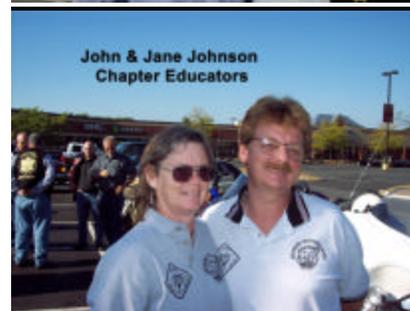
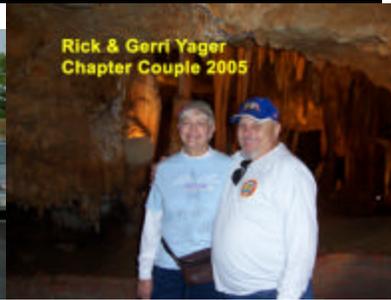
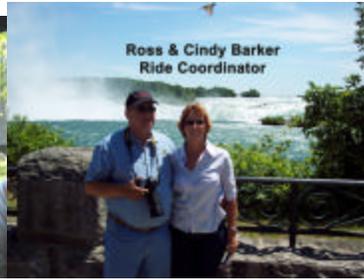


2005 - The Year In Review

Chapter Officers and Staff

In 2005 Ray & Cheryl Hartman continued leadership of the Chapter as Chapter Directors with Cliff and Lissia Pica as their Assistant Chapter Directors. Tony Fontaine was the Chapter Webmaster and made several improvements to the Chapter web site through the year. Tim and Anna Grimes held the position of Newsletter Editors. They seem to always get the newsletter published despite the fact that many of the staff members were always late with their inputs. Dennis and Nancy Zimmerman were the Goodwill Ambassadors. Always keeping the membership informed of birthdays and anniversaries. John and Jane Johnson provided the membership with invaluable Rider Education information as the Chapter Educators. At the end of the year, John Johnson announced that he was unable to continue riding because of medical reasons and would step down from the Chapter Educator position. Ross & Cindy Barker along with Jim & Angela McEwen step into the position of Chapter Ride Coordinators. Brigid Kenney continued in the position as Chapter Treasurer. Rick & Gerri Yager were named the Chapter Couple.





Chapter I welcomed several new members in 2005:

- Bob & Julie Ahearn
- Dan & Laura Watts
- Doug Walmsley
- Dan Mangino
- Bob Snyder
- Dave & Ginger Bryon
- Robert Blesse
- Gregory & Veronica Downing

Many of the chapter members were active during the year. Below is a recap of the activities that the chapter supported:

Chapter I Bike Show

In May the Chapter held its annual fund raiser, the Bike Show which was held at the Chaney building at the north end of Waldorf. The fund raiser was supported by many of the Maryland Chapters and the chapter was successful at raising funds to support the many chapter activities through the year.



Chapter F Fun Day

In May, a very small group (Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Ross & Cindy Barker, Rick & Gerri Yager) support the Chapter F Fun Day in Boonsboro. The event was held at a park in Boonsboro, Maryland. In addition to the activities offered by Chapter F (Matchbox Car Races, lunch, 50/50, etc), the park also offered batting cages, a driving range and many games for the kids. The weather started out a little shaky, but quick cleared and we had a perfect day. The morning of this event, the six of us attended the Chapter J Gathering for breakfast in Annapolis and we joined Chapter J on the trip up to Boonsboro.



Tappahannock River Cruise

In May, 13 chapters members (Cheryl Hartman, Brigid & Dan Kenney, Ross & Cindy Barker, Jim & Angela McEwen, Doug Walmsley, Kenton Gallion, Nikki & Anthony Matteson, and Ashton Kenney) and several other family members took a trip town to Tappahannock, Virginia. Upon arrival, we boarded a river boat which took us for a trip up the river where we enjoyed not only the scenery but the breath taking flight of several bald eagles. After about 2 hours of traveling upstream, we stopped at a campground where the group was loaded onto a bus and taken to the Ingleside Plantation, where we enjoyed a quick lunch, tour of the vineyard, and some wine tasting. Several of the members purchased a few bottles of their favorites and we headed back down the river. The weather was extremely war that day, so many us of ended up taking a short nap on the return trip. Upon our arrival, we all loaded up and headed back to southern Maryland. The end of another safe and enjoyable adventure.



