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**Chapter 3811**

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"It was a feel good day..." - Chet McDonald on the Wounded Vets Ride.



Ready to hit the road on a chilly day in May to the Steaming Tender.

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## **Chapter Meeting Information**

**Worcester H.O.G. Chapter** meetings are held on the *first Tuesday* of the month at 7:30pm at the [Auburn Elks Lodge](#).

Come early and socialize! The typical agenda includes Officer reports, door prizes, 50-50 drawing, info on upcoming events, rides, guest speakers, and new member acknowledgments. ***Please join us*** and see why we have such a great following and have so much fun!



Roy brings a crowd to the popular Thompson Fire Department BBQ.

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## From your Director

Hello to all members,

It seems like a long time between newsletters now that we only have (6) per year. The *Harley Chapter Charter* says only (4) are required, but we decided to drop from (11) to (6) per year as it was difficult getting our Officers to come up with things to write about on a monthly basis, plus all the work it takes to edit everyone's submission. And remember, *anyone* can submit an article to our newsletter. So *don't be shy, give it a try.*

Six people went to H.O.G. Officer Training in Providence RI, and all of us have a something to write about. I will just tell you that we were kept busy by attending 5-6 classes a day, and we all took away things to share with you and some to try out. So be on the lookout for a few different ideas from your H.O.G. Officers as the riding season continues.

On another note, I've made mention several times in the past that we as a Chapter should support the other H.O.G. Chapters near us that take the time and attend our Ice Breaker and our Polar Bear rides, and buy our Yankee Run books.

Tammy and I visited [Ocean State HOG](#) and attended their meeting held at [Russ's Ocean State Harley](#). They ran their meeting similarly to ours. After the meeting, Tammy sold 11 Yankee Run Books and I got my Dealer [Tour Card](#) stamped. We were invited to come along to dinner with Janine & Dan and several other members at [Chelo's](#) of Warwick RI. We ate a tasty meal and chatted about our experiences at H.O.T. which was all positive. Janine informed Tammy and I about their charity ride, The Special Olympics of RI "Poker Run". I will tell you more at our July meeting about how we can help support their Chapter charity.

I led a ride to the [Boston's Wounded Vets Ride](#). I met the Boston H.O.G. Chapter Director and talked with him about chapter rides and such. A good turnout by our members, who experienced a heartfelt meeting with the Wounded Vets who defend our freedom and our country. It was humbling to all of us and we all felt good about thanking and supporting this very worthy cause.

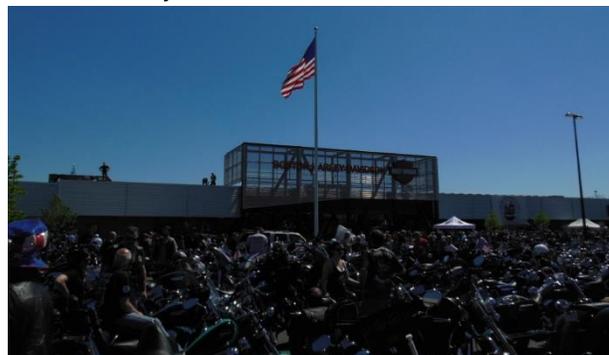
So please support your chapter, ride often, ride in peace, respect all members, and remember we are a family.

Above all, *ride safe.*

*Chet McDonald*

*Director, Worcester H.O.G Chapter #3811*

*Pic from Boston's Wounded Vets Ride*



### Worcester H.O.G Officers

<b>Director</b> .....	<i>Chet McDonald</i>
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<b>Ladies of Harley Officer</b> ..	<i>Tammy Lee</i>
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<b>Safety Officer</b> .....	<i>Ken Corey</i>
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<b>Events Coordinator</b> .....	<i>Kevin Colbath</i>

### Worcester H.O.G Road Captains

**Head Road Captain:** *Roy Mikkelsen*

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<i>Alan Froslic</i>	<i>Kevin Colbath</i>
<i>Alan Shea</i>	<i>Mark Zibel</i>
<i>Arthur Pond</i>	<i>Mike Brown</i>
<i>Bill Zambarano</i>	<i>Mike Morency</i>
<i>Chet Chludenski</i>	<i>Paul Gunnerson</i>
<i>Chet McDonald</i>	<i>Peter Bogren</i>
<i>Dave Eaton</i>	<i>Ray Robidoux</i>
<i>Ed McDonald</i>	<i>Richie Smith</i>
<i>Gary Wickman</i>	<i>Ronald Johnson</i>
<i>Henry James</i>	<i>Sadiyah Derawi</i>
<i>Jack Grzyb</i>	<i>Tammy Lee</i>
<i>Ken Corey</i>	

