



Volodymyr Zhukovskyy was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in East Windsor NH. He drove into a group of 10 motorcyclists, killing 7 of them. The crash victims were members or supporters of the “Marine JarHeads”, a New England motorcycle club that includes Marines and their spouses and ranged in age from 42 to 62. Four were from New Hampshire, two from Massachusetts and one from Rhode Island. The headlines are everywhere. We, motorcyclists, as a close knit community grieve as one.

The news also reports that the driver of the truck has had at least 2 other DUIs and at least 1 accident due to DUI. His offenses were enough to cause the head of the department of transportation to resign because her department had not acted on his past offenses.

This accident, if it can be called that, shows our need to be extra vigilant while we ride. There is no doubt of culpability in this case. The driver of the truck was clearly at fault and should be punished appropriately but that does not help the victims.

You hear it all the time: “Be Safe out there”, “Keep the shiny side up” and other such comments. This accident causes us to think about our own safety. The majority of us can describe close calls or even our own accidents caused by or at least involving “cages”. Whether they don’t see us, or like Zhukovskyy, just don’t seem to care, we need to be defensive in our riding.

Courses offered by the Riding Academy train us to be safer out there. You are never too experienced to get a little bit more training or a refresher.

The Skilled rider course is designed for experienced riders

You’ll learn advanced tips and techniques to help you own the road.

- Control at low speeds
- Risk management
- Limited-space maneuvers
- Cornering judgment
- Swerving and stopping quickly on straights and in curves
- Multiple curve maneuvers and surmounting objects

When you’re done, you’ll not only ride with more confidence than ever, you’ll earn an MSF Basic Rider Course SM 2 Completion Card that may qualify you for a discount on motorcycle insurance.



# Director's Note

## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

We live in such a Wonderful section of the US and have many scenic areas to ride. I hope you are planning to Celebrate your Independence day this month with a Riding Vacation. If you are not sure where to go, just talk to one of the four who just saw all 48 states recently on their journey.

Our HOG officers are looking for ideas / input – if you have time to participate in the sub committee for Activities to help plan the Christmas party get with Charleen & Paul; subcommittee of Membership ( looking for ways to attract younger members) get with Stacy Ann ; The secretary was needing a substitute for the next few officer events – this is a sure fire way to get involved- get with Garry; the Webmaster mentioned two months ago that a sub committee could provide some help – get with Jeffrey.

In this month of celebrating Independence Day (July 4th), let us also celebrate our dependence on one another – All of you are what makes this Chapter Great

Let's Light the fuse and have some fun

## Ladies of Harley



[Annette Hans](#)

Deb Raymond and Annette Hans wish to thank Barb Becker and Sue Rakes for their huge commitment of time and effort to ensure another AWESOME LOH Mystery Dinner activity. 29 ladies were pampered by 13 menfolk (servers, cooks, bartenders, and mischief makers) during the “Western-Themed” event. The women had to select from the following “mystery menu” to order their four-course meal: Buttermilk, Cactus, Goldie, Magic, Trigger, Black Beauty, Seattle slew, Flicka, Cochise, Sea Biscuit, Topper, and Champion. It was hilarious to see the combinations of food and utensils that arrived during each of the four courses. They received three items for each course that “randomly” came from the following: ice cream, a fork, potato salad, beans, a knife, cake, coleslaw, a spoon, cheese, bun, pickle, and a hamburger. The men added to the extensive frivolity of the day.

Our next event is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Karen and Dave Turner’s home. An LOH Pool Party! More info to come.



[Deb Raymond](#)

## Assistant Director

I am sure you have all read or heard about the tragic accident in New Hampshire in which several motorcyclists were killed and others injured. It seems a pick-up truck plowed into a group of riders who were on a charity ride for veterans. I was struck by how fast a good thing can become something bad. I was also reminded how important it is for as many of us as possible be up to date with our first aid and CPR skills. All the details have not been released yet, but you can bet there was a need for those skills by those riders that were not struck in this terrible accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of those killed and the wish for a speedy recovery to those injured. Ride and enjoy each day with your fellow HOG members for as you know, tomorrow is not promised.



