

A CONNECTICUT MOTORCYCLE GLOSSARY

as authored, compiled, edited, chopped, stretched, polished and bobbered by Bob Vincent, bluesbreaker53@yahoo.com, as of 12/01/12; this glossary attempts to familiarize the reader with motorcycle Events, Machines, Organizations, People, Terms, Philosophies, Mottos, Rules of the Road, Books, Videos and Websites;

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Nevertheless, the use of the words HARLEY, HARLEY-DAVIDSON, HD, HARLEY OWNERS GROUP and HOG will always appear in upper-case letters.

Please note, the formula for horsepower is (torque x rpm / 5252); the torque and rpm values come from either the owner's manual or HARLEY-DAVIDSON.com; 5252 is the universally accepted horsepower divisor; the amounts published in HARLEY-DAVIDSON literature apparently varies for purposes known only to the MOCO;

ex 1: according to HD, 88 ci is published as 1450 cc, but really, 88 ci is 1442 cc (they rounded up);

ex 2: the 'Big Bore' kit increased the 88 ci / 1450 cc motor to 95 ci and is published as 1550 cc, but really, 95 ci is 1556 cc (they rounded down);

ex 3: the 96 ci motor is published as 1584 ci, but is really 1573 ci (they rounded up);

*** THE EVENTS ***

ABC'S: a National HOG sponsored contest, that awards points for visiting states, cities, parks and rallies;

ABC'S of CT: a local HOG Chapter sponsored contest, created by Bob Vincent in 2003, that awards points for visiting just cities and towns in Connecticut;

AMERICADE: a stationary rally held the 1st week of June in Lake George, NY., for riders of all brands of motorcycles;

BIKE BLESSING: a ceremony, conducted by various religious representatives, for the benefit of motorcycle riders, passengers and their motorcycles;

BIKETOBERFEST: a stationary rally held the 3rd week of October in Daytona, FL., for riders of all brands of motorcycles;

BIKEWEEK: a stationary rally held the 1st week of March in Daytona, FL., for riders of all brands of motorcycles;

BRC: Beginners Riders Course, sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT), for riders with \$200 and less than 6 months of experience, held in the classrooms (12 hours) and parking lots (16 hours) of various Connecticut Community Colleges, from April through October, rain or shine, taught by certified instructors and coaches; learn to control a motorcycle;

ERC: Experienced Riders Course, sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT), for riders with \$85 and more than 6 months of experience, held in the parking lots (8 hours) of various Connecticut Community Colleges, from April through October, rain or shine, taught by certified instructors and coaches; learn to control your motorcycle;

GYPSY TOUR: an organized ride, for the benefit of a charity, group or club, but is really just an excuse to ride; requires a motorcycle and a lot of time to get to where you end up;

HOKA HEY: a motorcycle riding endurance event;

HONDA HOOTS: a stationary rally for riders of Honda motorcycles;

IBET: I've Been Everywhere Tour; a former AMA sponsored contest that awarded points for visiting the 92 locations mentioned in the song 'I've Been Everywhere, Man', made popular by Johnny Cash;

IRON BUTT: a motorcycle riding endurance event;

LACONIA: a stationary rally held the 2nd week of June in Laconia, NH., for riders of all brands of motorcycles;

MYRTLE BEACH: a stationary rally held the 3rd week of May in Myrtle Beach, SC., for riders of all brands of motorcycles;

MYSTERY TOUR: an organized ride, for the benefit of a charity, group or club, but is really just an excuse to ride; requires a motorcycle and the willingness to not care how you get to where you end up;

OBSERVATION RUN: an organized ride, for the benefit of a charity, group or club, but is really just an excuse to ride; requires a motorcycle and the ability to look for clues on the way to where you end up;

PAPPY'S RUN: a commemorative ride, attracting thousands of riders, held every Sunday before Memorial Day since 1975, celebrating the life and efforts of Don 'Pappy' Pittsley; Pappy led the efforts to repeal Connecticut's helmet laws and stand up for motorcycle riders rights;

<http://www.pappysrun.com> ; Pappy was inducted into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame at the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum;

POKER RUN: an organized ride, for the benefit of a charity, group or club, but is really just an excuse to ride; requires a motorcycle, a donation and the ability to pick a single playing card at five different locations;

POSSE RIDE: a rolling rally held at various times in various locations, for riders of all brands of motorcycles;

RALLY: an organized gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts, including riders, passengers, vendors and wanna-bes; can be a stationary rally, held in one place for a period of time; can be a rolling rally, moving from place to place for a period of time;

ROLLING THUNDER: a stationary rally held on Memorial Day weekend in Washington, DC., for riders of all brands of motorcycles, to honor military personnel killed in action (KIA), missing in action (MIA) or prisoners of war (POW); highlights include: the 3+ hour parking of 250,000+ motorcycles in the Pentagon parking lot, the 3+ hour parade of 250,000+ motorcycles down Constitution Avenue, the Vietnam War Memorial, the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial; it really does sound like thunder, all day;