### Yankee Run Committee

*George Gilligan, Ray Remillard,  
Janice Fiske, & Sue DiPilato*

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## Assistant Director

With Harley's Officer Training (H.O.T.) in my recent past (April 29-30) and Worcester H.O.G.'s 2016 riding season now in full-swing, there's lots to be excited about! The cold is behind us, the heated gear has been put away (mostly), and the next snowfall seems like an eternity away (we hope).

I walked away from HOT with two important messages. First, and compared to other H.O.G. Chapters we shared the weekend with, we are VERY fortunate to have the supportive relationship with Sheldon's and our members. Sounds simple but it's easy to take for granted and FAR from universal. We are lucky and other chapters long for what we have and haven't a clue how to get it. But as good as we have it, it's up to all of us to work together to make it even better. Second, the Motor Company's emphasis for H.O.G. is on riding, having fun, and minimizing rules. Since we talk about the important rules at meetings & before rides I won't bore you with them here. I want to focus on the fun part!

One of the season's biggest H.O.G. events in the area is the [Iron Adventure Run](#) at the [Jackson Gore Village](#) on [Okemo Mountain](#) in Ludlow, VT on July 28-30, 2016. The rally will include the Harley-Davidson demo truck (16 bikes to choose from, all 3 days), 3 nights of live entertainment, an outdoor concert, fire pit, biker bingo, biker games, cornhole competition, quilt raffle, Chinese auctions, live auctions, vendors, raptor demo by the [VT Institute of Natural Science](#) and a ride to their raptor center, as well as numerous rides (led & self-led) throughout the area. For more details and to registration info go to [www.ironadventure.com](http://www.ironadventure.com). NOTE: you must register for BOTH the rally and hotel room separately.

Check-out our Chapter calendar for details on dozens of rides listed all the way into the fall with more being added each week. Join the group for rides out for ice cream, BBQ, breakfast, custom car shows, and even hot air balloon events! There's *something* for everyone.

In closing, [I would encourage you to read the first of a 2-part article](#) on my preparation to participate in the 2016 Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge in [Tail Pipes](#).

Ken Karey



## Secretary

One of the many great things about Worcester H.O.G. and our sponsoring dealer Sheldon's Harley-Davidson is that there's never a shortage of events & happenings to write about.

Since our last newsletter, Sheldon's has been knocking it out of the park with their custom bike build, a huge tent sale event, and most recently their open house. Their renewed commitment to the chapter and appreciation for our efforts was heartfelt at our last meeting with the unveiling of the H.O.G. *Home Team* banner. Thank you Chad and Bryan for your continued support!

As for the Chapter, well, things have been busy too! We had our "Ice Breaker" ride, well sort of, since *Mother Nature* treated us to a snow storm. None the less, those who went had a blast! The 2016 *Yankee Run Book* is out allowing us to visit old friends and make new ones. Weekly rides (weather permitting) are well underway, and there's no shortage of charity rides and other special events. Be sure to check out the on-line *Events Calendar* so as not to miss a single one. So many choices, so little time!

And let's not forget our revised meeting day (Tuesdays) and location the [Auburn Elks](#). I think it's fair to say that those of us in attendance at the May meeting found the venue very enjoyable and the snacks provided by Sheldon's a nice treat!

Then there are the Chapter Officers who recently attended HOT (Hog Officer Training) in Providence, RI. While there, and over the course of two days, we discussed and shared best practices to help move the chapter forward and be more progressive. We attended specially designed breakout/educational meetings specific to our roles and got to network with National H.O.G. leaders and Chapter members from across the US. Make no mistake, H.O.G. is in the business of riding and having fun!

Monthly membership continues to grow at the rate of 3-5 new members per month. Currently we are 195 members strong! Our Facebook page also continues to grow where we currently see 114 of our members connected and sharing all things *Harley-Davidson* and motorcycle related. It's all good and keeps getting better!

"Ride Safe & Arrive Alive"

Mark Zibel

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## Ladies of Harley

Hello Fellow Members,

First, I want to say thank you to Ray and Marcia for getting this going with [St Agnes Guild](#) and attending the meetings with me!

