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NEWS FLASH

NCHOG HAS BEEN GIVEN THE “GO-AHEAD” TO RESUME OUR IN PERSON MEETINGS BEGINNING THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH!!!!

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**When: Sunday, March 7th 2021**

**Where: Sedro-Woolley American Legion Hall, 701 Murdock St, SW**

**Time: Breakfast served by the Ladies of the Legion from 8:30 to 10:00am \$8.00**

**MEETING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 10:00**

*Weather permitting, there will be a ride immediately following meeting  
(see page 13 for details)*

**Please Note:**

We are so blessed and excited to be able to get together with everyone after exactly a year of no meetings. A special thank you to the American Legion for helping figure out how to make this work while still strictly adhering to the current pandemic regulations.

On that note, we ask everyone who plans to attend to PLEASE bring a mask and feel free to make use of the sanitizer that will be provided on each table.

For those of us who aren't quite ready to venture out yet.....never fear! The meeting will be streamed via Facebook Live on our NCHOG Facebook page. Turn to the Membership section on Page 10 for more information on how to access us virtually.

# DIRECTOR



With the recent weather you wouldn't know spring is just around the corner! Fortunately I got one good ride under my belt February 3rd with Sherry Fournier Thompson. It was an unseasonably warm day when my boss, who knows me pretty well, stated, "I think you look a little pale, you should take the rest of the day off." He didn't have to say it twice as I was out the door in a shot!

The ritual of getting the bike out and getting my gear on is just as much fun as heading down the road. Sherry and I took the back roads around the Ferndale area, including Birch Bay, stopping at Starbucks for a pleasant Pistachio Latte. Having just enough daylight making it home before we were too cold!

Our Officers meeting, via zoom, was filled with making plans for the Chapter. In the works is a Chapter Destination Ride in April or May, with weather being a major date indicator, Doni Stull and I will spearhead a progressive ride, starting up north in the Ferndale area ending in Monroe, with stops along the way for coffee, snacks and some good fun. Dwane Porter will ensure the route is appropriately planned with required rest breaks and safe parking for all. Look for more information in the coming month.

Excitingly we have an entire bulletin board at Sound Harley for our Chapter in addition to a storage area that accommodates our storage needs as a chapter. You can see the board in the customer lounge just to the left after you enter Sound Harley's main customer entrance. We plan on having some fun with our board so look for it when you have a chance!

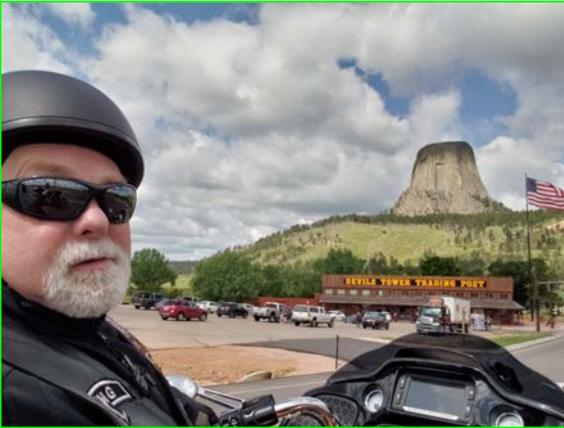


We are excited for the continued success of our chapter and keeping the standard of NCHOG others worked so hard to generate.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the road or at a Chapter zoom meeting!

*Sincerely, Donna Mae  
Director, NCHOG*

# ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



I sure miss the days when we could do those long-distance multi-day rides. I'll share a story about my ride from 2019.

I have been doing an annual multi-day ride with my buddy, Steve since about 2009. Steve lives in White Rock, BC so we have done rides in the US and Canada. This would be my first multi-day ride with Steve and an acquaintance from work, John C. John C lives in a suburb of Chicago, IL and he has never done a multi-day ride and always wanted to. Steve and I planned a rough timeline for the ride and determined the duration to be 11 nights and 12 days. We negotiated via email with John C for the start and end dates of our journey. We had planned to meet in Spearfish, SD at

our motel that would be our home base while the 3 of us were together. Steve and I left on 7/5 while John C left on 7/6. Steve and I needed 4 days to reach Spearfish while John C planned to get there in 3 days. John C was riding his 2016 Ultra Limited Low. I was riding my 2015 Road Glide Special. Steve was riding his 2016 Yamaha FJR with hard case bags and tour pack trunk.