STURGIS: a stationary rally held the 2nd week of August in Sturgis, SD., for riders of all brands of motorcycles;

SWAP MEET: a gathering where participants seek to swap or sell items of interest; may include vendors and entertainment; you never know what you may find or see;

TOY RUN: an organized ride, for the benefit of a charity, group or club, but is really just an excuse to ride in November or December; requires a motorcycle and the donation of a toy;

TURKEY RUN: an organized ride, for the benefit of a charity, group or club, but is really just an excuse to ride in October or November; requires a motorcycle and the donation of a turkey, live or frozen;

*** THE MACHINES ***

BEATER: an older, appearance challenged motorcycle; it's the best you can do and it usually starts; try not to ride behind a beater, because it may smoke, smell, leak or have items fall off while moving;

BIG BORE: a performance enhancing kit to increase the displacement of cylinders; **it means absolutely nothing else, really;**

BIKE: a motorcycle;

BUELL: a motorcycle company owned by HARLEY-DAVIDSON Motor Company since 1998; a motorcycle built for speed and handling, not comfort, that forces the rider to lean forward;

CHOPPER: a motorcycle, with as many custom modifications as one's mind and money will allow; the opposite of a stock motorcycle;

CROTCH ROCKET: a motorcycle built for speed and handling, not for comfort, that forces the rider to lean forward, putting pressure on their wrists; usually built by a Japanese owned factory;

CRUISER: a motorcycle built for cruising up and down the streets, while looking real cool;

CVO: Custom Vehicle Operations, a department within the HARLEY-DAVIDSON Motor Company (MOCO), that develops limited edition motorcycles;

DYNA: a model (FXD* or FLD) of HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles; includes the Low Rider, Street Bob, Super Glide, Switchback and Wide Glide styles; identified by the external rear shock absorbers;

DYNAMOMETER: a machine that measures torque and horsepower;

EVOLUTION: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 80ci/1340cc, 61 hp (80 x 4000 / 5252), air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 1984-1999;

FLATHEAD: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 45ci/742cc, 22 hp, air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 1929-1973;

HARDLY-ABLESON: a term used by riders of motorcycles built by a Japanese owned factory, who don't like their motorcycles being called rice burners by riders of HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles;

HARLEY-DAVIDSON: manufacturer of the world's greatest motorcycles and sponsor of the world's greatest owner's group, HOG;

HARDTAIL: a motorcycle with no rear shock absorbers;

HON-ZUKI-YAMA-SAKI: a Japanese motorcycle;

KICKER: a kick-starting motorcycle; the MOCO produced the last kicker in 1985;

KNUCKLEHEAD: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 61ci/990cc, 40 hp, air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 1936-1947;

MODEL: HARLEY-DAVIDSON model designations are a confusing mix of letters and numbers;

* the first letter is one of the following: F (Big Twin), M (Military), X (Sportster), or V (VRSC);

* the next letters are as follows: B (Belt Drive), C (Classic or Custom), D (Dyna Glide or Switchback), DG (Disk Glide), E (Electric start), F (Fat Boy (1990-present) or Foot-shift (1972 and prior)), H (High compression), K (Limited); L (Hydra Glide forks), LR (Low Rider), N (Deluxe); P (Police), R (Race, Rubber-mount or Road), RU (Road Glide Ultra); RX (Road Glide Custom); S (Softail, Sport or Springer), SB (Single belt final drive), ST (Softail), T (Touring), TG (Tri Glide); WG (Wide Glide), I (Fuel injection), SE (Screamin' Eagle), U (Ultra); X (Dyna);

* Custom Vehicle Operations (CVO) models may add a number: 2,3,4, etc;

* these naming conventions may be broken at any time by the MOCO;

* 'Hey, Bob, can we see your FLHTCUSE3?';

DYNA FLD Switchback

DYNA FXB Sturgis (Belt)

