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## ABOUT OUR CHAPTER

Established in 1989, IVHOG is celebrating it's 22nd year as a Harley Owners Group chapter.

In business for over 60 years, Dean's Harley Davidson of Souderton, PA is our sponsoring Dealer.

Our Monthly Chapter Meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month at the German Hungarian Club in Hilltown, PA

For information regarding membership or chapter events, contact any officer listed herein.

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## Director's Ramblings

By Dave "Doc" Medich

IV HOGGERS,  
Happy New Year!

The weather has been extremely nice and this allows us to take the bikes off the tender and go for some nice rides. The turnout for the Xmas party was unreal. We had over 120 of our fellow IVHOG members and guests show up at Marjeanes in Lansdale. It was so nice to see all of you and from what I could tell and the numerous feedback, it was a great time. Music, gifts, great food, and the comradeship were second to none. We also had a great turnout for the New Year's Day ride. If I counted correctly, we had over 20 bikes show up. Weather was great and so was the ride. These are solid examples of how your participation makes what IVHOG does a success. Keep it up. We need your support.

2012 is now underway and I believe it can be the most exciting year ever. We have seen substantial membership growth. The more the merrier. Membership growth means more participation. The calendar will be full. When I say full, I mean it. Check out the IVHOG desk at Dean's for more information

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support the past year. Get involved with the club this year and continue to support Dean's HD.

Later,  
Doc



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# Chapter Meeting Minutes By Secretary Liz Quigley

**January 8, 2012**



Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

Director - Doc:

- The director welcomed old and new members to the first meeting of 2012. George Wagonseller was recognized for a great ride on 1/1/2012.
- First item on the agenda was fire safety at the Club House. The German-Hungarian Club can only legally hold 125 people. So February and March meetings will be held at the Sellersville Legion Hall, 75 North Main Street, Sellersville, PA.
- Patti Eastburn was recognized for her service to the Indian Valley HOG club. For more than 2 years she has come in on Saturday night to make coffee and she collects the dues at the door at the monthly meeting.
- Head Roads were asked to meet after the general meeting to elect a Head Road Captain.
- Our budget for donations from the club is \$1000.00 for 2012.
- Membership Meeting Guests - Damon Derstine presented Travis Manion's sister who spoke about the Ride for the Heroes. She thanked IV HOG for their previous participation and asked for our support in the coming year. Hoss from the Mavericks will attend to thank the members for their support of Maverick's 2011 event.

Assistant Director – Chris:

- Chris will assist the road captains to in choosing a leader on Sunday, January 8, 2012

Treasurer – Sal:

- Treasurer's report was read

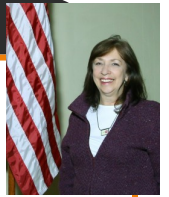
Secretary – Liz: No report at this time.

Membership Officer – Tom:

- 16 new members were announced. They are: Todd and Anne Stevenback, Rose Al-lotta, David and Barbara Valentine, Lester Bauer, David Michener, Barbara Rummel, Mark Wicklund, Robert and Violet Scheithauer, Joanne and Ed Soto, John Gillespie, Paul Carper, Jim Nietupski and Joann Yeager.
- Tom notified the board about Keith and Mary Scheider who have been maintaining their club membership, although severe health issues have prevented them from attending. He volunteered to take their membership cards to them along with the greeting card that the club members signed.

Safety Officer- Too Tall:

- Our safety officer, Too Tall spoke the safety issues associated with a passenger. He noted that the way a passenger gets on the bike, signaling the rider when something is wrong or hazardous, and checking behind the bike where the rider may not be able to see, can all lend to motorcycle safety. Too Tall said that communication between rider and passenger is essential.



## Chapter Meeting Minutes Continued

### By Secretary Liz Quigley

Newsletter Editor – Mike:

- Mike suggested a new (or renewed) column for the newsletter: “Why I Ride” and asked people to participate.

Photographer – Rich:

- Rich told people that if they want a photo from the website they have this week to download it as he has to remove old photos to make way for the new.