Steve met me at my house in Bellingham, WA on day #1 morning. We rode over Stevens Pass and had lunch in Leavenworth, WA. We stopped for an overnight visit with my sister and brother-in-law in Spokane, WA. We took them to dinner at a place they picked called Clinkerdagger. If you want a terrific steak, this is the place. After dinner we found the garbage eating mechanical goat in the Spokane River Park area. The goat was on my NCHD A-Z list of photo scavenger hunt items.

For day #2, the next morning I made omelets for everyone and we were on our way into Idaho and Montana. Steve and I took a side road through Kingston, ID then Murray, ID and on to Thompson Falls, MT. We followed a beautiful fly-fishing stream the whole way to our lunch spot in Thompson Falls, MT called Minnie's Café. They had many comfort foods available to choose from and some nice berry pies for dessert. After lunch we rode on to Butte, MT for our overnight spot.

For day #3 we rode from Butte, MT to Gardiner, MT for our lunch stop at the Corral Hamburgers outdoor grill. They have some tasty burgers in a nice rustic outdoor setting. Next it was on to the North entrance of Yellowstone National Park. We spent some time in the park on prior rides, so this was just the means to get to our real destination for day #3. We rode out of Yellowstone to the Northeast Exit near Cooke City-Silver Gate. We saw countless buffalo roaming the meadows along the way. Some were stopping traffic by standing along the side of the roadway. Finally, we reached

Beartooth Highway, US-212. Beartooth Highway is one of those globally known epic rides that must be experienced. We stopped at the summit for some obligatory photos. There was snow everywhere except on the roadway. The vistas were spectacular in all directions from 10,947 feet of elevation. After the summit we took in the many curves down in elevation to our overnight spot in Red Lodge, MT. *(Continued on page 6)*



For day #4 we had breakfast in town and headed down the highway. We would be in Spearfish, SD at the end of the day. Along the way we stopped for a self-guided tour of Custer's Last Stand at the Little Big Horn and the ranger talk by a Native American. Their perspective was educational and entertaining. Custer's force had little chance. Next, we were off to Sheridan, WY for lunch at the Cowboy Café. Wow, the home cooked food here was amazing. We rolled into Spearfish, SD We rolled into Spearfish, SD around 4:30 pm and met with John C for the first time. John C could hardly wait to tell us of his adventures on his 3-day journey. We decided to unload, change and walk to the Steerfish Steak & Smoke Restaurant in Spearfish, SD. It's always nice when you can walk to dinner after a day of riding. We enjoyed our tasty beers while John C told us about his adventures. Rather than follow the interstate from Chicago to Spearfish, John C opted for some farm roads. I would have done the same. So, these roads meander along next to the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. Some are just plain straight for hours. John C began to be concerned about his fuel at one point while riding along a straight road that went through hours of cornfields. Then, just when he was pondering his fuel options a rogue deer hurtled out of the corn to his left and was headed to the corn on his right. The two were not expecting each other to be at the same spot at that moment. The deer clipped John C's hard lowers on his left and also dragged his hooves over the front fender. His entire front-end was coated in deer shit. John C was quite shook up and stopped to view the damage. It was limited to just a few scratches, deer shit and nothing major. He and the deer were very fortunate. John C's other travels were uneventful other than his anxiety over fuel and the pesky fuel warning light. He likes to top off before his fuel warning light ever comes on. In fact, John C never saw his fuel warning light come on until later during our riding together. We reviewed the plan for day #5 and began the walk back to our motel.



