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HARLEY OWNERS GROUP  
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## CART LIST 2020

The CART List has been updated....  
If you are out riding and your bike has a problem and you are in need of someone to help you get it home... these folks have volunteered to help out!

- Snohomish:** Ron Fisk 425-870-4174  
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- Wenatchee:** Gordon and Mary Quehrn (summer)  
Arizona (winter) 425-238-2904
- Stanwood:** Mark Reeves 425-210-1221
- Camano Island:** Dave & Michelle Ballard  
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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SECRETARY 2021 NCHOG ELECTIONS

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*Hello Happy People!*

Boy do I miss our first Sunday breakfast meetings and I'm sure you feel the same. Unfortunately we're still on hover mode regarding crowd sizes for public events. But we are still a chapter and I will continue to support NCHOG in any way possible.

Looking forward to 2021, membership renewals (please see membership article for information) and Officer Elections are quickly approaching. A chapter needs a minimum of four primary positions, Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer to continue to be a chapter. While all of our positions are equally important, the continued support of our Chapter volunteers is key to our survival as a group. Currently the Director, Secretary and Treasurer positions will need to be filled in December for the Chapter to continue. Membership and LOH will also need volunteers for us to be successful as a group. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these positions or would like to possibly volunteer for, or nominate someone, for a position, via email or text message at [usmc3250@gmail.com](mailto:usmc3250@gmail.com) or 360-873-7455. The November newsletter will have the members listed who have volunteered, or been nominated, for a position. If there's more than one person interested, or nominated, for a position the membership will be polled with a vote in late November and announced in December's newsletter.

It's been a difficult time for all but I hope we can keep rolling as a group coming out of this unprecedented time as the NCHOG Chapter we all know and love. We worked hard to keep our Chapter intact with the closure of North Cascades Harley but we did it! Let's get to the other side together and continue our great group of NCHOG!

Thankfully I have been able to get out and ride...a lot! You may remember when I came to NCHOG late summer last year. Having just bought Mary Poppins I was looking for a group to connect with finding NCHOG and adopting you as my riding family. During the course of the last year I have made many friends while riding but my family at NCHOG has been the best at encouraging, supporting and educating me about riding. I will always be grateful for each and every one of you!

*Sincerely, Donna Mae  
Secretary, NCHOG*

*It has been a bizarre year indeed. Just when one feels no more curves are coming our way another one pops up.....*

I say this very humbly to all of you. What a great group of folks to be associated with. Each of you have gone way beyond any reasonable expectation of support to our small group, that we call North Cascade HOG, my second family. I cannot say thank you enough to each of you for your efforts and yes love. This past month has proven more of a challenge as each of you have had to step up and fill the void that one or two of has made. In my case I am sorry to report that I fell flat in dealing with the many issues and the leadership required to keep the dream alive. This past month I have had to deal with the fact that my dear friend Kenneth from high school. Who would later become my brother in law has passed from this virus that has upended all of our lives.

As each of us started this year with dreams and plans in making our chapter better the challenges along the way just keep getting more and more difficult. We as a chapter have seen the arrival of a virus that has forced us to become distant to each other in public and end our very social fabric. The loss of our dealership that was our long time chapter supporter and the personal loss of friends and chapter members who have been forced to relocate due to many issues.

That said we as a chapter still need to look forward and be thankful for what we still have and hope to regain. It's hard to grasp but the subject of who will step up and lead this group since chapter elections are just around the corner. Will the current staff comment to continuing, and does the chapter have someone willing to step in and fill a vacantly???

I see two issues that need to be addressed before the end of the year.

- Who will take on the chapter elections???. Contact the current staff and report back so the member ship knows: Who is staying and any open positions.
- If the rules do change between now and Christmas. Will we have a joint Christmas dinner with our sister chapter?? Who will step up and work with the Sound chapter??

Now that my family has dealt with the passing of Ken and some of you contributed to his go fund me, I thank you again.

