

Wolverine Tracks

What keeps the chapter running? Volunteers!!

Thank you to the many volunteers that keep our chapter going. The officers, road crew, the charities committee, the activities committee, those who jump in to help at an event and those who help at charity drives.

At the February chapter meeting Assistant Director, Randy DiFalco had volunteer patches and 2016 rockers available for anyone who has helped out during the year. If you did not get yours—see Randy at an upcoming chapter meeting.

A Long Time Volunteer—Kenny “Dawg” Daniels

If you have gone to any Wolverine Hog activity— you have probably met Kenny. Once you can get past his stunning blue eyes, you will realize that he has a heart of gold.

Kenny is a charter member and soon after that he joined **Road Crew**. Kenny has also helped out at the charity drive each year ,volunteered for the **Activities Committee**, and later became the **Activities Officer**. Kenny served in that position for five years.

After taking on such an exhausting position for five years, you would think that Kenny would need a break— instead, he recently became the **Head Road Captain**.

Other than simply being a glutton for punishment, Kenny decided to take on another board position, because he enjoys riding so much, which is obvious, considering he has been riding since 1977.

Kenny is looking forward to creating a team of road captains. He is looking forward to building comradery amongst the road captains, and looking forward to providing the safest possible environment for all of us to ride in. If you are interested in being part of the road captain team, fill out an application—which can be found on the website.

Thanks Kenny for all you have done, and will continue to do!



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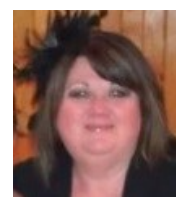
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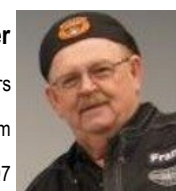
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F-F-F-FROZEN TUNDRA

This year we were able to log our first miles on January 1st. Luckily the weather was 31 degrees, there was no snow or ice, so the Riding Chapter went riding !



45 people attended the ride, logging the first 492 miles for the season



Since I first got my bike, the frozen tundra is the one ride I looked forward to the most. So after a couple of failed attempts, I was beyond excited when Mother Nature cooperated. So many people I know outside of riding called me crazy. So, to have just as many crazy people with me was great! A moment of serenity to get me through the gray season .

~ Megan Michaels

WhirlyBall

This year's WhirlyBall event will be April 22nd. We have the court from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. Pizza and salad will be provided. Bring your own drinks, and a dish to share—if you would like. The cost is \$20, with a \$10 non-refundable deposit. Sign up at the chapter meeting, or contact: Activities@wolverinehog.com

Don't forget—you can always bring a friend!



Have questions or ideas for upcoming events? Contact:

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A C T I V I T I E S

Children's Charity Presented Checks for \$13,000

Wolverine Chapter #1332 presented Variety - the Children's Charity with a check for \$10,000 at the January chapter meeting. This was the culmination of 12 months of work - holding various fund raising activities by our chapter members. Michelle Murphy from Variety attended the meeting to receive the check from our Charity committee person Josie DiFalco. Michelle expressed the following thanks:

"Thank you to the dedicated and enthusiastic Wolverine Chapter 1332 membership and Wolverine Harley-Davidson for supporting Variety as its children's charity of the year! Members volunteered their time and organized events such as the November weekend collection drive (despite the cold and wet weather!), summer picnic, gift wrapping services and more to support Variety's core programs serving children with special needs. THANK YOU for your generous support! We are so grateful."

A huge thanks to everyone who contributed time, money and other resources toward our fund raising in 2016. Without your hard work and dedication we could not have made this happen. Know that you have made a difference to a child in need.

~Submitted by: Tony Bertolini



Members of Wolverine Chapter #1332 presenting a check for \$10,000 to Michell Murphy from Variety - the Children's Charity



Members of the charity committee presenting a check for \$1,000 to Wigs for Kids



Members of the charity committee presenting a check for \$1,000 to Angels of Hope



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Members of the charity committee presenting a check for \$1,000 to Kids on the Go

Thanks so much to Bonita, JD and Dave for all of their hard work. Each board position has its own set of responsibilities and time commitment. Thanks so much for volunteering your time to the chapter and helping in so many ways.