DYNA FXD Super Glide

DYNA FXDB Street Bob

DYNA FXDC Super Glide Custom

DYNA FXDF Fat Bob

DYNA FXDG Dyna Glide

DYNA FXDL Low Rider

DYNA FXDS-CON Convertible
DYNA FXDSE Super Glide (Screaming Eagle CVO)
DYNA FXDWG Wide Glide
DYNA FXDX Super Glide Sport
DYNA FXDXT Super Glide Sport T
DYNA FXE Super Glide (Electric Start)
DYNA FXEF Fat Bob
DYNA FXLR Low Rider (Evolution)
DYNA FXR Super Glide (Rubber Mount)
DYNA FXRS FXR Sport
DYNA FXRS-CON Sport Convertible
DYNA FXRS-SP Low Rider Sport
DYNA FXSB Low Rider (Belt)
DYNA FXWG Wide Glide
SOFTAIL FLS Softail Slim
SOFTAIL FLST Heritage Softail
SOFTAIL FLSTC Heritage Softail Classic
SOFTAIL FLSTF Fat Boy
SOFTAIL FLSTFB Fat Boy Lo
SOFTAIL FLSTN Softail Deluxe
SOFTAIL FLSTS Heritage Springer Softail
SOFTAIL FXCW Rocker
SOFTAIL FXCWC Rocker Custom
SOFTAIL FXS Blackline
SOFTAIL FXSBSE Breakout (Screaming Eagle CVO)
SOFTAIL FXST Softail
SOFTAIL FXSTB Night Train
SOFTAIL FXSTC Softail Custom
SOFTAIL FXSTD Softail Deuce
SOFTAIL FXSTS Springer Softail
SPORTSTER XL (4-Speed)
SPORTSTER XL1100 (1100)
SPORTSTER XL1200 (1200)
SPORTSTER XL1200C Custom (1200)
SPORTSTER XL1200N Nightster
SPORTSTER XL1200S Sport (1200)
SPORTSTER XL1200V Seventy-Two
SPORTSTER XL1200X Forty-Eight
SPORTSTER XL883 Hugger
SPORTSTER XL883C Custom (883)
SPORTSTER XL883L SuperLow
SPORTSTER XL883N Iron (883)
SPORTSTER XLCH (4-Speed, Kickstart)
SPORTSTER XLH (4-Speed, Electric Start)
SPORTSTER XLH1200 (1200)
SPORTSTER XLH1200S Sport (1200)
SPORTSTER XLH883 Hugger (883)
SPORTSTER XLS Roadster (4-Speed)
SPORTSTER XR1000 (XLH with XLR Heads)
SPORTSTER XR1200 (XLH with XLR Heads)
TOURING FL Dresser (4-Speed)
TOURING FLH Electra Glide (4-Speed)

TOURING FLHR Road King
TOURING FLHRC Road King Classic
TOURING FLHRSE* Road King (Screaming Eagle CVO; *=numeric)
TOURING FLHRSI Road King Custom
TOURING FLHS Electra Glide Sport
TOURING FLHT Electra Glide Standard
TOURING FLHTC Electra Glide Classic
TOURING FLHTCU Electra Glide Ultra Classic
TOURING FLHTCUSE* Ultra Classic (Screaming Eagle CVO; *=numeric)
TOURING FLHTCUTG Ultra Classic Tri Glide (3 wheeler)
TOURING FLHTK Electra Glide Ultra Limited
TOURING FLHX Street Glide
TOURING FLT Dresser (Rubber Mount)
TOURING FLTC Dresser Classic (Rubber Mount)
TOURING FLTCU Dresser Classic Ultra (Rubber Mount)
TOURING FLTR Road Glide
TOURING FLTRU Road Glide Ultra
TOURING FLTRX Road Glide Custom
TOURING FLTRXSE* Road Glide Custom (Screaming Eagle CVO; *=numeric)
TOURING FLTRSEI Road Glide (Screaming Eagle CVO)
V-ROD VRSCA V-Rod
V-ROD VRSCAW V-Rod (2007-later)
V-ROD VRSCB Blackout
V-ROD VRSCD Night Rod
V-ROD VRSCDX Night Rod Special
V-ROD VRSCF Muscle
V-ROD VRSCR Street Rod
V-ROD VRSCX V-Rod (Screaming Eagle CVO dragster)

PANHEAD: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 74ci/1200cc, 55 hp, air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 1948-1965; the motorcycles from the movie Easy Rider were chopped, police motorcycles with Panhead engines;

RAT BIKE: an older, appearance challenged motorcycle; may or may not be intentionally made that way; there are rat bike contests;

REVOLUTION: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 69ci/1130cc, 98 hp (74 x 7000 / 5252), liquid-cooled, 60° V-twin engine, made from 2002-present; the first, and currently the only, liquid-cooled HARLEY-DAVIDSON engine; currently, only used for the VRSC models;

RICE BURNER: a motorcycle built by a Japanese owned factory, such as Honda, Suzuki, Yamaha, Kawasaki; may be found hanging from trees during Bikeweek;

SCOOTER: a motorcycle;

SCREAMING EAGLE: 3 definitions: 1) the name of the HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycle racing team; 2) the brand name of certain performance enhancing parts offered for sale by HARLEY-DAVIDSON Motor Company; 3) limited edition HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles, developed by their CVO department, which takes a stock motorcycle and accessorizes it with as much chrome and performance enhancing components as possible, including factory custom paint;