Day #5 began as each day began, we topped our fuel and settled on our glove and jacket selections for the first leg. We would ride about 13 miles north of Spearfish to Belle Fourche, pronounced like Bell Foosh. We stopped here to view the Geographic Center of the USA. After all, we called our ride in 2019 the USA Center Ride. Next, we went due west from South Dakota to Montana. We stopped at the Stoneville Saloon in Alzada, MT. There was a story that the woman bartender had a

full body tattoo that looked like tiger skin. We arrived before they opened, so no luck. However, it was Tuesday and the sign outside did say topless Tuesday. We opted to keep our shirts on for a photo. Next up was a short jaunt south into Wyoming to view Devil's Tower. If you have never been, it's quite an amazing tower of rock that must be seen in person. Afterwards we were all ready for lunch. We enjoyed some buttery smooth highways with some equally smooth road to bridge transitions. We marveled at how the back roads of this area could be so smooth with freeway like speed limits of 60 to 70 mph. We had big grins all around. We traveled south and east from Devil's Tower to arrive in Deadwood, SD for our lunch stop. It began to rain just as we arrived, so we parked the bikes and ran for cover. We ended up downtown at Maverick's which was right across the street from Deadwood Harley-Davidson. We did some light shopping for patches and mostly waited out the rain. We rode back to Spearfish to our home base motel. We talked about the riding options for Day #7 over beers and a light dinner since we had lunch so late. It was a great day for our first ride together. When you have motorcycles and riding in common the smiles are non-stop. Tune in next month when I will finish I'll finish up with days #6 through #12.



**Lets Ride! John G, Assistant Director**



**MARCH 2021**

## ***NCHOG SECRETARY JERRY'S UPDATE***

Howdy! Seems like a long time since things were “normal.” An exceptionally long time indeed. We are all trying to do our best and to “keep on keeping on.”

On Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup> our Director Donna Mae, held an Officer ZOOM meeting that was well attended. Everyone was incredibly involved with a renewed enthusiasm for chapter business and towards planning out the coming year.

While I do not have any “1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Chapter Meeting Minutes” (since there was not one) to share at this time I will share some of the things that have been happening. Recently I visited Sound Harley-Davidson to finally meet our dealership sponsor and chapter/dealer liaison, Mr. Ty Miller. I can tell you that he is extremely interested in our members, our group and assisting us in any way he can. Ty has provided our chapter with access to their Training Room to hold Officers Meetings, plenty of storage space for our chapter records and an area near the front door with a bulletin board to post chapter business and pictures of our officers. Officers were to meet at the dealership February 6<sup>th</sup> to store our records and set up our bulletin board. The snowstorm forced that event to be pushed back but we were able to meet February 13<sup>th</sup>. Ty is a genuinely nice guy with lots of energy and enthusiasm and I felt right at home at Sound Harley talking with him. This is good news that our sponsoring dealership is very welcoming and looking forward to not only meeting our members but providing us a source for quality parts, service, clothing and of course, Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Something that surfaced this month was the issue of renewing our registration with the State of Washington as a non-profit corporation. Normally this is an easy thing to do online. However, with the closing of NCHD and the changes in officers we soon found that there were some stumbling blocks to access state records in order to file properly. Unable to navigate thru the morass of state red tape to get this renewal done I reached out to Sig, our former sponsor, and he was super helpful. He researched things and got back with me in a very timely manner and helped walk me thru the process to get our registration done and handled. His help kept us from having to start over with the state and believe me, this was huge! He was very gracious, and I really appreciated his caring effort to help us. So, we are all registered and legal again for another year! Another huge bit of great news is, as I am sure most have already heard, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Meetings will resume March 7<sup>th</sup> at our old home, the Sedro-Woolley American Legion Post. Doors open at 8:30 for the breakfast (still \$8.00) and meeting starting promptly at 10am.

Currently we do not have a chapter Safety Officer or Activities Officer. While these positions are considered discretionary, we all know that they are important. Until other members volunteer to fill open positions, our officers have agreed to take turns with monthly newsletter submissions and updates so you will see “Guest” next to someone’s name on our Safety Topic or on information for upcoming activities or events. We hope now that things are getting back to “normal” (there is that word again) members might be willing to help get our chapter back on really solid footing again.

