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Director, Greg Roberts



“Go Time”

Ready, Set, Go! It's time for us to uncover our bikes and wake them from hibernation that is if you put it away over winter. Time for a transfusion of all new fluids and pump up the rubber that makes us roll. After a long season of snow and cold it is finally “Go Time!” Time to hit the ground running and get rid of some of that pent up energy we all seem to accumulate over the off season.

I for one am looking forward to this riding season. A time to get together with old friends while taking the time to make some new ones. Adventures await all of us it's just a matter of making time to live them out. This summer is going to be destination free but make up of one long journey. Now that it is “Go Time” that's exactly what I plan on doing is going.

Lately I have been slowing down in terms of having somewhere I need to be. I am finding much more joy in just doing whatever comes my way. I don't like the fact that I have to be here or there today, tomorrow at 1:00 or 6:00. I would much

rather hop on the bike and just go with no destination or timelines involved. End up wherever at whatever time I get there and hang out with whoever is around. Of course somethings need to be planned, you need to arrive on time and we can't always choose who joins us in public places. However, we can control all the other times and how we spend it.

Recently I decided at the last minute to attend and help out at the Tae Kwon Do tournament/fundraiser with Penny and Dave. Once again they put on an awesome event while raising money for cancer awareness. I was fortunate enough to have had the chance to hang out with several other members of the Chapter as they assisted with the event as well. These types of adventures are always fun and enjoyable. There are so many things to get involved in with the Chapter. When it's “Go Time” you can always count on a few of the regulars but it is equally as nice to see some of the other faces as well. I felt like the Chapter was represented well and I was happy that I had the flexibility to just drop other things and take in the event.

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PACKERLAND HOG CHAPTER MEETING

on **Monday April 29, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Duck Blind facility.
VANDERVEST H-D, GREEN BAY, WI



Director, Greg Roberts

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So, regardless if it is a planned adventure or something you just wake up and do one day with no rhyme or reason other than its “Go Time” be sure to make the best of it by relaxing and enjoying it. Before your calendar gets slammed with things you need to do make sure you pencil a few dates in for things you absolutely don’t have to do. Those days where you let the wind guide you in any old direction it wants. Schedule in a few days where there are no timelines, no destinations, no waiting on others, nothing to do other than ride and explore. Don’t allow your days to be filled with total structure, infuse some freedom in your season.

Simply pick the days & write in big letters “GO TIME!” Then when the day comes get on and go. No destination, no rules, no timelines, make it a few days of freedom that are all about you.

Enjoy The Ride!

Greg Roberts aka-(Whisper)

VANDERVEST
Harley-Davidson
of Green Bay

EASTOR EGG-STRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY
APRIL 20TH 9AM-4PM

STOP IN FOR
PICTURES WITH
THE EASTER BUNNY
and treats for the kids
from 11:00 to 1:00

Event

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**Secretary, David Konrath****Meeting Feb. 25, 2019**

CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting called to order 6:30 pm by Director Greg Roberts.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

JOKE OF THE NIGHT: Penny Duggan

50/50 Winner: \$150.00 Dixie Kinnard

Wish You Were Here: \$54.00 Jerry Beiersdorf – Winner

Dealership Certificate: \$15.00 Jerry Beiersdorf - Winner

New Members – Robert Wiggins

Guests – Nate Vandervest; Yanira Wiggins

Motorclothes Dept: - Carrie Rouse said April is Helmet replacement month. Helmets should be replaced after 5 years or if dropped. Stop in and see the new lightweight helmets and get properly fitted.

Service Dept: Cy Martz is welcomed back to service department.

Harley-Davidson has a tire promotion, stop in the dealership if you need new tires on your bike.

Sales: H-D introduced the new 2019 Electra Glide Standard motorcycle. “*A bare essentials bike with all the modern capabilities for the Touring purist*”. Mike, from Sales, pointed out all of the details of this new touring bike model. Stop in to see him for explanation.

Pearl Christopherson Historian: Talked about “Ride 365” the Official Mileage Recognition Program for the Official Riding Club of Harley-Davidson. Goggle Ride 365, and read how you can participate. Also stop in the dealership and pick up “2019 Passport Tour” book for Wisconsin H-D Dealerships. Riders must take their Passport to at least 10 dealerships and have the books stamps. To be eligible for the Top 6 prizes, you must visit all 17 Dealerships. Program begins 4/1 thru 10/31. Pick up a passport from the reception desk at the dealership.