Webmaster – Lane:

- Lane noted that the PA HOG Rally will be held in the State College region this summer: July 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. They are looking for a secretary and an events coordinator. Contact Lane if you wish to volunteer.
- IV HOG has been invited to escort Captain Joshua Yerk of the Air Force from the Lansdale Turnpike Exchange to his home in Telford. This ride will be meeting at the Souderton American Legion Post 353, Main St., Souderton @ 4:30pm. Please contact Lane for the date.

Ladies of Harley (LOH) – Cambrie:

- Ladies of HOG meeting: January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at JT Bankers in Sellersville @ 209 S. Main Street.
- Our breakfast for the new members and officers will take place on January 21, 2012 at 9am-11am at the German-Hungarian Club.
- Pot Luck Movie Night: 6p.m., Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Chick Flick. (Man Cave Movie to follow).
- HOG Handbook indicates that LOH is to support and promote the sponsoring dealer, so in 2012 LOH will be trying to increase support for Dean’s Garage Night for Women (March 14<sup>th</sup>) and Boot Camp for Men (February 29<sup>th</sup>). LOH will also support picture night for Valentine’s Day on February 4<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

Events - Pam:

- Bowling - 6 p.m., Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Thunderbird Lanes, Street Road, Warminster, PA \$10. Per person, includes shoe rental. Group will go to Giuseppe's for dinner afterwards. It is the same shopping center as the bowling alley.
- Blues Bash, 6-11p.m., February 18, 2012, Sellersville Legion Hall, Main Street, Sellersville, PA. It will be a sit down dinner of Ham or Chicken cordon bleu. Cost \$20. Tickets available at Jan. and Feb. membership meeting.
- Chili & Salsa Cook-Off March 10<sup>th</sup>, at Dean’s H-D. (Prizes to be confirmed)



# HOGWASH!



## Do Biker Chicks Age Gracefully?



Two Harley owners were riding through the country to go bear hunting. They came upon a fork in the road where a sign read "BEAR LEFT" so they went home.

Q: What does HOG stand for?

A: Heavyset Old Geezers



## Membership

Tom Giles, Membership Officer ([tgiles29@comcast.net](mailto:tgiles29@comcast.net))



Todd Stevenback



Anne Stevenback



Allen Rummel



Barbara Rummel



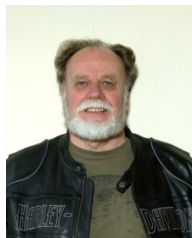
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John Gillespie



Mark Wicklund



Michael Costello



Sherri Costello



Rose Allotta



Paul Carper



Roseann Burns

As of this month, we have 250 Members. Remember to pick up your membership card at the monthly meeting. National HOG membership must be current to become a member IVHOG.

### JOIN IVHOG ON YAHOO GROUPS:

Stay up to speed on what's happening with IVHOG, Dean's and the motorcycle community. Simply copy and paste this link into your web browser and follow the instructions: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/>

# Calendar Of Events/Activities



## JANUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## FEBRUARY 2012

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### Upcoming Rides & Events Compiled Every Month by Web Master Lane Bradley



#### UPCOMING CHAPTER RIDES

\*\*Kickstands Down - Ride Is Over\*\*



#### UPCOMING IVHOG CHAPTER EVENTS

##### January

1/8/2012 Chapter Meeting - 10 AM - @ Sportsman's Club

1/14/12 Bowling - 6PM @ Thunderbird Lanes, Warminster

1/17/12 LOH Meeting-TJ Bankers, Sellersville

1/21/12 New Member Breakfast @ 9AM Sportsman's Club

#### February

2/5/12 Chapter Meeting - 10AM @ Sportsman's Club

2/12/12 Newsletters articles due

2/18/12 Winter Blues Bash - 6PM-11PM @ Sellersville Legion Hall, Sellersville

2/25/12 Potluck Movie Night - 6PM @ Sportsman's Club

2/26/12 Road Captains Meeting-( Officers & Road Captains ) 9AM-11AM, Sportsmen's Club

3/10/12 Chili & Salsa Cook-off, Dean's HD, Sellersville



#### INTERCLUB EVENTS

2/4/12 Iron Eagles MC Winter Blues Eliminator, 8PM-12PM, Lansdale VFW Lansdale, PA.



