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*Harley Owners Group*  
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# ROAD TIME

## Directors Corner

Now that January is almost over we can all start planning our Harley adventures for the next few months. Hopefully winter will soon be over too and we can all stop wondering if we will need to deal with the snow, ice and torrential rain, and we wont have scenes like these before spring....



At the January meeting we welcomed in all of our new officers for 2019. I

want to thank the new officers for all the support and enthusiasm. Everyone has jumped in and started planning for this year.

We will have the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday rides planned throughout April. Our Road Captains will be adding more throughout the summer, along with overnight rides. This year we will be starting rides at variable times and continuing the mid-week rides so that more members can participate.

Remember, if you have a favorite ride, whether short or long, and would like to share it with the chapter, talk to one of the Road Captains and we can help you plan it for the group!

There are currently 4 overnights that we are working on. First, our Memorial

Day Weekend Ride (or FBR), which would be a 4 or 5 day ride. Thursday 5/23 thru Monday 5/27. This year the FBR will be on a new route...from Lewiston, ID to Bend/Redmond via Eagle, ID and all points in-between. Join us at the February meeting for more details.

In June, Vince is planning his Summer Solstice ride, tentatively planned on or around June 21st. In August we are working on a ride to Central Oregon, possibly Sisters, and staying four nights, with day rides available to Crater Lake or other mountain and high desert destinations. That ride is scheduled July 31st through August 4th. Sign up sheets for all of these great rides will be available at the February meeting.

Please remember to stop at the dealership and register your starting 2019 mileage. I believe the dealership mileage goal this year will be 250,000 miles from our members.

On February 9th, North Cascades Harley-Davidson is hosting a Couples Night from 6 pm to 9 pm. Please note that this is not just for couples...all are welcome! See the back of this Newsletter for more information.

Finally, remember that the end of February is the deadline for NCHOG registration. Please get your dues paid before then. Also, check your National Membership status. Membership forms are available at the dealership, at the Sunday meeting, and in the March Newsletter.

*Time to saddle  
up, ride safe,  
and stay warm!*

~Tom



## EDITORS REFLECTIONS



### *Just a few thoughts...*

I must say that I am honored and grateful (and a little overwhelmed) for all of the support I have received so far from all of you to help me put together our Newsletter!

In fact, I received so many contributions this month that we actually had to shrink some type and do some other tricks to fit it all in. In fact, if our readership and contributions continue to increase at the same pace, we will have a nice little archive built up. Along those line, please note that if you contribute anything to the newsletter...if it does not make it into the current issue, it will be in the next one. Unless of course it is time sensitive, in which case I will guarantee it will be published in time for your event.

*Please keep the stories, ideas, pictures and suggestions coming!*  
~Jerry

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★ BIKE CORRAL ★

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**MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET**

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**ADMISSION**  
\$3 ABATE MEMBERS (SHOW CARD)  
\$6 NON-MEMBERS  
CHILDREN 16 & UNDER FREE



**EVERGREEN STATE FAIRGROUNDS**  
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EVENT CENTER & PAVILION

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## *This months contribution comes from Dave Smailes....*

I was born in a small community called Moscow just outside of Scranton Pennsylvania. I attended North Pocono High School. There was a draft going on at that time for the Vietnam war. I joined the Navy in 1967 and did 2 tours in Vietnam with Attack Squadron 52 (JD...No jokes about Turtles here!)

Upon my return and ending my enlistment I married a beautiful lady and the love of my life. To this day she is the best thing that ever happened to me. We have been married 47 years and have been blessed with 2 wonderful children Lynnsey and Christina. Trying to get a job I remember the sign on the freeway. "Will the last person leaving Seattle please turn out the lights." I drove truck for a while hauling new cars in 5 western states. I was good work but winter time was a bitch. I eventually started work in law enforcement and since I was working shift work Lauretta took on pretty much of the responsibilities of raising the kids. I swear I worked every holiday every year. I enjoyed my work and the LE officers from all over the state I worked with especially those agencies in Skagit County. So here we are retired, my wife and myself. Enjoying every minute of it.

My first bike so to speak was a Vespa scooter. Yep I was one of those guys. At 16 I resurrected an old beat up Honda and rode it around town. No license, no helmet and no common sense. I finally gave it up in the middle of my high school time. It was a long time before I looked at a bike again. It was my good friend Jeff Bottlinger who convinced me it was time to ride again and so I was back in the saddle. A bit rusty but riding again. I joined the HOG 4 years ago when Ken Lee convinced me that I belonged there. Glad I did! I found a great group of riders and friends there.

One of my greatest rides was to be able to ride in Rolling Thunder in Washington DC. I shipped my bike back by truck and then flew back to meet it in Richmond VA. That would give me more time to ride on the way back. The dealership hooked me up with some local HOG members and they escorted me to Rolling Thunder. The ride to The Wall as it was called. All the parking lots at the Pentagon were full of nearly a half a million bikes. We got to parking lot #1 at 5:30am. Kick stands went up for us at 2 PM. The ride was amazing. People with signs along the route welcoming us Viet Vets home. The Marine that stands there for 4 ½ hours holding a salute, I got to stop and salute him back. Then on to the Vietnam Wall. That was the tough part. I had the names of those I knew in my pocket. To find their names and touch them engraved on the Wall was something I will never forget.



