

OLD GLORY H.O.G. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP INFO

Chapter Meetings – Our chapter meetings are held the **first Tuesday of each month**. These meetings are open to all chapter members, as well as anyone who may be interested in joining our chapter. We meet at Old Glory Harley Davidson, and meetings begin promptly at 7:00pm. We are always looking for help at the meetings, so if you would like to volunteer and meet other members, please contact our Assistant Director (assistantdirector@oldgloryhog.com). Our meetings are held to let the members know what has happened since the last meeting, and what will happen before the next meeting. Near the end of our meetings we do our “chapter giveaways”. Members who go on trips often bring back souvenirs, which they bring to the front table before the meeting. All members who attend the meeting have a chance to win one of those souvenirs.

Dealership Loyalty Reward Program – Old Glory Harley-Davidson offers a reward program where card holders earn points for their purchases at the dealership. Points can be redeemed for gift cards to OGHG throughout the year, but must be used in the year they are awarded. Double points are given to chapter members, but you must show your current chapter membership card. If you are fire, police or military, you may opt to receive a 10% discount in lieu of points. As a chapter member, you will also earn points by attending chapter rides and events, volunteering and just having a good time with the chapter. These points will be added to your Loyalty Card by the Dealership in July and January.

Chapter Points Challenge - Participation has its benefits! The more rides and events you attend, the more you volunteer, the more points you earn. Not only do you earn dealership points, but we reward the chapter members earning the most chapter points – 1st place is a \$100 OGHG gift card, 2nd place is a \$75 OGHG gift card; 3rd place is a \$50 OGHG gift card. Our active members are rewarded twice a year when points are tallied and awarded in February and July.

Chapter Events Calendar - Our chapter calendar is located at www.oldgloryhog.com (link “Calendar” is located at the left margin) and is regularly updated, so check it frequently for new rides and events. Details of each Chapter calendar event are shown by selecting the event. A small splash screen will pop up that will give the details. There is an option in that splash screen to provide your email address and have an email notification sent to you as a reminder three days prior to the event. Chapter events are noted in Red, dealer events are noted in Orange, informational events are not highlighted.

Our Activities – Our calendar is full of events other than rides. Our chapter winter party, picnic, primary event, chapter breakfast and chapter socials are lots of fun, give you opportunities to volunteer, earn points, make new friends and enjoy the chapter.

Chapter Hotline – Our chapter hotline number is **301-575-0587**. This line contains a current list of upcoming rides and events (routinely the next two weeks). In the event a ride or event is cancelled due to weather, etc., the message on the hotline will be updated to reflect the cancellation at least 90 minutes before the scheduled start time of the ride or event.

Ride Programs - ABC's OF TOURING – We will reward the chapter member with the most ABC's of Touring points with an OGHG gift card. If you participate in National HOGs ABCs challenge, make sure you let our Ride Program Officer know so you can be eligible for this reward. At various times through the year, we will practice bike games – slow ride, jousting, and other events to test your riding skills. **CHAPTER MILEAGE PROGRAM** –turn your starting mileage in at the beginning of the year or whenever you join the chapter to our Ride Program Officer. At the end of the year, we will check your mileage, and you will receive 10% of your mileage in points on your Old Glory Loyalty Card. We will also reward the member and passengers who accumulate the most miles during the year with Old Glory gift cards. The Ride Programs Officer can be reached at Rideplan1@oldgloryhog.com.

Chapter rides/Road Captains - Our Chapter goal is to have member rides every Saturday and Sunday and at least one mid-week ride during riding season, and as many as possible during the winter months. Our rides depart from the dealership (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) in our chapter staging area on the service side of the dealership. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to sign in and participate in the pre-ride talk. All of our rides have a lead and a rear Road Captain. All of our chapter rides are led by our Road Captains. Road Captains are experienced chapter riders who plan, lead, and organize all of our chapter rides. They have been riding with the chapter at least one year, and go through extensive training on our chapter riding style, completing advanced skilled rider courses, and have a goal to lead safe, fun rides.

Get Acquainted Ride – Our Get Acquainted Rides are held monthly, usually the first weekend following the chapter meeting and are for new members or members who have not been on many rides to come out and get acquainted with how our chapter rides together, as well as to meet other members and make new Harley friends. We use a variety of roads including highway, secondary and back roads on these rides to help you get comfortable in how we ride as a group. It is usually about an hour/hour and a half and will end at a destination where you can talk with other members and get to know us better.

Ladies of Harley –Our Ladies of Harley (LOH) is designed to get female members more involved in the chapter by planning, organizing, and attending rides and events. LOH events and rides are open to ALL members, male or female, but our lady members have taken the lead on getting the event together. Some things our LOH takes charge of is organizing our platoon packing and shipping; rides of special interest to our chapter ladies; and the Progressive Dinner Rides. Whether you ride or not, there is something fun and exciting to do with our LOH group. No need to “join”, just show up at the event.

