

## ABOUT OUR CHAPTER

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



Our Monthly Chapter Meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month at the American Legion Hall 75 N. Main St. Sellersville, PA.

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

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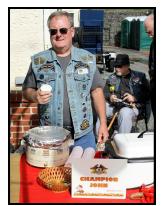
#### Director's Ramblings ......by....... Dave "Doc" Medich

#### IVHOGGERS.

We had a great day at Hannum's HD for Tri State HOG's annual chili cook-off. The day started off with over 25 members meeting me at YUM YUM to take the nice ride down to Media, PA. I want to thank all of you who rode with me or showed up later in the day. At last count, I believe we had over 50 IV HOG members present in support of Chilly Willy, our reigning Chili champ, and John Worthington the returning champ from the Tri State HOG chili cook off last year.

It was an intense battle to say the least. Both guys battled Tri State, Blue

Comets, and Eagle HOG chili cookers. At the end of the battle, John Worthington took home the championship for IVHOG for the second year in a row.



Congratulations Woody.

For an added twist this year, Hannum's brought in some Hooters girls with wings and proceeded to have a 5

minute wing-off. Believe or not Chilly Willy crushed the other wing eaters to take the championship eating all 15 wings [30 pieces] in less than 5 minutes. Congratulations Willy. Maybe it's time for a new nickname.

With the chili cook-off win comes a donation on behalf of Manna on Main Street in the amount of \$500. Tri



State HOG plans to present the official check at our membership meeting on 11/4.

Thank you all who participated to make this year another successful event. We get money for Manna and continue to build a strong relationship with Tri-State HOG.

Ride safe and see all of you soon,

Doc



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#### Chapter Meeting Minutes By Secretary Liz Quigley November 4, 2012

<u>Director (Doc Medich)</u>: Doc opened the membership meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America

- Doc reviewed the open positions on the administrative board for the upcoming election.
  - The four officers' positions are going to be filled:
    - 1. Director: Doc Medich
    - 2. Assistant Director: Tom Giles
    - 3. Secretary: Liz Quigley
    - 4. Treasurer: Ken West
  - o Other positions filled are:
    - 5. Merchandize: Ron Hawkins
    - 6. Photographer: Rich Lanning
    - 7. Newsletter: Trudie Yeager
  - The rest of the offices have some volunteers:
    - 8. Membership: Linda Joseph
    - 9. Webmaster: Roger Joseph
    - 10. Activities: Valerie Wright
    - 11. Safety Officer: Larry Alderfer
    - 12. Road Captain: Joe Graziano
  - Still Open:
    - 13. Ladies of HOG
- Sunshine Events: Long time member
  Ron Minor's wife is ill with lung cancer. The board passed the helmet for
  her medical expenses. A generous
  donation was raised and will be sent
  by the director to Bonnie Minor with
  the club's best wishes.
- Doc brought up the need for fund raising events for our club in the future. We had a low turn-out at the HOG roast this year and we cannot rely on that one event to raise the money our club needs. He pointed to the need for our continued involvement with the Interclub since each club gets a lot of support from other

clubs. Doc announced that the Lucky Seven club is having a Deep Fired Turkey Bake on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus, 1011 Anna Lane in Sellersville, 6-11pm. We are advertising their event because they supported us in large numbers at our Hog Roast in August.

 We won the Chili cook-off at Tri-State and our winner is John Worthington! Our Ed Soto (Chili Willi) was the winner of the Wings Eat-Off, so Indian Valley ruled! The crowd cheered our winners!

<u>Assistant Director (Chris Corey):</u> Chris did not attend.

#### Secretary (Liz Quigley):

- Liz thanked everyone for their support of the Toy Run, particularly the lead committee, Pat Ford, Vi Scheithaur and Deb Keller.
- She also thanked the ladies who came out to the FROX boutique event in support of the Toy Run. That event was a lot of fun and raised another \$100 for the Toy Run.
- Liz will send Sunshine cards to Bonnie Minor and suggests that other club members do the same. The address is Bonnie Minor, 306 Snowball Dr., Hatfield, PA 19440.
- Liz also announced the purchase of stones to be placed at the Blue Comet memorial garden in memory of members of Indian Valley HOG who passed away in 2012.