I also want to say thank you to our Sponsoring Dealer Sheldon's, our director Chet McDonald, our members Chet C, Dave & Jan Fiske, and [H2H](#) for the generous donation that has helped get this going, and thank you to Donna Cory for the Easter Basket Fundraiser, and to all our members that will help make this a success.

Please check out their link at: <http://guildofstagnes.org/>

- **What are we doing:**

- o Smart Bear Charity/Ride

- **What is the Smart Bear Charity?**

- o It is the donations of a 12 inch Teddy Bear and a back pack filled with school supplies to help children grades K-1 at the *St Agnes Guild*.

- **How can you help make this a success?**

- o That's easy! You can join us for a ride on **Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>** with a teddy bear and a backpack filled with school supplies for a girl or boy school aged range from K-1 grade to St Agnes Guild, 129 Granite Street. Worcester MA 01605.

- **What if you can't make the ride or just want to donate?**

- o You can either donate supplies, cash or check at one of the following meetings listed below and LOH will be happy to do the shopping for you.

**LOH meeting dates: June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 1<sup>st</sup>**

- **When is this all taking place: Aug 26<sup>th</sup> - KSU 3pm**

- o This will be in conjunction with the St Agnes Event Day that they will be having, which is the best opportunity to ensure the recipients will be in attendance.

**SMART BEAR CHARITY GOAL: \$1600.00**

Please stay tuned as we continue to work out a few more details, and thank you for your continued support!

Tammy Lee  
LOH Officer



## From the Editor

Ever had something that you really wanted to share, say at meeting or function with a group of people, but then reservation kicked in and you just couldn't bring yourself to say it? Been there, done that, and I still do it. These missed thoughts or ideas could prove to be awesome suggestions if we could just get past the hesitation or insecurity of speaking up. But some people just can't do it, perhaps this is where *writing* can help.

If you have something you'd like to share with our members I'm all '*email or hardcopy*' ears, ready and willing to assist! And so are your Officers & R/Cs. Perhaps you just want to thank a Road Captain for a specific ride, short writings are okay too. Routes, destinations, tips & tricks are always welcomed. You can be anonymous if you prefer. If you have something to say we'd really like to hear from you. You just might find that a little risk can be *very rewarding*.

And if you are *all about writing* check out [Michael C's article in Tail Pipes](#) which I hope will inspire you to share your stories. Ken Karey did an excellent write-up for [his Hoka Hey preparation](#) as well.

This was my first HOG and it was pretty involved/busy. As Ken K mentioned, our Chapter is well organized. H.O.G. management told us they have only 3 rules, well actually they clarified this and added a 2-1/2 in there, which are; **1. No alcohol or illegal substances are allowed during a chapter ride or event, 2. Release Forms must be signed by all attendees, 2-1/2. Report any incident no matter how small to H.O.G. Regional Management, and 3. HAVE FUN!** Everything else is at the Chapter level, they don't want us to *overrule* our members.

The overall HOG message that was instilled in me was to get back to the riding and *lose the rules* and things that side track us from riding. *Ride and Have Fun* is still the rally call.

We **Worcester HOGs** ride, there is no denying that! I'll see you out there.

Andy Foster  
Chapter Editor



## Safety Officer

Have you ever been behind a bike and thought '*just that one running light makes it hard to see*'? There is an easy and inexpensive way to change this!

You can purchase a turn signal conversion kit for about \$70 and it just takes a few minutes to remove the seat, snap in a few connections, and change the lenses.

This keeps all three of the bar lights on. They get brighter when you use the brakes. Donna and I had done this to both our previous bikes. When we bought the new Heritage, she was following me home and said our first purchase has to be getting this done!

The day after I installed them I led a daytime ride and one of the riders was following my bike and another softail. At a rest stop he came up and asked me why my lights were so much more visible than the other bikes. If it is that noticeable in daytime and in a group, think of the difference at night when you are alone!

This is a great safety investment, so stop in at Sheldon's and ask for the one that fits your bike. The kit is called *Auxiliary brake light/running light/turn signal conversion kit* on page 736 in this year's parts book.

Ken Corey  
Safety Officer



## Historian's Article

### LACONIA, SHELDON'S & WORCESTER H.O.G.

It's June, and that means it's time for [Laconia Bike Week](#). This year it runs from June 11<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. In June of 1916, a few hundred motorcyclists gathered at [Weirs Beach](#). From its humble beginnings with just a few hundred bikers, the event grew to a week-long event in 1935 and *Laconia Bike Week* was born. The rally remains the world's oldest, and is one of the largest rallies in the country with attendance over 300,000.

