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### **"Lost"**

We are right in the heart of the riding season. The 20th Cruise for Cancer and Harley's 120<sup>th</sup> is behind us now and Sturgis is just up ahead. Tomahawk will roll around soon and it will be late fall before we know it. Time just seems to be pushing ahead at warp speed lately. Because time passes so fast, I think it is important to recover what seems to have been "Lost" in the post-pandemic years. It was like America took a sucker punch to the gut and "Lost" so many things

along the way. I know it's not all post-pandemic related as the way we live and spend our time as Americans has been changing for a long time now. Our focus on having fun and enjoying the small things has been replaced by survival, comfort, and convenience. It feels like somewhere along the way we "Lost" our ability to be wild and free.

I was reminded lately about what neighbors used to be like. How your co-workers were your friends and when family stopped in unannounced for a visit it was actually exciting and not considered an inconvenience like it is today. Years ago, when someone drove into your driveway everyone ran to see who it was in the drive. The anticipation of hosting someone who cared enough to simply stop in on you was an honor. Today we lock the doors and turn off the lights hoping they will go away. We "Lost" that neighborly feeling and willingness to welcome others as trust and care have dwindled throughout the generations.

We seemed to have "Lost" the importance of a friendly gesture, kind words, or time spent with those we consider friends and family...life just gets busy. It's not just with family and friends either, it's with people in general. I always get a kick out of being the creepy guy who smiles and says hello to strangers. It used to be normal, but now it's so infrequent that people wonder what the heck is wrong with you when you exchange pleasantries with a stranger. Why is he smiling and what the heck is he doing saying hello to people he doesn't know? I think it's time to take back some of the things we have "Lost" along the way and there is no better place to start than right here inside our riding community and HOG Chapter.

I know there are members that I have spoken to very little. Sometimes I don't even get to say hello as we file in for a meeting than most file right back out without much interaction with anyone at all. Don't get me wrong if that's your thing then no problem, do your thing. However, if you do like to interact and share stories or just simply exchange pleasantries, it's time to take back what has been "Lost" in recent years. Society as a whole has become more introverted and less likely to simply enjoy the small exchanges with others that lead to great conversations and the development of stronger friendships. With that said, a good place to take back what has been "Lost" is right here within our chapter. Let's make a concentrated effort to interact, learn from and enjoy each other's company.

## **PACKERLAND HOG CHAPTER MEETING**

on Tuesday, August 29th, at 6:00 p.m.. in the Duck Blind facility.

**VANDERVEST H-D. GREEN BAY. WI**

**Director, Greg Roberts**

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If you have an opportunity that would allow us to come together as a Chapter and share in different and engaging experiences please let us know. Don't allow the opportunities we have to connect to become "Lost" in the inconvenience of organizing or gathering together as a group. I think it would be great to do community events together like working a stand at a Packer Game and donating the money to a charity. Bi-monthly rides that support members businesses or gathering for events like Fridays on the Fox or all attending the Ashwaubenon Blast together while designating a meeting area for the Chapter at any or all these types of events. Together we should have more than enough activities to become the unusual group that everyone else looks at and says, damn they got it figured out. Let's leave others saying we use to have what the Packerland HOG Chapter has but somewhere along the way we "Lost" that and want it back! It's your Chapter and I think it's time to get back what has been "Lost" recently.

Where ever your journey takes you this summer please be safe and make efforts to be the weird ones who are kind and welcoming to others. Be an example to the rest of the riding community of what it looks like to enjoy the small things while continuing to rediscover the "Lost" art of building relationships, being open to new experiences, and allowing yourself to enjoy the ride! Be well and I look forward to seeing you down the road. Stay safe and have fun!

Enjoy the Ride!