## IVHOG Supports "The Ride for the Heroes"



IVHOG member **Damon Derstine** introduces **Ryan Manion**, sister of fallen Marine **1st Lt. Travis Manion** and executive director of the **Travis Manion Foundation**, and describes the upcoming **Ride for the Heroes** event.



**Ryan Manion** discusses the mission of the **Travis Manion Foundation** and describes some of its outreach programs for veterans and families of fallen heroes.



IVHOG Director, **Doc Medich**, accepts the **Travis Manion Foundation's** plaque which recognized IVHOG for having the most participants in the 2011 **Ride for the Heroes** event.

## “WHY I RIDE”

Starting with the February IVHOG Newsletter, and throughout the year, the “Why I Ride” series will return. This features an article written by an IVHOG member who answers the question: “Why do you ride”. The content is completely open but here are some ideas:

- When did you start riding
- Why; how did you get started
- How long riding
- Best trip; most memorable
- What do you like about riding?
- Have your reasons for riding changed or do you like it for different reasons than originally
- How often do you ride; typical riding venues
- Worst situation or one you would rather not have had
- Worst weather encountered
- Favorite stop when riding
- Favorite ride – never get tired of
- Bikes owned; brands, types; next bike?
- Do you ride mostly with the same people? Talk about them.

The article should include a picture and be about 1 page or less. In 2010, when we started this series, we had great articles by *Dave Medich, Dave Kremer, Tom Giles, Shirl Wilson, Nick Lamelza, Melissa Maurer, Mary Lohman*. You can find them in the 2010 Newsletter section of the Yahoo website. So, in the coming months, I will be looking for volunteers **including you**. Of course, you could make my job easier by contacting me at (mcpanjr@gmail.com) and letting me know you would like to do one!

## For Your Information.....On the Internet

This section is dedicated to identifying Internet web sites that I think might be of interest to IVHOG members. Here is one that I found. If you have a favorite or two, let me know and I'll include it here.....Mike P

<http://www.motorcycleroads.us/> :

This site provides information on rides you can take all over the USA. It's very easy to use: starting with a map of the US, simply choose a state, then a region and you are shown a “Google Map” of potential rides that have been identified along with details about each ride. Roads are also color coded to identify their primary characteristic: scenic, twisty, sweeping and unpaved. To quote from the website:

**The United States has over 4 million miles of public highways, but here at MotorcycleRoads.US, we feature the best roads for motorcyclists, sports car enthusiasts, tourists, and other drivers. Emphasis is on 'two-lane blacktop' and the road less traveled. A vast majority of these routes were submitted by bikers, sports car drivers, and other travelers who love the open road just as you do. We offer:**

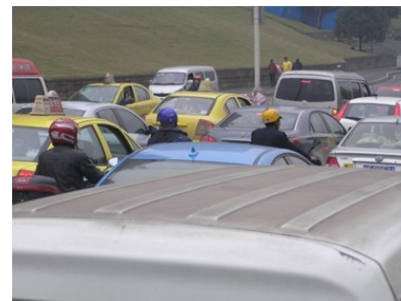
- **Over 3200 roads in all 50 states! The most wide-ranging listing available on the Internet.**
- **Opportunities for you to submit your favorite road along with your comments and other information.**
- **Regional and road maps using Google™ Maps technology. You can use these maps to plan your ride or drive.**
- **Descriptive icons and a color coding system (red = twisty , blue = sweepers, green = scenic, and brown = unpaved) to provide you with an idea of a road's attributes.**
- **Free GPS files you can download.**

## Travel Is More Than Visiting Museums

By Mike Pancione

Last fall my wife, Lori, and I spent 3 weeks in China and visited a number of famous sites including the Great Wall, a Panda preserve, the Terra Cotta Warriors, Tibetan monasteries and the mind-boggling Three Gorges/Three Gorges Dam of the Yangtze River. We also spent time in some of China's largest cities: Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai and Hong Kong all of which are so large they make Philadelphia look like a village by comparison. These were typical venues most tourists to China see so our experience was fantastic, but not unique. However, at another level, there were some other things I saw which maybe only a rider could fully appreciate.