SHOVELHEAD: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 74ci/1200cc, 55 hp (72 x 4000 / 5252), air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 1966-1985;

SIDECAR: a 3 wheeled motorcycle; 1 front wheel, 1 rear wheel and a 1 wheeled, open or enclosed, passenger container, attached to either side, allowing the motorcycle to carry a total of 3 people;

SOFTAIL: a model (FLS* or FXS*) of HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles; includes the Deuce, Deluxe, Fat Boy, Heritage, Night Train, Springer, Standard styles; identified by the rear shock absorbers that are hidden under the frame, in order to look like a hardtail;

SPORT BIKE: a motorcycle built for speed and handling, not comfort, that forces the rider to lean forward; usually built by a Japanese owned factory;

SPORTSTER: a model (XL*) of HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles; includes the Custom, Low and Roadster styles; identified by the external rear shock absorbers and the 53ci/883cc, air-cooled, V-twin engine or the 74ci/1200cc, air-cooled, V-twin engine;

STOCK: a motorcycle with all original parts as sold by the manufacturer;

STROKER: a performance enhancing accessory to increase the stroke of pistons; **it means absolutely nothing else, really;**

TOURER: a motorcycle built for interstate travel with accessories to help the rider and passenger be comfortable and safe;

TOURING: a model (FLH* and FLT*) of HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles; includes the Electra Glide, Road Glide, Road King and Street Glide styles; identified by a windshield, saddlebags that hide the external rear shock absorbers and sometimes a front fairing and rear trunk;

TRIKE: a 3 wheeled motorcycle; traditionally, 1 front wheel and 2 rear wheels;

TUG-BOAT: a motorcycle built for interstate travel with accessories to help the rider and passenger be comfortable and safe; a Touring model;

TWIN-CAM 88: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 88ci/1450cc, 57 hp (86 x 3500 / 5252), air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 1999-2006;

TWIN-CAM 96: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 96ci/1584cc, 61 hp (92 x 3500 / 5252), air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 2007-present; aka a Twinkie;

TWIN-CAM 103: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 103ci/1687cc, 66 hp (100 x 3500 / 5252), air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 2006-present; aka a Twinkie;

TWIN-CAM 110: a HARLEY-DAVIDSON, 110ci/1802cc, 84 hp (118 x 3750 / 5252), air-cooled, V-twin engine, made from 2007-present; aka a Twinkie;

VRSC: a model (VRSC*) of HARLEY-DAVIDSON motorcycles; includes the Night ROD, Street ROD and V-ROD styles; the first, and currently the only, HARLEY-DAVIDSON model with a radiator; the first, and currently the only, HARLEY-DAVIDSON model with the liquid-cooled V-twin Revolution engine;

V-TWIN: two cylinders, placed at an angle; most HARLEY-DAVIDSON V-Twins are at 45°, with a single pin crankshaft connecting both pistons via connecting rods; pistons are fired at uneven intervals, in the following sequence: the first piston fires a 0° into the stroke, the other piston fires at 315° into the stroke; there is a 405° gap, as both cylinders go through the exhaust stroke, until the first piston fires again; at idle, it sounds like: vah-room, vah-room, vah-room; if moving, it sounds like: vroom;

*** THE ORGANIZATIONS ***

81: the Hell's Angels motorcycle club, because the 8th letter (H) and the 1st letter (A), together form the initials HA;

ABATE: a national organization for motorcycle rights and education; aka 'A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments', 'American Bikers Against Totalitarian Enactments', 'A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education', 'American Bikers for Awareness, Training & Education', 'American Bikers Aimed Towards Education', 'American Bikers Advocating Training & Education';

AMA: American Motorcycle Association, the \$39 per year, national organization, encouraging and supporting motorcycling; sponsors races and tours worldwide and a museum in Pickerington, OH.; publishes a monthly American Motorcyclist magazine;

BLUE KNIGHTS: a motorcycle club for law enforcement personnel;

CHAPTER: a formally or informally organized, group of like minded individuals, united in purpose; may be part of a local, regional, national or worldwide organization;

CLUB: a formally or informally organized, group of like minded individuals, united in purpose; usually an independent local organization;

CMRA: Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association, a Connecticut organization that sponsors motorcycle rides and events and is the voice for all motorcycle riders at the Connecticut State Capitol;

HA: the initials of the Hell's Angels motorcycle club;

HELL'S ANGELS: the world's most notorious motorcycle club;

HOG: HARLEY OWNERS GROUP, the \$45 per year, national organization, established in 1983, sponsored by the HARLEY-DAVIDSON Motor Company, which encourages dealers to sponsor local HOG Chapters for an additional \$0-\$24 per year; the world's largest factory-sponsored motorcycle club, with over 1,000,000 world-wide members; publishes a quarterly HOG Tales magazine;

