a little easier.

But our goals extend far into the future; we seek to enable growth and self-sufficiency for those who seek our assistance. Your wonderful donation will help ensure that we continue **Doing the Most Good** with skill and compassion for many years to come.

God bless you!

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"There is no reward equal to that of DOING THE MOST GOOD to the people in the most need."

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To Wolverine Haley-Davidson Clinton TWP MI,

Thank you very much for the winter Jacket. It has been years since I received such a thoughtful gift. I suppose I am unaccustomed to such kind gestures, having been alone for quite some time. Thank you for thinking of me. I am sure all the Vets I live with feel the same way. I know that I will be happy when I can help other in the future. I hope everyone at your location a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless America.

THANK YOU FOR THE VERY

NICE COAT I WAVE RECIVED

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John M

Tommy Taulbee USA NAVY Gulf War Veteran

SUE HOMELESS VET AND COAT COALITION

I WILLIAM CAMPBELL WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FROM MY HEART FOR THE COAT I RECEIVED FROM YOU. I'TS NOT EASY AFTER 2 YEARS OF MY CAR ACCIDENT, LOT'S OF DR.S AND TOST OUT IN THE COLD. I THANK SUE AND THE SALVATION ARMY FOR GIVING ME A CHANCE. I DUN'T HAVE MUCH, AND LOST EVERY-THING, BUT I DO HAVE A HOME, IT MEAN'S SU MUCH, AND I REALLY LOVE THE COAT, THANK YOU!

GOD BLESS YOU, AND ALL THE VOUNTEER'S

Clinton Township. Wolverine Hog Chapter

Subj: THANK YOU

21 Nov, 2016

Alfred Stockton 42605 Orchard Stre

I would like to thank you for the wonderful jacket you gave me. I appreciate your kindness and understanding of the hardships that Veterans are currently going through. Just so you know the jacket is warm and will continue to be warm because of your sacrifice and warm heart of

Have a wonderful and blessed life and Merry Christmas!!

Best Regards Affred L Stockton

USN/USCG Retired Gunners Mate

NOV. 14, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE HUNDSOME JACKET THAT YOUR CHAPTER DONATED TO THE VETERALS AT SALVATION ARMY HURBOR LIGHT C/O MOREHOUSE. I WAS ACTUALLY REALLY IN NEED OF A WINTER JACKET AS THE POCKETS IN MY JACKET HAD HOLES IN THEM AND LEFT A TRAIL OF STUFFING FROM THE JACKET WHEREVER I WENT.

GOD BLESS YOU AND ONCE AGAIN I TRULY THANK YOU I'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD AND MAKE A DONATION AS SOON AS I GET ON MY FEET:

YOURS TRULY, ROBERT E. POINDEXTER



Thanks to everyone who donated coats for the Veterans, 460 coats were delivered.

A special thanks to Latch + Associates who contributed to our coat drive.



### **Dealership Events**



#### **Customer Appreciation Day**

It has been said many times that participation has its rewards. Tony Saraceno found this to be true at Wolverine's Customer Appreciation Day in June. The dealer had food, was giving four times the loyalty rewards points and had several give-a-ways.

#### Membership Renewal

All Wolverine HOG memberships expire in December. If you did not renew in 2016—do it now! Renewal forms are available at all chapter meeting, at the dealership and on the website. Once your renewal has been processed, your new card will be at the next chapter meeting, or the dealership. Kathy Kovak, our membership officer will send you an e-mail to confirm that your renewal has been processed. The cost is still only \$24 per year. If you have any questions contact: membership@wolverinehog.com

The dealership hosts many great events throughout the year. Stop in and pick up a calendar so you don't miss out.



September's GREAT Ride—only four more months until they start again



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# The Riding Chapter # 1332 Bonita's Happenungs

Information on rides can be found on line. Any questions—contact: ridecoordinator@wolverinehog.com



#### Riding the Smokies





This past September, 25 people on 19 bikes went to Tennessee. Along with the beautiful rides, people went horseback riding, zip lining and went to Wheels through Time.









In 2016 the chapter logged 97,489.1 miles. Come join us in 2017 to make sure your miles get logged.