***Michael***

***Director, North Cascade HOG***



*Greetings to all our brother and sister riders and HOG members.*

To say this has been an unusual year would be an understatement. The COVID, the politics and upcoming election, the closing of the Harley dealership, and the loss of our chapter sponsorship has had a great impact on us all, our riding and perhaps our health. A first shout out is to those who have continued working on keeping what is left of the Chapter moving ahead and providing activities and fellowship we need.

Mike, Jerry and Dani, Len, and Donna have more than stepped up to provide the leadership and example all can admire. Roger has been keeping the mid-week rides rolling along with John G. They deserve our recognition and gratitude. Excuse me if I left someone out.

The Sound Harley dealership and HOG seem to be moving along nicely and their Chapter is intact. The decision and level of participation of our members in their Chapter is a personal one and they have extended the hand of welcome. How, if, and when we accept it is an individual choice. Soon, this riding season will slow down and perhaps give each of us pause to form a decision.

My personal riding mileage has been curtailed by some health issues (that are improving, thank you) and some other commitments. At least one trip was back to Grangeville, ID with those of us who were with Fred on his last ride. We laid a memorial plaque there, had a moment of silence and brotherhood, then finished the ride we started. His son Jason accompanied and I think it was a moment of closure for him and us. Nothing personal about the fine 3,000 folks of that town, but I never will have the need to return.

Still, the main issue of safety remains, and nothing is more important nor can anything replace it. The Riverside - Burlington bridge has now become my latest bugaboo spot. While riding today, I was almost side-swiped by a car coming up the Hoag Rd. a sharp curve, fast and deciding to take the number one lane. I anticipated their lack of attention and avoided what otherwise might have been a bad day. I rolled up next to them and as she rolled down the passenger window, I gave her a piece of my mind. She was truly apologetic.

My mistake was that my attention was diverted and for a few seconds did not pay attention to other drivers. It lasted no more than 15 seconds, but that is all it takes (or less) for a situation to change drastically. My mind was not on riding and after a few other stops, was glad to get home. The point (and we all know it) is to keep your mind on your environment and your emotions in check.

We have a few more weeks of great riding when the weather and wet leaf litter on the road change our riding frequency. Keep safety in mind, friendship in your heart, and eyes on the road. Consider your level of participation in the Sound HOG accordingly.

*Until then,  
ride and have fun.*

*Bruce-Paul Scott,  
Assistant Director*



***We asked Roger Valentine, Head Road Captain about some of his favorite rides....***

**YOU KNOW YOUR A BIKER  
WHEN YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR  
FRIENDS BY THE SOUND OF  
THEIR EXHAUST**



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Over the years with NCHOG I have made so many memories with many different people.

Five years ago Tom Dostart gave my name to Brian who owns Nelson Tours in Minnesota, which gave me the opportunity to make good friends that go on his tours. Bad Tom got to go with me this year and meet some of them.

Now with that said... One of my really memorable rides would have to be when I had scheduled a ride on the weekend to leave from the dealership, and I'm sitting there waiting for riders to show up to go riding, but there are no riders coming into the lot. Discouragement sets in, and then I hear the sound of pipes! Now here into the lot comes a rider on this gloomy day. We sat a few minutes after time for kickstands to go up, then I asked this rider if

he wanted to ride or go home, and of course he enthused "Let's ride!"

Did I mention it was a gloomy day? I asked him if he was game for finding some sunshine, and with an enthusiastic thumbs up, we headed off to Wenatchee, where it is *always* nice and sunny.

Up to Pateros we go, stopping for lunch. We sat and ate, and totally enjoyed the ambiance, the warmth, and the opportunity to have a one on one conversation and getting to know each other better. Time flew by and before we knew it was time to get moving again so we got back on the road heading home over the North Cascade Highway.

The weather was still great as we heading up the pass until we got to Diablo, now the wind starting blowing hard, but still no rain, so we're thinking we got lucky....until we dropped into Concrete and it's starting to sprinkle. I pull over to see if the other rider wants to suit up with rain gear, and he said "No, we're not that far from home." so we finished our ride getting soaking wet from Lyman to home.

