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Director, Greg Roberts

"Blank"



I usually have all kinds of things to say. Plenty of stories or thoughts to share but lately I have been drawing a "Blank" on topics to discuss. Not to say that things have been quiet, actually it has been just the opposite. The Chapter has seen some changes and the dealership has as well. People moving around, taking on new roles and all kinds of opportunities for the Chapter and the Dealership to expand. It has actually been anything but "Blank" this season.

For instance several of us took a wet and cool ride out west to take part in the grand opening of Bull Falls HD over in Wausau. In true Vandervest fashion Erik and Dixie through one heck of an awesome party. Incredible food, music, deals and people. The house was rocking from start to finish. After what was a wonderful day of friendship and celebration, I was happy Bull Falls had some dry socks in stock that I could purchase for the ride home. Normally my mind goes "Blank" when I ride and I can just relax and zone out. However, the day was filled with constant rain and temps in the lower 40's which helped keep my mind racing as we headed home. After an awesome day of riding and partying the crew slowly splintered off following a pit stop part way home. Our final stop included a quick refreshment and some friendly conversation that ended a memorable and fun day of riding and hanging out.

As I get older and try to think of other cool experiences along the way my mind often goes "Blank" but from what I remember that is normal. However, after hanging out with the Vandervest family last weekend in Wausau the memories came back in waves. Memories of Rick and Lynn running the Oak Ridge back when I was a young teen watching my brother's band play to a packed house. Watching bikers come and go at the bar. Seeing Rick handle some of the situations that took place surrounding colors, attitudes and at times defusing conflicts. These were some of my first experiences with local real world bikers. I was definitely intrigued by what seemed to be those living a different life than the couple sucking down an old fashion or the farmer that rolled in on the tractor. They had a little more bite than the locals and a little more attitude. I will always remember the days that initially peaked my interest in the world of bikers. Along with that I clearly recall Erik & Dixie running around the bar slinging drinks, stocking coolers and just enjoying the ride.

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PACKERLAND HOG CHAPTER MEETING

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(Packer tailgate Party/End of Year Awards)

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2nd VANDERVEST H-D, GREEN BAY, WI



Director, Greg Roberts

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Fast forward to today where the family has obtained two dealerships that stemmed from their first original dealership in Peshtigo a long time ago. Peshtigo was always fun to visit and partake in the parties and past times of celebrating the motorcycling community. The success of Peshtigo has led to the Green Bay dealership and more recently Bull Falls in Wausau. Along the way countless memories have been made, friendships established, miles traveled and tires burned off. So much has happened along the way and so much more lies ahead for all of us to experience. All this and more has taken place due to one family's passion, drive and will to succeed. A family that has taken all of us along for the ride.

So, if your mind goes "Blank" as mine often does when trying to recall the past, try this. Think back to where it all started. Chances are most of you have memories prior to joining the Packerland Chapter that include either other members past and present or some level of relationship with the Vandervest Family themselves. I feel it is important to note that the last several years of our lives would never have taken place as they have had it not been for what others have done before us. Had the Oak Ridge not been sold, Peshtigo HD never built, Green Bay not been acquired or Bull Falls had been passed over. This journey has been peppered with risk, reward, failure and success of course at different levels for each person but none the less everyone involved has played a role in what we are today. For all of us to continue moving forward we need to avoid drawing a "Blank" when looking back on why it all started or more importantly looking forward as to what we wish for things to become.



It's been one hell of a journey and I for one thank God for the experience and look forward to many more years of memories and friendships to fill in the "Blank" spots. No matter what I recall or what comes my way I will do what I can to ensure that I make the best of every remaining mile! Congratulations to everyone involved for creating the past and riding together to create a new future.

Enjoy The Ride!
Greg Roberts aka-(Whisper)

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**Secretary, David Konrath****Minutes – Monday, Sept. 30, 2019**

Meeting Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Assistant Director: Tim VanGompel

Welcome Guests: Mickey

Welcome New Members: Sharon and Pat Tilley

Joke by Penny: Obituary Joke

Penny Duggan, member talked about a ride heading to Henne's Park in MI on Friday Oct. 4th. Re-enactment photo will be taken and then lunch at Mickey Lou's for great burgers and homemade malts. Members and guests can join in for this annual fall color ride planned by Penny in honor of her great-uncle.

John Forrest, Safety Officer: Announced that if members want to ride together to Wausau for Bull Fall's Grand Opening, meet at the dealership at 9:15 a.m. Scenic route is planned.

Pearl Christoffersen, Historian: Added two necessities to a previous list to pack when travelling. Number 1 is a can of beans (protein) and Number 2 is duct tape! Tim asked Pearl if the beans will help if she runs out of gas.....