<u>Treasurer (Ken West):</u> Ken reported the income and expenses from last month.

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#### **Chapter Meeting Minutes Continued**

Membership (Tom Giles): Tom did not attend. Ken West took Tom's place at this meeting. Ken reminded everyone to RENEW YOUR NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS!! He also introduced new members Tony DiMinico, Bob McKane, Dave Beserelli, Matt Jaffey and Ted Robes. Welcome to Indian Valley HOG!! We now have 320 members.

Merchandizer: (Ron Hawkins): The new long sleeved and short sleeved T-shirts were on sale at this meeting and will be available just in time for Christmas at our December meeting. The costs are: long-sleeved \$25.00, short sleeved \$20.

Website (Lane Bradley): Lane did not attend.

Newsletter (Mike Pancione): Mike said Trudie Yeager has agreed to edit the newsletter for next year. He will provide backup.

<u>Photo (Rich Lanning</u>): Rich took photos of new members and has posted the Chili event photos on the Indian Valley website on the Phanfare section.

Safety (Joe): Joe did not attend.

Activities: (Pam Corey) Pam reported that the yearly holiday party will be held on December 15th at Marjean's on Broad Street in Lansdale. We will have a buffet dinner and dancing. At this time she has 55 people signed up and needs 70 to secure the space and offer the dinner for which she has contracted. The cost for members: \$20, guest, \$25. Please note: this is subsidized by the club (actual cost is \$33 per person). Diamond Dave will be our DJ for dancing and merriment! Ladies – this is a chance to wear your sparkles!!

Ladies of HOG (Cambrie Morgan): Cambrie reported that our club can get discounted rooms for \$99. or \$109 to include breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express opposite the PA Turnpike entrance in Lansdale on the night of our Holiday Party at MarJean's. You will need your own transportation or a cab.

Dean's H-D Representative (Randy Zeigler):

- Starting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, Dean's H-D will be observing winter hours: Tues-Fri: 9am-6pm, Sat 10-4pm, Sun 11AM -3PM. No service hours on Sundays.
- HOG alert! The Garage Party for women is on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the Boot Camp for men is on November 14<sup>th</sup>, both at 6pm.
- HOG Members Appreciation Day on November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> is Gift wrapping and Santa appearance at Dean's H-D.

#### Other announcements:

John Quigley:

The riding season is winding down. But there are still a few Toy Runs. John announced that the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Lehigh Valley Abate Toy Run will be led by John and Liz Quigley on November 17<sup>th,</sup> meeting on Route 309 at the NORTH END WAWA in Quakertown at 9am. The ride goes to 3830 Dorney Park Road for staging. The police led ride will leave Dorney Park at Noon to go to the Volunteers of America Children's Center at 730 Union Street, Allentown. Please bring toys for kids 10 and under (no stuffed toys please!) or cash/gift cards. The ride ends at VACC for hot coffee and homemade cookies!

Meeting adjourned at 11AM.

## Calendar Of Events/Activities



## **NOVEMBER 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

#### **November**

11/4 Chapter Meeting, 10AM @ Sellersville Moose

11/7 Women's Garage Party, 6PM-9PM @ Deans

11/14 Men's Boot Camp, 6PM -9PM @ Deans

11/24 IVHOG Day @ Deans

#### **December**

12/2 Chapter Meeting, 10AM @ Sellersville Moose

12/15 Holiday Party @ Marjean's, Lansdale



**INTERCLUB EVENTS** 

#### November

11/17 Lucky 7 Gobblerfest; Knights of Columbus Council Sellersville @ 6PM-11PM.

11/17 ABATE Toy Ride; Meet at WAWA Quakertown; KSU @ 8:30PM.