So Road Captains, *remember it's not how many people show up, it's about the ride you have with the one that does show up.* Our group rides are great, but those occasional one or two people rides can be a wonderful opportunity for a little more flexibility and freedom... and some cozy conversation.

And thank you Steve Constano, for a *great* memory, and also thank you to everyone who I have shared rides and memories with because there are so many it seems like I could write forever!

***Until later.....Roger.***

*Note: Check page 11 for October ride information from your Road Captains...*

## **HISTORIES LESSONS.....**

Howdy fellow Covid Fighters! *What a year indeed!* I think it's fair to say that no one really has a good idea about how this year will end up..... We all keep expecting another "gut shot." Some things are noteworthy though.....

You'll remember that our chapter has some amazing beginnings starting with the story of Fred Smith and how he brought a First Class Harley dealership to the Great Northwest.\* Fred's hard work and charisma, his passion for riding and his determination to share his boundless joy of life is the very bedrock of this chapter! We were saddened when he sold the dealership, but with new ownership came new beginnings, and new relationships were forged.

**Then came 2020** and Fred's passing. Covid. Worldwide unrest. And then our sponsoring dealership closes. Our chapter has been through a lot....but by golly we're still standing! Some great folks have worked hard to preserve our chapter for our members but it's time for those very members to carry some of the load and keep this chapter viable. I'm not just talking about new members or members that haven't served as officers or even volunteered. I'm including those folks that have served and volunteered.....that have been long time members. When the chips are down.....well, you know the saying. We need our long time members.....those folks that were the actual cornerstones of this chapter.....to again step up to the plate and help keep this chapter great like it has been for so long.

It sure makes it hard without the monthly First Sunday Meeting doesn't it? That meeting we all took for granted. The nice laid back venue. The inexpensive but expansive \$8.00 breakfast. The meetings, new information, the wisecracks from the Peanut Gallery in the back, the raffles.....the after meeting rides. Now, without the preset meeting to bring us together, we need to make an effort to reach out to other members. Just because there is a pandemic doesn't mean our riding brothers and sisters are fine without us or don't need/want to hear from us. We all own phones. We all have internet. Most are on Facebook. The many members that have been in the chapter so long all know each other's contact information and they all stay in touch. I feel strongly that part of being a member is that we reach out and go that extra mile to keep it all together. We all really need to try a bit harder to keep this all together and going forward. Let's not let a virus take it all away.

Most probably don't realize how much Director Mike, with the help of BP has done to get our chapter sponsored by Sound. I doubt anyone has given much thought to what Sound has committed to invest just to sponsor our chapter. Likely not many have a clue as to the work our Secretary Donna has done to promote communications via our Facebook page and email blasts.

It will never be the same without Fred, without Skagit or North Cascades Harley. But we can carry on as a group of dedicated riders that happen to care a lot about each other. Our passion for owning and riding Harley's won't die. The meetings will come back. Let's make sure the most important stuff.....the friendships and the comaderie between us remains and grows stronger.

I've been associated with this chapter since beginning of 2010. I don't want to see it go away. I hope you all feel the same and are willing to hang together and let's beat this damn virus.

Thank you Lord for all the blessings and for each other.

*Jerry, Historian*

\* To hear more about Freds story, check out [https://soundrider.com/archive/dealers/skagit\\_harley.aspx](https://soundrider.com/archive/dealers/skagit_harley.aspx)

# IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NEWS!

With fall upon us it's time to think about our chapter membership renewal form and dues. I've been working on a few scenarios trying to make it as easy as possible for all of us. With the challenges of meeting as a Chapter my current plan will be to send out membership enrollment forms the last week of December.

The renewal form and a pre-addressed stamped envelope, addressed to our Chapter, will be sent to your address on file, ***please email me if you have a change of address.*** All you'll need to do is fill out the form, sign it, enclose a check for your dues placing the renewal form and check in the pre-stamped envelope dropping it in the mail. Once the renewal form and dues have been received your new membership card will be sent to you.

Unless current events change so we can meet as a larger group this is the plan. If you have any questions please let me know.