Sheldon's was founded in 1920 making it one of the oldest Harley-Davidson dealers in existence. Laconia, Sheldon's, and our chapter share some very impressive history together.

Laconia and Sheldon's go hand in hand. Rides to Laconia from Sheldon's Harley owners have always taken place. Rides from the Worcester H.O.G. Chapter have been going on since the chapter was started 30 years ago in 1986. And this year will be no different. You will see Worcester H.O.G. members wearing their Chapter vests and patches at this year's *Laconia Bike Week*. There will be a wide variety of events and entertainment for your enjoyment, there's something for everyone!

Below are some helpful links to find these great events that are just waiting for you to show up and enjoy!

Paul Gunnerson  
Chapter Historian

[laconiamcweek.com](http://laconiamcweek.com)

[laconiamcweek.com/schedule-of-events](http://laconiamcweek.com/schedule-of-events)

[lakewinnepesaukee.info/events/30-laconia-bike-week-2016](http://lakewinnepesaukee.info/events/30-laconia-bike-week-2016)

[laconiaharley.com/bike-week-new-hampshire-dealer--bike-week](http://laconiaharley.com/bike-week-new-hampshire-dealer--bike-week)



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## Yankee Run Stop



## Sheldon's Corner

It has been a couple of months since the *Ice Breaker* when we started selling the **FUN BOOKS**. The *Ice Breaker* wasn't the best of days, a little snow prevented the 2 wheels from breaking out. However, we sold 87 books that day, thank you to those who braved the weather. The weather didn't stop the run either. We had 55 dinner guests at [The Village Haven](#) for the world famous chicken dinner and sticky buns. I won't tell anybody, but Janice got a to-go box of buns!

The weather just recently turned nice for riding and there's been a lot of group riding going on. I'd like to thank all the Road Captains for planning rides to *Yankee Run stops*, it's greatly appreciated and I am sure the vendors in the book welcome you.

We've had several winners of gift certificates from the monthly drawings:

YRB	Winner	From	Certificate	Drawn at:	
148	Raymond Robidoux	Worc	TJ's	Ice Breaker	\$30
13	Ken Corey	Worc	Maine Attraction	April Meeting	\$15
49	Laurie Courtney	Worc	Maine Attraction	May Meeting	\$15
74	Russell Chamberlain	Worc	Café Manzi	May Meeting	\$15

*A special thanks to TJ's for donating the Gift Certificate.*

If you haven't purchased your book yet it's available at the following places; *Sheldon's parts counter* (PS - if you purchase an item at Sheldon's you can get a stamp this year), *a more mobile option from your H.O.G. Officer's* (Chet, Ken, Mark, Scott and Tammy, who have them in their saddle bags); and *any committee member* (Ray, Sue, Janice, and George, who carry them also).

The **FUN BOOK** is a fantastic deal! For \$20 you get to go riding to a different place every time you get on the bike. Monthly meetings give you a chance to win a gift certificate from one of the stops. And finally, *the BOOK itself* is your ticket to the October party where you can win cash prizes, enjoy a great meal, do some fancy dancing, and hang out with great people.

*George Gillian  
for the Yankee Run Committee*

As we enter June and the full riding season, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some important information about Harley-Davidson products and counterfeiting.

Most everyone will at some point go to a rally, like *Laconia Bike Week* for example. There you will find lots of vendors selling motorcycle related merchandise. The most important thing to remember is that if you want *GENUINE* Harley-Davidson merchandise, you need to purchase it through a dealership. Occasionally, you will find merchandise in the vendor areas with the *Harley-Davidson* bar and shield logo. Simply put, this is all counterfeit. *Harley-Davidson Motor Company* owns the name and shape of the logo. If you see verbiage inside the logo other than "*Harley-Davidson Motorcycles*", it is counterfeit. Unfortunately, this is also true for t-shirts.

The most common issue comes from firefighters, police, and unions, who get their own shirts printed with the bar & shield logo. Sadly, they don't know that they are violating the trademark of *Harley-Davidson Motor Company* unless they get permission to alter the logo; which is never granted. So, buyer beware as you visit rally and bike events.

If you want Genuine, then go visit a dealership. Think of it another way; who would purchase a Yamaha, Suzuki or any other type of motorcycle, scrape off the logo from the gas tank, and replace it with a Harley-Davidson logo? Would you purchase that motorcycle if it were listed for sale, even at a significant discount? I don't know of anyone who would. It is the same with apparel and general merchandise. I won't wear another manufacturer's leather jacket knowing that it is not the real thing.

