



# HOGWASH

**CENTRAL SC H.O.G. CHAPTER #4772    MARCH 2020    SPONSORED BY HARLEY HAVEN**

## TRISH'S TRAILS

February has certainly been a month of highs and lows. Spring one day, winter the next, rain and more rain. On Saturday, February 8th, a few hoggies braved the cooler temps and dodged raindrops for a 90 mile back roads ride to Flight Deck in Lexington. Great food and fellowship -- a good way to spend a Saturday!

On Saturday, March 7th, Earl and Sharon will lead the way to Jomar's in Lancaster, SC. KSU at 10:00 am from Harley Haven. I've heard good things about Jomar's and am looking forward to trying it out. I have seen the route and it looks like a great ride so please come out and enjoy some riding time with the chapter.

Harley Haven is having their Spring Kick-off Party and Tent Event Saturday, March 21st. We will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting for volunteers to man the HOG table and to sell beer/water. Come hang out with your fellow hoggies and get some points towards Top Hog/Miss Piggy.

There will be a change in destination this year for the Phil Page Memorial Ride for Carolina Sunshine. An explanation and more information will be discussed at our next chapter meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd.

I am really going to miss Mr. Bernie. His smile, his stories and his pleasant demeanor. His love for country, family and friends was very evident in all that he did and I think we were all blessed to have him in our lives. It was an honor and a privilege to call him friend.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon,



*Trish Camarota*

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## METZER'S MEANDERINGS

I heard an interesting weather story the other day so, I thought that I would share. The weather this winter has been warmer with less wintery precipitation than average in many parts of the country. On first thought you would probably guess "global warming" is to blame but, according to some weather scientists, that is not the case. This year we have a positive polar vortex. A positive vortex has a much stronger pull than a normal one; it tends to keep the cold air mass isolated to areas surrounding the poles. It also allows the jet stream to travel straight across the upper United States so we do not see the dip that usually helps draw cold air down from the north. Now that you are educated, our chasing snow camping trip to Boone on the 8<sup>th</sup> was awesome! It was snowing on our way up there and Baby Girl was so excited! We went snow tubing, site seeing and visited the original Mast General Store in Vella Cruz, it was a nice break! Our new travel trailer performed well its first time in the cold mountain air and its electric fire place kept us warm and toasty!

Shifting gears, I have to say that Mr. Bernie's passing was sad, sad news. I was down with a stomach virus that Friday when I got the text. I am glad that I got better and was able to attend his memorial. I was proud to witness all the love and support of Mr. Bernie by the large turnout of the chapter. Russ, even though it was hard because you and Bernie were close, you did a great job representing the chapter and paying

homage to a great man, thank you Sir! Now that I have had some time to process the loss of Mr. Bernie, this is what he represented and meant to me. Hope - Mr. Bernie gave it to me! Since the "S" (Super Man) of my youth has now worn completely off my chest, I sometimes struggle with the thought of old age and what it holds for me. Mr. Bernie's can-do attitude and his *never give up* demeanor have shown me that my twilight years can be special - it's just a state of mind. Mild tempered - I cannot remember a time that I had ever seen Mr. Bernie angry. Friendly - I can truly say that he was one of the nicest men that I have ever had the opportunity to meet. Fact is, I don't believe that Mr. Bernie ever met a stranger. Polite - I do not remember ever hearing Mr. Bernie swear, even when he was the telling one of his jokes. When he spoke, he always garnered the whole chapter's attention and when he was telling a joke, he always wore that devilish little smile. I could go on and on with attributes that describe him like honesty, integrity and courage but to me, above all he was a Hero! Yep, Mr. Bernie was and will always be a hero! As a survivor, Purple Heart recipient and veteran of two wars, his commitment to and love of country could never be questioned. Mr. Bernie, you will be missed. I pray that we all will see him again on the last day when God fulfils his resurrection promise to mankind.

Grinding my way into third, we now have the date set for this year's Phil Page Memorial ride. Last year the ride was spectacular but, Pressley's let us down serving us a condensed menu. Instead of Edisto, the destination this year has been changed to La Strada's at Lake Lure, NC. I can assure you that the menu will have a lot of variety and it will taste divine. Well that's about enough meandering for now, may God bless you and your family! I pray that he will keep you safe during all your two-wheel adventures!



*Bryan Metzger*

## BUG HUNTING

Hello everybody! February this year has not been a good month. It has been down right depressing with the weather and the passing of our long time mentor and inspiration of the club, Mr. Bernie Shankman. The Cayce funeral home was packed with people young and old and from many different walks of life where he has touched so many people. As we live our lives, we are not thinking of the legacy we will leave. I'm sure that Mr. Bernie was not either; however I can only hope that I can make a fraction of the impact on this world as he did. I will miss him greatly.