From there up to Pennsylvania and some old friends. Spent time running around my old stomping grounds and then on to Wichita Kansas to see my best buddy in Vietnam. Wow did we relive old times. From Wichita to McDonald, Kansas. A town with wheat everywhere, and one gas station

*Dave Smailes (Continued from page 4)*

and people very suspicious of me. When I asked about Jim Poore, an old buddy, I got a few looks and then WHY? I told him I served with Jim in Vietnam and he was the best man at my wedding. Wow I could do no wrong. Jim was out of the area. So, I headed north to Rapid City following a train track. I swear I could stand on a coffee can and see the other end of Kansas. Even the train driver honked his horn and waved. I left Kansas it was 99 degrees... When I got to Rapid City it was 40 degrees. Time to bed down.

The next morning headed to Sturgis. Being a cop, I wanted to exchange shoulder patches. One of their motors guys (motorcycle) met me and we exchanged patches. Then I got the treat of my life. I got to take one of the Sturgis police bikes down the main street and turn around and come back. I bet few have done that. I even got a couple of pictures.

On to Mount Vernon. What a great ride. I put on 4,000 miles 3 ½ weeks and loved every minute of it!



## Chaplains Corner

### Mark Reeves, NCHOG Chaplain

We have Valentines Day coming up quickly and for Pam and I, we will also be celebrating our 19th Wedding anniversary on February 18th.

One would think *Love* would be a natural occurrence for humans but apparently not, because the Bible does upon numerous occasions, instruct us as to when, why and how to love each other...as illustrated in Ephesians 4:2-3.....



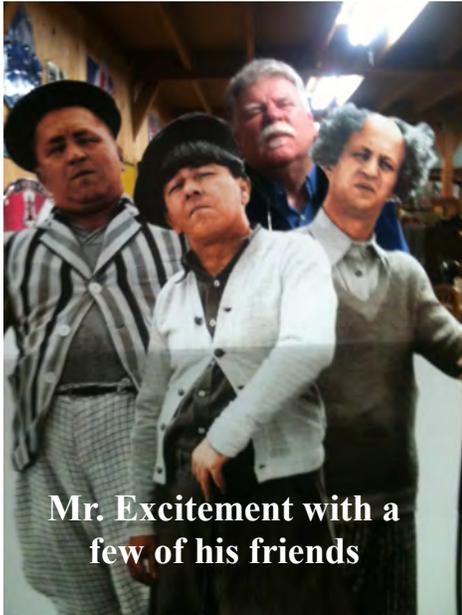
*Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace.  
Ephesians 4:2-3*

It was so great to see many of you for Christmas and the New Years Party.

***God be with you all in 2019 ~Mark***

# COOL STUFF

## *Mr. Excitement!!* Mr. Jan VanMuyDen Activity News and Information



Mr. Excitement with a few of his friends

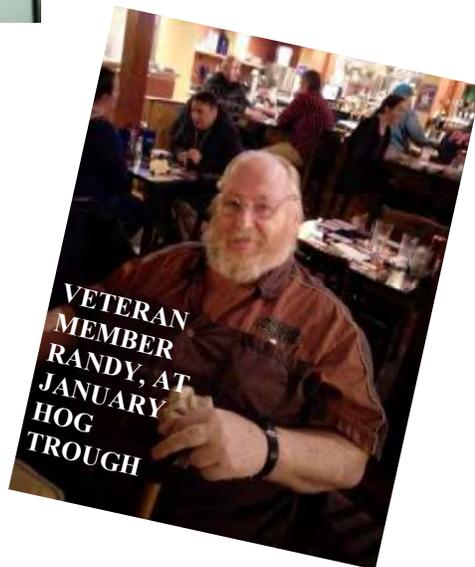
Time to dust off your “two piece custom made pool cue” for our first Pool Shoot of the year, on Saturday, February 23rd at The Bull Pen in Sedro-Woolley. Breakfast starts at 9:00, with the shoot starting immediately afterwards at 10:00. All are welcome to participate, watch or Kibitz!

The next “Hog Trough” will be at the Brown Lantern in Anacortes on February 21st at 6:00 p.m. No need to RSVP...just grab your honey, sweetie, significant other.....whatever..... and show up!

Also, plans are in the works for a rifle shoot at The Plantation Outdoor Range in Bellingham. Date and more details to be announced.



50/50 WINNER DEBBIE



VETERAN MEMBER RANDY, AT JANUARY HOG TROUGH



DICK S.  
Aka “DIRTY HARRY”  
NCHOG ANNUAL PISTOL SHOOT at SKAGIT RANGE



LADIES OF HARLEY

## MORE COOL STUFF

### NCHOG MEETING

First Sunday meetings is at American legion in Sedro-Woolley. Meeting starts at 10 am but come early and enjoy a great breakfast for a small charge. Great opportunity to visit and find out what is going on in the upcoming month.

### OFFICERS MEETING

The Officer meetings generally occur the Tuesday before the general meeting at 5:30pm. Location is Foothills Toyota. Check the calendar for the exact dates. Any member is welcome to sit in at the Officers Meeting.

### LADIES OF HARLEY

Encouraging women members to take an active part in Chapter activities  
LOH Officer - Joan Oxford  
206-949-4916

Third Tuesday of each month, we meet in the back room at Bob's Burgers & Brew for camaraderie and good food.



### HOG TROUGH

Hog Trough Dinners are usually held once a month with surprise locations announced in advance. Jan "Mr. Excitement has agreed to take over the coordination of this popular activity. Jan plans on picking venues from a wider geographical area this year so that everyone will have a chance to attend one "closer to home."