#### O OTHER EVENTS

#### November

11/11 GHSC Turkey Shoot, German-Hungarian Sport Club, 1PM-5PM

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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: <a href="http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/">http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/</a>

### **New Members This Month**



**Robert McKane** 



**Matthew Jaffe** 



**Ted Robos** 



Dave Borelli



**Tony DiDomenico** 

### HOGS SUPPORTING HOGS

Reach IVHOG's 319 members by advertising in our monthly newsletter.
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### **Tenth Annual Bucks County Children and Youth Toy Run** Mike Pancione

It's 6:30 AM, October 13th, and I peer out of the window to see what the day looks like. The weather fore-

cast was right: it's going to be a nice day. It turns out to be even better than nice. In fact, it's going to be a "gleamer": perfect blue sky, brilliant sunshine and crisp autumn air. It's the kind of day that makes you think of football, the World Series, kids' soccer and, most of all, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bucks County Children and Youth Toy Run. Of course, the "Toy Run Ladies" - Vi, Pat, Debbie and Liz – wouldn't have it any other way. Mother Nature may be tough, but she wouldn't dare cross these Ladies; not on the day of the on a cell Tov Run.

In order to make my commitment for parking duty at the rally staging point at the Giant in Quakertown, I have to leave home at 7:30. It's 25 miles away; but it's early, there shouldn't be any traffic so I am looking forward to a nice ride there. As I pull out of my driveway I notice for the first time two things: frost is on the ground and a there is serious chill in the air. I like cold weather, but only for skiing. Rather than go back to bed I decide to forge ahead and make a note to ask the Ladies to have the temperature be a little warmer next year.

The ride up was uneventful; I arrived at 8:15 and checked in with Joe Graziano, our Head Road Captain, who was in charge of parking and staging the bikes. Joe was already busy directing people to various positions in the vast lot. I mentioned how cold it was and he told me to "man up", showing no sympathy for a senior citizen. Anyway, my spot was at the farthest south part of the lot near the Lowe's Garden Entrance. I guess he figured that this would be the place where I could do the least damage. All I had to do was point into the lot as the bikers came in; that and stand around for 2 ½ hours.

Before long bikes started rolling in every few minutes: some singly, some in bunches. There were riders of all description: big and small but most heavily bundled against the chill so it was sometimes hard to tell whether the rider was male or female. All kinds of apparel were in evidence too: leathers, of course; balaclavas, certainly; and various types of parkas. One guy

was even wearing a cream colored leather outfit, like buckskins, with all kinds of fringe hanging from the arms and legs. He looked very much like a person in one of George Catlin's paintings of American Indians. It was very eye-catching. (I found out later that "he" was a "she"). Don't take my word for it, look at the pictures and see for yourself. The only difference I see is that

the woman in the picture on the right isn't talking phone.





And the bikes! They

rolled with pipes roaring with exhaust notes that ranged from very loud to merely loud. There were almost a "million": Harleys, Victories, Hondas; trikes, as well as two wheelers, and a scooter. What? What? A scooter!? Was he lost? I remind myself to check

with the Ladies to see if scooters are even allowed in a motorcycle run. Anyway, around 9:15 Doc Medich, IVHOG Director, rolled in, looking very relaxed and



presidential. Hmm..., 45 minutes late. I guess rank has its privileges.

About 10:30 Ron Hawkins, IVHOG Products Officer who is also doing parking duty, calls to let me know I should make the long walk back to the line-up; KSU at 11:00 he reminds me. As I drift back I take notice of the bikers who are wearing colors: IVHOG of course with 43 members; also BACA, Bikers for Jesus, Mavericks, Blue Comets...great! Lots of support from Interclubs, again. Also supporting the Run were the Eastern PA Retreads, Winding Road Riders, Warriors Watch Riders and Lucky Seven. In all nineteen different groups were represented and over 250 bikes made the run.