Norfolk Pizza Ride

In May, a group of 13 of us (Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Ross & Cindy Barker, John Fink, Charlie Schappet, Tim & Anna Grimes, Kenton Gallion, Doug Walmsley, Dave & Candy Snelling, and Tony Fontaine) made the annual trip down to Norfolk for the Azalea inn pizza run. Charlie Schappet lead the group through the back roads of northern Virginia to Norfolk. After dining on various Italian cuisines, we started our trip back through yet another plethora of back roads. We made a quick stop for ice cream in one of the small towns and we all made it home safely.



Rolling Thunder

In May, a small group of us (Tim & Anna Grimes, Dan & Brigid Kenney, Ross & Cindy Barker, Dan & Sheila Moore, Doug Walmsley, Steve & Linda Norbery, and Anna's sister and brother in law from Virginia Beach) and several members from the Southern Maryland Cruisers hooked up at the Charles County Fairground for a parade down to Washington DC for Rolling Thunder. All was going well until we got on I395 heading for the Pentagon. That's when the lead bike (driven by Dan Kenney) decided to follow the bike in front of him. We ended up traveling around downtown DC for a short period of time. That was interesting since most of the car traffic was stopped so that all the bikes could come into town. We finally got back on the road towards the Pentagon when the group accidentally got broken in two groups. Most of the group ended up on the North side of the Pentagon and five of us with no food, chairs, etc ended up on the

Southside of the Pentagon. Ross & Cindy did enjoy the over 4 ½ hour visit with Anna's sister and brother in law. After the long wait, we made the trip through town and again were separated from the rest of the group. As we drove through down, we passed the other group waiting on the side of the road almost immediately. We ended up again driving through DC trying to made our way back to meet up with the rest of our group. The group was finally one and after a short visit we headed back to southern Maryland. After a quick bite for dinner at the Red Robin, we all headed home. Again, another safe journey. Always bring your own food & drinks in case you get separated.



Chapter C Pig Roast

In June, a slightly larger group (Ross Barker, Kenton Gallion, Jim & Angela McEwen, Rick & Gerri Yager, Doug Walmsley, Tony Fontaine, and Anthony Matteson) attended the Chapter C Pig Roast in Glen Burnie. The event started out at the Crofton Powersports with a poker run that lead us through a lot of back roads. The poker run route ended at a Chapter C members house where we ate some of the best pig many of us had ever had.



New River Gorge Trip

In June, 9 of us (Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Ross & Cindy Barker, Rick & Gerri Yager, Jim McEwen, and Walt & Shirley Thomas) headed out for the New River Gorge in West Virginia. This trip was several hundred miles and the day was warm. We arrived in the area of the New River Gorge late in the afternoon, so we immediately began our trek around the back roads of the gorge. We stopped at several of the parks to oversee the gorge. It started getting late, so we headed to the hotel to check in and immediately headed out for dinner. After dinner we retired to the hotel for some well needed rest. The next morning we all meet for breakfast and started our journey to several of the other overlook locations through the gorge. In route to one of the overlooks, Ross & Cindy had some electrically problems. Ross' bike lost all of his rear lights and dashboard instruments. When we stopped at the bridge overlook, Ross began his search for the problem. The problem was not found and this turned out to be the first of many self inflicted electrically problems through out the year. Ross just needs to make sure he covers those exposed wires after putting on new accessories.