In November, Tony thanked Kenny for serving as activities officer for the past five years

Tony thanking Dave Vaughn for being the Head Road Captain for the past three and a half years



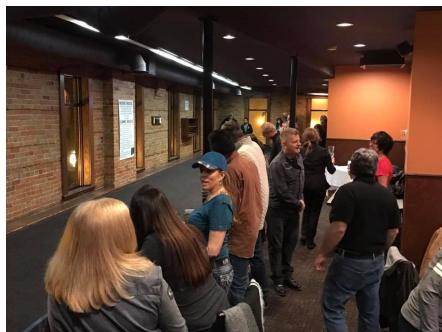
Activities are listed on the chapter calendar.

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

Spotlight on LOH



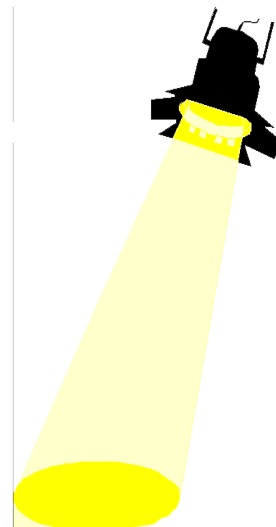
"Did you hear the gum story? Best story of the evening!" Randy DiFalco



The Deplorables were the winners—undefeated for the evening!

Feather Bowling

What a fun night! Thirty-eight chapter members and one guest came out to enjoy the silly antics. We were having so much fun that we had to rent another hour.



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Tony thanking Bonita for all of her hard work as Ride Coordinator for the past three and a half years



"You don't do it for the thanks, you do it for the love of the people." ~
Bonita Haapanen

The Director's Note

There's A New Kid in Town

No... not me! But we all know the feeling of being new. Trying something we haven't done before, going to new places and meeting new people. It is stressful and we feel like we are under the microscope... or invisible. Being judged or ignored. Seems like no in between and hard to feel welcome.

For us "old-timers" it is easy to forget what it's like being new in the chapter. We are in our comfort zone with our chapter family and friends. We all sit together and catch up at meetings and talk about our bikes, rides and jobs. We make plans for the weekend or vacations. We put up boundaries without even realizing it and by the way, who is this new guy or gal that just sat down at our table?

But this is normal interaction. We don't like change and we are uncomfortable with new things or people getting in our space. We like to stick with our routines. We establish our network and get complacent that we are happy. Life is good! But is it?

Think about what it would be like if you were not a member of the chapter. What would it be like if I didn't know the friends I have met in HOG? Who would I meet with for breakfast before a ride? Who would I ride with? Wow! I don't know about you but my list just got real short!

So I challenge you to break the norm and knock down those boundaries. Take a minute and remember what it was like when you joined the chapter. Walk up to someone new at our chapter events and introduce yourself. Find out a little about them. Include them in the conversation. Invite them out for a ride. Make a new friend!

There's a new kid in town? Cool... let's go for a ride!

GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Name: Rose Bertolini

Nickname: Spaz

What do you ride? Heritage Softail 1994 vintage

LOH Officer

How long have you been riding? 17 years

How long have you been a member of Wolverine HOG? 14 years

What is your favorite part of being a HOG member? Meeting new people, having fun and riding to new places with all my new friends

Why do you volunteer your time to the board? I love being a part of something bigger than life. Trying to make a difference, and enjoying the challenge of new places and new ideas.

Why do you enjoy being on the board? I think it gives me the chance to show our chapter members another side of looking at life and hoping to open new doors to riding adventures.

What hobbies do you have outside of riding? I love spending time with our two daughters and their families. Our grandchildren keep us busy. But my favorite thing is to collect antiques for our old Victorian house.

What is your favorite ride? My favorite ride was when we did route 66 in 2005. We rode 6188 miles in 17 days and saw what America was really like. So beautiful and majestic. We travel a lot on our bikes, you can say we are long distance travelers. Love the ride, love the people, and by all means the food along the way.

