

Wolverine Tracks

2019 continues to bring changes for our Chapter! Following years of volunteer service, Tony Bertollini has stepped down and we are fortunate to have long standing member, Randy DiFalco, assume the position of Director. Dave Shukwit has been selected to fill the Assistant Director position, and previously served as the Treasurer for 7 years. Karyn Shukwit, who has been very active in various capacities, has replaced Mike Reid as treasurer due to his retirement and move to Florida. Barb O'Brien replaces long time Historian, Vickie Todaro, and will be providing us with some great historical information from past years. This Chapter values ALL members and appreciates the significant support and active involvement from our sponsoring dealership, Wolverine Harley Davidson®. Your officers are committed to growing this organization into one of the best riding chapters in the nation, and appreciate input from its members! Please feel free to contact any officer with your ideas, questions, or concerns. On the following pages, you will find the names of the various officers and how to contact each of them. We are just a "click" away by email, or if you are "old school" give us a call or chat with any of us at the meetings or events.



Sincere gratitude is given to our HOG Manager and past Directors which have created Chapter #1332 into what it is today. From its inception in 2002, countless hours of volunteering have been given by Frank Blowers, Dan Last, Paul Blotske, Tony Bertollini, and sponsoring HOG manager, George de la Nuez. Equally as important are our members!!! The motto that resonates throughout our Chapter is to "Ride and Have Fun." The 15 years of our existence have brought countless opportunities for our membership to live that motto, racking up the miles and memo-



Member's Memories Shared

There I was sipping on a cocktail at the 15 year Anniversary party when Josie DiFalco came up to me and said, "Mack...you know you were one of the first person's I met in the Chapter." Hmmm....very interesting I thought. Just a few months ago, Mark Erickson said the same thing to me. Really???? Me??? I remember that moment clearly. It was July 2012, and a group of us rode to Muskegon Bike Week. This was the first time I met Josie, Randy, Enza, Tony and Tim. Did we have a good time? You betcha we did!!! That weekend was full of riding, laughs, and mischief. Now if you know me, you know that for the most part I am quiet and shy. Dave Lehrman, our founding safety officer, used to call me "No Drama" in the board meetings. Nothing forward and aggressive about me. Being a charter member, I was content....sitting back at the chapter meetings, and then, I became Treasurer and my world changed. I love riding, but the friendships I have made along the way are **priceless**.

Memories of:

- Collecting money on the corner with Paul Gorinski, and laughing as he charmed the ladies out of \$20s while I got singles
- Drinking tea with Tony and Spaz's granddaughter in her doll house during one of the chapter picnics in their backyard (at 5'10" that was a challenge)
- Sitting in a cabin in the UP at 5:30 AM with fellow lady riders watching a lone fisherman (bucket hat and all) peacefully fishing on the lake.
- Going to Dawg's annual Christmas party. Pool table full of goodies that fellow members brought along with shots flowing freely from his bar. Good times.
- Riding to Key West — by myself— and meeting members from other Michigan riding groups. Needless to say, I was delayed 10 days coming home.
- Standing on a glacier in Alaska with Karen Carrier, listening to her laugh as I almost fell down a hole with a guide hanging on to me by the back of my jacket.

I could go on and on, but my point is that, as Harley riders - part of the "journey" is the friendships we make along the way. The friendships not only include those good times on the bike, but off the bike as well.

We share hardships. We share laughs. We know about each others' families. We know about each others' accomplishments and generosity given to our community.

Members leave for various reasons, but the friendships continue. Why? Because we truly do become a family. Big Denny once said to me, "Mack I would have never have met you if it weren't for the Chapter." Funny thing is that we both worked for the same company for many years and never knew each other.

Big Denny...you were right.



Thank you Wolverine for 15 years of great memories and great friendships.

And as I watched the pictures of the anniversary party at the last chapter meeting, I chuckled to myself.

There was a picture of me and 2 gentlemen. Did I know them? Absolutely not. We all just happened to be standing where the pictures were being taken. I grabbed them and off we went. Now there's one more memory and 2 more friends to add to my adventures.