Paul Gagnon, Member and Salesman at VVHD: He had a 2020 Roadglide on display and talked about all of the upgrades Harley added to the new bikes.

Cy and Steiny, VVHD Service Dept.: Talked about Winter Storage. Even though we are not ready to store our bikes quite yet, call the service dept. to reserve your spot 920-498-8822.

Lynn Vandervest: Talked about all of our upcoming events. HOGOPOLY, JACK FROST RIDE, PACKER TAILGATE/AWARDS/END OF YEAR PARTY. Sunday Dec. 1, will be our last meeting for 2019. We will start up again in February 2020.

Members are reminded that if they renew or join before Jan. 1, 2020, there name will go into the Early Bird drawing for a chance to win the neon Harley-Davidson clock.

Patches are available for purchase in the dealership.
Samples of the patches are behind the reception desk.

50/50 winner of \$145 is Kevin Lukasko

No winner for Wish U Were Here \$55 – Chuck Luedka

No winner for the \$15 Gift Certificate for Attendance – Barb Kimmeth

Press Release

1913 - 2019 PHOTO REENACTMENT

By: Penny Duggan

On October 4th our group of 8 bikes braved the morning mist, chilly winds, high water marks, road kill and Penny's stories. All for a reenactment photo at John Henes Park, Menominee, MI.

For the photo shoot the bikes were lined up across the road in a similar manner to what was done 106 years ago. After the photo we stopped for lunch at Mickey-Lu Bar-B-Q in Marinette, WI.

Photo (Left to Right): Jim Stallard, Lee Grabowsky (Road Captain), Penny Duggan (Ride Organizer), Dale Holmes (Marinette-participant), Mike Gilson, Jerry Beiersdorf, Tim Van Gompel, Bob Brier and Dave Duggan.

Pearl & Lee Christopherson welcomed us into Oconto then followed us by car until we reached Marinette, WI.

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VANDERVEST Harley-Davidson

VIP WINTER STORAGE

☆☆☆☆ LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE ☆☆☆☆

Security Monitored and Heated Storage Available Oct. 26, 2019 - April 18, 2020

There is NO better time to have Vandervest Harley-Davidson perform service or install accessories on your motorcycle.

Store your motorcycle with us and we'll install those accessories that you've had your eye on all summer.

VIP storage is **FREE** with a minimum qualifying service order of \$600*.

*Price does not include tax or shop supplies. Trikes and sidecars upcharge of \$200.00 (Basic & VIP packages).

VIP Storage Includes: (FREE with qualifying service order)

- Multi-point inspection by H-D authorized technician
- Live enzyme pre-storage fuel system treatment
- Charge & test battery w/periodic trickle charge while stored
- Courtesy bike wash
- Heated & security monitored storage
- Final release inspection & test ride prior to pickup
- 10% discount w/Rider Rewards Pts on H-D® parts/accessories

Basic Storage Includes: (\$295.00 / Due at drop off)

- Multi-point inspection by H-D authorized technician
- Live enzyme pre-storage fuel system treatment
- Charge & test battery w/periodic trickle charge while stored
- Courtesy bike wash
- Heated & security monitored storage
- Final release inspection & test ride prior to pickup

All service order parts/packages must be ordered by December 31, 2019 to qualify for specials and discounted storage.

Storage is for Harley-Davidson® models (1995 or later) only. No choppers.

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SPACE NOW**

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Service Dept Hours
Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm / Sat 9am - 4pm
Closed Sundays
(Closed Saturdays after Nov 25)

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MEMBERSHIP

Accepting New & Renewal Memberships for 2020.
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).

**** Note:** I had to use Google Chrome as my internet browser to access the site.

Wish You Were Here Drawing: No Drawing in August

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.

Happy Anniversary Wishes for September and October:

Rich & Colleen Kramp	Sep 02
Bert & Lynn Gagnon	Sep 07
Jim & Jeanne Junion	Sep 10
Robert & Kristen Forstrom	Sep 11
David & Penny Duggan	Sep 19
Matthew & Hailie Dicks	Sep 22
Roland & Rose Pirlott	Sep 24
David & Lori Blackman	Sep 25
Tim & Donna Van Den Eng	Sep 27
Bryan & Sarah Hoff	Sep 29

Josh & Katie Harnowski	Oct 04
Ank & Susan Kleis	Oct 04
Todd & Brenda Burdick	Oct 05
Jeffrey & Tina Carr	Oct 19
Steven & Vicki Alberts	Oct 22
Jeff & Jane Larmay	Oct 23
Kevin & Amy Lukasko	Oct 25
Lee & Jill Grabowsky	Oct 31
Robert & Georgine Wood	Oct 31