[Royce Barnes](#)

# Activities



In June 1776, Richard Lee Henry of Virginia, proposed a resolution of independence to the Second Continental Congress. It wasn't until July 2nd that it was voted on and approved. Thomas Jefferson and the Committee of Five were tasked with revising the resolution. On July 4th, 1776, the final draft, the Declaration of Independence was approved. Our Founding Fathers understood just how important this document was, and would be for generations to come. John Adams wrote the following to his wife"

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

While he may have missed it by two days, it is chilling to think about his foresight. However you choose to celebrate this day, take a minute to remember those who decided to take a stand to afford you the right to do so, more than 240 years ago.

We have several opportunities for you to get out and celebrate this month with your fellow HOG members.

Here is what you need to know to start your month:

**July 3rd —Arvest Ball Park**

**July 4th — Parade and Chapter Ride**

**July 6th — Chapter Meeting and Chapter Ride 9:30am**

**July 17th — Dinner Ride PTHD KSU 6:30pm**

**July 28th — Chapter Dealership ride**

**July 29th — Officer Meeting**

Come to the meeting to get details on the rest of the month...like the Dinner Rides as well as the Cruise In with the Dealership. If you can't make the meeting, keep an eye out for our emails!

Ride safe and have a GREAT Independence Day!

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# Treasurer

First, I would like to say Thank you for all of the prayers, cards and support my family received after my father's passing. The day of his services, the Patriot Guard and some of the chapter members were there for support and it was an incredible sight. My family was so impressed with the outpouring of love shown during this time. Again, I cannot say how thankful I am to have friends like all of you. If you didn't know before, you should now, the Pig Trail HOG Owners Group is family.

Regarding the Treasurer's Report, as of 6/26/19, the balance is \$4953.36.

I would also like to say Thank you to Jeff Johnson for filling in at the meetings in May and June.



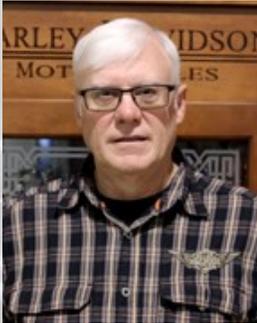
## Road Captain

### Being aware and Riding Safely

[Chuck "Tusk" Yarbrough](#)

The Head Road Captain must focus on Safety, that is part of our job description, ensuring that we are keeping our members safe. Planning, riding and finishing the many different rides we are responsible for as members and Road Captains is most important. Just as important, is protecting the HOG organization from law suits. Last month there was a tragic accident that claimed several lives of a motorcycle riding club. We are still not sure of the cause. We do know that some of the lead motorcycles were not struck by the pickup or trailer, only the bikes behind the lead motorcycle. I don't claim to have knowledge of the actual events, however over correcting of a vehicle that has left the road on the right and pulling that vehicle back to the road can cause a vehicle to cross into the opposite lane. As we ride staggered formation, half of our pack is riding next to the center line and sometimes double yellow line. Crowding that center line can cause an oncoming vehicle to drop a wheel on the right side and overcorrect into our lane. Our RC advice is to move toward the middle of our lane when we are meeting oncoming traffic. You have the whole lane to move in because we don't ride abreast. We all know there are risks in any hobby, but the media seems to focus on us because we a large and active group of enthusiasts. Prevention is the best way to reduce incidents. SEE (Scan, Evaluate and Execute), be aware of your surroundings and anticipate what other drivers are liable to do.

Ride safe and be aware.



## Secretary

A big thank you to Darlene Cole who volunteered to assist the PTHOG Secretary. Darlene will pinch-hit for Garry at two upcoming Chapter meetings by taking minutes in his absence. She will also attend Officer Meetings to stay up-to-date with plans and events. Darlene has been a loyal past-officer and is a welcome addition to the team.

[Garry "Doc" Raymond](#)

The Merch has arrived! Please regularly visit (and purchase) our HOG merchandise in the display case on the HOG Central kiosk. If members wish to stock certain items to sell, please contact Delena McCurdy and her Merch Committee will place orders.

There are still a few nametags that need to be picked up. They will be available at the Chapter meeting for \$10 each.



