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Mad Anthony HOG Year in Review

We started 2016 with the annual Polar Bikers Ride on New Year's Day. Later in **January** we enjoyed each other's company and delicious food at Pint & Slice. **February** found us busy collecting clothes for Joes as well as eating hors d'oeuvres during a euchre tournament with Tim Watchorn & Julie Menefee taking top honors. The Ladies of Harley tackled ceramics at Bisque It Pottery to chase away the winter blues. Come **March** Ladies of Harley spent the day in Shipshewana. Following the members meeting, lunch was enjoyed at Rack & Helen's in New Haven. In **April** the Ladies of Harley got their nails & toes painted at Cali Nails, getting ready for spring! During the members meeting, Laurie Dague gave a demonstration teaching us how to pack for taking a trip on the bike. The Chapter rode up to Avilla for lunch following the meeting. In **May** we enjoyed riding to tour the dams, riding after the members meeting to eat lunch at the Pickle in Markle, riding to munch on Coney Dogs in downtown Fort Wayne before heading to the airport to welcome home Honor Flight vets, and riding in the Memorial Day Parade after which we ended up having lunch at Mad Anthony's Auburn Tap Room. Then in **June** we found ourselves riding to Decatur for the Abate Mayor's Ride; Hell, Michigan; Essenhaus in Middlebury; and the Freedom Ride at the end of the month. The Ladies of Harley participated in a women's self-defense class. Mike Nave & Sara Clem tied the knot in **July**. Again we found ourselves riding for food after a members meeting, going to Ivanhoes in Upland. A small group rode to Moonshine, Illinois to enjoy hamburgers – well worth the ride! **August** was hot, and ice cream was found in Jackson, Michigan! Many of us enjoyed appetizers at various members' homes one Sunday, and then at the end of that week we followed Darren Yerks to Jersey's Sports Bar in Defiance. While the Ladies of Harley learned about gun safety, everyone else went to Triple XXX in West Lafayette. Lynn McCroskey & Kim Graves became man & wife on **September 2nd**. Then on the 10th we had Biketemberfest, the biggest fundraiser of the year for River City Harley-Davison's chosen charity – the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. Following the members meeting, members rode to Jewell, Ohio for lunch. A small group of people took photos of themselves during the selfie ride at the end of the month.

Mad Anthony HOG Year in Review Continued

In **October** we “Saved the Boobies” with decorated bras, free pancakes, a ride about town wearing those bras, and then a chili contest. In the middle of the month our annual Twig Tour found us riding in the southern part of the state and Madison, Indiana. Following the members meeting, again we rode for lunch, this time to Nick’s Junction in Roanoke. Ladies of Harley had a four-week long self-defense class. Don’t mess with these women! **November** found us riding in the Veterans Parade with lunch once more being enjoyed at Mad Anthony’s Auburn Tap Room. After our members meeting, we had a chat ‘n’ chow while the Ladies of Harley had a workshop to do uppercase living projects. In **December** more than 50 members enjoyed a catered supper and merry making at our annual Christmas party. There were plenty of gifts and great food as well as fun! Ladies of Harley hosted a lunch for the staff of River City Harley-Davidson as well as Ehlerding Motorsports next door. Following our members meeting, we enjoyed leftovers from the party, Santa’s arrival – along with Mrs. Claus – and cookies & hot chocolate. Checks have been sent to Black Pine Animal Sanctuary near Albion and Shepherd’s House in Fort Wayne honoring our commitment to give back to the community. The Chapter also met Don Ehlerding’s challenge to match him by bringing in 250 non-perishable items for the New Haven food pantry! Several members participated in **HOG rallies** in Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, and California – better known as Open Road West. Others took trips to South Dakota, Nova Scotia, Sturgis, The Tail of the Dragon, West Virginia, Key West, just to name a few! Pat McGuire took top honors to earn the **Iron Butt Award** with 18,422 miles. Jim Hatfield came in second with 13,748 miles and Jim Rauwerdink took third place with 12,661 miles. You may have noticed a theme. We LOVE to ride, and we LOVE to eat. Hope 2017 is even better than 2016!



Thank you to Co-Directors Darren Yerks and Lynn McCroskey, Assistant Director Tom Bates, Secretary & Membership Officer Sara Clem-Nave, Co-Treasurers Brenda and John Adams, Ladies of Harley Officer Julie Menefee, Editor Connie Gumbel, and Head Road Captain Jim Gumbel.

Thank you to Jan Herold for coordinating gift wrapping during the month of December. A big Harley thanks to Bob McCorkle for making the frame for our Upcoming Events board displayed in Motorclothes.

Thank you to Pam & Jerry Ausland who were named our 2016 Volunteers of the Year.

Our **new officers** will be Director Tim Baker and Assistant Director Keith Menefee as well as Head Road Captain Randy Hire, all of whom will be assisted by the experience of Sara Clem-Nave, Brenda & John Adams, Julie Menefee and Connie Gumbel.

Reminders: 2017 membership forms are now being accepted at meetings by Sara Clem-Nave and at River City by Laurie Dague. The cost is \$15.00 until February 1, 2017. Then the cost goes up to \$18.00. Remember that you must have your national HOG membership up to date.

Our first ride of 2017 will be Sunday, January 1 – New Year’s Day – for the annual Polar Bikers Ride. Registration is from 11 a.m. until noon. At noon there will be an escorted ride. Chili, corn bread, and hot chocolate will be served following the ride.

We are hoping to take a bus up to Milwaukee sometime in February or March to tour the Harley-Davidson Museum. As HOG members we get free admission to the museum. For \$20.00 each we can take a “behind-the-scenes” tour while we are there. More information about this will be forthcoming at the **next members meeting on Saturday, January 21**.

Also, we invite all members to join us at the officers meeting on Thursday, January 19, at 6 p.m. to help us plan the rides, activities, and fun for the coming year.



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21st Annual POLAR BIKERS RIDE

January 1, 2017

Registration from 11:00am - 12:00noon
Ride leaves at 12:15pm
Snow Date Saturday, January 7, 2017

After the ride, warm up and enjoy some chili, cornbread, hot chocolate & coffee.

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Route: Leave River City New Haven (5525 State Road 930 East, New Haven) Head West on State Road 930 – through downtown Fort Wayne on Washington Blvd – Jefferson Blvd Right (North) on Ardmore / Hillegas Right (East) on Coliseum Blvd. Back to River City Harley-Davidson

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