Keep this in mind as you make your rounds. You have a REAL Harley-Davidson motorcycle that you made a significant investment in for your pleasure and enjoyment. The brand means a lot of different things to different people. For a lot of people, it is a status reached in life and they are proud to ride and own one. Don't sell yourself short by shortcutting the rest of your experience. Keep it real!

Chad & Bryan

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## Tail Pipes

### My journey with Harley-Davidson



I was 15 years old when I began doing *real* work. I landed a job painting the entire outside of a building that was part of a mill behind my childhood home. They gave me a brush and a 55 gallon barrel of paint. Over the course of that summer I earned enough money to buy my very first "HOG". To my somewhat fuzzy mind (it has been 37 years after all) it was a 1974 model SX125; an air-cooled, two-stroke *enduro style* on/off road bike. These bikes, from the AMF days, were actually produced by the Italian company Aermacchi and were sometimes referred to as the "Spaghetti Harleys".

I purchased the bike from Rojeski's Cycles in Woonsocket RI for \$500. You put regular gas in the tank and 2-cycle oil in a tank located under the seat, where it traveled through a small hose to a banjo fitting where it was injected into the rear of the cylinder. The bike had full lights and a license plate holder, although I never registered it and mainly rode it in the woods and fields all around the Uxbridge area. It had semi-knobby tires and pretty long suspension for the times which made it a good trail and sand pit bike.

I tried to teach my best friend and next door neighbor how to ride it at the local park one day. After explaining the basic operations and how to get it to go and stop, she revved the engine, popped the clutch, and immediately did a wheelie right into another neighborhood kid. Let's just say that she only rode pillion from that point on.

After a couple of summers riding and a short try at winter riding, where I deflated the rear tire and cinched a chain around the rim and re-inflated the tire in a vain attempt to go through the snow, the engine finally seized. Possessing some sort of innate ingenuity, I removed the engine from the frame and brought it into the basement and began disassembling it. It didn't seem to worry me that I didn't have so much as a manual for the motorcycle. My father on

the other hand, kind of freaked out when he came down stairs and found the engine in pieces on the work bench. It seems that the piston skirt had disintegrated and pieces of it were wedged between the head and the top of the piston itself. I was able to track down a new piston, wrist pin, and connecting rod and put it all back together again. I must have remembered well enough about how it came apart because the engine roared back to life after only a few kicks.

I rode that bike for about another year and then sold it to a schoolmate for the same \$500 price I had purchased it for. Unfortunately, the new rider had no concept of shifting gears and I heard that he had blown the engine from over revving it. I can only hope that the bike somehow found a new owner that possessed the desire to put it back in working order for another generation to enjoy.

It has been many years since I passed along that Harley-Davidson and in the intervening years I have owned many different makes and models of motorcycles. But as they say, when it comes to motorcycles "there really is nothing like a Harley." When my brother offered to sell me his big touring bike, a 1993 Electra Glide Sport (FLHS), I scraped together the funds needed and jumped on it.

Last spring, after a multi-hour ride with my wife around western Mass, we arrived back home and dismounted. It was at this point that she rubbed her posterior and proclaimed "Michael, we need to get a new bike!" How could I argue with that?! So we searched around until one of Sheldon's famous tent sales and decided to purchase the bike that Chad was currently riding, 2014 FLHTK Ultra Limited. I purchased a specialized bag for the luggage rack for my Jack Russel Terrier "Jasmine" who loves riding with me.

The difference in experience from that first HOG can be likened to the difference between a Ford model T and a modern Ford GT, and we couldn't be happier.

*Michael Chludenski*  
Worcester H.O.G. Chapter Member



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## Tail Pipes

### 2016 Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge, Part 1 – Ken Karey

I'm consumed with the [2016 Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge](#) these days, this issue's **Tail Pipes** article will be my first of two focused on the event; preparing for it and then reflecting back on it.

The *Hoka Hey* is two things. It's a fundraiser to benefit workforce & business development within Native American Indian communities, and to raise awareness regarding the deplorable conditions within those communities. But it's also an extreme mental and physical challenge for riders. The 2016 version of this challenge will start in southern California in mid-June and riders will be guided coast-to-coast on secondary roads throughout the lower 48 US states through a series of checkpoints with paper-only and intentionally vague directions (the use of GPS is strictly prohibited). Just so you know, "vague directions" are something like "Turn left on Rt20 in less than 75 miles" or where the sign for Rt20 is painted on a tree!