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The timely production of our newsletter is one place where folks are really trying to help us get back in touch. Our Editor and her assistant are working diligently to get our newsletter out on time. Other officers have really stepped up with submissions and communications amongst each other is exciting! As in the past submissions are encouraged and welcomed from all members. These might be shared stories of rides or issues with your bikes, equipment, servicing etc. You could send in pictures of yourself and others (with your motorcycles preferred over tables in restaurants) and scenery etc. (Hugging/kissing your grandchildren or dog photos are less preferable but accepted)

Anyway, excitement with the prospect of riding again (reduced COVID-19 and spring weather) along with the chance to get together as a group is high and in the wind! Here's hoping we can all put this last year's challenges behind us and Live to Ride and Ride to Live. And while we are at it let's be sure to thank God for all our blessings as they are innumerable when we stop to look and appreciate our friends, our families and the beautiful world around us.

*Jerry~~~Secretary*





Not much to cover on the Treasury side of the house this month. But on a related topic. The Chapter is working with the local MSF Motorcycle school on a possible refresher rider safety class to be held this coming May or June. You may be asking why, and what is in it for me??

As you know or may not know: HOG feels a refresher is good for the overall group riding safety, and that's why HOG has established a few perks for the chapter that tries to attend one of these sessions. They are:

- A chapter certificate and plaque
- A fifty dollar in store Harley gift card for each rider
- A patch and pin from Harley for each rider

The required form will be posted on the Chapter HOG site and once the class time is set a notice will be sent out to the riders who have said they would like to attend. In the meantime, please consider taking this valuable safety refresher and send your intentions to attend to me so that I can start a list for the first 12 who want to attend. If demand is high a second class might be planned later in the summer riding season.

Mike Gilbert/ North Cascade HOG group- Instructor Cascade Motorcycle safety  
AND NCHOG Treasurer

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# MEMBERSHIP

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Ahoy! Thank you all for your patience with me getting out your membership cards. I must say I did get a bit overwhelmed and hope you have received yours. If you haven't please send me an email or give me a call and I'll see what I can do asap.

**March 7th membership meeting:** We are so looking forward to seeing everyone! However, if you are not going to be able to attend but would still like to be a part of the meeting, we have exciting news! We will post a meeting notification on our NCHOG Facebook inviting everyone. All you should need to do is simply click to join. You will need a camera on your phone, laptop or desktop computer to view the meeting. During the meeting Doni Stull will be moderating the meeting via laptop. This means she can ask questions on your behalf. The way to ask a question during the meeting is to open the comment bubble usually at the top right of your screen. This should open a comment section where you can type your question. Please be sure to press the enter button when you're done typing your question to send it. Also please keep in mind we will not be able to hear you via the laptop but you should be able to hear us. And of course, it goes without saying that you don't have to say anything at all! Just click on the link and watch the meeting.

Please keep in mind this will be our first attempt at going live from the American Legion Hall. We know they have wifi however we don't know how well it will support live streaming but we want to try and include you if you can't make it! So you might have to bear with us while we figure it out.