Check page 9 for a list of 2017 events. This is not the complete list, but it will give you a chance to plan ahead!

The ride committee is also adding day rides in 2017.

More details to follow—look for flyers at chapter meetings, or find details on the website.

Activities are listed on the chapter calendar.

If you have any questions, contact the LOH coordinator at: loh@wolverinehog.com

#### Spotlight on LOH

Although rain can stop a ride, as it did in October—don't forget the meal will still take place! Even though the ride was cancelled people still enjoyed a yummy brunch. Although we all hate caging it, sometimes we have to for the sake of safety. But the actual event will still take place. Don't forget to check the chapter hotline on days when you are not sure about the ride.

#### Richmond Good Ole Days





This year, 98 people attended the Good Ole Days, having a great time while raising money for the children's charities that we support. A total of 1008 miles were ridden to the event, and \$850 was raised to donate to the charities.

Thanks to the Bertolinis for hosting, and thanks to all who donated.

Hello, my Wolverine peeps. This is Spaz coming at you full force to let you know 2017 is ON! I have a lot of fun adventures and rides just waiting for you to come along and enjoy. All the work is done, planning is in full swing and it's all up to you to join in the mayhem of making new friends and unforgettable memories.

Ladies, if you are a chapter member, you are automatically an LOH member. You don't have ride your own, fill out any paper work or even jump through a hoop of fire. You <u>are</u> an LOH member.

There are only one or two events that are girls only (no boys allowed!). Most of the guys don't even want to join us for those events, you know, like pole dancing (we know there are a few kinky guys out there that would like to join in, but it's too bad!). Men are always welcome to join our LOH meetings and are invited for most other annual events like Feather Bowling, St. Paddy's Day, Mother's Day Rides, and more rides to follow.

Meetings are quarterly and our first meeting is January 31, 2017 at Buddys Pizza on Hayes Road in Shelby Twp. Hope to see you there.

All details, information and fliers are always on our chapter website (wolverinehog.com).

One ticket, One ride! Make it count!

Rose 'Spaz' Bertolini

# GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Josephine "Josie" DiFalco





Josie has been a member of Wolverine since 2006, she rides with her husband, Randy on a 2015 CVO Road Glide Ultra.

They have 2 boys, Josie is retired—so she has lots of time to enjoy traveling, cooking and having fun! One of Josie's favorite rides was the chapter's trip to Tennessee.

#### The Scriber's Article

As 2016 has come to an end, I look back on the year. Several firsts happened this past year. First ever broken bone kept me home New Year's day, so I couldn't attend the Frozen Tundra Ride Meet & Mingle.

May was my first time riding all the way to Florida Keys! What an adventure from start to finish; I learned a lot about myself & my stamina. I Learned that HEAT does make the oil in the bike dissipate faster than you can imagine, always carry an extra quart! Know your bike like you know yourself, after all the two of you are really one!

Live Laugh,& Ride! It's most empowering. ~ Rose "Sarge" Gorinski



| Date                              | Activity                          |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Sunday, March 12                  | St Patty Day Shindig              |  |  |  |
| Saturday, March 25                | Chili and Soup Cook-off           |  |  |  |
| Saturday, April 08                | Pole Dancing                      |  |  |  |
| Saturday, April 15                | Tony Packo Ride                   |  |  |  |
| Thursday, April 20                | Day Ride                          |  |  |  |
| Saturday, April 22                | Whirlyball                        |  |  |  |
| Thursday, April 27                | Day Ride                          |  |  |  |
| Sunday, May 07                    | Blessing of the Bikes             |  |  |  |
| Saturday, May 13                  | Mother's Day Brunch Ride          |  |  |  |
| Sunday, May 21                    | Brunch Ride                       |  |  |  |
| Friday-Sunday, May 26-28          | Covered Bridge Ride               |  |  |  |
| Saturday, June 03                 | Coney Crawl                       |  |  |  |
| Sunday, June 04                   | Picnic In the Park                |  |  |  |
| Thursday, June 15                 | Day Ride                          |  |  |  |
| Saturday, June 17                 | Father's Day Ride and Lunch       |  |  |  |
| Saturday, June 24                 | LOH Bike Wash                     |  |  |  |
| Sunday, June 25                   | Freedom Ride                      |  |  |  |
| Thursday, June 29                 | Day Ride                          |  |  |  |
| Friday, June 30                   | Civil War Ride                    |  |  |  |
| Sunday, July 09                   | Mystery Ride                      |  |  |  |
| Monday-Saturday, July 10-15       | Southern Backroads HOG Rally      |  |  |  |
| Friday-Monday, July 14-16         | Muskegon Bike Time                |  |  |  |
| Saturday, July 29                 | VA Vet Hospital visit             |  |  |  |
| Sunday, August 06                 | Leather and Lace                  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, August 13                 | Chapter Picnic                    |  |  |  |
| Thursday-Sunday, August 17-<br>20 | Great Lakes Rally                 |  |  |  |
| Saturday, September 09            | Richmond Good Ol' Days FundRaiser |  |  |  |
| Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24  | Overnight to Irish Hills          |  |  |  |
| Saturday, September 30            | Chapter Bonfire                   |  |  |  |
| Saturday, October 28              | Halloween Party                   |  |  |  |