IBA: Iron Butt Association, a national organization for extreme endurance motorcycle riders; members document a minimum of 1,000 miles in 24 hours; members may then compete for the 10/10 ride (10,000 miles in 10 days), the 30/30 ride (30,000 miles in 30 days), the CCC100 (coast to coast in 100 hours) or other mind-boggling rides;

LOH: Ladies of HARLEY, a discretionary, ladies only, sub-group of any local HOG Chapter; LOH encourage their own meetings, rides and other events;

MC: motorcycle club or just motorcycle;

MRF: Motorcycle Riders Foundation;

MRO: motorcyclists rights organizations, such as ABATE, CMRA, MRF;

MSF: Motorcycle Safety Foundation;

POLAR BEARS: a motorcycle club with members that begin their riding season in late October and end their riding season in late April; members supposedly store their motorcycles for the summer;

RED AND WHITE: the Hell's Angels motorcycle club, because of the colors of their emblems and patches;

RED KNIGHTS: a motorcycle club for firefighter personnel;

RENEGADE PIGS: a motorcycle club for law enforcement personnel;

WILD PIGS: a motorcycle club for law enforcement personnel;

*** THE PEOPLE ***

1 PERCENTER: a fully-patched, outlaw biker, with a willingness to commit serious crimes; 99 percent of motorcyclists do not fall into this category, really;

BIKER: someone that lives to ride and rides to live; their life is their motorcycle and their motorcycle is their life;

CAGER: someone that controls a moving automobile;

DRAG: the rider in the last position in a group of riders;

DRIVER: someone that controls a moving automobile;

RIDER: someone that controls a moving motorcycle;

MOTORCYCLIST: someone that owns and operates a motorcycle; they ride and participate in motorcycle events and organizations as much as possible;

PRIMARY OFFICERS: the Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary of a HOG Chapter;

ROAD CAPTAIN: a rider in a group of riders, that assists other riders in getting to a destination safely; there may be several Road Captains on a group ride, such as a Lead Road Captain, a Middle Road Captain, a Rear Road Captain; each Road Captain has specific duties; follow the advice of your Road Captains;

RUB: a Rich Urban Biker; sounds better than RUM, a Rich Urban Motorcyclist;

SCOOTER TRASH: someone that hangs around motorcyclists and motorcycle events, but may or may not own a motorcycle;

SWEEP: the rider in the last position in a group of riders;

VOLUNTEER: someone who can be counted on to git-r-dun; any motorcycle club or event would be impossible without them; they perform every positive action verb for the benefit of someone else:

assist, befriend, contribute, donate, educate, follow, guide, help, inform, judge, know, lead, meet, nudge, organize, participate, question, recruit, share, train, unite, value, write, xcite, yield, zoom; (OK, OK, I can't find an X verb);

WOBLER: a rider of questionable ability;

WRENCH: a motorcycle mechanic; your life may depend on them, therefore treat them very nicely;

*** THE TERMS ***

2 UP: 2 people on a motorcycle, usually one behind the other or one in front of the other or vice versa, depending on your perspective;

ALLIGATOR: a long, black, remnant of a cheap, re-capped tire, laying in the road, that probably exploded off a big rig truck; something that must be avoided at all times;

APE HANGERS: really high handlebars that make a rider look like they are hanging by their arms;

BACKREST: an accessory on a motorcycle that allows the rider or passenger to rest their back; a passenger on a motorcycle that allows the rider to rest their back;

BIKER WAVE: left arm held low, just below the handlebar, with open palm; wave at all motorcyclists approaching in the opposite direction, wave at all policemen who are on their feet and wave at all children that show any interest whatsoever;

BRAIN BUCKET: a motorcycle helmet;

BURNOUT: spinning the rear tire of a stationary motorcycle until it smokes; the more smoke the better; there are burnout contests;

BUTT-BUFFER: a company that makes padded cushions for motorcycle seats; anything a rider uses for a seat cushion;

CAGE: an automobile;

CC/CI: cubic centimeter/cubic inch; the amount of displacement or volume in a cylinder; the more the better; 1 cubic centimeter (cc) = 0.061 cubic inch; 1 cubic inch (cu in) = 16.387 cc;

CHAPS: coverings for the legs, usually made from leather, with or without fringe or conches, with an open crotch and butt, therefore, they should be worn over pants, but at certain motorcycle events, personal alternative fashion interpretations may be found; there are 3 types of chaps: **BATWINGS** are flared cut and may flap around when riding, **SHOTGUNS** are straight cut and warmer, **CHINKS** are short, ending just below the knee; from the Spanish/Mexican words chaparajos or chapareras;

CHROME: the shiny stuff on a motorcycle; the more the better; a liquid plating process that uses layered coatings of copper(Cu-29), nickel(Ni-28) and chromium(Cr-24);

COLORS: emblems or patches, worn on a vest or jacket;