Anything else you would like the membership to know about? It is pretty simple! Love to ride, and love to eat! Meeting great people and making memories is a bonus. One ticket, one ride.



2017 – A Year To Ride & Have Fun Safely

By Gary Lewandowski
Safety Officer
Wolverine H.O.G. Chapter # 1332

I'd like start by wishing each of you all a very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous & Safe 2017!

Over the years, the articles I've done have been with one objective in mind...and that is your safety. Let's face it, riding a motorcycle is a fantastic experience that carries with it the joy and freedom of the road while riding the best motorcycles made...the Harley Davidson! The sights and smells one can only experience while riding is known only to those who do ride, and it's something that is difficult if not impossible to explain to those that do not.

Doesn't it seem like those that don't ride always say "it's too dangerous!" Well, is it really "too dangerous" like some would like us all to believe? Personally, I don't believe that the act of riding a motorcycle is dangerous in about itself, but what I do know is it carries risks that come with undeniable consequences. It's what degree of risk YOU elect to accept that make up the type of rider you are.

I recently read an article by Jerry Smith in the latest edition of "Motor Cyclist" that is entitled "3 Motorcycle Myths That Won't Die." I found this article to be spot-on when taking a rational approach to riding motorcycles. Although the entire article was very well written and informative (I encourage you to read it), one part kinda hit home with me. Not because of my personal feelings about wearing a helmet (and good riding gear 100% of the time), but more because of a conversation I had with one of our Chapter members recently about helmets.

So...motivated by this conversation, and quite certain that no matter what rational I used I wasn't going to convince this person that wearing a good helmet was a good idea, I wanted to share a part of Jerry Smith's article with you... it's the part about "Helmets."

By Jerry Smith:

Oh sweet Jeebus, where do I even begin with this? Look, if you don't want to wear a helmet, don't, I guess, although in some states it's not really up to you. But if you insist on exercising your right as an American to do demonstrably stupid things out of sheer stubbornness (aka "Because I can, that's why") at least have the guts to admit it instead of telling people the reason you're doing it is because helmets don't work, like the guy who once told me helmets are tested to a maximum speed of 13 mph, so how can you expect them to protect you at highway speeds?

The best way to tell a lie is to season it with a dash of truth. There's some truth to that 13 mph figure, but it's not the whole story. For that I turned to Dave Thom, who worked with the late, great Harry Hurt on the first comprehensive study of motorcycle safety ever conducted in the U.S., Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures, often appropriately called the Hurt Report.

Thom's CV is impressive: motorcycle-accident research assistant and associate (1977-1981); research associate and later the laboratory director of the University of Southern California's Head Protection Research Laboratory (1981-1998); general and senior program manager of the Head Protection Research Laboratory of Southern California (1998-2003); and currently a senior consultant specializing in protective headgear, safety, and research at Collision and Injury Dynamics, Inc. So, yeah, he knows something about helmets.

I once asked Thom about that 13 mph figure. "It's an important and often misunderstood point," he said. It turns out that 13 mph—13.4 mph, if you want to get picky about it—is the terminal velocity of an object dropped from six feet, or about the maximum height of the head of a rider seated on a motorcycle. "If you pick something up and drop it from six feet, it'll hit the ground going 13.4 mph."

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OK, but what if I'm going 60 mph when I crash?

"The speed on your speedometer is very seldom any indication of how hard you're going to hit your head," Thom said. "The only situation where it is an indication is if you hit a vertical object, like a bridge abutment. Then your speedometer speed is very important." But in most motorcycle accidents, the rider's head falls more or less straight down and hits the ground at 13.4 mph or less

"We found way back in the Hurt studies that the typical impact on a head at the 90th percentile was less than the DOT impact speed of 13.4 mph."

In other words, the vertical speed at which your head hits the pavement matters far more than the horizontal speed you're moving when it happens. If you want a demonstration of this, Thom said, just turn on your TV and watch a motorcycle road race. "If you've ever seen a guy fall off at 120, they almost always get up even though their forward speed was huge. They fall off, and they very likely hit their head at least once, but they have that six-foot fall—"much less in the case of many road racers whose elbows are practically skimming the track when they bail"—which is what we test helmets at."