Do you have a favorite neighborhood eatery to suggest?

One that would welcome a larger group of sometimes not-so-quiet guests? Let Jan know!



**Make sure you join  
NCHOG's  
Facebook group at  
[facebook.com/groups/nchog](https://facebook.com/groups/nchog)  
and visit our website  
[www.northcascadeshog.com](http://www.northcascadeshog.com)**

## OFFICERS ROUND TABLE

### *Ron ~ Head Road Captain*



Your Road Captains thoroughly plan and preride routes for your safety and enjoyment. The best way to show them your support is to show up and ride. Rides are open to all NCHOG members and you can bring

a guest. No RSVP is required for day runs, just show up, on time, the day of the run. Please keep an eye on the website calendar and Facebook for updates on scheduled rides. Have questions? Please feel free to call or email any officer.

***Lets Ride!!***

### CART LIST

The CART List has been updated.... What is the CART list you ask? Well if you are out riding and your bike has a problem and you are in need of someone to help you get it home... call these guys they will come get you.

Snohomish: Ron Fisk 425-870-4174 & Edie 425-870-4173

Wenatchee: Gordon and Mary Quehrn (summer) Arizona (winter) 425-238-2904

Stanwood: Mark Reeves 425-210-1221

Camano Island: Dave AND Michelle Ballard 360-202-0438 or 425-359-0880

Oak Harbor: Jim Wihlborg 360-679-3028

Anacortes: Curtis Ducken 360-202-3864

Snohomish: Pam and Dick Stewart Home (425) 334-4290 Cell (425) 359-9182

### HOG News

*from Catherine, Assistant Director*

JT Hasley has retired (Our past HOG Regional Manager)! Many of us enjoyed our visits with JT as we rode to HOG events around the United States, or attended POT/HOT events. JT also attended many of our Sunday meetings to keep us informed of HOG benefits. I remember one fun evening in Las Vegas where JT and our JD were dance partners...be sure and ask JD about that! Our new (but not new to HOG) Regional Manager is Todd "Thor" Robinson. Thor sent us information that includes a new Officer Training program; its now called Regional Officer Connection (ROC). Over the years it was called Primary Officer Training (POT) then Harley Officer Training (HOT). There will be 17 locations around the United States for this one-day training session with multiple instructors. We hope to have six officers attend this February.

Don't forget to set up your HOG account at members.hog.com. You will find links to all HOG has to offer; you can renew your dues, log your miles, sign up for HOG Rallies, etc. If you need help just let me know. Be sure to have your HOG National number on hand.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, the Western HOG Rally will be September 12-14 in Victorville, CA.

*~Catherine*

Catherine Dostart  
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## OFFICERS ROUND TABLE

### Money, Money, Money

*Treasurer, Len Northrop*

Nothing new to report this early in the fiscal year....so I thought I would share a truly unique ride.....

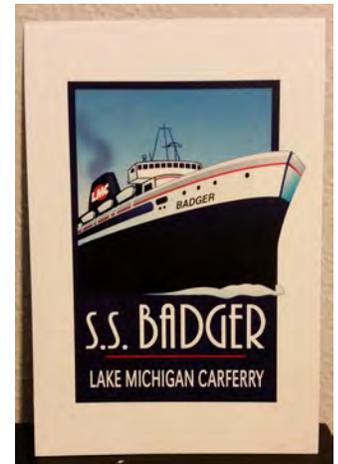
One that stands out to me is the voyage of the SS Badger. Our destination was Appleton, Wisconsin with a starting point of Grand Haven, Michigan - a 374 mile ride around the southern shore of Lake Michigan, through Chicago and Milwaukee. All freeway. Did not sound like fun! What to do? Take the ferry across Lake Michigan. A beautiful 70 mile ride up the coast to Ludington, MI where we boarded the *SS Badger*.

The *SS Badger* is a passenger and vehicle ferry that has been operating on Lake Michigan since 1953. The ship shuttles between Ludington, MI, and Manitowoc, WI and connects U.S. Highway 10 between those two cities (a distance of 62 miles as the crow flies). It is the last coal-fired passenger vessel operating on the Great Lakes, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in January 2016.

With the bikes securely tied down in the hold we began the 4 hour crossing. The *SS Badger* operates like a cruise ship with movies, bingo and other games, and of course food and beverage service. The cost was reasonable considering we avoided the stress of the freeway and hotel costs.

This is a unique opportunity that you should consider if you find yourself in a similar situation.

PS. We are in good shape financially!!



### BIKE BLESSINGS

Most of you know that I am a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). As such I am authorized to administer bike blessings and also prayer to support those feeling a need for divine guidance. I am available for this at most times. My home phone is 360-848-8711 and my cell is 360-707-8705. I have the new "BLESSED IN 19" stickers and am always ready to give a bike (and rider) blessing. Please remember that it is not me who gives the blessing but Jesus Himself is there with us because we ask for His presence. I feel that administering a blessing is a "*blessing beyond measure.*" So don't feel you are imposing on me to ask for a blessing because it reminds how good Jesus really is!

*To the glory of God, ~Stan*

## OFFICERS ROUNDTABLE

NORTH CASCADE  
WASHINGTON



### MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

Encouraging and Ensuring that Chapter Members are Current on National and Chapter Membership  
Steve Folmar: 425-359-3704



Well here we are into February and the days are starting to get a little longer. For everyone that has renewed their dues for 2019, I thank you. For those that have not renewed yet, it's time to get it done! I will start to purge the membership list at the end of February and this could be your last newsletter, so take some time and fill out the release form. Remember that your National HOG dues must be up to date to be a member of a local HOG chapter. Look at your National HOG membership and if you are close to renewal time, take care of that too!