COTTON BUTT: what a rider's butt feels like after a short ride;

COUNTERSTEER: pushing on a handlebar grip to go in the intended direction; push right, go right; push left, go left;

CRUISE: a ride, usually no more than a few hours;

DILLIGAF: Does It Look Like I Give A Fu*k; famous sticker and patch;

DO-RAG: a covering worn on the head between the head and the helmet;

EASY RIDER: a movie from 1969; its viewing is known to have opened the mind and changed the direction of at least 1 life on this planet;

EYE CANDY: something pleasing to the eye;

FRICION ZONE: the moment when a motorcycle starts to react to the use of the throttle and clutch, by speeding up or slowing down; used to control a motorcycle;

GROUP RIDE: operating or moving on a motorcycle with other riders; may be restricted to specific brands of motorcycles or organizations;

HEAD CHECK: turning your head, checking the intended lane with your eyes, before moving your motorcycle into that lane;

HELMET: a protective covering that may be voluntarily or involuntarily strapped to the head; motorcycle helmets are usually made of a hard fiberglass outer shell, with a firm Styrofoam inner core, covered by a soft padded liner; Connecticut and other states recognize the rights of motorcycle riders to choose when to wear a helmet; in some states, motorcycle riders are forced to wear a helmet at all times; all states require a helmet be approved; no states define what a motorcycle helmet is in great detail, even though there are several types: **FULL FACE** helmets, covering the head, including the ears and face, leaving an opening for the eyes, weighing about 3 pounds; **OPEN FACE (3/4)** helmets, covering the head and ears, but leaving the face open, weighing about 2

pounds; OPEN FACE (1/2) helmets, covering the head, but leaving the ears and face open, weighing about 1 pound; NOVELTY helmets, made of various materials, covering various parts of the head; all helmets add significant weight on the neck, limit vision and sound;

HELMET HAIR: the sweaty, flattened, impossible to comb hair, resulting from wearing a helmet;

HELMET LAWS: "the government cannot make any objective standards for helmets without taking on liability, and since they are expressly forbidden from taking on any liability, they can never make an objective standard for helmets. Without an objective standard it all becomes ad hoc and arbitrary. Ad hoc and arbitrary is the foundation of vague law. Vague law is Unconstitutional." Richard Quigley;

HOG HANDBOOK: the official 330+ page, guideline, policy and information book, published by National HOG for the benefit of local HOG Chapter Sponsors and Primary Officers (Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary); should be reviewed by all HOG members;

HORSEPOWER: an amount of force; the more the better; when used with torque, horsepower keeps you going; Horsepower = Torque x RPM / 5252;

HOT: HOG Officer Training; the comprehensive training conducted by regional and national HOG representatives for the benefit of local HOG Chapter Officers (Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor, Safety, Activities, LOH, Historian, Web Master, Photographer, Road Captains); see POT, Primary Officer Training;

INKED: to get a tattoo;

IRON BUTT: what a rider's butt feels like after riding a 1,000 miles in 24 hours;

JIFFY-STAND: a small, metal arm along the bottom left of the frame, that the motorcycle leans on when parked; the rider kicks it down toward the ground, in a jiffy, to position it for standing (parking); the rider must remember to kick it up away from the ground before moving; aka KICK-STAND;

JUGS: engine cylinders; **it means absolutely nothing else, really;** 'Hey, Bob, you got some big JUGS!';

KICK-STAND: a small, metal arm along the bottom left of the frame, that the motorcycle leans on when parked; the rider kicks it down toward the ground to position it for standing (parking); the rider must remember to kick it up away from the ground before moving; aka JIFFY-STAND;

KICK-START: the rituals (actions) taken by a rider to start certain motorcycles with a vigorous kick (downward push) of a pedal attached to a ratcheting lever on the starter; most modern motorcycles are produced with electric starting capabilities; most older and some custom motorcycles only have kick-starting capabilities; the MOCO produced it's first electric starting motorcycle in 1965; the MOCO produced motorcycles with both kick and electric starting capabilities until 1985, the last year of the MOCO kickers; **WARNING:** to avoid serious injury to yourself, others or to the motorcycle, kick-starting should only be attempted by those experienced with the art of kick-starting, described as follows:

step01: be familiar with the components and procedures required to kick-start that specific motorcycle because every motorcycle has a different personality and temperament;

step02: assure the motorcycle transmission is in neutral;

step03: assure the carburetors' petcock (gas line) is open;

step04: if equipped, assure the compression releases are open;

step05: assure the choke is pulled out (on);

step06: assure the motorcycle ignition switch is in run (start) position;

step07: position yourself in one of two positions: standing astride the motorcycle or standing next to the motorcycle;