# Tenth Annual Bucks County Children and Youth Toy Run (continued)

I also see that Santa and Mrs. Claus have arrived

as well as the good folks from Quakertown Fire and Police departments, including Motorcycle Officer Mark Watkins, who was to lead the ride. I also see Rich Lanning, IVHOG Photo Historian who is busily recording the event on camera. (Some of Rich's handiwork is



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here; go to <a href="http://ivh.phanfare.com/2012/">http://ivh.phanfare.com/2012/</a> to see all of his pictures). Around 11:00 the alarm sounds to let everyone know it is time to head out. Immediately the roar of engines begins and the sound of thunder on a sunny day

rises from the long line of bikes.

Slowly we inch out of the lot; IVHOG with about 50 of the 250 bikes is in the lead. The run begins by winding through Quakertown borough with the lead fire engine sounding the alert that we are on the way. Along the streets people wave at the bikers and we wave and honk back. Parents are holding their kids up so they better see the procession. Smiling faces are everywhere. It's great.

In a few minutes we are at RT. 313 and it's a straight shot of about 15 miles to Doylestown. Wondering how long the procession is I continually check my mirrors. There is a 1.5 mile stretch between Rt. 563 and Minsi Trail where the where the road falls and rises so that at the intersection of Minsi Trail and Rt. 313, if you look back, you can see all the way to RT. 563. Wow! Headlights all the way to 563...pretty cool.

We proceed on towards Doylestown waving and honking at people arrayed along the way: on street corners, on porches, outside of shops and even in cars. Finally, just about a ½ mile from our destination at the corner of Rt. 313 and Main Street the procession veers off to the south on Rt. 611 bypass then to Rt. 202 bypass; we enter Doylestown from the south and rumble through the town. With engines roaring, sirens wail-

ing and everyone waving and smiling we roll into the parking lot of the building which is the office of Bucks County Children and Youth, our ultimate destination. Santa and Mrs. Claus were already there to greet us, having come via reindeer, I imagine.

After parking our bikes we make our donations to

BCC&Y. (Hundreds of toys and significant cash contributions were received.) By now the temperature has risen to nearly 60 degrees and every one of the 300+ participants is a festive mood. Then we head for the food line for pizza, dogs and chili prepared for us by Troop 52 of the Boy Scouts



in



America who were led by
Mike Bernardo. Again this
year the primary donor of
the food was the Central
Bucks Rotary where
IVHOG member Damon
Derstine is a also a member
and has been instrumental in

the Rotary's support of this event

All in all it was a great event for a great cause. And, the cool thing was we got to go through stop signs and red lights the whole way! Before leaving I saw the scooter and decided to look it over. It was a Vespa and I noticed that the speedometer went up to 100 mph. I didn't think that was possible. Just then the owner came over and I asked him about it. "I doubt it", he said, "I've never had it over 80". Sounds like he's ready for a Harley.



# Why I Ride By Damon Derstine

To give you some background on my "addiction to riding", I will have to take you back to my early childhood. I started riding with my older brother and cousins long before I had a driver's license. somewhere around the age of 8-10, while growing up in Hilltown, Bucks Co. It was during these years that we started riding 50cc mini-bikes, 250cc threewheelers (remember those terribly unsafe machines that would roll over while cornering at very low speeds, and which were virtually outlawed due to their propensity to injure?), snowmobiles, and ultimately larger cc dirt bikes. Obviously, by the time I was ready to ride street-legally at the age of 16, my parents were well aware of my need for speed. Knowing this, there was no way while living under their roof that they were going to allow me to dodge traffic while on 2-wheels!

Fast forward to the college years, and to my new found adult freedoms in Southwest Ohio. While in school, one of my fraternity brothers had brought his shiny Honda CBR 600F all the way from Northern PA and, of course, I just had to get a ride on it! I don't know if it was within hours or days that I had passed my OH motorcycle license and was ready to hit the streets. Not long after, I purchased my first street bike, a 1000cc Honda Hurricane! For those of you not familiar with "imported bikes" from the late 80s, this was basically a missile on 2 wheels with fair to middling handling capabilities.