Guest Policy –For our rides and events, you may bring a guest up to three times. After three visits, please consider making that guest a National HOG member and joining our chapter.

Associate memberships - You may make family and friends members even if they do not have a Harley Davidson or ride a motorcycle! Make them a National HOG member by calling **1-800-CLUB-HOG** or go to members.hog.com and make them an Associate member on your National membership. Cost is \$25 a year. Once they are a National HOG member, they can join the chapter and may participate in any chapter ride or event as a full member of the chapter and get all the benefits associated with membership.

Alcohol Policy – We have a focus on having safe rides and have a firm No Alcohol Policy for participating on our rides. This includes returning from a destination with the group. If you decide to have alcohol at a destination, you will be on your own for returning.

Member Givebacks - The Chapter likes to give back to its membership as much as possible through our membership challenges such as ABCs of Touring, Mileage Program, and Participation. Progressive Dinner is free for members, as well as the chapter breakfast. Look for special givebacks through the year at our chapter meetings and on our rides. Everything goes back to our membership.

Newsletter – Our chapter newsletter “*Glory Days*” is published monthly and is available on-line by the Monday before the chapter meeting in the membership area. You may also pick it up at the dealership after the chapter meeting. Our newsletter includes details on our ride schedule, upcoming activities, and membership news. Articles for the newsletter should be submitted to the Editor by the 20th of each month.

Photos – Our chapter album is on our website www.oldgloryhog.com. If you have pictures from a chapter event, you may submit them to our Photographer to include on the website.

Chapter Tags - Applications for tags are available at the Chapter Bulletin board at the dealership. Please complete all areas of the application and return to the HOG chapter for signature at a chapter meeting, or leave at the dealer's merchandise register for the HOG chapter. There is a one-time charge of \$25 per vehicle. You will need to attach a check made payable to MVA. If you provide cash, we do not have a receipt that it has been paid.

Chapter Merchandise – Chapter merchandise such as shirts and patches can be purchased at the dealership. Our chapter merchandise section is located at the front of the dealership near the receptionist desk. We also have some of the Chapter merchandise shown on line on our website www.oldgloryhog.com in the Merchandise section to view.

Website – Our website, www.oldgloryhog.com, is the central spot for finding information on what we are doing, where we're headed next, to read any meeting minutes or newsletters, view chapter photos and find contact information for Officers and Road Captains, find links to the other MD/DE H.O.G. Chapters, and so much more.

Facebook – Our chapter Facebook Group is closed just for our members to post their items of interest to the chapter, to keep updated on the chapter rides and events, and let our membership communicate directly to each other on motorcycle rides, events, thoughts, and ideas. Join us at Old Glory H.O.G. Chapter and "Like" our dealership at Old Glory Harley-Davidson. If you are a Chapter member, join us!!

Charities – The chapter does not sponsor a specific or individual charity. There are so many worthwhile causes in the motorcycle community; we want to provide our membership with the opportunity to choose what they would like to support. If you have a charity or community event in which you would like to encourage participation from the membership, we encourage you to tell the membership about it at our chapter meetings, and provide flyers at the meeting or for placement at the dealership. Our members can then select as many as they want to participate in. Simply let the Director (Director@OldGloryHOG.com) know you would like to speak about your event/item at the meeting. You'll be afforded time in the "New Business" section.

Chapter Officers - There are four Primary Officers who are elected by our Chapter membership and approved by the Dealer. Those positions are – Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. To run for these offices, you need to have held a discretionary officer position or have worked as part of the Activities Team for at least one year. Elections are held in December of each year for Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. Our Assistant Director moves up to the Director spot at the end of the Assistant Director year, so we do not have elections for Director. Discretionary Officer positions can include Ladies of Harley, Editor, Quartermaster, Historian, Photographer, Ride Programs, Membership, Head Road Captain, Safety, Welcome Officer and Activities. These are appointed by the Officer Team at the end of each year in order to enable a short transition time and have the new team up and running at the beginning of each year. All discretionary officer choices are also approved by the Dealer.

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

Chapter Socials - During the cooler weather, when our regular riding season slows down (but does not stop), we meet monthly at local establishments to gather for food and fellowship. You can arrive any time and stay as late as you like. Bring a friend and introduce them to your friends in the chapter. Socials usually are scheduled November through March and are a good way to catch up with your old riding friends and make new ones.

Red Roost Crab Run –Every year, all the chapters in Maryland and Delaware head out to the Red Roost in New Haven, MD on the Eastern Shore to eat some of the best seafood around. The restaurant, The Red Roost, is open only for the H.O.G. chapters on our chosen day. This event has been going on for over 15 years, and gets better every year! Members must sign up, and the meal cost must be paid in advance. This is one of the events you don't want to miss, and is only one of the events sponsored by the Maryland/Delaware American Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (MDAMRA).