All the best! Donna Mae  
Secretary & Membership Officer



In putting together the Newsletter this month, I found a lot of time (and space!) for introspection.

I started tagging along to Sunday morning meetings with Good Jerry a little over two years ago.....mostly because I wanted to hang out with Stan (*shhhh....don't tell Jerry*). I soon discovered that being an introvert is *not allowed* in NCHOG! My first meeting was the Christmas party....and right here I need to insert a special "Thank you" to Joanie Oxford for being the first to sit down next to me and coax me out of my shell asking me about my bike and my life....and though I rode a Suzuki, I quickly realized it wasn't **what** you rode, it was **that** you rode! And that has been my experience since then. It is amazing how the simple love of riding can bring together such a diverse....and sometimes strange....group of people. But here we all our...bound by our desire to color outside of the lines. Everyone has a story to tell.

In particular I have been surprised to find out that a good portion of the ladies that I have met have come to the riding lifestyle oftentimes with parallel stories to mine.....especially the ones of similar age. I will be 60 years old next month, so mine is a story of being raised a female in the patriarchal society of the 60's and coming of age in the 70's. While the women's lib movement of that era did a lot to further women, in the small towns I grew up in those "hippie chicks" had nothing whatsoever to do with my rural "Leave it to Beaver" reality. There were certain norms expected of women....you would grow up, get married and your world would revolve completely around your family. You didn't need to go to College, your husband would support you. You didn't need to know how to fix your car, that's what your man would do. Ride a motorcycle? No way.....that was for tattooed, loose "biker chicks" who hang out in bars and, as my father would so delicately put it "looked like they had been rode hard and put away wet." Yep, it was a whole different world!

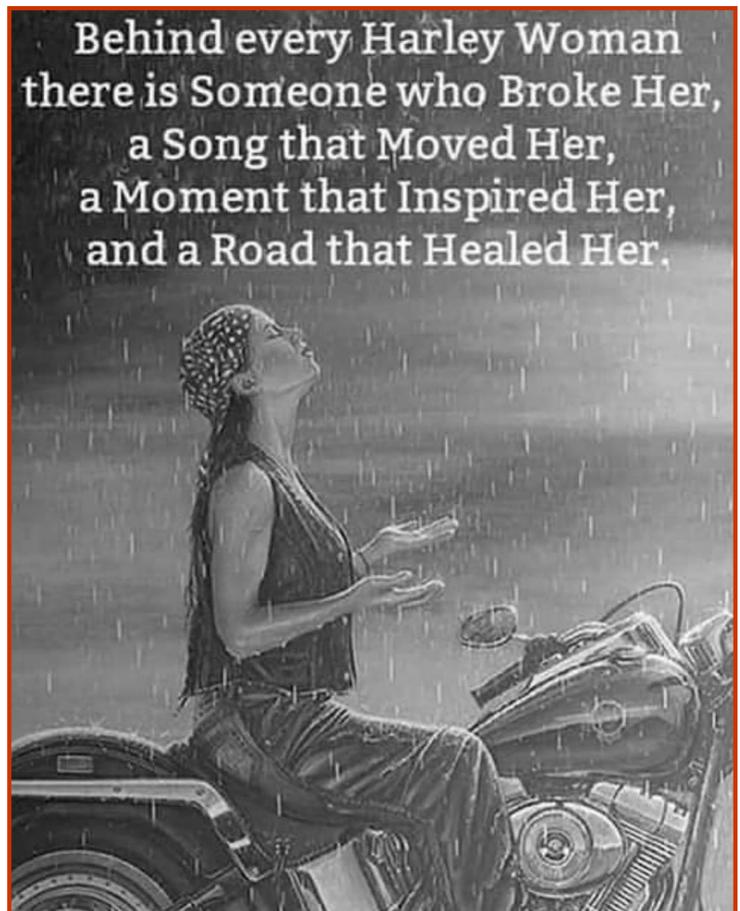
Fast forward through a couple of marriages and an entire lifetime of struggling to conform (and failing hugely at it). There was always somebody in charge of my life and telling me "No." Whether it be riding a motorcycle, getting a tattoo or just taking a trip to see a friend. At some point around 45-50 I realized that some people are just made different, and I was finally able to embrace my independent spirit. It definitely had a price, but I have discovered that if you find like-minded women, it is a price that doesn't seem so high.