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

kaykozlowski123@gmail.com



Happy Birthday Wishes for September and October:

Robert Thomson	Sep 02
Dane Nelsen	Sep 06
Tina Whetung	Sep 15
Jerry Beiersdorf	Sep 18
Jim Belanger	Sep 19
Matthew Dicks	Sep 19
Terri Tilkens	Sep 21
Lee Grabowski	Sep 23
Randy Anderson	Sep 25
Teri Jaeger	Sep 25
Jim Stallard	Sep 25
Bonnie Limberg	Sep 28
Jeffrey Miller	Sep 28

Kelly Smith	Oct 01
Ann VanEgeren	Oct 02
Rob Richter	Oct 04
Becky Reince	Oct 10
Kyle Langner	Oct 12
Joe Langer	Oct 17
Mark Johnson	Oct 18
Thomas Gahr	Oct 19
Jeff Edinger	Oct 22
Paul Buntin	Oct 24
Dennis Counard	Oct 26
Erik Steffen	Oct 26
Karen Nelsen	Oct 28
Patrick Willems	Oct 29
David Duggan	Oct 30
Chuck Luecke	Oct 31
Peter Tilkens	Oct 31



Historian, Pearl Christophersen

ROAD TRIP TO THE "WINERY"

John and Caryn Forrest and Lee and I rode 100 miles, round trip to the "Threefold Vine Winery" in Stephenson, MI. The owners happen to be my cousins, David and Jan Green who also run a Brewery across from the Winery. Back in 1902 the building was a bank which is now restored into a Winery. When your sampling the wine, you can almost feel the stories, if the walls could speak..... We took a scenic route to get there--small country town, woodsy roads, old bridges, passed wildlife and quietness. We ate lunch at "Home Town Family Restaurant" which is across from the Winery. Good home-style cooking and right next door is Stephenson Bakery. (Ask John about the donuts??)

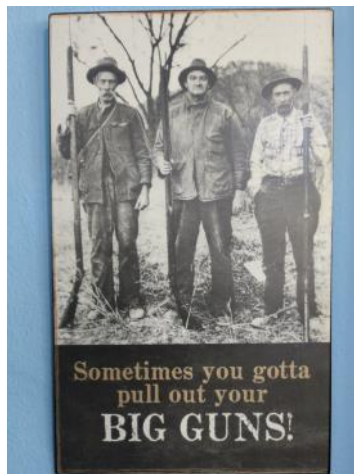


The wines are made from home-grown grapes, fruit and honey. So if you are looking for a nice ride, not too far away, take a break and visit the sampling room-- it's only 21 miles out of Menominee, MI on US-41.

Address: 5232 Menominee St., Stephenson, MI 49887 Phone: 906-753-6000
 ** Interesting --"Wood Corner" - only 3 miles down the road in Daggett, MI on Main St.



Photo 1 Photo in Winery – Yoopers
 Photo 2 Photo in Winery- "Jeans"
 Photo 3 Bank Itself- Now a Winery
 Photo 4 Owners Jan, David with Lee
 Photo 5 Threefold Vine Winery



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Pat Tilly from Green Bay stopped in the dealership for some parts and I introduced myself to him. While in conversation about Harley-Davidson, he told me about his grandfather Fred Tilly. He told me that his story and photos are in a museum in Iowa.

I told him about the Vintage Photo Contest that Bull Falls is having for the grand opening. Low and behold, he went home and brought me back photos and a story about his grandfather. I thought it to be very interesting that he grew up in Howard-Suamico on Duck Creek where Vandervest Harley-Davidson is located and he raced in Wausau, where Bull Falls is located. I'd like to share it with you. Lynn Vandervest

“The Life of a Harley Enthusiast” written by Michael and Julie Tilly

Frederick Tilly – Born Sept. 25, 1901 and Died August 21, 1981

Fred Tilly was born Sept. 25, 1901 to Frank and Lucille Tilly. He was born in his parent's farm house located in **Duck Creek, WI** better known today as Suamico, WI. Fred has one younger sister named Mabel and Fred would often take her for motorcycle rides, as she sat in the side car.

During Fred's younger years, he helped his father with farming chores and played immensely with his dog. In 1916, at the age of 15, he started riding motorcycles and continued to ride many makes and models of bikes until the day of his death, at the age of 79 and 11 months, August 21, 1981.