HOG magazine is good source information for riders.

Dixie: Mentioned the “Gift With Purchase”, a waterproof cooler bag, begins April 1st for qualifying purchases of \$300.

Erik: Thanked those that came to the St. Pauly event and tried to “crack the code” for the new bike. Also, to those Chapter members that worked the event.

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**Secretary, David Konrath**

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Upcoming Events:

March 29 & 30 – NEW MotoRama at Shopko Hall

April 6 – Spring Fling; demo rides; Food and Drinks; Bloody Mary Bar
Weber Grill package drawing give-away

April 20 – EggStravaganza—Easter Event

Lynn and Rick are touring around Prague.....Vandervest Harley-Davidson was one of the top 150 dealers for 2018. Congratulations to the Vandervest Family and Staff.

Hogopoly boards – in progress

Jerry Parin's "Cruise for Cancer" plans are underway. Pledge sheets available at the dealership. Let Lynn know places that you can get raffle prizes from so we are not asking businesses twice.

Greg Roberts thanked Jeff & Tina Whetung for organizing the Chapter Bowling activity.

If other members want to plan an activity, talk to Lynn at the dealership to get approval and a FLASH with date and details will go out to the Chapter. We just want to make sure we are not conflicting with dealership events and we are staying with Harley-Davidson/HOG guidelines.

Email: lynn@vvhd.com

Next Meeting, Monday April 29th 6:30pm Duck Blind Event Building.

Minutes taken by Kay Kozlowski, Membership



MEMBERSHIP

Accepting New and Renewal Memberships for 2018.
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/website/main.jsp> or call 1-800-CLUBHOG (1-800-258-2464).

Wish You Were Here Drawing: \$54.00 Jerry Beiersdorf - 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.

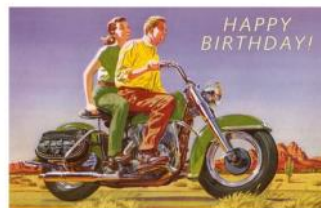
Happy Anniversary Wishes for April:

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| James & Barbara Pawlak | Apr 11 |
| Erik & Jennifer Steffen | Apr 20 |
| Randy & Terri Van Den Eng | Apr 22 |
| Steven & Lana Ransom-Jones | Apr 23 |



Happy Birthday Wishes for April:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Ron Sypal | Feb-15 (Belated wishes) |
| David Blackman | Apr 16 |
| Robert Trembl | Apr 21 |
| Tim Van Den Eng | Apr 21 |
| Robert Wood | Apr 28 |



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

Membership Officer





Historian, Pearl Christophersen

IT'S TIME!

It's time, it's time, and it's time, to Ride!! Yes, it's been a very long, winter.

Are you ready with using your senses? Motorcycle "freedom", the rush, thrill, peace of mind and body....

One sure misses that, potato, potato, potato sound. An article in the new HOG magazine states, riding a bike has a calming effect. Levels of cortisol-which is produced by the body; a deep relaxing effect.

Don't forget to register your bike or bikes to your dealer, VVHD, then rack up those miles. It's the new "Ride 365" Mileage Recognition Program which was previously titled ABCs of Touring. Last year, 2018, more than 65M miles were logged. Get your mileage form and have the dealership fill out the form at the beginning of the riding season and then again at the end. Submit your mileage to HOG. Winners are posted on HOG website.

So ride safe, keeping in mind that you're "invisible", assume the other drivers can't see you, be ready to react when they don't.

See you on the road..... Purly

P.S. The Wisconsin Dealer Association also have a program available for 2019. You actually receive a Passport that you will get stamped at participating WI dealers. Pick one up at VVHD reception desk and receive additional info.



Gas Station in the Post -
-- .30/gallon



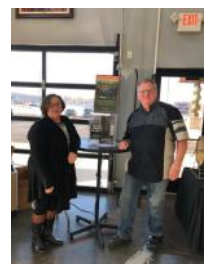
VANDERVEST HARLEY-DAVIDSON HOSTS "ST. PAULY'S DAY EVENT"

St. Pauly's Day event held on Sat., March 16th was well attended. Customers (450) tried their luck at cracking the safe to win a new Harley. Unfortunately no one succeeded.