On a brighter note, we will be going to the Mayberry Diner for our February chapter ride. Andy Griffith is on the TV and memorabilia is on the walls from the history of the show. It is a small place, but the hamburgers are the best. I discovered some of the SC pavement that I have not touched during the pre-ride. I am looking forward to introducing you to it also. Kick stands up at 10:30 from Harley Haven. We should arrive in Cross Hill around 1:00.

I am looking forward to doing some riding since I have made some mild modifications to my scooter. Hope to see you soon.

Let's Roll,



*Brian Manges*

## HARLEY HAVEN HAPPENINGS

I always love when March rolls around because that means we get to *finally* kick off the Spring riding season! We will be doing just that on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for our annual Spring Kick Off Party + Tent Event! Be sure to mark your calendars! We will have a blessing of the bikes at 11am by Red Stone Ministries, food available from Steelhorse Smokehouse, live music by the Sandy River Band, vendors on site (including AXE THROWING!!!) and our semi-annual tent event will be going on all day! There will be a sign-up sheet at the March HOG meeting to sign up to volunteer at this event. You can learn more about the event on our Facebook and website.

March also means warmer weather, daylight savings time and Daytona Bike Week. Don't forget, we've got all the gear you need for your trip!

I, as well as everyone here at Harley Haven, had such heavy hearts hearing of the passing of our beloved Mr. Bernie. Every time we saw his white trike pull up and park in the plaza, we knew we were in for a good laugh and a great hug. I'll never tire of telling people his incredible story and proof that you're never too old. He will be missed dearly.

Here at Harley Haven, Brooke from the Service department will be celebrating 1 year of service on March 5<sup>th</sup>, I will be celebrating 12 years on March 10<sup>th</sup> and Ricci will be celebrating 14 years on the 28<sup>th</sup>! I love being a part of a team who shows commitment.

Look forward to seeing you all soon and until then –  
*Ride the Adventure, Live the Dream.*



*Jessc Shoemaker*

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**LIVE MUSIC BY SANDY RIVER BAND**

**FOOD FROM STEELHORSE SMOKEHOUSE**

**BLESSING OF THE BIKES**

**TENT EVENT 9AM-5PM**

**VENDORS ON SITE 11AM-4PM**

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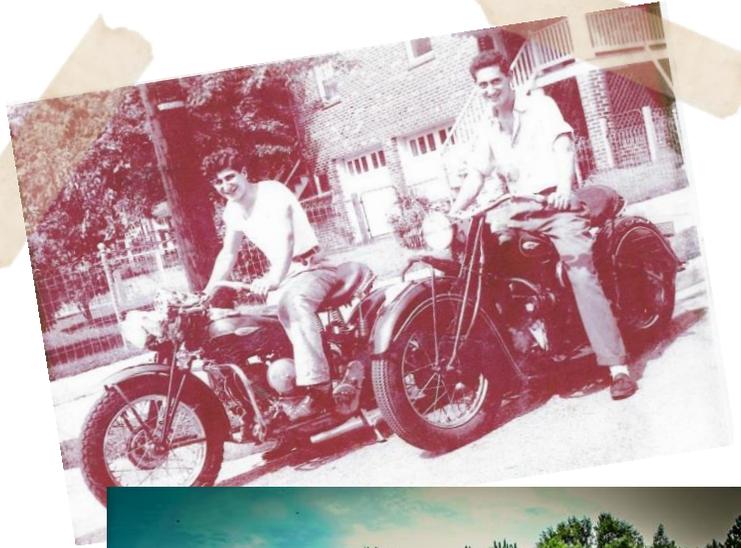
Date	Event	Place
February 29	Chapter Ride to Mayberry Diner – Cross Hill, SC	Harley Haven, Irmo – 10:30 AM
March 3	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Wings 'n Ale, Bush River Rd. – 7:30 PM
March 7	Chapter Ride to Jomar's – Lancaster, SC	Harley Haven, Irmo – 10:00 AM
March 21	Spring Kick Off Party	Harley Haven – 11AM-4PM
March 28	Chapter Ride to Willie Sue's – Sumter, SC	Harley Haven, Irmo – 10:00 AM
April 25	Chapter Ride to Miriam's Kitchen – Hartsville, SC	TBA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



*Jack DiPietro  
Carol Kuhrau  
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Lonnie White*

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to wish you a very Happy Birthday!



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