step08: if standing astride the motorcycle, with hands on handlebars, position right foot on pedal or if standing next to the motorcycle, with hands on handlebars, position either foot on pedal; turn (roll on) throttle as often as necessary or required;

step09: slowly kick (push downward) on the pedal, until maximum resistance is reached, then remove foot to release the pedal, allowing it return to the at rest position; repeat as often as necessary or required;

step10: draw a deep breath, brace yourself, position the appropriate foot on pedal and commence to quickly and vigorously kick (push downward) with all your weight on the pedal, keeping the knee

slightly bent; when the pedal has reached the bottom of the kick, quickly remove foot to release the pedal, allowing it return to the at rest position; engine should fire up and start on first kick (YEAH, RIGHT!);

step11: Repeat steps 8 through 10 as often as necessary or required and remember the old rule of the road for kickers: park facing down hill;

LET'S ROLL: position yourself on a motorcycle, ready to ride it;

MOCO: the HARLEY-DAVIDSON Motor Company headquartered in Milwaukee, WI., with manufacturing plants in East Troy, Milwaukee and Tomahawk, WI., Kansas City, MO. and York, PA.; as of 2007, 5+ billion in sales, 9,000+ employees;

MOUNT UP: position yourself on a motorcycle, ready to ride it;

NUMB BUTT: what a rider's butt feels like after a short ride;

ON-GA-WA: what Tarzan said to his elephant, Timba, when he wanted the beast to slow down, stop, back-up, go, go faster, turn right, turn left, get Jane, find Boy or call Cheeta; also spoken on occasion by Bob Vincent, while on his motorcycle, as identified by registration plate, TIMBA;

OLD-SCHOOL: refers either to a person or a motorcycle; both terms imply old fashion styling, customs and attitude;

OPEN RIDE: operating or moving on a motorcycle with all brands of motorcycles and all kinds of riders;

POT: Primary Officer Training, the comprehensive training conducted by regional and national HOG representatives for the benefit of local HOG Chapter Primary Officers (Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary); as of 2010, called HOT, HOG Officer Training;

PUTT: a ride, usually no more than a few hours;

RAIN GEAR: anything that can be worn to keep a rider dry, including rain coats, gloves, rubber boots, parkas or, if necessary, plastic bags;

RIDE: operating or moving on a motorcycle, either alone or with other riders;

RIDING BITCH: a male passenger on a motorcycle;

ROAD RASH: something that happens to skin, when it rubs against the surface of a road; something that must be avoided at all times;

ROCKER: an arched emblem or patch worn on a vest or jacket; **it means absolutely nothing else, really;**

RUN: a ride, usually no more than a few hours;

SADDLE UP: position yourself on a motorcycle, ready to ride it;

SISSY BAR: a backrest; **it means absolutely nothing else, really;**

SKID LID: a motorcycle helmet;

STAGGERED FORMATION: the formation a group of motorcycles maintains during a ride; the lead motorcycle is number 1 and will occupy the leftmost part of a traffic lane; the next motorcycle is number 2 and will occupy the rightmost part of the same traffic lane, slightly behind number 1; the odd numbered motorcycles are in front of and to the left of the even numbered motorcycles;

STOPPIE: lifting the rear wheel of a motorcycle off the ground by applying an excessive amount of front brake force; may or may not be intentional;

SUCK, SQUEEZE, BANG, BLOW: the 4 cycles of an internal combustion engine: suck in gas and air, squeeze them together, bang them with an electrical spark and blow them out the exhaust; **it means absolutely nothing else, really;**

SUICIDE CLUTCH: a left foot operated clutch; stopping the motorcycle required the rider to keep his left foot on the clutch pedal and right foot on the rear brake and then the ground; If the rider puts the left foot down, the motorcycle could lurch forward into traffic;

SUICIDE SHIFTER: a left hand operated shifter; requires taking the left hand off the handle bars to shift gears; aka Jockey Shifter;

TAR SNAKES: very slippery strips of asphalt-based goop that are used to fill cracks in a road;

TARGET FIXATION: looking where you want to go longer than you should or looking where you do not want to go longer than you should; do not fixate;

THROTTLE: one of the grips on the handlebars of a motorcycle, that when turned, provide gas to the engine;

TATS: tattoos;

TATTOO: decorating the human body with indelible ink; The most common method of tattooing in modern times is the electric tattoo machine, which inserts ink into the skin via a single needle or a group of needles, which are attached to an oscillating unit. The unit rapidly and repeatedly drives the needles in and out of the skin, usually 80 to 150 times a second. This modern procedure is usually sanitary.