As I was working my way through college, I had also landed (conveniently) myself a job at a power sports dealer, in Springfield OH. Of course, this was like working in an adult candy store (picture Montgomeryville Cycle x 10) and by the time I had finished college I had added a race-prepped Honda CR 250 dirt bike, a Yamaha WaveRaider jet ski, and finally a Honda CBR 600F2 street bike to my collection of toys. Like many of us during our young, know-it-all years, I swore to myself that I would never ride one of those "Big, Slow, Loud, Old-Guy Riding, Harleys"....little did I know at that time, how terribly wrong I was.

As we all know, all good things must come to an end, and so by the time I had landed a "real job" and

was trying to purchase a first home, it was time to say goodbye to all the toys. I should mention that prior to this, I had had a slight mishap



while riding stupid (and fast), which caused my wife to be a bit gun shy about me and motorcycles (go figure). So for about 8-10 years, while starting a family, there was a street bike hiatus in my life. However, like most of you, once riding gets in your blood, it's only a matter of time before you find yourself back in the saddle. One day, while enjoying a cold beer with a friend of mine (who just happened to be finishing a couple of old-school custom choppers), a plan was hatched. The thought process (aka-Sales Pitch), went something like this: "Crotch rockets are fast and dangerous, while Harleys are slow and safe (and cool of course)....hmmm, I think we can sell this to the ladies." So, just like the first time, I was on my new bike (my first Harley) within 2 weeks; a nice black Softail Deluxe, with a mere 500 miles on it!

Needless to say, the rest was history, and over the years my riding buddies and I have enjoyed many memorable riding trips both on pavement and in the snow! Some of our past destinations include bike weeks in Myrtle Beach, Daytona Beach, and Sturgis; while snowmobiling in the winter through the Grand Tetons-WY, Quebec-Canada, and Northern NY. Those of you who know me well, know that I just have to fill the Harley void when the white stuff is on the ground! (Feel free to ask me how to ride when it's 20° below 0 and still be able to function!)

After a few years of bopping around bike weeks and making longer and longer rides, I decided that I needed a more comfortable, longer-haul bike, hence the Streetglide that I now ride.

# Why I Ride By Damon Derstine

Like many of you, Sturgis Bike week ranks near the top of my riding list as the roads, people, sights, and weather are typically off the charts rela-

tive to what we contend with here in the Northeast. This past August, we had the pleasure of making the trip West with 2 trailers and



15 other Harleys and can't wait to get back again next year!

Lastly, I do have a couple rides that are very memorable to me. The obvious first being the "Ride for the Heroes", which I and several of my Rotarian colleagues started about 3 years ago. This

ride, in which well over 100 IVHOG members ride each year, supports our wounded veterans as well as the families of those who have lost their loved ones



while serving; via the Travis Manion Foundation in Doylestown, PA. I am continually amazed at the generosity and willingness to give back that I see with both our HOG chapter as well as many other riders in the Tri-State area. This is just one of the reasons why I enjoy being able to ride with like-minded individuals, who just happen to love the same extra-curricular activities I do.

The other memorable ride I and several other IVHOGGERS took part in was the 9/11- (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Memorial Ride, which runs each August (so as to not interfere with other 9/11 memorial events occurring around the anniversary date) from the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA, to the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and ends up at

the Twin Towers Memorial in NYC. This 3 day ride is the largest memorial ride in the country, and

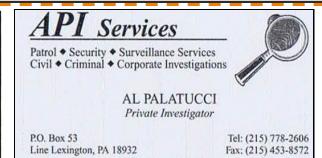
for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, had almost 3000 riders on over 2000 motorcycles. John Quigley and Tom Giles had the pleasure of



riding in the event this year and I know they had goose bumps just like we did, as thousands of bystanders lined the streets of the towns we passed through, all to honor those who gave their lives on that fateful day.

Ride Safe-Damon





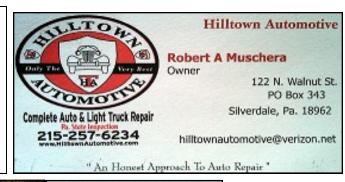
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**Wagon Wheel—Bike Night** 5 - 9 PM \$5/pp all you can eat buffet (not a discount but plenty cheap). Route 313 & Sterner Mill Road, Quakertown

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