At the January meeting the members voted to do away with the point system for the ROAD HOG patch for 2019. There are plenty of other activities to look forward too however, like RIDE 365...so get your bike down to the dealership and get your 2019 starting mileage registered. The dealership is also working on the "Dealer Challenge" for this year and should have the information to the members soon. I don't know how many people took advantage of last year's challenge, but it was a great way to set destination points for rides. Speaking for myself, it was great opportunity to see some areas of the state of Washington that I have not seen before.

I will leave you with this quote from Robert M Pirsig:

*"In a car you're always in a compartment, and because you're used to it you don't realize that through that car window everything you see is just more TV. You're a passive observer and it is all moving by you boringly in a frame. On a cycle the frame is gone. You're completely in contact with it all. You're in the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming."* ~Steve

**Jack Robinson's son Anthony Robinson will be showing off some of his motorcycle building skills at "THE ONE MOTO SHOW" in Portland.**

This is far and away one of the premier motorcycle shows in the country, for the most elite builders. It is a huge honor to be asked to show your bikes. Jack, and in turn NCHOG, is proud of Anthony and his achievements. Make the trek down and look Anthony up to see his fine custom motorcycles.



THE  
**ONE**  
MOTORCYCLE  
**SHOW**

FEB 8TH, 9TH, 10TH 2019 — PORTLAND, OREGON

## SEAT TIME

**This portion of the newsletter is a venue for members to share their favorite rides, past or present. Thank you to Jerry Corona for sharing this month's featured ride....**

Since I was a kid I've always been fascinated with being on two wheels. Starting off on Huffys, Schwinn's, Raleigh's, and Ward's Hawthorns, some really sweet rides back in the day, I eventually graduated up to a mini taco then a Yamaha 80 and onto a Honda 350. I have many fond memories of those bad boys and I rode the hell out of each of them.

Having grown up in the San Francisco bay which was a Mecca for motorcycle enthusiast, I ended up moving to the little town of Minden in Northern Nevada to seek work in 1975. I had no bike for the first year I was there and I was going crazy. After having landed a decent job and being able to put some money aside (which was a pretty big deal for a kid of nineteen) I felt it was time to take the plunge and buy myself a Harley Davidson. The problem was, the closest big city to where I was living was Reno and back then Reno had a limited number of used Harley's for sale that I could afford. So with cash in pocket I hitched a ride back down to the Bay Area where I knew there were lots of used Harley's for sale.

Being young, and with cash burning a hole in my pocket I was ready to buy. I really hadn't done a whole lot of homework and like most young dudes, I was looking for something which was cool, but more importantly FAST! After a short search and finding something within my budget, I ended up with a 1969 XLCH Sportster 900. The bike was semi modified, raked out front end and sported a mean velocity stack (As far as I was concerned clean oil was for sissies). It also had the old Telloson carburetor and a kick starter which rewarded me with many thrills and bruises for the few years I owned it. (I must admit I do... if just a little bit, miss kicking my bike over to this day.)



While I've taken long rides on my other bikes before I was now on a untested used bike, about to take a 250 mile solo ride from the Bay Area, through the Sacramento Valley and up through the Sierra Nevada's and then home to Carson Valley, Nevada.

No windshield, an open faced helmet, light coat, light boots and gloves. It was June after all, how cold could it get? I also should say that I was broke after making this purchase and had put just enough cash aside to buy gas and a little food to get me home. Anyhow, it was just a five or six hours ride and I would be home showing off my new HOG to all my buddies. I also had to be to work the next morning so I really needed to get going.

I was able to get on the road around 1:00 PM. The day was clear but a little cool for June I knew it would warm up a bit when I made it through the Sacramento Valley. Shoot...I was living large and had faith that I would get through the Sierra's and make it home before dark. *No Problem.*

The first hundred and fifty miles was just too cool. I was riding my own Harley on the highways of California. The thunder of my 60 HP V-Twin thrusting me down the road...it was awesome, but it would have been nicer if it was just a little warmer.

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## Seat time (Cont from Page 11)

By the time I made it close to Stockton, I was feeling a bit beaten up due to all the wind in my face and it being a bit cold that day so I took a break, had a snack and a cup of coffee to warm up. Then it was on to state route 88 and over the Sierra's and home to Minden.

When I made it to Jackson I noted the temperature had dropped considerably. But I only had about a hundred miles to go...piece of cake. I knew the Carson pass was 8500 feet at the summit, but at the time I was still counting on the warmth of the tail end of a spring day while having an epic ride on my new Harley, enjoying the twisties while burning over the pass. When I made it to around the 6000 foot elevation there was snow piled up on the side of the road. The sun was now behind the mountains the temperature was really stating to drop. I was getting uncomfortable and a little concerned since my teeth were starting to chatter and fingers and toes were getting a little numb. The bike was still running strong and the little bit of heat I could feel on my legs from the engine was a bit of relief but not much. Pushing on, I finally made the summit, the snow was stacked up eight to ten feet high on both sides of the highway. It was a bit like riding through a freezer. Cars passing me and those coming the opposite direction were throwing up a bit of road spray from the days melted snow and I was getting wet.