So to be honest, deciding to ride for me, was in part the ultimate statement. A symbol of my hard won freedom and my individuality. Little did I know that it would become far more than that. Donna Mae calls it "*Wind-sisters*" and I cant think of a better description.

So to all of you extraordinary women out there who have encouraged each other and inspired each other.....

*Lets ride!*

*~Doni, Editor*



# Ladies of Harley

*Over the years Ladies of Harley has had tremendous support. The commitment of our Chapter's women is evident in the Past Officers listed below. Ohhhh how I wished I had been a part of this amazing group of women from the beginning. I can only imagine the fun memories you all must have. It is an honor to part of this group of amazing women! While current events have taken a toll on our Chapter activities we remain in touch. Thank you, ladies, for paving the way, for willingness to continue our group during these unprecedented times. ~Donna Mae*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LOH OFFICER</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>
2008	Hope Star	Marjorie Dannenmiller
2009	Hope Star	Judy Ducken
2010	Hope Star	Judy Ducken
2011	Rhonda Connally	Katie Marris
2012	Katie Marris	Elaine Fielding
2013	Angela Fox	Judy Ducken
2014	Lindey Lindberg	Elaine Fielding
2015	Angie Haynes Served Jan – Sept / Shannon Olson Oct - Dec	
2016	Shannon Olson	NA
2017	Catherine Dostart	NA
2018	Joan Oxford	NA
2019	Joan Oxford	NA
2020	Donna Mae Sather	Catherine Dostart



**LETS RIDE!!**

As we look ahead into October Robbie will be leading 1st Sunday Ride.

Dwayne will be his sweep.

3rd Saturday Ride will be lead by Dwayne.

John G. and Donna Mae will be sweep.

These rides will meet at the Holiday Market in Burlington at 9;00 A.M.

All rides at this time of year are weather permitting

This year hasn't been nice to us to be able to have meetings, but we still have been able to have some good rides!

Hopefully next year will be a good year for NCHOG. May the membership come to together into the planning of a better year. As this year ends I will be stepping down from Head Road Captain, and we will be needing someone to fulfill that position. In the meantime...Road Captains continue to plan your rides and remember, whether you have 2 or 20 riders...any ride is a good ride!! We are blessed.

**Sunday Funday!**



## Here's all the COOL STUFF that will resume as soon as we get the "all clear!"

### HOG TROUGH

Obviously.....at this time.....our Hog Trough Dinners haven't been happening, but when they do, they are just an informal opportunity for everyone to get together for sinner a couple of night a month.

We have every faith that we will all be meeting again soon, including for Hog Trough...so if you have any good ideas for places to meet please keep them in mind!



### NCHOG MEETING

So far no word on when our 1st Sunday meetings will resume. There is a dialogue between NCHOG and the Sedro American Legion but at this time no consensus has been reached. We all miss the swell breakfast meeting so just hang tough. Pretty soon!

### OFFICERS MEETING

The Officer meetings generally occur the Tuesday before the general meeting at 5:30pm. However, the Covid has disrupted our ability to hold these important meetings. Word is sure to come down the pike soon.

*Keep your eye on the Newsletter for when we will next be able to meet!*



Meets once a month  
at Bobs Burgers  
for dinner, girl time,  
*and meetings*

*Stay tuned for dates and times as our State continues to open up in Phases.*

**HEY!! Make sure you  
join NCHOG's  
Facebook group at**

***facebook.com/groups/nchog***

This is where you can stay in touch with group activities, member comments and see pictures that have been submitted. It's easy to log on to Facebook and so it's easy to stay up to date with chapter postings! Try it.....you'll like it!!

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around and surfing  
around....visit our website:  
*www.northcascadeshog.com***