Greg Roberts aka-(Whisper)



## Historian, Pearl Christophersen

Enjoy and ride safe!! Pearl



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### Ladies Pie Ride

Ride started out with a Butterfly greeting - they say Good Luck! Temp was low 80's. Our first stop was about 100-mile ride to Oconto to the new candy store. It's decorated around the 1950's theme. Really cute. Next stop was the Coffee Stop in Oconto where we sat for about an hour catching up on each other's lives. Then we went for lunch at Brubakers-an Amish Store and had one of their sandwiches made from their very own home-made bread. For dessert we went to the Dairy Barn where the owner had pie and ice cream for us. All businesses were very thankful that we stopped.

The ride was full of "warm fuzzies", laughter, and a few more stories to share with each other. Thank you for those that were able to attend. We weren't in big numbers but the "quality" was huge.



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## Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer

Honoree Families for The Jerry Parins “Cruise for Cancer” 2023



Caryn Forrest wins the Early Bird prize



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## Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer, cont.

### Top three pledge winners for 2023

Right to Left: 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy Pruitt \$10,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Penny Duggan \$4,100, 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Stallard \$17,772 (Good friend and honorary Lori Appleby took Jim's place in a photo as he was at a wedding) He raised over \$129,467 since 2011 in pledges.



Tentative Totals for 2023 Jerry Parins Cruise	
Pledges	\$44,947.00 includes Pruitts \$10 donation includes Jeff Larmay's Raffle \$1110.00
Bar and Tips	\$1,430.00
Umbrella Raffle	\$530.00
Gun Raffle	\$520 cash \$260 and CC dealership \$260
Live and Silent Auction cash \$900.00; CK \$1220.00; CC \$24,765.00	\$35,485.00 credit card fees were \$997.67 includes \$8600.00 coming in the mail
Lazy Boy Chair and Festival \$250 Gift Card and Wine	\$1,000.00
50/50 Ball Raffle	\$500.00
Registration	\$3,445.00 \$1315 cash; \$250 ck; \$1880 cc dealership
Bucket Raffles	\$7,855.00 (Band paid out of Bucket Raffles-\$600)
Merchandise Tent	\$9,565.00 \$2628 cc day of, \$3215 dealership cc \$284 ck; \$3438 cash
Note: Vital Sign Raffle went to Jeff Larmay Pledge	
Anonomous Donations -	\$36,725.00 \$35,000.00 alreay in foundation \$500.00 Packerland Chapter \$1225.00 checks Jerry turned in
Approximate total before expenses	\$142,002.00

Vandervest Harley-Davidson held the Jerry Parins "Cruise for Cancer" Event on Sunday, June 25.

Jerry Parins "Cruise For Cancer" 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was a success even with the morning rain.

Thanks to the Packerland HOG Chapter, our employees and family, to the Police and Fire Departments volunteered hours. Thank you to our Event Sponsors, businesses and families for pledges and donating raffle items.

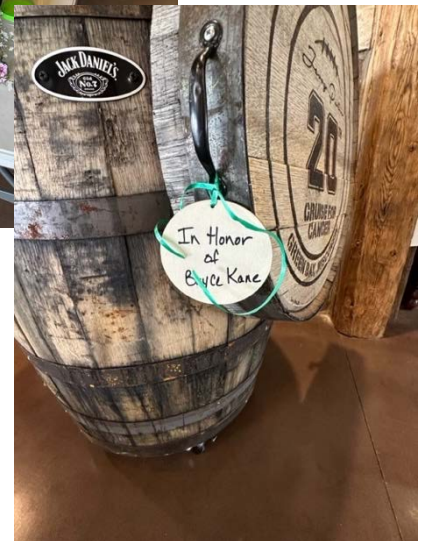
Thank you, Geno and Patty Rousseau (auctioneers) and Broadway Chev for the donated vehicles for the Honorees to ride in for the parade.

Last but not least, thank you to those that came to the event, rode in the parade and/or brought raffle tickets, merchandise, etc., to support the event. "Cancer has no face, no age".