When I eventually made it to the SR 89 turn off I was really hurting from being so cold and I stopped to warm my hands on the engine since I couldn't feel my fingers any longer. The good thing was I was dropping in elevation and the temperature was getting a little warmer, but not a whole a lot.

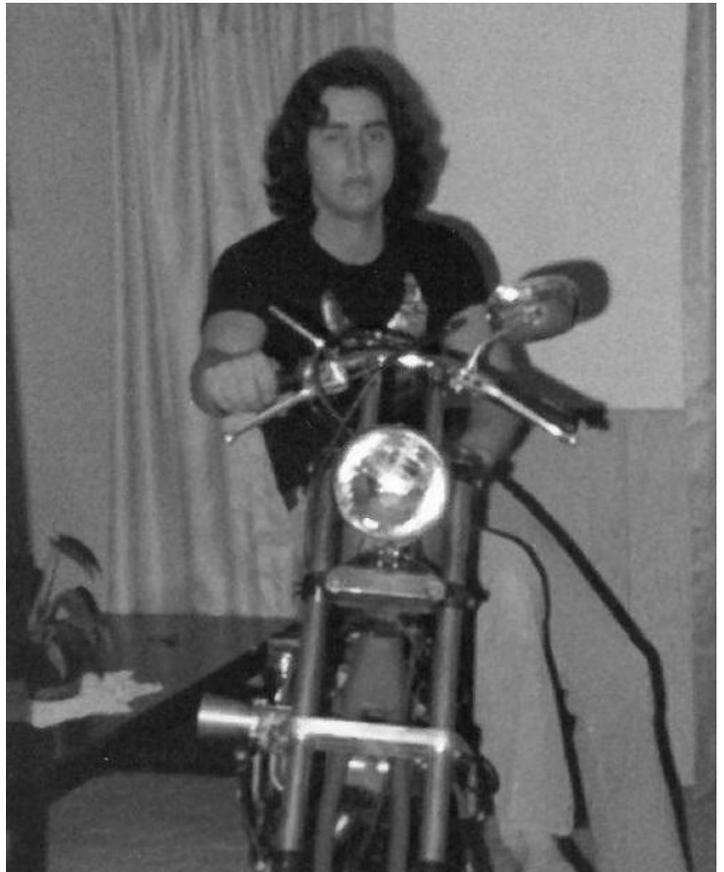
I finally made it home around 7:00 pm. My bones ached for three hours after getting to the house and thawing myself out. I can say that I've never been so cold before or since and looking back, I was really lucky that I didn't end up hurting myself. But with that said, I made it home on my own Harley Davidson. I was now a Harley owner. That was forty-four years ago but I do remember that ride like it happened last year. Since then, I've owned and rode many other bikes...and have enjoyed most. However, when it comes down to it, there's really nothing like the sound and feel of a Harley Davidson...even that old 900 AMF model which required constant maintenance.

I eventually rebuilt that Sportster in my living room just after I married my wife Tara. (Not sure she really cared for that one) but at the time I had no garage. She actually stayed with me after that one... so life was good.

*That first Harley ride was one I'll never forget!*

*~Jerry C. aka Bad Jerry*

*~Jerry C.*



# FEBRUARY EVENTS

All events are open to every HOG member. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any officer for more information!

LOH=Ladies of Harley		FSM=1st Sun Meeting		FSR=1st Sat Ride		TSR=3rd Sun Ride	
Today		◀ FEBRUARY 2019 ▶				Timezone: GMT-08:00	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
27 10:00am Pistol ...		29 5:30pm Officer... Meeting, all are welcome. Foothills Toyota	30	31	1	2 9:00am FSR	
3 8:30am FSM N... 8:30-11:30 701 Murdock St Sedro-Woolley	4	5	6	7	8	9 6:00pm Casino ... COUPLES NIGHT North Cascades HD Burlington	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17 10:00am TSR 3...	18	19 5:30pm LOH BOBS BURGERS Burlington	20	21	22	23 9:00am Pool Sh... POOL SHOOT & Brkfast The Bull Pen	
24	25	26 Officers Meeting, 5:30 pm all are welcome. Foothills Toyota	27	28	1	2 10:00am FSR	
3 8:30am FSM N... 8:30-11:30 701 Murdock St Sedro-Woolley	4	5	6	7	8	9	

## OLD FRIENDS

*We recently caught up with our old friends and NCHOG members Mike and Linda Downing. They were an integral group for many years and recently moved and retired to Eastern WA . We asked Linda to tell us of HOG days gone by, and where they are at now.*

“Great talking to you Jerry! Let me share a little history——”

Mike has always LIVED on a motorcycle. Started on dirt, moved to street and loves the wind in his face. He bought his first Harley from Fred at his old shop near Anacortes and traveled all over with friends from the Everett area.

We moved to Sedro-Woolley in 2001, I worked from home testing software for Verizon and Mike had free time on his hands. We had time to give and to volunteer so we joined the American Legion and served on the Honor Guard and Color Guard for Veteran funerals for many years. We also worked at the local rodeo every year.

In 2005 Mike bought a newer Harley and we decided to join the Harley Owner Group local chapter.

When we joined NCHOG we committed all of our leftover time and quickly realized that we hadn't just joined a group...we had become part of an extended family! I worked membership for a couple of years and this allowed me to meet and greet members at every meeting. I really got to know people and developed caring relationships. We have attended so many weddings, and funerals, along with visits at hospitals and homes.