No safety device works 100 percent of the time—not helmets, air bags, seat belts, parachutes, or condoms—but using them increases the odds in your favor. If you disagree, fine. It's that sort of keen analytical thinking that keep Las Vegas casinos open, and EMTs working double shifts on sunny weekends. Just don't try to convince me or anyone else that head-butting the highway without a helmet is safer than with one.

Thank you Jerry Smith...I couldn't have put it better or agree with you more!

As we go head first (no pun) into 2017, all I can ask is that you please take pause and consider not just helmets, safety gear and all other aspects of how you ride, and please remember to never compromise your safety or the safety of others for the sake of image.

Ride safe and ride sober!

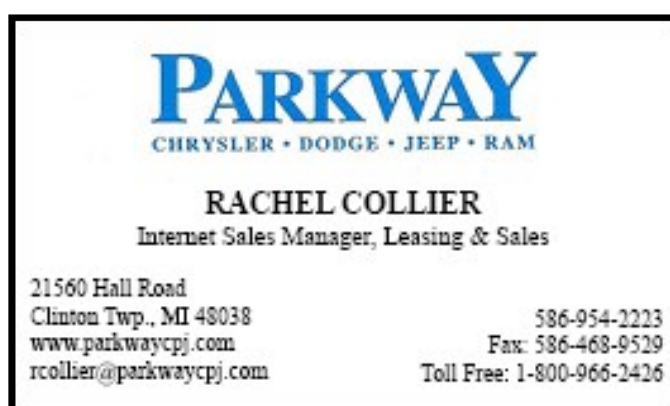
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Hello,

My name is David Shukwit, here is some background on me. I grew up in East Detroit and still refer it to as East Detroit, not Eastpointe. I started riding around the age of 22, I wasn't allowed to have a motorcycle when I was younger and living at home. So, I bought a Honda V45 Magna and kept it at a friend's house until I felt I was road ready and brought it home while the parents were in Florida (what were they going to do kick me out? Lol). I met the Love of my Life , Kathie in 1995 and married her in 1997, There hasn't been a better day in my life since.

I purchased my first Harley-Davidson in 2005 a Road King Classic. I joined the chapter later that year. When I first joined, someone had asked me what I rode - they assumed I rode a sportster, if you know me you would find this funny considering my size. I volunteered to be the Treasurer of the chapter in 2011, this position is one of the less vocal but I consider it one of the most important making sure the chapter has the funds to do the things we all enjoy.

I have enjoyed riding with Friends and Family, and we have been on several long rides together. I have been to DC for Rolling Thunder, Sturgis for Bike

Week, road the Dragon in Tennessee, Route 66 and the Rockies, and road to Texas to see some old friends just to name a few. I currently ride a 2014 Limited and will probably purchase a 2018 CVO Limited this fall, they say everyone should own a CVO once.



I have two main hobbies in life that I find an extreme amount of joy in, they are riding and hunting. When the riding season is wrapping up I am starting to get ready for the hunting season. Life is Damn Good.

Looking forward to another great Riding season in 2017

Sincerely,

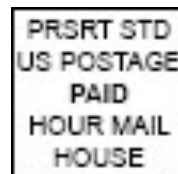
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of every month ConCorde Inn

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Ladies of Harley:

Check the Chapter Calendar for

meeting locations and LOH events.

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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.

April			May		
5	Officer Meeting	M	3	Officer Meeting	M
8	LOH Pole Dancing	C	7	Blessing of the Bikes	C
11	Chapter Meeting	C	7	Brunch Ride	C
15	Tony Packo Ride	C	9	Chapter Meeting	C
18	G.R.E.A.T Ride	C	13	Mother's Day Ride	C
20	Day Ride	C	16	G.R.E.A.T. Ride	C
22	Whirlyball	C	21	Brunch Ride	C
26	Meet and Mingle	C	24	Dinner Ride	C
27	Day Ride	C	26-28	Covered Bridge Ride	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.)