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#### January New Members



John O'Brien



Russell Langton and Steven Rasteoli

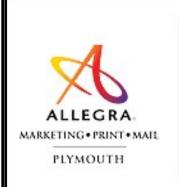
#### **Donate Blood**

On March 4th, the Wolverine HOG Chapter and Great Lakes SEM Riding Club are sponsoring a blood drive in honor of Ron "Rambo" Wambold.

Ron was an active member of the Wolverine HOG Chapter, Vice President of the Great Lakes SEM Riding Club and a proud Vietnam Veteran who lived life to the fullest. Please help us honor Ron by saving someone's life, come out and donate! You can make an appointment to donate by calling Wolverine Harley Davidson at (586)463-7700, sign up at the dealership or at <a href="redcross.org">redcross.org</a> and putting in March 4th as the date. Answers about eligibility to donate blood

can be found at: http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/donation-fags#Eligibility





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# Are you checking the website?

There are already many events planned for 2017. There will be several events before riding season resumes—come join us!

Toiletries for Veterans are being sold at the dealership each weekend. The money from these is donated to the Veterans at the VA hospital, for them to be able to participate in events. Please stop by and buy a package for \$5.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Children's Charity Fund in 2016. Our total donations were \$13,710.

The next newsletter will have details about who received these donations.

# I do it for the patches

~ Randy

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**Wolverine Chapter #1332** 

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#### **Membership Meetings:**

7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month ConCorde Inn 44315 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Twp. (just south of Wolverine H-D dealership)

G.R.E.A.T. Ride (Group Riding Elements And Techniques):

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month April - October Arrive at Wolverine H-D dealership by 6:30 p.m. Kickstands up at 7 p.m.

#### Ladies of Harley:

Check the Chapter Calendar for meeting locations and LOH events.

#### Websites:

Wolverine H.O.G. Chapter wolverinehog.com Wolverine Harley-Davidson wolverinehd.com Harley-Davidson harley-davidson.com National H.O.G. members.hog.com



Membership: 300



# Chapter Events

Call the Chapter Hotline to see if a ride is canceled (586-464-0260). Time listed for rides is when kickstands go up (if it's a ride). See flier or website for up-to-date information including contact info, lineup and registration times and locations.

| February  |                   |                  |           | March              |   |  |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|--|
| 4         | Euchre Tournament | С                | 4         | Blood Drive        | 0 |  |
| 8         | Officer Meeting   | M                | 8         | Officer Meeting    | M |  |
| <i>15</i> | Chapter Meeting   | С                | 12        | St Patty's Shindig | C |  |
| 18        | Karaoke Night     | С                | 14        | Chapter Meeting    | C |  |
| <i>25</i> | LOH Pub Crawl     | $\boldsymbol{c}$ | <i>25</i> | Chili Cook Off     | C |  |

Member events are events that are open only to H.O.G. members. | Closed events are those chapter events which are open to chapter members and one guest per member. | Open events are those chapter events which are open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members and other guests as desired. | Public events are those open to the general public, members and non-members alike are welcome. (Not endorsed by H.O.G.)