At one time the Historian tasked me with writing an article for the Newsletter...so writing this article takes me back with so many memories of our friends and family.

All the rides— there were 2 two-week trips to Sturgis, The FBR (Flaccid Buns Ride) that was all wet. Trips to Oregon and Crater Lake, riding north on Highway 9 to go get ice cream! And who can forget the ride around Puget Sound and the full ferry, Fathers Day to Friday Harbor, and the ride along the border when the Raspberry fields are ripe and ready to be picked...oh that smell...lip smacking for sure!

After our 50th Anniversary we made a lifetime change and moved from crowded Sedro-Woolley to peaceful Springdale in Eastern WA. We were sorry to leave friends and our Harley Davidson family behind, but dry sunny weather from Spring to Fall are Good, Better and Best! The roads are outstanding! Winter is cold, there is snow October through March some years; but white is good, peaceful and quiet. We slow down and take the time to reminisce. Memories are good medicine — laughing at the fish that got away — the red barn you saw twice in one day...

We are on a small 20+ acre lot. Use the 12 Gauge to get the Varmints when they lift a head, their potholes could twist an ankle! We even bought a riding mower to trim the field grass around the house. Put in a small garden that gets watermelon, and evening flowers too. And birds, birds and *more BIRDS!* And the deer eat all the bird seed if there are leftovers.

Our home is open to NCHOG for a stop by or a stop over. We have a few empty beds with your name on them! Our number is 425-299-7832...leave a message if we don't pick up and we will certainly get back with you! 4720 Hwy 231, Springdale—check it out on Google. The black dot in the blowup pool is Mike!

Hugs to all of our friends and family at NCHOG!  
Come see us soon!

~Linda D.

*By the way....can someone please ask Stan's wife for a copy of the recipe she gave me? I find that I have more time to cook now and darned if I cant find it!*

# LADIES OF HARLEY

## *From the Desk of Joanie.....*

People always ask me..... what kind of a bike do you ride?

Well... I ride a Road King but.... my first bike was a 883 Sportster ♥. When I started riding, the ladies I met rode Sportsters and I admired how proud they were of their bike. From purple to green, covered in leather, and bedazzled. The women designed their bikes to reflect themselves. Mine was black with a cute fox tail.

The HD Sportster has been produced since the late 50's but it's roots date back to early as 1919.

In 1986 the EVO engine was introduced in 883 and 1100 cc's.

In 1991 a 5 speed replaced the 4 speed.

In 1993 the belt became standard and in 1996 the XL 1200 C custom model was introduced.

Harley Davidson then came out with the Sportster 883 Super Low in 2011 with a model designation of XL 883L. This model replaced the previous XL 883L. Both are hugely popular among women. These motorcycles have long been Harley's entry level model. Harley dominates female market share and women are the fastest growing segment of new riders so it makes sense that the HD entry level model Sportster would be the most popular motorcycle ridden by women today.

HD has produced several different version of the Sportster 1200 over the last few years. While many women ride the 1200 Custom, lots also ride the 1200 L. With Harley being the leading brand among women it's not surprising the Sportster 1200 would be near the top of the list.

The Softtail Deluxe is considered a "heavy weight" and it's the model women are choosing to ride when they upgrade from the Sportster. The Deluxe sports the bigger V-twin 1690cc/103 cubic inch engine. The Deluxe is the most popular "Bigger" bike. It's extremely low seat height of 24.5 inches and it's low center of gravity give experienced women riders the opportunity to handle a more powerful motorcycle that can easily and comfortably tackle long days of touring.

While a large majority of women riders are riding middle weight motorcycles, it's not a surprise to see the number one selling motorcycle for the last 5 years is the HD Street Glide. The Street Glide has been the most popular motorcycle among all riders since its introduction in 2006. It inspired the custom bagger craze with it's low slung sleek styling. Once women realized it was low enough (or could be easily lowered through seat and suspension modifications) the more experienced riders wanted to enjoy the comfort and cool looks too.

These are just a few of the HD motorcycles women are known to ride and love. The bottom line is you never forget your first bike, your first love or any of the memories.

*Have fun. Be safe....*

*...and Lets Ride!! ~ Joanie*



## **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

### **A look at the history of Harley Owners Groups (HOG)**

*From Historian, Dwayne Porter*

Welcome to February fellow members!

A month of cold weather, probably not the best weather for riding around the PNW. This month, due to personal time constraints, I will give you a little history on the origins of the national HOG group. Former longtime Harley executive Clyde Fessler, is generally given the credit for the Idea of the HOG group. Most of this article was taken from an article by the Thunder Press dated November of 2013:

“At the time of inception the vision was not thought of as being a very big movement. Sell some extra merchandise (yes it was a merchandising campaign idea) and just bring a few people (members) together to have a good time. Nobody believed it would grow to what it has become today, over 1 million members belonging to over 1400 chapters in over 100 countries around the world! That’s a lot of chapters to visit if you had plans on visiting each chapter on the back of your ride.

In 1983, its first event was a three-day Magic Mountain Tour, as 250 members took a ride around Greeley, Breckenridge and Colorado Springs. H.O.G.’s first two national rallies were held in Reno, Nevada, and Nashville, Tennessee, in 1984. The following year’s rally was at Branson, Missouri, and in 1986 Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, hosted the event.