What is a Poker Run – A poker run is a wonderful way to spend a really nice day riding your Harley and having a great time with old or new friends! Most H.O.G. Chapters put on some type of a fundraiser during the year. Poker runs normally take a route through the countryside on back roads where you may never have ridden. At the registration location, you will pay an entry fee and sign in. You will be given detailed ride directions. You will stop at several "checkpoints" along the way. At each checkpoint, you will draw one or more playing cards. The value of each card will be entered on a tally sheet to make up a "poker hand". At the destination, when riders have reported in (or the cutoff time is reached), the three "highest" poker hands are the winners. Poker runs normally are from 50-100 miles in length.

HOGS at the Beach (HATB) - HOGs at the Beach is a joint annual gathering of members of the Maryland and Delaware H.O.G. Chapters held the first weekend after Labor Day. It is a private party in Ocean City, Maryland, that celebrates the common interests of our Chapter members and the end of the summer riding season. The Francis Scott Key Hotel is the host site for activities, but you're welcome to stay anywhere in the area. A room block is reserved at the beginning of the year for this event. You may call the FSK (800-213-0088) to check for availability or one of the many other hotels in the area. It is a non-commercial event open only to members of the Maryland and Delaware H.O.G. Chapters. The MDAMRA or State Association plans this event, and all Chapters pitch in to put the event on and make sure it is a success. Chapter members participate in festivities centered at the Francis Scott Key Hotel on Maryland Route 50. Friday night is mingling with friends at the party in the pavilion with and an outstanding D.J. Saturday is an escorted ride around the area in the morning, a complimentary cook-out at noon, and field events competition with awards in the afternoon. Saturday night there is a complimentary shuttle to take you from the FSK Hotel to the Boardwalk. There are no vendors or admission cost and most of the weekend expenses are covered compliments of our sponsoring Harley-Davidson Dealerships. You will be asked to sign a waiver and then wear a wrist band for the weekend.

Delmarva Bike Week –There has been lots of discussion and some confusion about DELMARVA Bike Week versus HOGs at the Beach. That's right, these are two distinct events, not two names for one event. **DELMARVA Bike Week** is a commercial event that has been conducted in early September in the vicinity of Ocean City, Maryland. This event is open to the public and is growing larger each year. It attracts a wide audience, including all types of bikes and many vendors selling their wares. They offer professional entertainment and other attractions at their host location. **The bottom line** is that there are two separate events held a week apart in the Ocean City, Maryland, area. Attend one or both, depending on your particular interests and the amount of time you have available for vacation. Regardless of your decision, Ocean City is not that far away, it can be a weekend or a day-trip. You should do your own research to determine which function is a better fit for your interests. We hope we see you at HOGs on the Beach, but either way, **Ride and Have Fun!**

What is MDAMRA – The Maryland/Delaware American Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (MDAMRA or State Association), was created by members of our local Maryland and Delaware H.O.G. Chapters. The purpose of the State Association is to facilitate communication between the Maryland and Delaware H.O.G. Chapters to enhance the experience for all our members. The State Association meets several times a year and the meetings are attended by the Directors of the chapters located in Maryland and Delaware. Each chapter coordinates their events calendars to encourage participation in each other's fundraisers and poker runs and, communicate happenings and news around the area, assist our State Rally Committee with communication and planning, and to organize some joint Chapter events.

Maryland/Delaware State H.O.G. Rally - Every year, Maryland/Delaware has a state HOG Rally. Maryland and Delaware, being smaller states, share the rally, and it is held two years in Maryland and one year in Delaware. The MD/DE state rally is usually a three or four day event, and the destination changes from year to year. The rally is organized and planned by the State Rally Committee, who are members of Maryland and Delaware HOG chapters, and coordinated with our Regional H.O.G. Manager. The rally includes events such as riding, bike field events, parties, bands, poker runs, observation runs, walking and riding tours or other events the rally team may have arranged. There is a cost for attending and you must register for the event. Information is provided to the chapters throughout the year. The State Rally is open to anyone who is a National Member. You can visit the websites at www.mddestatehogrally.com to see the current rally information.

Chapter Primary Event – Each year, each H.O.G. chapter in Maryland and Delaware selects a primary date and names a primary event for their Chapter. Primary events are those events which routinely are held during the spring and summer, and generally support the host chapter's main fundraising effort for the chapter. All H.O.G. Chapters are encouraged to attend the other chapter events. While the events are planned at each individual Chapter, the dates are not pinned down until the MDAMRA meeting at the beginning of the year. These events can be Poker Runs, Open Houses, Observation Runs, or whatever the host chapter decides they would like to have the other chapters attend. These primary events are another opportunity for Old Glory Chapter members to meet members from our neighboring chapters in Maryland and Delaware, ride in areas we do not normally ride, and have an opportunity to help our friends at other chapters.