Chapter J Pig-Nic

In July, a small group (Ross & Cindy Barker, Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Jim & Angela McEwen, Dave & Ginger Bryon, Rick & Gerri Yager, Dan & Brigid Kenney, and Doug Walmsley) traveled to Annapolis to attend the Chapter J Pig-Nic. We all started at the Crofton Powersports and journey on a poke run that end up at the Chapter J Chapter Director's house. We all enjoyed the fellowship with other members from various chapters throughout Maryland. The day was extremely hot, so we all decided to cut the short and headed home for some air conditioning.



Honda Homecoming

In July, a group of 7 (Rick & Gerri Yager, Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Dan Kenney, and Doug Walmsley) headed to Marysville, Ohio to attend the Honda Homecoming.

Chrome & Crabs

In July, after the Chapter Gathering, Motovation Cycles put on their annual Chrome & Crab feast at their new location. Dan & Brigid Kenney were celebrating their grand opening of their new store location. The feast had visitors from several of the Maryland chapters along with many of the loyal customers of Motovation Cycles. How many times you gonna open that trunk Danny?



Grand Canyon PA Trip

In August, 10 of us (Ross & Cindy Barker, Dave & Candy Snelling, Rick & Gerri Yager, Dan & Sheila Moore, and Tim & Anna Grimes) made the long trip to Grand Canyon, Pennsylvania. Four of the bikes headed out around 8 AM on Friday morning. The Yager's were working half of the day and headed out around 1 PM. The trip was long and we arrived around 7 PM at the Coach Stop Inn where we stay for the duration of the trip. Just shortly after we arrived, one of the members of the group made a comment on how funny it would be if the Yager's arrived before us. About 5 minutes later, Rick & Gerri showed up on their bike. They would have beaten us their but Rick turned around a few times to verify that he was going in the right direction. After checking in, we all decided to have dinner in the restaurant at the hotel. It was late and some of us didn't want a large meal. However, one of the restaurant's specials was prime rib and they had several different sizes. Rick Yager decided that he would have the king cut. The King Cut turned out to be a 24 ounce piece of meat. The food at the restaurant was excellent. Oh yeah, Rick only ate half of his dinner. The next morning after breakfast, we headed for the overlooks of the Grand Canyon. We spent several hours look at the valley and taking numerous pictures. That evening after a full day of riding and site seeing, we had dinner again at the hotel

restaurant. The next morning we loaded up and headed home. As the day worn on the temperatures began to rise. As we neared Baltimore, the temperature was almost unbearable. Another safe journey down. Hey Dave, what's in that little red bag you found out there in them woods?



Chapter L Ice Cream Sundae

In August, 15 of us (Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Ross & Cindy Barker, Rick & Debbie Johnson, Dave & Rose Wilson, Rick & Gerri Yager, Kenton Gallion, Bob & Julie Ahearn, Doug Walmsley, and Donna Levay) headed to Chapter L 50' Ice Cream Sundae for a visit and a little dining. As we crossed the Bay Bridge heading east to our destination, some dark clouds rolled in and the rain came down heavy. We made a short stop to put on our rain gear and continued our trip. When we arrived, the 50' Ice Cream Sundae event had been moved inside. The location was packed with members from various Maryland Chapters. We all had our fill of ice cream and headed home. Another safe and satisfying adventure.