In 1986, H.O.G. expanded their rally quotient with three regional rallies to go along with the national. In the beginning was the rally, which became H.O.G.’s stock in trade. Regional rallies were held in Nashville, Michigan; Breckenridge, Colorado; and San Juan Capistrano, California. Regional and national rallies dominated National H.O.G.’s event calendar for many years. The calendar was supplemented by “pin stops” and receptions at race tracks, Harley-Davidson dealerships and major motorcycle rallies such as Aspencade in Colorado, Americade in New York, Sturgis in South Dakota, and Daytona in Florida.

The advantage of regional rallies was evident. Members from adjacent states traveled shorter distances, but were still able to breathe the H.O.G. experience. Moreover, the regional rallies decreased attendance at the national rallies. This was important because as attendance expanded at national rallies, it became increasingly difficult to find rural venues large enough to host the event. Large-capacity motel blocks are concentrated in urban areas, which are less than ideal sites for motorcycle rallies. Initially, most of the rally attendees could fit in one large hotel. But H.O.G. quickly outgrew its own expectations. At a national rally in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for example, over 10,000 people waltzed into Amish country and H.O.G. members were spread all over the countryside, dodging horse-and-buggy traffic.

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The rally mania was insatiable. H.O.G. members wanted more, and the concept of state rallies was born. State H.O.G. rallies formed another link in H.O.G.'s commitment to maintain contact with its members. New York and Indiana inaugurated the state rallies in 1998, and every state in the union followed, some within a year, others shortly after that. State rallies diffused attendance from national rallies even more, but it concentrated organizing efforts on one or two local host chapters. In time, state rally committees were formed and trained by H.O.G., which helped alleviate the yearlong load of organizing a rally and spread the responsibility to many hands. As state rallies became more popular, regional rallies disappeared.

State rallies moved around the state, from one locale to another. Some rallies were urban, some were rural, but most were somewhere in between. Some needed a phalanx of motels, some filled resort complexes and others clustered near camping grounds and a few Motel 6s. The mix of rally sites enabled H.O.G. members to enjoy all the attractions of their own state. Neighboring states drew H.O.G. members from bordering states, providing a cosmopolitan mix. Essentially, H.O.G. was taking people to places they didn't know had places. Smaller states, without the resources to organize their own rally, merged with adjoining states to combine resources.

As times changed, H.O.G. abandoned stationary rallies in favor of riding rallies, patterned after the Gypsy Tour concept developed by the AMA years earlier. Examples of successful riding rallies included an end-to-end tour of Route 66, starting from Grant Park in Chicago, Illinois, and ending on the beaches of Santa Monica, California. Another tour was the Lewis and Clark Ride, which covered territory from St. Louis, Missouri, to the coast of Oregon. H.O.G. also featured Posse Rides, where the riding was fast and furious, sometimes from coast to coast, leaving nothing but dust and the weak in its trail. There have been riding rallies around the Great Lakes, up and down the Mississippi and along roads and highways all over the United States.

The most successful rallies, as far as sheer numbers are concerned, have been the anniversary rallies. Organized at five-year intervals, riders congregated in Milwaukee to celebrate, starting with the 85th anniversary of Harley-Davidson in 1988, where attendance was sparse by comparison with later rallies—only 60,000 attendees. This year, as Harley-Davidson observed its 110th anniversary and H.O.G. its 30th, hotels were booked well over a year in advance.

In 1985, H.O.G. chapters were organized at sponsoring dealers. Steve Piehl, the first director of H.O.G., stated recently in an interview that when H.O.G. was organized in 1983, "we never had a thought that there would be H.O.G. chapters at every Harley dealer in the world. We never even dreamed of H.O.G. chapters. Chapters came about a year later as a result of our members asking for a structure that helped them get even more engaged with H.O.G."

*Look for Part two of this article in the March Newsletter.....*

## LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED!

### *Chapter Meeting Minutes January 2019 (Full Unabridged Version)*

*Dutifully recorded and reported by Secretary Jerry K.*

JANUARY 6, 2019 NCHOG 1st Sunday Meeting - 54 in attendance.

Director Tom starts meeting promptly at 10am and introduces Mark our Chaplain who has a short invocation and prayer.

The group has one guest, Justin Stewart, grandson of Dick Stewart. He rides a Sportster.

John G. told us that the Saturday ride was "great" with a fine lunch at the Blue Mt. Grill.

New members Rick and Donna Gleeson from Custer, Washington are introduced. Welcome!

Ron and Tom give away some stuff. Ron mistakenly left the house without the pins and patches.

Plaques are presented to Terry, Jan, JD, Bob, Vince who all are retiring Officers. Thank you all!

Our Volunteer of the Year award is presented to Stan Bryant! Well done Stanley!

Member of the Year award goes to Roger Valentine! Excellent!!

Our Road Captain of the Year award goes deservedly to Rick Vander Griend.

Ron Hubbard is honored for his service last year as Director. Thank you Ron.

Director Tom starts a discussion with all in attendance about chapter business that was previously discussed at the Officers Meeting.

1. Points System. Whether to continue. A vote is taken and almost unanimously agreed to discontinue. No more points will be earned or recorded.

2. HOG tables at dealer events. Some suggestions were to cut back on the frequency of manning a HOG table to perhaps just major events, relocating the HOG table within the dealership to make it more prominent to foot traffic or to place the table outside in favorable weather and possibly have someone circulate with a handout to inform folks about HOG and it's membership benefits. Another suggestion was to have some type off "bling" to attract people to the HOG table, with the hope of encouraging people to consider joining. Bling suggested include kickstand pucks, flashlights, Harley atlas' and the irresistible lure of a free breakfast at a chapter meeting.

