## Overview

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The Harley-Davidson Museum vision is to draw visitors locally and from throughout the world to experience the people, products, culture and history of Harley-Davidson. The Museum celebrates the rich history of the Company, the passion of the riders, and the stories of employees, dealers, and suppliers. These stories include a wealth of interesting facts about Harley-Davidson:

**The Company**

* The first Harley-Davidson factory was a 10' x 15' wooden shed located in the backyard of the Davidson home.
* Since the Company's inception in 1903, more than 150 different American motorcycle companies have come and gone, while Harley-Davidson has continued to thrive.
* Harley-Davidson has been supplying law enforcement groups with motorcycles since 1908.
* By 1920, Harley-Davidson had become the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world.
* During World War II, Harley-Davidson produced more than 88,000 motorcycles for the U.S. and its allies.
* Harley-Davidson has produced millions of motorcycles from 1903 to the present.

**The Riders**

* The enthusiasm of Harley-Davidson riders is not a new phenomenon. A trade magazine mentioned a Harley-Davidson riders' club gathering in Chicago, IL. in 1908.
* The first American to enter Germany following the 1918 signing of the World War I Armistice was riding a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.
* The first women's motorcycle club – The Motor Maids – was founded in the 1930's.
* Dot Robinson, a nationally renowned female rider born in 1912, estimated she logged more than 1.5 million miles on motorcycles in her lifetime. She was inducted into the AMA Hall of Fame in 1998.
* Beginning in the 1970's, Harley-Davidson formed a close relationship with famed motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel, supplying motorcycles and support to the high-profile stunt master.
* The Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) was founded in 1983 and today has over 1 million members.
* Famous Harley-Davidson riders are far too numerous to mention, but they include Elvis Presley, Clark Gable, Elizabeth Taylor, Wynona Judd, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jay Leno.