Wings over the Smokies

In September, a small group of us (Ray & Cheryl Hartman, Ross & Cindy Barker, Doug Walmsley, Donna Levay, Dave & Candy Snelling, Mike & Brenda Harley, Rick & Debbie Johnson, John Fink & son-in-Law (Mike), Charlie & Jean Schappet, and Bob & Julie Ahearn) all headed to the Wings Over Smokies near Asheville, North Carolina. A few of us travel in pairs and many of us travel individually. Bob & Julie made the trip on four wheels since Bob had his appendix removed just before the trip. Ray & Cheryl had also made the trip on four wheels plus trailer since he and Cheryl were visiting his mother at the same time. We all enjoyed the rally, but the real enjoyment was the fellowship and awesome riding in that area. Not all of us hung together for the entire trip, but we did break bread a few times and got to socialize at the hotel. A group of six bikes made the trip through the Dragon's Tail (Deal's Gap) which was quite exciting. The Dragon's Tail is an eleven mile trip with 318 curves. At the end of our visit to the Smokies, three bikes (Walmsley, Barker, & Snelling) decided to head back to southern Maryland together. It was a quick trip that could have ended in disaster. Fortunately for us, as we arrived in Richmond there was a traffic adversary that told us that an accident was backing up traffic at the 95/295 split. When we neared the split traffic was moving slow. That's when Ross & Cindy noticed that their bike was beginning to shake. The group decided to take the back roads so we turned and stopped at a gas station to fill up and see if we could find the problem. Doug noticed that Ross' rear tire had four splits in the tread. Well it was late Sunday evening and what were we to do. We made the trip at 45 MPH for the remainder of the trip. The very next day while at Motovation getting

his tires replaced, Dave Snelling called to state that he had the exact same problem on his rear tire. We were lucky and we all thanked the good Lord. Remember to check that tire pressure.



9-11 Ride

(August) Additional details for this ride to be provided later.

Ride for Kids

(September) Additional details for this ride to be provided later.

Luray Caverns Trip

October 1st, Doug Walmsley headed up a trip to Luray Cavern with Donna Levay, Rick and Gerri, Bob and Julie, Laura and Dan Watts, Colin Lanham, and ????. The trip was planned to avoid as many main highways and to take the scenic route to Luray. At the base of the Shenandoah National Park on Hwy 211, we all stopped at a convenience store, where Rick and Gerri ogled over dining room tables for their new house. Arriving at the cavern, we commenced the cave tours and I have to say the highlight of the tour had to be the cavern's organ which played music using the Stalactites and Stalagmites as pipes. Afterwards, several of us decided to take in the

antique car museum and the Indian musicians playing at the entrance to the cave. The ride back took us back over the mountain top and back to the convenience store where the Yager's broke down and bought two large tables to be delivered later. The back road return trip was very enjoyable with no problems say the inordinate amount of bugs that coated our windshields. All returned home safe.



Holiday Party

In December, the held its annual Holiday party at Clark's Landing. More than 45 chapter members and guest were in attendance. The evening started off with appetizers and dinner. After dinner we began the white elephant gift exchange and the fun began. Time and time again, several of the members got their gifts taken and they had to return to the table for another gift. Shortly after the gift opening started, Rick Yager presented the Chapter Director with a special gift. During an earlier trip in the year, Ray made a statement that he used to have an ass. Rick presented Ray with a pair of underwear with built in cheeks. Congrats Ray! When the gift opening ended, the party was over and everyone returned home.



New Year's Eve Gathering

On the last day of December, the chapter gathered for its last event of the year. The event started with dinner at the Sakura Japanese Steak House (one of the Chapter's primary sponsors) with approximately 30 members and guests in attendance. After a hearty dinner, about 40 members and guests gathered at Ross & Cindy Barker's house for a little holiday cheer. Ross provided a little entertainment with a video accompanied with music of the pictures of the various events supported by the chapter throughout the year. Around midnight, everyone grabbed their beverage of choice and we all gathered around the television waiting for the ball to drop. At midnight, we all toasted, shook hands or hugged and the evening activities continued. Shortly after midnight the majority of the party broke up and we all called it a night.



To see pictures taken during the various trips or visits, go to:
<http://goldwing.smugmug.com/motorcycles>

Every first and third Wednesday of the month, members of the chapter gathered for a dinner social at various restaurants in southern Maryland.

Charitable Contributions Made in 2005

Additional information to be provided later.

One night a month, Motovation Cycles hosted the chapter's garage meeting. It gave members an opportunity for fellowship along with getting some minor repairs or upgrades done to their bikes. Dan & Brigid Kenney were more than generous with supporting this event. Thanks Dan & Brigid!