3. Discussion about certificates. No one wants them. However, the Director notes that the Motor Company wants people to be recognized for their volunteer work and so it is decreed that the presentations of certificates will continue.

4. Lots of discussion about the Christmas Party location. Sig has offered to host again and made some suggestions to improve the experience. A band? Longer hours? Changes in the way gifts are exchanged? An After Party somewhere? A vote is taken. A number or people refrained from voting but of those that did raise their hands the majority of folks want the venue to stay at the dealership. A committee to start the planning for this annual gala will be formed in the next few months.

5. Officers have decided to formulate and distribute a questionnaire to the membership. Questions will be asked about what folks would like to get from their chapter membership. The distribution will likely take place thru the Mail Chimp or at the next meeting.

Also, the dealership will be sending out their own survey here shortly, likely via email, to members of NCHOG and new bike buyers inquiring about their own thoughts and experiences with North Cascades Harley Davidson. Sig has asked the respondents to be brutally honest.

Director Tom suggests that we consider tipping the folks from the American Legion that do all of the work to provide our meetings with the delicious breakfast. It's a great idea!

Assistant Director Catherine informs us of several upcoming HOG table events. The First Responders and the Season Opener. Probably will be looking for volunteers to man the HOG table at these events.

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Catherine reminds us of all the benefits of HOG membership. She encourages all members to go to hog.com and update your member profile so that you can access all the important information there.

There is a new Regional HOG rep, Todd "Thor" Robinson.

HOT training is now going to be known as ROC. There will be regional Harley training events for Officers and this years event will be in Tacoma on February 9th.

Len Treasurer. The chapter experienced a reduction in revenue at the end of the year due to the chapter not accepting renewals until January. Bank balance should go up as members re-register. The 50/50 raffles and the selling of beer at dealership events help bring in revenue to the chapter. Many thanks to those that volunteer to work the Beer Garden and participate in the 50/50 drawings.

Dealership Rep Andy is not in attendance but Director Tom notes that there is a "Couples Night" on February 9th at the dealership from 6-9pm. The theme is along the lines of a Casino Night. Also, we are reminded to stop by the dealership, on our bikes, and have mileage recorded. The group did not meet it's intended goal of 350K miles last year so this year the goal has modified to 250K. The dealership is currently holding a sale on publications such as Service and Owner Manuals and Man Cave items.

Head Road Captain Ron. Road Captains Meeting will be January 12th at Denny's. FBR plans to be announced soon with signups in February. Sisters Ride 7/31. Get those rooms reserved NOW! Best Western Ponderosa Hotel.

BP Safety Guy. Be extra aware of equipment modifications such as handlebars, stage kits, seats, forward controls (really can affect balance), limit lines and lane changes. As always, having your gear, clothing, motorcycle and right frame of mind all in top shape BEFORE getting on your bike are the best ways to do all you can to stay safe.

Terry Webmaster. There is a wholesale revamping of the website underway. Stay tuned.

Joanie. LOH meetings. 3rd Tuesday of the month at Bob's Burgers and Brew, 5:30 pm. Be there or be square!

Jan Activities. List of possible activities is published in the current newsletter. Of particular interest is to plan a Mothers/Fathers Day Picnic sometime in the late spring. Also being considered is an Anniversary Ride to celebrate the founding of HOG. There will be a pistol shoot later in January, possibly the 27th, at Skagit Shooting Range. The Pool Shoot is tentative for February 23rd at the Bull Pen in Sedro-Woolley. There will be a HOG Trough dinner January 22nd at the Flyer's Restaurant in Oak Harbor. The locations for the upcoming HOG Trough meals will be "regional" meaning that locations will be selected to offer venues that are spread out in order to make it easier for members to attend. Also, 2019 will see only one HOG Trough dinner a month.

Duane Historian. Will be looking for contributions and ideas from the membership and appreciates your help!

Steve Membership. If you don't renew your chapter membership by March 1st you will be purged from the chapter membership list. This is serious business folks. Avoid the hassle and embarrassment of getting kicked off the team. Renew early.

Tom reminds the group to make sure your National HOG membership is current. If you aren't current with national you are not eligible for chapter membership.

Blooper Ken has something up his sleeve for the group. To be revealed soon.....

It is that time for raffle tickets to be drawn. Len asks our guest Justin (Dick's grandson) to do the honors of selecting the winning tickets.



50/50 raffle is won by Debby! \$77.00 Vamagucchi American spending dolaros'. Heehaw!  
Free Chapter Breakfast is won by Keith!

And the \$25 gift card from the dealership is won by.....Dick Stewart! Way to go Justin!

Chaplain Mark closes our meeting with a short prayer. A very good meeting. Everyone is happy.

*All is well in Sedro.*

*Jerry K.*

**ANDY'S CORNER:**

We're hard at work on finalizing everything for the 2019 NCHOG A-Z Ride Challenge, and details will be ready sometime in February to pick up at the dealership. We are thrilled at the participation in last year's ride challenge, and hope this year's will be just as engaging and fun!

In 2019, we plan to engage NCHOG Ride Captains more for our dealership led group rides. More on this soon, but save the date for our first ride, Chilly Chili Ride, next month! Have fun and ride on!



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6-9PM | 02.09.2019



# CHILLY CHILI RIDE

03.23.2019