Participants are tracked via an onboard transponder and must sleep beside their "horse" (as the Indians did), covering nearly 10,000 miles in about 13 days to reach the finish-line in western New York. Combined with needing to get to the starting line in southern California (along with our own Arthur Pond & Scott Johnson), we will cover ~14,000 miles in less than 3 weeks! For more details, see [www.hokaheychallenge.com](http://www.hokaheychallenge.com).

How does one prepare to ride 800-1,200 miles per day every day for 3 weeks when you don't even know the route? The truth is, I'm not certain I am figuring it out, and I'll do my best! As I see it, there are 4 keys to preparation: preventative maintenance, getting & packing ONLY the right supplies, learning from those who've done it before me, and mental fortitude.

I will live off of and depend solely on my 2013 Road Glide for 3 weeks. It MUST be as ready as possible. New rubber, brakes, fluids, and a stem-to-stern inspection are in-progress. Yet, I will need oil changes when I arrive in California before the start and once again before arriving in New York. The required tracking transponder has been installed and highway pegs were added to allow me to stretch my legs. I'll carry extra fuses & batteries, some tools and some octane booster in the event premium fuel is not available in remote locations. I've added a means to charge my phone (for emergencies) and my camera. And I've created ways to protect and see paper directions both day

and night.

Two saddlebags, a tourpak, a passenger seat, and a luggage rack offer limited space. Someone said "If you're looking to make a fashion statement during your ride then maybe the Challenge is not your forte!". Less is more. Quick-drying & moisture-wicking clothes pack smaller & can be washed in a stream or sink. Replicates should be few and for me, an extra pair of size 15 boots takes up too much space to be an option!

The heat of the desert, the cold of the mountains, and the potential for rain/dust/hail/snow (maybe ALL in the same day) necessitate clothes for every situation; chaps, leather, heated gear, gloves, and rain gear. It's all about layers & options. I'll be taking a tent & a sleeping bag as they'll provide my only shelter. I'll have detailed paper maps for EVERY state for when I'm lost, and it WILL happen. I'll have an insulated CamelBak to keep me hydrated and a complement of nutritious snacks to maintain my strength & energy while moving... no time for restaurants. This is a lot of stuff to think about and to pack.

I've done my best to pick the brains of those who have done this before and are willing to offer suggestions. I would've never thought to bring an octane booster. You know that tent & sleeping bag? Well, some say it's not worth the time needed for setup & teardown but I'm takin' em anyway. I haven't used paper maps in years but I never took on the Hoka Hey before either. These are just a few of the tips that have shaped my preparation. But I know that no matter how much I plan/prepare, some details WILL be overlooked and for those I will adjust and compensate (I hope).

Finally, beyond the physical demands of being in the saddle for 18+ hours/day for weeks and sleeping on the ground, is the mental component. While an iPhone filled with tunes can provide some welcomed entertainment, there's a critical need to remain focused on the potential hazards all riders face; watching for that next turn, maintaining a swift pace, all while being challenged with some level of fatigue. But it is not all seriousness and suffering. I will be starting off on this adventure with old friends and undoubtedly make new ones along the way. I will see & experience more of this country and the beautiful sights it has to offer than I ever have before. I expect to make and walk away with indelible memories.

To me this is about resolve, knowing what's before you (or thinking you do as in this case), accepting it, committing to

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## Tail Pipes

achieve it above all else, and longing for the sense of personal satisfaction that comes with success. I have this quote from Theodore Roosevelt over my desk in my office that I identify with: *“Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat”.*

In June I will dare the Hoka Hey. I will do my best to minimize the potential for failures. I hope to be gloriously triumphant and tell you all about it in the next **Tail Pipes!**

Ken



**Chet McDonald**

May 28 at 3:31pm

Today definitely was a special day for [Arthur Pond](#), [Ken Karey](#) and [Scott Johnson](#) as they prepare to meet the Hoka Hey Challenge. Our chapter was there to wish them well on their upcoming trip across the country and back. A big thank you to all the chapter members who not only contributed to the Hoka Hey, but also contributed \$450.00 to the Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. Memorial Fund



Wednesday Night Ride led by Alan Shea to Zorba's Pizza:



Rainbow the riding bird from Wounded Vets Ride:



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