The code was 29-12-13. Customers enjoyed beverages, corn beef with cabbage/potatoes/carrots, potato chips, hot dogs and donuts complimentary of the dealership.

Shoppers were able to pick a shamrock with discounts from 15 up to 25% off that day as well.

Thank you to Packerland HOG Chapter members: Robert-Patti Jacques (ran the crack the safe contest), Jerry and Becky Reince (served food/ beverages), Kerry and Kay Kozlowski who made the Corn beef/cabbage and helped served lunch and Pearl Christopherson (greeter at the door).



Penny & Dave Duggan

Kim's Tae Kwon Do Center, Inc. would like to express our sincere gratitude to Vandervest Harley-Davidson & The Packerland HOG Chapter for their support of our 2019 Fund Raiser for the Breast Cancer Family Foundation.

The dealership and members donated money, gift baskets, made bakery, handed out trophies, held boards and served food to support the event. You were a huge part of the success and helped us to raise over \$11,000 for the Breast Cancer Family Foundation.

Thank you,
Penny & Dave Duggan

Photo's :
Master Mark Christensen (HOG Chapter Member)
Breaking Bricks
Hog Chapter Members Handing Out Trophies



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LOCAL HARLEY-DAVIDSON DEALERSHIP RECOGNIZED

Green Bay (March 13, 2019)

Vandervest Harley-Davidson of Green Bay earned the prestigious Bronze Bar & Shield Circle of Recognition Award For 2018. Presented by Harley-Davidson Motor Company, this award is given to dealers based on Motorcycle and related product sales performance, customer service and satisfaction, and operational measures.

“We’re proud to present this high honor to the Vandervest Family in recognition of the outstanding work being done at Vandervest Harley-Davidson,” said Dave Cotteleer, Vice President and Managing Director of the United States.

“Dealers like the Vandervests are a big reason why Harley-Davidson is one of the most respected and recognized brands In the world and why we enjoy having the loyalty and commitment of our riders.”

Bronze Bar & Shield award recipients, like the Vandervests, consistently elevate the brand by providing their customers with exceptional and authentic Harley-Davidson experiences.

Vandervest Harley-Davidson, 1966 Velp Ave., has been in business in the Green Bay area since 2013 and previously in Peshtigo, Wi for 15 years.

Photo: Rick & Lynn Vandervest, Eric & Dixie (Vandervest) Kinnard, Erik & Amy Vandervest



Jerry Parins - Bob Harlan Leadership Award



GREEN BAY – Sometimes Brett Favre called Jerry Parins "warden," sometimes "warrior." Each acknowledged aspects of Parins' roles as Green Bay Packers' security chief and a Favre friend.

Parins was named the Packers' first full-time security chief in 1992, the same year the young, irrepressible party-animal Brett Favre joined the team. One of the jobs of the security department, which at first largely consisted of Parins, was to keep players out of trouble.

"I know that Brett had several conversations with Jerry through the years," Bob Harlan, Packers chairman emeritus, drolly observed.

Parins' long and varied career included helping solve one of Green Bay's most notorious murders — that of Margaret Anderson in 1983 — while he was with the Green Bay Police Department, before serving as the Packers first full-time security chief, and raising \$1.5 million for cancer-related organizations.

Jerry Parins, former security director for Green Bay Packers and founder of Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer.

Jerry Parins, former security director for Green Bay Packers and founder of Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer.
(Photo: Richard Ryman/USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin)

"He could be the stern policeman when he needed to be and he could be the kind, compassionate person when he needed to be. He had empathy for everyone. There's nobody on the staff who didn't think Jerry was top notch," Harlan said.

That empathy was apparent when Parins, a cancer survivor, invited Harlan to accompany him to a local children's cancer ward.

"Parents knew him and remembered him. He'd obviously been there before," Harlan said.

It was not unusual for Parins to be asked by general manager Ron Wolf or coach Mike Holmgren to look into a report — or more often rumor — on some player's behavior. If he reported back that the player claimed innocence, "Coach Mike would throw it right back on me and say, 'Well, is he lying?' Now I laugh about it because this is how we worked."