TITS: time in the saddle; **OK, this one can mean something else, really;** 'Hey, Bob, you got some big TITS!';

TORQUE: an amount of force, measured as foot pounds; the more the better; when used with horsepower, torque gets you going; $\text{Torque} = \text{Horsepower} \times 5252 / \text{RPM}$;

TRIPLE TREE: some kind of parts on all motorcycles having to do with the front end;

WHEELIE: lifting the front wheel of a motorcycle off the ground while moving; may or may not be intentional;

*** THE PHILOSOPHIES, MOTTOS and RULES OF THE ROAD ***

'There will always be someone bigger, faster and with more money than you',,, Biker John G
'Let it go, let it go,,, just, let,,, it,,, go',,, Biker Dave "Spot" L,,, (RIP)
'Be Visible, Think Invisible',,, Biker Bob V
'If you can see the plate, it could be too late',,, Biker Bob V
'I didn't see him, is an admission of guilt, not an excuse',,, Biker Bob V
'Expect the Unexpected',,, Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge
'Live to Ride, Ride to Live'
'Live to Ride, Ride to Eat, Repeat',,, Biker Bob V
'Ride and Have Fun, Repeat',,, Biker Bob V
'Ride Smart, Ride Safe',,, Biker Bob V
'Never ever look down,,, MC Instructors'
'Look where you want to go,,, MC Instructors'
'Push Right, Go Right, Push Left, Go Left,,, MC Instructors'
'Never ride faster than you can stop,,, Iron Butt Association'
'Ride like hell, you'll get there',,, Biker Bob V

*** THE BOOKS ***

'Proficient Motorcycling' by David L. Hough (how, what, when, where)
'More Proficient Motorcycling' by David L. Hough (more how, what, when, where)
'Going the Extra Mile' by Ron Ayres (everything you needed to know to get going, go, stay going and knowing when to stop) <http://www.amazon.com/Going-Extra-Mile-Long-Distance-Motorcycling/dp/1884313396>
'Against the Clock' by Ron Ayres (8,800 miles in 7 days 49 states)
'Against the Wind' by Ron Ayres (10,000 miles in 10 days)
'Riding the Edge' by Dave Barr (83,000 miles in 3 years, around the world, north to south then east to west; Dave lost both legs before these adventures)

*** THE VIDEOS ***

'Ride Like a Pro' by Jerry Palladino (motorcycle instructor demonstrates slow speed exercises; well worth it) <http://www.ridelikeapro.com/>
'Street Smarts' Volume1,2,3 by Paul Winters (how, what, when, where)
<http://www.amazon.com/Street-Smarts-Motorcycle-Skills-Vol/dp/B000TK8NNW>

***** THE WEBSITES *****

<http://www.ctstateHOGrally.com/> (Connecticut HOG rally info)
<http://www.HARLEY-DAVIDSON.com/> (the borg)
<http://www.HOG.com/>
<http://www.ride4ever.org/> (Connecticut DOT motorcycle info; great site; see 'Stories from the Road')
<http://www.thecmra.com/> (Connecticut's only motorcycle riders rights organization)

***** THE WEBSITES: CONNECTICUT HARLEY-DAVIDSON DEALERS AND THEIR CHAPTERS *****

<http://www.brothersHARLEY.com/> and <http://www.newhavenHOG.com/>
<http://www.gengrasHARLEY.com/> and <http://www.hartfordHOG.org/>
<http://www.HDofdanbury.com/> and <http://www.danburyHOG.com/>
<http://www.mikesfamousgroton.com/default.asp> and <http://www.nlchog.com/>
<http://www.tsiHARLEYDAVIDSON.com/> and <http://www.ellingtonHOG.com/>
<http://www.yankeeHARLEY.com/> and <http://www.westconnHOG.org/>

***** THE WEBSITES: OTHER WORTHY SITES *****

<http://motorcycles.about.com/> (advice, sights and sounds)
<http://motorcycleinfo.calsci.com/> (tons of practical info)
<http://www.aerostich.com/riderwarehouse.store> (real great stuff)
<http://www.amadirectlink.com/index.asp> (important stuff)
<http://www.backroadsusa.com/index.html> (internet magazine)
<http://www.ctcruisenews.com/> (the best source for local activities)
<http://www.cvoharley.com/smf/> (excellent source of info)
<http://www.hdforums.com/> (excellent source of info)
<http://www.hdtalking.com/> (excellent source of info)
<http://www.hokaheychallenge.com/> (see me listed as rider 658 in 2011)
<http://www.ironbutt.com/> (for serious long distance riders)
<http://www.ironbutt.com/rides/ssbbfin1.cfm?CFID=779482&CFTOKEN=99821663>
(see me 6/23/2000 1,009 miles 20 hours and 7/12/2008 1,022 miles 21 hours)
<http://www.msgroup.org/TIPS.asp> (the best safety related info)
<http://www.mrf.org/index.php> (riders rights info)
<http://www.msf-usa.org/> (riders safety info)
<http://www.nightrider.com/biketech/> (great performance info)
<http://www.thunderpress.net/> (internet magazine)