**You think the Schuylkill is bad?** In the last decade or so newly affluent Chinese have taken to cars in huge numbers and so have managed to choke main roads into utter gridlock on a daily basis. The traffic jams in the big cities were nothing short of monumental – all those people and no place to go\*. Those that don't drive, but still need to get around, ride scooters and small cycles (try as I might I couldn't find any Harleys). What's remarkable about these riders is how brave and seemingly nonchalant they are in the midst of the crush of traffic around them. They don't usually ride in the lanes but between them, including the shoulders (which are very narrow at best). The picture here is a glimpse into what I am talking about. While I'm told there are traffic laws in China, no-one seems to obey them. Maybe that's because you don't have to take a driver's test to get a license; just show up with money (about \$2000) and you are good to go. Once on the road, each driver competes for his space in an unending game of chicken and riders are just targets. Evel Knievel has nothing on these guys!



**The Ultimate Bagger.** Another thing I learned about Chinese "bikers" (and all Chinese for that matter) is how they seem to make the most of what they have. Don't have a car, truck or other four-wheeler but still need to carry stuff? No problem; just tie it to your bike and go. I wouldn't do what the guy in the picture has done in a million years, but that's just me. By comparison, the bags on my Road King are puny.



**Real daredevils.** Part of our tour included attending a performance of a Chinese national acrobatic group. The most interesting part of the show was an act where performers rode small two-stroke cycles inside a 25 foot diameter spherical cage (pictured). The act began when one rider entered the cage and circled for several minutes. After that, 5 more successively entered, about 1 minute apart until, finally, all six were inside the cage circling for several more minutes. I don't know how fast they were going but just watching them was dizzying. All the while we held our breaths expecting to hear a crash and to see bodies all over. Didn't happen, thankfully; and, it was really impressive. I wonder if they have a Safety Officer and what their group riding signals are.

Finally, though I didn't find any Harley's, I did find a Harley rider. While aboard a cruise on the Yangtze I was approached by a guy who saw my Harley hat and asked if I owned one. He was from England and owned a Screaming Eagle Road King (I immediately felt inferior). We had a long conversation about Harleys and riding, oblivious to our surroundings, even as our boat sailed past the steep cliffs of the Three Gorges. I mentioned that I wanted to tour Europe sometime on a Harley. He said that last year he and 5 friends spent three weeks riding rented Harleys around parts of the West, including Sturgis. I was surprised to hear that he thinks that riding in the USA surpasses anything he has done elsewhere. How about that? Guess I should stay home.

\* To see part of the largest traffic jam in history (170 mi) follow this link: <http://pics.livejournal.com/neferjournal/pic/000zxcy7/g21>.



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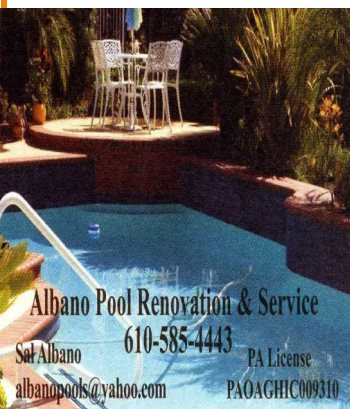
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**Soprano Pizza** in Warrington. Visit their website at [www.sopranospizzanow.com](http://www.sopranospizzanow.com)

**OX-Yoke Inn**, owned and operated by former IVHOG members Ken & Megan Richards offer a year-round 10% discount to IVHOG members.

**Wagon Wheel—Bike Night** 5 - 9 PM \$5/pp all you can eat buffet (not a discount but plenty cheap). Route 313 & Sterner Mill Road, Quakertown

**Quote of the Month:**

**“We seemed to breath more freely, a lighter air, an air of adventure.”**

**Che Guevara, The Motorcycle Diaries**

## Indian Valley H.O.G. 2012 Officers



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