Throughout Fred's life, he owned many makes and models of motorcycles such as Thor, Excelsior, Indian, Henderson, Honda and Kawasaki, but the majority of his life, he owned Harley-Davidson. During the years of 1918 through 1928, Fred Flat-track raced, hill climbed and entered many fuel mileage contests. After Fred's children were born, he declined to participate in such contests so he could concentrate on being a good husband and father. However, in 1966, at age 65 and for two more times, Fred drag-raced at the drag strip in Kaukauna, WI. It didn't matter to him what place he took because he just did it for fun.

For the majority of Fred's working days, he was employed at Olson's Transportation as a diesel truck mechanic. Fred was very ambitious and during his younger years, he attended and graduated from the Harley-Davidson Factory School of Motorcycle Mechanics. With the knowledge learned, he utilized his skills and talent by working at home fixing motorcycles. Very often, we would see motorcycles from the Green Bay Police Department in his garage. Fred would work on them to improve speed and running conditions. Once Fred retired from Olson's Transportation as a diesel truck mechanic, he continued working part-time as a mechanic at several motorcycle shops; Jim Arndt H-D, McCoy's H-D, Kawasaki of Green Bay and Rent-meester Kawasaki.

In 1926, he married Irene (LaRock). Together they had two sons; Robert and John. Several years after John was born, the younger of the two sons, Irene contracted Tuberculosis. She spent many years off and on being hospitalized for treatment in the Brown Co. Sanitarium. Fred was a loving and devoted husband and during the time Irene was hospitalized, he visited her daily. Irene passed away in 1965.

In the 1960's, Fred considered himself to be an activist in the protest of the Motorcycle Helmet Law. He was one of the many individuals that attended the protest at the State Capitol in Madison, WI. Eventually, as you all know, the law was repealed. He was very proud to have taken part in the process.

For anyone that knew Fred, they knew that anytime they'd see him, he would be enjoying a cigar and/or have a wad of chewing tobacco in his cheek.

For many years, Fred rode his motorcycle year round. Come sunny skies, rainy days, falling snow or a blizzard, he would always make an attempt to travel here and there. During one particular snowfall, Fred's grandson Michael remembers seeing his grandfather come riding down his street to stop in for a visit and this is what he saw..... the motorcycle busting through the snow drifts, snow flying everywhere and the tires cutting through the six inches of snow ruts. His cigar would be glowing immensely, a wad of Plow Boy Chewing Tobacco in his cheek and his eyes squinting to keep out the blowing ashes. It was so comical to see at that time and today we appreciate all the fond memories.

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Fred was a short man and as motorcycles became larger and larger, he soon found himself unable to reach the ground as needed, so he soon found himself a side car to attach to his bike. The side-car enabled him to ride for many years to which at age 70, was able to travel one last long-distance ride to Nashville, Tennessee to see the sights and visit the Grand Ole Opry. Also, due to his height and cigar, many people would comment how he reminded them of actor/comedian George Burns.

When Fred's two sons, Robert and John became old enough to ride, they carried out Fred's interest of riding motorcycles, too. To date, all of Fred's grandsons and great grandson enjoy riding and touring the country-side on their motorcycles.

Fred and his grandson Michael Tilly spent a lot of time together after Irene passed. Michael was the oldest grandson and in July, 1981, they road their bikes to the flat-track motorcycle race in Wausau, WI. They enjoyed their time together greatly. As Fred led the way to the race track, he got lost and began looking for familiar landmarks and while he was concentrating on finding a landmark, he didn't notice the approaching S curve in the road and set of railroad tracks running directly through it. At that time, he was traveling a little too fast, the side car wheel rose off the ground several inches and at the age of 79 and 10 months, he still had the presence of mind and skill to know how to get the bike back under control and prevent an accident. This experience happened just six weeks prior to his death.

On August, 21, 1981, Fred Tilly was on his motorcycle riding down Shawano Ave. in Green Bay and directly in front of the emergency entrance/exit of St. Mary's Hospital, another driver pulled out in front of him, hit him, and he landed on the road. Fred was a tough individual as after the accident happened, and not wearing a helmet, ending up with massive head injuries, he rose from the ground, scolded the driver and in moments, passed out at the curbside. He was admitted into St. Mary's Hospital for treatment, and died twelve hours later. Fred road until he was just shy of 80 years old.

Fred Tilly will always be remembered for his dry sense of humor, his sayings and the games he played with his grandchildren.



