

# THE HOGWASH

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NEWS LETTER

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## DIRECTOR'S THOUGHTS

### Are you a ¾ rider?

(reprint)

So you bought that great Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Most of You have a loan and pay it all year long. You shine your bike, care for And love it all the time. So why do you only ride ¾ of the year? I know I know – it's Winter the rest of the time.



Cold weather does not have to make you mothball your motorcycle for 25% of the year. Figure out how to stay warm and you can ride for as many months as you make payments. You might ask... How do I do that?

There are a few of us who seem to keep from getting cold with a minimum of effort. For the rest of us there are ways. First of all, the layered approach. You can effectively insulate yourself by starting out with a thin base layer against your skin. This should be a breathable fabric, not cotton. Next is an insulated layer (Thinsulate or down are the best) followed by a top layer that is wind resistant. For your face and neck a cloth neck warmer and face mask (available at Whitt's) can serve an alternative to a full face helmet although not quite as effectively.

The next and most economical supplemental option is chemical warmers. These can be remarkably effective at a reasonable cost. There are toe warmers, hand warmers and body wraps. These can cost as little as \$1 and can keep a body part warm for over 8 hours. Simply open the package, kneed the warmer and place inside your gloves or boots or under your jacket. The directions suggest that they should not come in direct contact with your skin so glove liners or socks are recommended.

Then there is the ultimate in beating the cold weather – electricity. Harley-Davidson offers a full line of heated gear from gloves, jacket liners, pants liners and socks. Although expensive, they are very valuable to your comfort when it is cold outside.

So, are you a ¾ rider or can you take advantage of our beautiful roads when it is cold? The answer is YES and there are several alternatives that aren't prohibitively expensive. If you can't order a better metabolism or circulatory system, try some of the other ways to keep warm and ride your motorcycle all year long.



# DECEMBER 2013



## Meeting Minutes Summary

### Awards/Special Recognition:

Carol Phillips - Wreathes Across America

Jeff Haydon - Veterans Day Parade; Manassas Christmas Day Parade

### Manassas Christmas Day Parade:

Roman Cota - 1st Place Winner      Chris Kriester - 2nd Place      Matt Brownlee - 3rd Place

### Activities:

Saturday, January 4, 2014: Whitt's Harley Davidson Polar Bear Ride.

Ride leaves Whitt's at 12pm, led by Doug Lansberry. This ride is approximately 35 miles in length ending at Mama Mia's Restaurant, Gainesville. 50/50's may be sold at the ride. There will be a pick-up ride after lunch to Pierce Funeral Home to honor the memory of Steve Bencivenga's girlfriend Chris. The Memorial Service is scheduled to begin at 2pm. Biker attire is requested.

Saturday, January 25, 2014: HOG Ball, City Tavern 6pm - 12am

Tickets \$25/pp. Acceptable forms of payment are as follows: Checks made payable to Manassas VA HOG (this is the preferred method). Cash must be in a sealed envelope with the name(s) of the guest(s) clearly visible on the outside of the envelope. These envelopes must be handed to either Jim McCahey at Whitt's, Denise Lahr or Patrick at the City Tavern ONLY. City Tavern address can be found on the flier. Deadline for payment is January 21, 2014. It would be appreciated if people could help remove the decorations after the event.

Saturday, February 8, 2014: Annual Planning Meeting, City Tavern 11.30am

### Photographer:

There is a new feature at Whitt's to show off our HOG Chapter photos. It is a digital frame, which scrolls through approximately 1700 photos. This frame has been loaned to Whitt's by JoAnne and Rick Christensen.

### Procurement:

A new order has been started for nameplates. Patch order has been placed. The new design is being held under tight security. There is no date available for launch as of this meeting date. Order information for jackets will be added to the website.

### Webmaster:

We have almost 10,000 hits to our website. A new weather application has been added to the site.

### Charities:

Steve Bencivenga has donated a wooden plaque to the Chapter.

### Door Prizes:

Leon McGlothlin Christmas Ornament

Tim Turner Passes to Laser Tag

Ed Weyant 110th Patch

Kevin Chrisman Gloss Detailer

Amy Edwards Santa Ornament

Kymberli Holmes 110th Frame/Chip/Pick

Gayle Delhagen Quick Wash

Terry Reed Novus Plastic Cleaner

Bob Ficken Harley Glaze

50/50: John Batcheller



Another year has come to an end. Manassas HOG Chapter would like to thank all the sponsors that advertised with us and everyone who contributed to the Hogwash newsletter. We would like to thank all of the members who so unselfishly volunteered their time to help organize and run the chapter events. Most of all we would like to thank Whitt's Harley Davidson, without their sponsorship none of this would be possible. We hope to see everyone at the many events and rides planned for the next year.



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## WHITT'S WINTER HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY.....9:30 am to 6:00 pm

SATURDAY.....9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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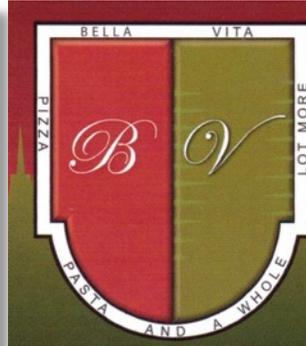


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