Marleen Makowiec - aka "MACK"

“Girls Get-Away”



Karyn had routed the trip for us and we started out in the early morning. From St. Clair Shores, we jumped on I-94 to US 12 and headed to Shipshewana, Indiana. It was very cool pulling into the quite Amish Town on our bikes. We did not go unnoticed - LOL. We enjoyed lunch and headed down the highway.

Later, we arrived at the Blue Chip Casino/Hotel Resort in Michigan City, Indiana. After having lots of fun riding our bikes up and down the parking garage ramps, we headed to our amazing rooms. We spoiled ourselves with a delicious dinner at the Casino's Steak House, and spent the evening gambling, laughing, and enjoying a few drinkies.

At rise & shine, we headed north, into the famous 'Pot Hole' state, aka Michigan. Motoring up the west side, and stopping several times for food and fun. Once in Ludington, we found the perfect little motel to spend the night and the locals recommended a restaurant/bar for our evening fun. They were right! We enjoyed great food & more laughs.

Sadly, we had to head back south and east on our last day toward home. We finished off with our last stop in beautiful Clare, at the "Whitehouse" restaurant. All still original since 1934. I recommend everyone head over to this tiny little restaurant and enjoy **THE BEST** burgers in the state.

This is where our riding adventure would be named - by the owner of the Whitehouse. When he shot our final photo, he called us the:

EASTSIDE BIKER BABES

Next year, the Eastside Biker Babes will make a new adventure with a new route.

Theresa Jellison Karyn Shukwit

Kathie Shukwit Bobbie Faitel

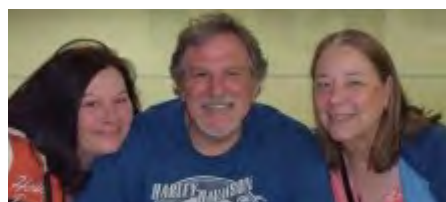
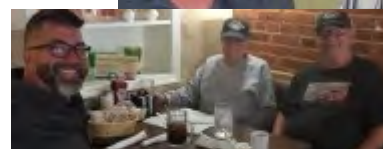
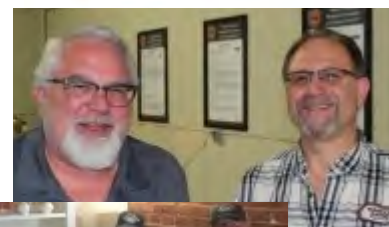
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Greg Swieczkowski and the Activities Committee members have jump started the riding season with a variety of rides and events. We welcomed the warm weather with a Spring party complete with dancing, food, and shenanigans. Our general membership has had the opportunity to join in monthly destination dinners to establishments like Green Lantern and

Members brought their appetites out to join in the Coney Crawl



Over 20 fierce competitors gave it their best during the Digital Scavenger Hunt in July. Teams roamed the community and found themselves in some very interesting places, all in an effort to score the most points from the creative list the organizers put together. A special THANK YOU to Rhonda Miller and Karyn Shukwit for a great job putting together the event. The photos prove that many a smiles were had that day!!



Can you name these members?



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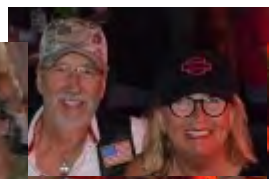
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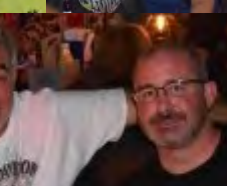


George has been having a lunch ride every Thursday this riding season, and he has 1 more planned for this month. Meet at Wolverine Harley-Davidson®. Staging at 10:00 AM with kickstands up at 11:00 AM. The rides are "weather dependent" and hopefully Mother Nature will be a little more cooperative for this one. Check website or Facebook if weather looks questionable for possi-

Our sponsoring dealer offers different courses for new and experienced riders. New Rider, Skilled Rider, and 3-Wheel New Rider classes are available to build and enhance your skills. See information on the website (wolverinehd.com), or talk with an associate while visiting the dealership. It isn't too late to register for this year!



Our Chapter and Sponsoring Dealership value our military personnel and continue to provide support through charitable contributions of clothing, personal care products and funding for VA Recreational Services and Fisher House.