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August Packerland HOG Chapter Ride

It was a beautiful fall Sunday for the Packerland HOG Chapter ride on Aug. 25. John Forrest, Safety Officer lead the ride to Woody's Bar in Crivitz. After having lunch at Woody's, the next stop was in Oconto at Wise Guys Riverside Bar for cocktails on the outdoor deck. There was a great turnout for the two Sunday rides that we tried in July and August. Keep this in mind for next year and if anyone has ideas, let's talk at the October meeting.

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CHAPTER MEMBERS SAVE THE DATES!!

Saturday, Oct. 19 **HOGOPOLY Party 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** – PRIZES- For every stop made you will get a tickets to put in buckets to win prizes-the more stops you made, the more chance for prizes – Chicken Dinner sponsored by **The Marq** will be served until 5 p.m. Bucket raffles pulled at 5:00 p.m.



(NO Monday night meeting in October—see you at HOGOPOLY party instead)

Saturday, Oct. 19 Drift Inn, Depere- Jerry Parins “Cruise for Cancer” Event noon-5 pm If you have a HOGOPOLY board, you could go to this until 3 pm and still make the HOGOPOLY event.

No Monday night meeting in November—see you at the Jack Frost Ride instead

Saturday, November 2 Jack Frost Ride-- Lynn’s complimentary chili again this year!



Sunday, December 1 **End of Year Chapter Party/Packer Tailgate Party**
Officer Awards – Overview of 2019 (Last gathering for Chapter until March 2020)

*Packer Game starts at noon (New York Giants away) —doors open at 11 a.m. (Duck Blind Facility now has a Big Screen and new sound system)

*Pot Luck— Please bring a dish to pass and your own serving utensils

*Money Game Board Available

*Chapter is sponsoring beer/soda/water

*Officer Awards at Half-Time

Snow birds leave in December so we’ll hold our end of year party early-Dec. 1st. We’ll meet back up In **FEBRUARY** to start planning the Jerry Parin’s ride..... No meeting in January.

Renew or join the Packerland HOG Chapter before January 1, 2020 and become eligible for a Harley-Davidson Neon Clock. Cost is \$10. Fill out forms in the dealership or at the next meeting.

Chapter Patches have arrived—newly added--- a Ladies of Harley patch. Check them out at the reception desk in the store.. If anyone knows of a seamstress that will come on site, let Lynn know.

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PACKER TAILGATE/ MIDWINTER PARTY – SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Doors open in Duck Blind at 11:00 a.m.- Big Screen TV
Kickoff – Green Bay vs. New York Giants at Noon
Bring a dish to pass. Chapter will sponsor beer/soda until the game is done.

- *Half Time – We will hand out awards to Directors/Officers.
- *We have a number board so you can purchase numbers and win money.
- *50/50 Raffle

This will be our last meeting until February 2020!



**Saturday
Nov 2nd**

Jack Frost

RUN FOR FUN

Free & Open to the Public

*All Riders
Welcome!*


9 am
Registration starts at Vandervest H-D

10:30 am
Complimentary Chili Served at The Duck Blind

12:30 am
Jack Frost Run For Fun Departs

**Thank you for
your patronage,
now let's ride and
have some fun!**



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Bull Fall's Grand Opening

We had the Grand Opening of Bull Fall's Harley-Davidson-Wausau on Saturday, Oct. 5th. The event was well attended and went as planned.

There is a Bull Fall's Brewery in Wausau so Bull Fall's fall specialty beers were served complimentary for the day. A store in Wausau also makes Bull Fall's brats.

We served 500 brats and 150 hot dogs, home-made beans and potato chips complimentary as well. The Wausau HOG Chapter worked the food area and did a great job.

Members of the Packerland HOG Chapter helped work the clothing area and the raffle area. The local live band did a great job too. Keep it local right!

Without a doubt, these last three months have been very stressful for us but with the help of God, family, friends, employees and of course our customers, things clicked. The store turned out beautiful. Looking forward to have both Chapters support each other's events/rides.

Thanks to everyone for your support.

Lynn Vandervest



MotorClothes Counter



Lettering for the new name now lit up



Great Entertainment



Installing outdoor graphics - 3 generations!



Entrance fireplace



Family on stage.
Erik and Dixie
addressing the crowd



Wausau Chapter fried the brats



New sales offices -
desks hand built by Rob
Kane- Bent Construction



Photo of Vintage years contest



Newly remodeled service entrance



All wood on the walls were hand stained by Erik and his family. (Rob Kane, Bent Construction did interior and exterior work along with Rick and Erik)



The Framework is done for the bike display



Moo Glide on display in the entrance. Put up the night before Grand Opening!

A few brave souls ventured out by motorcycles to attend Bull Fall's Grand Opening while others took car. Per Director, Greg: FYI, rain tickles the senses at 70 mph.



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