Favre did cause Parins sleepless nights and was sometimes annoyed when the security chief told Holmgren about his activities, but he also presented Parins with an inscribed Rolex watch and kept in touch with Parins during his year-long battle with cancer in 2003.

The key, he said, was being fair and respectful to the players, but always putting the organization first.

It was Parins who taught Holmgren to ride a motorcycle, and it was Parins who was admonished by Holmgren for giving Favre a ride on the back of his bike from the practice field to the stadium.

Parins' world was upended when he was diagnosed with cancer in 2003. What followed was a more than year-long battle that he eventually won.

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He combined his love of motorcycles and experience in Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraising rides to create the Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer, held every year with the help of Vandervest Harley-Davidson in Howard and previously, Peshtigo. During 15 years of rides, the event has raised \$1.5 million for cancer-related organizations.

"Every year we seem to make more money to give back to organizations," Parins said.

He also participates in other cancer fundraisers, such as an annual chili and burger event at Drift Inn in Ashwaubenon in the fall, and golf and bowling events.

Parins is 80 now. Sandra, his wife of 56 years, died in 2017 and he misses her daily, but he's cancer free, has three daughters who keep an eye on him and he's about to be recognized by the Packers Hall of Fame. He does not complain.

"It turned out so good. I have three (Super Bowl) rings, three wonderful daughters. I've got everything," Parins said.

He'll receive the first Bob Harlan Leadership Award during the Packers Hall of Fame Inc. banquet, which will include the induction of former general manager Ted Thompson into the hall. Team historian Cliff Christl will receive the Bart and Cherry Starr Recognition Award.

The Harlan award recognizes exceptional leadership qualities above the call of duty during or after the recipient's career or association with the Packers. Recipients must have served with integrity, character and determination, emblematic of Harlan.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S RIDE: SAT., JUNE 8 (pick up pledge forms at Vandervest Harley-Davidson's reception desk or download one off the Packerland HOG Chapter page) vvhd.com



Carrie Roush

YOUR HELMET.
LET'S CHECK IT.

THE AVERAGE LIFECYCLE IS 3-5 YEARS.
WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU HAD YOURS CHECKED?

- ___ Check for age: Even normal wear and tear takes a toll
- ___ Check for damage: Made for one impact only -- and dropping it counts
- ___ Fit = function: If it doesn't fit, it doesn't work properly

Let Vandervest Harley-Davidson MotorClothes Department help you get the right fit!

Carrie Roush
MotorClothes Manager
Vandervest Harley-Davidson



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Motorcycles and Hearing Loss (Part 2)

Put a Sock in It

Wearing earplugs while riding is the best means of preventing NIHL. Riders have several options which offer various levels of protection, comfort and convenience. The range of cost goes from less than a dollar a set to over \$100 for custom molded items.

The cheapest and most common ear protection is foam earplugs which can be found at any local drug store. Foam earplugs come in a variety of shapes, from cylinders to tapered to bullet-shaped, but you insert them the same way: roll them into a tight cylinder and slide them into your ear before they expand.

When installed correctly, foam earplugs can effectively reduce noise to a level to allow all-day riding without any hearing damage. All brands of non-custom earplugs are required to include a Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) on their packaging. Claims of 32dB sound reduction are common with foam. When they get dirty – and they will – simply throw them away and open another package.

However, be forewarned, proper installation of foam earplugs is required for anything close to the NRR protection. People with narrow or oddly shaped ear canals will find that the softness that makes these plugs so comfortable to wear also makes it extremely difficult to get them completely inserted – grabbing the top of the ear and pulling it up and back is key to getting them fully implanted.

Another feature of foam plugs that some riders don't appreciate is how they muffle high-frequency sounds more severely than low, which can make conversations difficult. On the plus side, the high-frequencies are the first to be damaged from excessive noise.



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**Safety Officer, Tim VanGompel**

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Flanged earplugs are often made of a pliable latex or silicon – although some are made with a foam material. The flanged tips are usually tapered for deep insertion into the ears to gain the required air-tight fit. However, if you have deep ear canals, you may find that you can push the plugs in far enough to make them difficult to remove.