**\$142,000 was raised this year.** Pledge money and donations are still coming in via mail. You are all amazing. (Note: We have the \$100 raffle tickets for sale in the dealership for Jerry's bike along with 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise for sale-limited sizes)

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Barrel with goodies donated by Rob & Sandy Kane - We received \$2100 in live auction. Sandy wood burned the lid of the barrel—took her hours. Their son, Bryce is a cancer survivor.

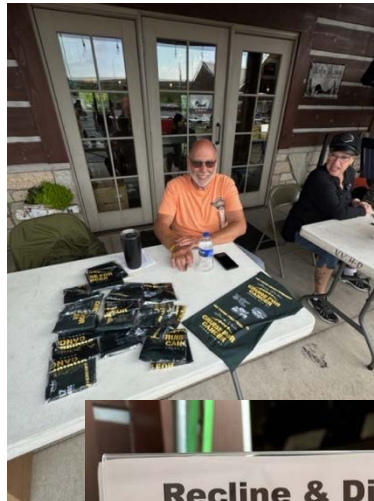


Erik had the idea of auctioning off Jerry's jersey that he wore on the day of the ride. Guess we have to buy him another as he was so honored to





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John Forrest. 2023 Volunteer of the Year.  
Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer



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## MEMBERSHIP

### *Happy Birthday Wishes For June & July 2023:*

Paul Weyde	Jun 05
Howard Schmidt	Jun 08
Andrew Hefter	Jun 10
Jim Werth	Jun 14
Charles Walker	Jun 15
June Kirchner	Jun 15
Tom Hinz	Jun 19
Sandy Kasten	Jun 19
Ron Reick	Jun 22
Trevor Fenske	Jun 25
Ank Kleis	Jun 30
Dale Limberg	Jul 01
Don Carlson	Jul 04
Ted Wadzinski	Jul 04
Pearl Christopherson	Jul 07
Jeanette Schwartz	Jul 11
James Smith	Jul 11
Erik Vandervest	Jul 12
Tracy Meyer	Jul 14
Jean VandenLangenberg	Jul 15
Bert Gagnon	Jul 17
Laura Hansen	Jul 18
Jerry DeGroot	Jul 19
Dawn Belanger	Jul 27
Dan Renier	Jul 28
Todd Burdick	Jul 29
Tammy Exferd	Jul 29
Jim Junion	Jul 31

### *Happy Anniversary Wishes For June & July 2023:*

Christopher & Penny Knutson	Jun 03
Paul & Tracy Weyde	Jun 08
Mark & Tricia Christensen	Jun 11
Erik & Amy Vandervest	Jun 11
Ted & Brenda Wadzinski	Jun 13
Lee & Pearl Christopherson	Jun 24
Robert & Kimberly Messer	Jul 03
John & Barb Kimmeth	Jul 08
Keith & Sandy Budzis	Jul 12
Jim & Carol Werth	Jul 16
Tom & Bette Hlava	Jul 19
Howard & Cynthia Howard	Jul 21
James & Ellie Smith	Jul 22
Matt & Kayla Harper	Jul 29
Eric & Dixie Kinnard	Jul 29

**Accepting New & Renewal Memberships  
for 2023.**

**Chapter membership runs January to  
December each year.  
Dues remain at \$10.00.**

Here is the link to check the status of your HOG membership:

<https://members.hog.com> or call 1-800-CLUBHOG (1-800-258-2464).

Annual Membership \$49.00      Associate Membership \$29.00

Wish You Were Here Drawing: June 19 Brian Nast \$97.00 Winner

To win the pot, you must sign in at the meeting and also enter the drawing by paying \$1.00. If there is no winner, the monies carry forward to the next meeting.

If I missed your special day, email the Month and Day of your Birthday and/or Anniversary.

If your address, phone # or email address changes, email me the changes and effective date.