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



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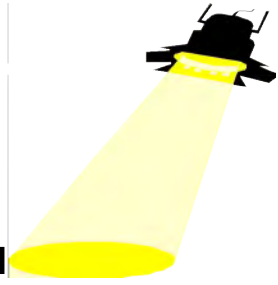
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Spotlight on LOH



Since Kim Reid's retirement, Sherrie Clemente has been leading our LOH and she has pulled together a variety of events each month for all to enjoy.



In April, several of our ladies sharpened their survival mindset with a self defense course.

They learned different blocks, grabs, and escapes and were able to practice their newly learned skills.



June brought a scenic waterfront ride ending up at the Edsel & Elea-



In July, members motored their way to the Mayea Marina and were escorted to the Island Grill for an evening of eats, beats, and comradery along the banks of

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LOH OFFICER, SHERRIE!!!!

She has been riding as a passenger for years and recently completed the New Rider Course at the Riding Academy, earning a Motorcycle Safety

GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICERS

Name: Gary Lewandowski Nickname: Safety Officer (don't really have a nick-name that I'm aware of)

What do you ride? HD Police E'Glide & HD Limited How long have you been riding? 50+ years

How long have you been a member of Wolverine HOG? I'm a Charter Member

What is your favorite part of being a HOG member? The people & the Dealership

Why do you volunteer your time to the board? Motorcycle Safety is my passion, and as the Safety Officer, it allows me the opportunity to help all our members by teaching, leading by example and by striving to be a constant reminder that our individual safety and that of our fellow riders should always be first and foremost whenever we ride.

What hobbies do you have outside of riding? Golf and Auto Racing (I am one of the Chiefs of Emergency Services for the Detroit Region SCCA and am involved with the Detroit Grand Prix.



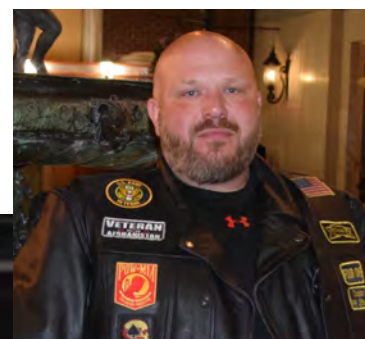
**Thank you Gary for volunteering your
time and sharing your knowledge with
the participants of the
Advanced Braking Course**

Activities Officer - Greg Swieczkowski (Swiss-cow-ski)

Greg has been riding for 12 years or so, and currently has a 2018 Heritage Softail Anniversary Edition. He has been a member since 2007 and enjoys the fun of riding and doing things with friends. Greg thinks everyone should try a board position once, because it gives the members a chance to see what its like and to help the chapter. Greg sought an officer position because he likes to help. Greg's favorite ride is one that is sunny all trip long. It doesn't matter where the ride is to, as long as there is blue sky and the sun is shining.

WELCOME

to the
WOLVERINE



2019

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



ROAD CREW



* * * QUILT RAFFLE * * *

You have an opportunity to win this fantastic quilt!!
A very special **Thank You** to Karri Klei for her kind donation of the tee shirts in memory of her husband Bill Klei, a long time member of Wolverine Chapter #1332. Tickets will be sold at chapter meetings and the dealership for \$5.00. You can see the quilt at the meetings, as the photos don't do justice to the amazing craftsmanship, created by one of our members, Michelle Doering and her helpers, Greg Swieczkowski and Karyn Shukwit.



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O'Brien



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 (KSU). See flier or website for up-to-date information including contact info, times for registration & lineup and location of activity.

SEPTEMBER

13th Kapones Bike Night—last one
 13th - 15th - Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show
 15th - Pine House
 19th—Lunch Ride with George
 21st - Ride for the Ladies—complete with shopping
 28th - 365 Mileage Check-In

Check the website frequently for
 the latest updates

OCTOBER

3rd - 7th - Brber Vintage Festival Ride
 5th - Zombie Paintball Safari
 12th - Stogie Run



Chapter activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of H.O.G. chapter members. There are three categories of activities, all activities are identified as follows:

- **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.)

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Membership Meetings:

7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday

Websites:

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

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