The construction of these earplugs makes them uniquely tunable. Some have a solid core that results in the best NRR with similar sound characteristics as foam earplugs, while others have cores that produce more accurate sound reproduction. Since there is no free lunch, the flat response plugs may have a lower NRR rating. (For example, Etymotic Research's ER-20 have a NRR of 12dB, but the company claims that "actual clinical measurements of properly inserted ER•20s indicate that these earplugs provide almost equal sound reduction (20 dB) at all frequencies.") You may find this type of earplug from other manufacturers listed as "musician's earplugs."

Although flange-type earplugs are more expensive than disposable foam ones, they can be reused for extended periods. If they become dirty, they can be easily cleaned.

Inserting flange earplugs takes some getting used to. They require a little lubrication (saliva works just fine), and you have to place them fairly deeply into the ear canal. The rule of thumb is to insert them until you get the urge to cough.



For people who want the ultimate in protection from NIHL, getting custom molded earplugs is the way to go. At many motorcycle events, you may have seen people getting brightly colored goo injected into their auditory canal. Custom earplugs will only fit the unique ear shape of their owner, giving them easier insertion and a perfect fit for maximum

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Safety Officer, Tim VanGompel

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attenuation of noise. Like with foam plugs, some people may feel that these solid custom plugs mute the sound too much, making it hard to hear things that riders want to hear, like approaching traffic or conversation at a stop.

Turning to earplugs developed for musicians (who require sound to be as accurate as possible) can help riders experience a natural sounding environment at an intensity below the threshold for long-term damage. In fact, some people who have used these plugs report that they actually hear better on the road because their ears aren't getting overwhelmed by the intensity of the noise. Bringing the sound level down actually allows for the rider to discern the different frequencies of different sounds rather than having their auditory nerves overloaded by a sound soup.

Think of our perception of sound as a glass of water. When you try to pour more into a completely full glass, it just runs out. Our ears can't process any more information. However, if you find a way to lower the level of water (the wind noise), you have room for other sources.

Because of their neutral reduction of sound, these specialized earplugs require that an earmold be made by an audiologist. While this process is more expensive than the custom plugs made at motorcycle events, they do allow for multiple copies to be made if you are worried about losing your earplugs.

No matter what earplugs you choose, you can take additional steps to reduce the noise that you have to combat. Sometimes, a small adjustment of windshield height will make a huge difference in the way turbulence hits your helmet. Directing turbulence away from the helmet base can pay big dividends. If your helmet has adjustable visor mounts, make sure that they allow the visor to completely seal the eye port. In hot weather, use the helmet vents rather than cracking the visor at speed. Although vents do increase the noise inside a helmet, it is usually significantly less than the noise created with a slightly opened visor.

The fit of a helmet around its base can leave gaps between the rider and the liner that allow noise access to the rider's ears. Consider this fit when buying a new helmet. Also, if a rider has an oval head but chooses a helmet with a round shape, there will be excessive space on the sides that affect both impact and noise performance.

Courtesy of motorcycle.com



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**Lynn Vandervest****WISCONSIN H-D DEALERS ASSOCIATION PASSPORT TOUR****Ride More & Win Prizes!**

Sign-up for the FREE Passport Tour at ANY Wisconsin H-D Dealers Association Member

The Passport Tour begins April 1, 2019 and runs thru October 31, 2019.

Riders may pick-up their free Passport booklet at any Wisconsin H-D Dealers Association Member. Only one Passport per rider is allowed.

MAKE SURE TO TURN IN YOUR LAST PAGE OF THE PASSPORT BOOK TO THE DEALERSHIP FOR YOUR ENTRY TO WIN GIFT CARDS. SEE ATTACHED PICTURE.

Riders must take their Passport to at least 10 dealerships and have their book stamped. To be eligible for the top 6 prizes, you must visit all 17 Dealerships and have your book stamped. Only one Passport stamp per person, per visit.

Only Passports with stamps from at least 10 dealers are eligible for the prize drawing. All Passports must be turned in to a participating dealer no later than close of business on October 31, 2019. Passports can be returned to any participating dealer.

Dealership employees and their spouses cannot participate in the prize drawing.

Completed Passports will be entered in a random drawing to win prizes.