Kay Kozlowski  
[kaykozowski123@gmail.com](mailto:kaykozowski123@gmail.com)

Membership Officer





Vandervest Harley-Davidson donated \$500 to the Pulaski Booster Club to go towards their fundraising efforts to march at the Rose Bowl. Some of the high school students and parents, grilled out burgers/brats during the week for the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for riders who passed through enroute to Milwaukee. That week they profited around \$1000. Photo is Dixie Kinnard from Vandervest H-D and Lauren Herison, a color guard student at Pulaski and is employed at Vandervest Harley-Davidson part time.



Pulaski High School raised money for their bands future Rose Bowl Parade at the dealership. They grilled out brats and burgers the week of the 120th Anniversary and captured riders coming and going to Milwaukee.



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## Harley 120<sup>th</sup> Celebration

### 120th Harley-Davidson's Homecoming

Our family attended the weekend celebration. You truly forget about all the Harley Enthusiasts in our world until you attend a celebration like this. My favorite part is taking photos of the different cultures and all the Harley vests to show where groups are from. The parade was heart warming once again. Lynn Vandervest



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Ten Jaeger, member, enjoying the 120th Anniversary in Milwaukee with Toruca HOG Chapter of





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## Chapter Members

John Forrest, John Kimmeth, Tim Vangompal, Scott Hansen

**Packerland Hog Chapter helping road guard  
for the [Other Guys Law Enforcement  
Motorcycle Club, Inc.](#) ride today**



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## Meeting notes July 2023

### HOG meeting 7/25/2023

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Greg —

Guests tonight - None

New Members - Mr. and Mrs. Hallet and Justin

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the Cruise for Cancer this year. The bands were great, and the turnout was outstanding considering the rain. We got a lot of positive feedback about how organized it was and fun! We raised a substantial amount of money.

Lynn - thank you all for volunteering for the Jerry Parins Ride especially the leaders, and the police and fire departments. Lynn read a thank you letter from Jerry as well thanking everyone for their friendship and volunteering.

John - Thanked everyone who helped with road guarding. Shawn Hammel, Police contact with Green Bay sent John a text thanking everyone and appreciates being a part of this ride. Aug 12th there is a ride - A Ride to Advocate that Shawn is looking for help with road guards - John will send out a flash when it gets closer to the date.

Greg - If you are going on a ride, let Lynn know so she can put out a flash

Pearl - The ladies had a pie ride to Oconto to a candy shop, coffee house, Brubakers Amish/Mennonite store, and the Dairy Barn for pie. It was a small group but a very fun day!

Dale — Went to the 120th in Milwaukee and ran into VanderVests. He stated they had a good time.

Lynn - talked about people coming from all over the world to go to the Rally in Milwaukee who ship or fly their bikes over and stay for a month. They met people from Malaysia and Lynn shared a story about how they exchange t-shirts with people from all over. Amy did this this year. Brady Street and State Street are closed to traffic and bikers are racing and doing burnouts.

Lynn - Sept. 9th is the 17th Annual Fire and Iron Ride - Lynn has a poster for it that she will post in the dealership. The ride starts in Oneida and ends in Pulaski this year.

Jean - They are going on a ride to Poopy's and Psycho Silo, leaving tomorrow.

Greg - If you are planning on going to Sturgis, there is a lot of construction, so plan on taking your time to safely get there.



## Meeting notes July 2023, cont.

If anyone wants to plan a group ride to Tomahawk, let Lynn know so she can send out a flash.

Bull Falls has a cool challenge coin you can get if you take a ride there. Greg explained what the challenge coin is.

50/50-Greg won \$107.00

Wish you were here - Richard Bossman's name was picked, however, he is not here, so the pot remains.

Don Carlson had surgery recently Dennis - had recent back surgery - doing well and is here tonight

Dixie pulled Lee Christopherson name for the 15 dollar VVHD gift card and some 120th swag.

Greg - Bonnie and Dale have now ridden in all 50 states. Greg has also.

- talked about his ride in Alaska this summer for 16 days noting it was beautiful, saw many amazing animals, and rode on treacherous roads. they also experienced an earth quake and the fires in Canada.

The next meeting is Aug 29th at 630pm