



H.O.G. Trails

Screw it, Lets ride!

Arithmetic:

According to the Riding Academy manager, Carol Olson-Smith, the number of students who participated increased in both "Mar.-Aug." and "fiscal year" totals. For Mar.-Aug in 2024 there had been 572 students, and this year there've been 699.

Yearly, for 2024, the RA trained 873 students, and as of today, for 2025, 919 students. With added days of class offerings, as well as opportunities for DC HOG members to have exclusive courses, the increase is steady.

Carol and other instructors say that the HOG chapter is very supportive, often referring friends and family.

According to a recent poll: 44% were DC HOG members before taking a RA course

56% became HOG members because of completing a RA course!



Back To School!

This is my picture of my Riding Academy graduate class. We were the first "graduates" of 2020, due to Covid shutdown. The weather was phenomenal and the course studies, instructors and experience were even better! Notice we had to stand enough apart, even outside, lol. We didn't get "diplomas", but we did have our two little cards to present to our driver licensing and insurance company. This being before the new procedure of getting your permit upon completion of the course and approved test/course score during most recent years. Today's new buyers and riders are seriously missing out on this education, please encourage anyone you see or know with motorcycles to enroll!

Men, women, as young as 20 to the age of 72, from never riding to years of riding, were in this class. Never stop learning!





Geography:

The phrase “lower 48” refers to the contiguous United States, which excludes Alaska and Hawaii. From the far Northeastern state of Maine to the far western state, in central California it is approximately 3,239 miles.

If you haven’t discovered the beauty of our country because you don’t know where to ride, HOG.com has ideas for you! They have special rides in each state, and even some yearly special ones that lead to fun, or beautiful or quirky points of interest. Don’t forget that Member book for any of the “50 Rides One Nation” or “15 for ‘25” and subsequent year locations.

In the recent edition of “The Enthusiast” magazine, it highlights each states location to get you started in your planning. There is also a great story of a newlywed couple on their trip from L.A. to Palm Springs, their stops along the way and adventures that made the groom happy he is an RA instructor!

Besides Arithmetic and Geography, there are many more subjects a rider learns, experiences and becomes educated.

SOCIAL STUDIES, how many have ridden to Capitols?

ART, how many murals and natural art have caught your eye on a ride?

PE, how many of you realize what your body must prepare for and how to keep it healthy when riding?

HISTORY, how many of you like to stop at a local museum or battlefield in a city you ride to?

We are all continuously learning every time we ride!

Here’s what a few members are saying:



Ray Dunbar 🌟 All-star contributor
Never turn down a good learning opportunity I’m always willing to try new techniques. I have picked up a lot from different people in our group. I say take advantage every learning opportunity you can.



Cha-Cha Watson 🌟 Top contributor
The day you stop learning while riding is when you should stop riding. Always learning and will be a life long learner!



Patches McRider
You always benefit from new techniques, styles and maneuvers. We never stop learning.



Tim Layow ★ Rising contributor
There's always a Skilled Rider Course for the chapter that is put on by the riding academy and an Advanced Rider Course that is offered as well.



Jay Bee ★ Rising contributor
My opinion: never stop learning.



Charlotte Dieruf Dunbar
All learning is good as long as it's not negative