Winners will be announced November 13th, 2019 on www.wiharleydealers.com



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Joe Herison

Fat Bagger EZ Install Handlebar Kits

Our Vandervest Harley-Davidson parts department now carries Fat Bagger EZ Install Handlebar Kits! These new bars allow you to install 10 and 12 inch bars on 2014 and up Batwing bikes with no clutch or brake cable replacement. They also offer 14 and 16 inch tall bars with extensions that allow you to use your factory lines not replace them, this will save hundreds of dollars in parts and labor during installation. The bars are available with a peaked or curved bend in chrome or black. Fat Bagger bars start at \$289.95 for bars and \$499.95 for kits with extensions. Fitment options are also available for earlier models. Please stop by the parts staff for an introduction to the new bars and a quote to update your ride!

Now that riding season is here, be sure to take advantage of our demo seats and windshields. We have Harley-Davidson demo seats for most Harley-Davidson models. We also have Harley-Davidson Wind Splitter and Klock Werks Flare windshields for Batwing and Road Glide fairing bikes. We offer this service at no charge Monday thru Friday 9am till 4:30pm and Saturday 9am till 3pm. Visit the parts department for more information and to get a demo installed on your bike.

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2019 Electra Glide(r) Standard

A bare essentials bike with all the modern capabilities for the Touring purist. Built to make it your own.

A new stripped -back touring icon starting at \$18,999.

- 107 Milwaukee 8 Motor
- Minimalist Technology
- Solo Touring Seat
- Batwing Fairing & Mid-Height Windshield -Pre-load adjusting rear shocks -49mm Forks with Dual Bending Valve Suspension -Cruise Control Standard
- Factory Security Standard

Mike Hesler, Sales
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**Matt Steinhausen, Service Manager at Vandervest H-D**

Lets “pump the brakes”

Already this year the service department has been getting a large number of questions pertaining to brake fluid. I’m going to focus on DOT 4 brake fluid and why it is important to change.

Harley-Davidson started using DOT4 on late models in 2006. DOT 4 brake fluids is hygroscopic (i.e., it will absorb water from the atmosphere). This is why it is recommended to be changed every 2yrs with regular maintenance. Change intervals can go longer or a shorter amount of time between changes depending on riding, climate and storage conditions, but for the most part it needs to be changed every 2 yrs. Without regular changing the fluid may begin to gel, which can lead to the formation of deposits on the brake components. If this condition remains undetected, it may lead to a loss of brake function on the affected wheel without notice. This is why when you bring your motorcycle in to the Service Department this is one of the many things on our Full service checklist that is checked. Any DOT4 brake or clutch fluid that is above 2% moisture content is recommended to be changed at that time. Yes, I said clutch because if you have a hydraulic clutch on your Harley it takes the same DOT4 fluid as your brake system. Many people believe that if they do not have ABS on their motorcycle that they are not affected. This couldn’t be more wrong. Even if you do not have ABS the fluid in the system can still gel and cause a brake failure.

In February 2018 Harley-Davidson launched a voluntary recall for all ABS equipped model year 2008 – 2011 Touring, CVO Touring, Touring Police and VRSC (V-Rod) motorcycles built in the US from 05/26/2006 through 07/11/2011 because of the lack of maintenance to the brake systems on these motorcycles. With this recall Harley came out with a new Platinum DOT4 brake fluid that has superior moisture and corrosion inhibiting properties. This DOT4 fluid is now the standard brake fluid used in all Harley-Davidson motorcycles that require DOT4 fluid. Even with the new brake fluid it is still recommended to replace the fluid every 2yrs or if the moisture content of the fluid is above 2%.

I can personally tell you from experience and seeing first hand on motorcycles that come into the service department. We have only seen these issues with the brake systems on bikes that have not had full services done regularly by a Harley-Davidson dealership. Brake system failure usually happens without warning signs of a problem. Luckily a simple brake fluid change prevents this and keeps your brake system operating properly. I get asked every day “why does a full service cost so much, it’s just an oil change”. Well it isn’t just an oil change, yes we change the oils but we also check many other things on your bike to keep you safe, to prolong the life of your motorcycle and to give you many worry free miles.

I hope this is informative to the readers of this and answers some of the questions out there. If you would like to know if your motorcycle is affected by this recall or any recall just go ahead and email gbservice@vvhdc.com with your VIN number and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