*Cant wait to see you all! Donna Mae Sather, Membership Officer*

## *Ladies of Harley*



**Hey Ladies!!**

**Is everybody as anxious and excited as I am to be able to meet again!?!?**

**LOH meeting Tuesday March 16th @ 5:30 at Bob's Burger and Brew in Burlington.....**

**I'm really looking forward to meeting everybody!!**

**See you there!**

**Chrissy Hein,  
Ladies of Harley**

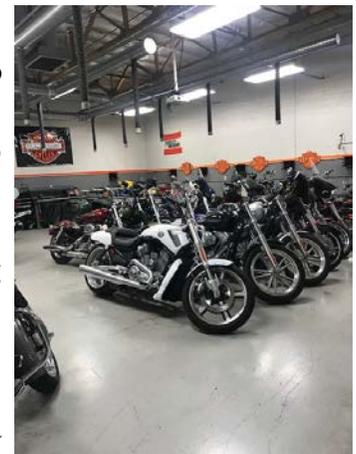
## HARLEY-DAVIDSON MECHANICS

In January Good Jerry and I had the opportunity to load up the old RV with 2 weeks worth of supplies, sanitizer and face masks and head south to chase the sun. As part of that adventure we spent several days in Phoenix, Arizona visiting my son who has been attending the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute (MMI) to obtain his Harley-Davidson Mechanic Certification. While there we were able to tour the campus and spend time with his cohorts and fellow students. Not only was it pretty darn cool to be standing on a campus that was totally immersed and focused on anything and everything Harley, I was very much intrigued by the rigorous training and the historic safety philosophy of the school and Harley-Davidson in particular.



We all know that a big part of the Harley-Davidson culture is customer service and support...and I quickly learned that a large segment of that happens behind the scenes. Striving to be #1 in the industry does not just stop at the retail level. Therefore, as an HD mechanic you have a serious obligation to be the best of the best. There are no short-cuts, no cutting corners, no second chances. HD recognizes and reiterates to their mechanics that the difference between a car and a bike is that an accident in a car you can survive...if you screw up on a bike, the odds are in your favor that you will not live. Therefore each and every machine must not only leave the show room in optimal condition, but it must be meticulously maintained at peak performance level to insure the safety of each and every individual rider. There can be no mechanical failures.

The program is demanding and insanely stressful. The first 12 weeks you spend getting all of your regular GenEd College requirements taken care of along with classes focusing on the history of Harley-Davidson, culture and philosophy, basics of the machine and the evolution from the original F-Head engine to the world renowned Milwaukee Eight. Throw in classes on basic wiring, engine, carburetion, transmission, etc. and you don't have much time left to call your Mom (or so I was told)!! All this is then followed by Harley specific classes, each three weeks in length and each immediately followed by the next segment. Volumes and volumes of homework and videos along with 3 to 5 hours a day of labs and classroom time. I was impressed by the dedication of each and every person I ran across, both student body and staff. It is serious business and the students that are specializing in Harley-Davidsons seemed to hold their head just a little bit higher and carry the weight of their responsibility just a little bit heavier.



Once you have completed the MMI course and receive your certification there are many options...my son has opted to stay for another certification in early model Harley-Davidsons...he is particularly fond of the old shovel heads and springers and aspires to open his own shop down the road. (Cont Page 12)

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From there is an Apprenticeship Program in Milwaukee. These student internships and co-ops are designed to provide students with assignments that bridge the gap between classroom studies and real-world experience. Harley-Davidson invests in their future by covering the cost of tuition and books for all related apprenticeship coursework. Upon completion of your Internship you can then move onto Journeyman status and work your way to a Master Tech. A process that takes about 5 years.

The point? Well I guess the point from this historians perspective is that it is a great feeling to be part of such a unique family, and to realize that the inner workings of the Harley-Davidson Company is as finely-tuned as the machines that we love. Its not just about the chrome and the bling, or the power and the noise....its about the safety and the engineering and the men and women that are committed to keeping us safely on the road.



*Until next time....*

*Doni Stull, Historian*

Camp Phoenix provides an opportunity for children recovering from burn injuries to meet other children who share similar feelings and experiences. The weeklong camp gives these children temporary freedom from the everyday frustrations of being burned, a chance to share their stories and to bond with each other. Campers and adult burn survivors share their stories and emotions, especially shame and fear, about their recovery. The shame will remain forever, however the fears can be turned into challenges with support of other survivors and by having a new outlook on life. They become a valuable member of the Phoenix family, which helps the children feel more comfortable and in control of their anxieties and panic when receiving negative reactions or when asked what has happened. Most of all, camp is a place to have fun, learn new things, find acceptance and build self esteem.

*NCHOG has always enjoyed the opportunity of attending the camp and giving the youngsters rides on our Harleys. It has always been a highlight for the kids as well as for us? Save the date and join us this year! Watch future Newsletters and our Facebook page for more information.*

★ **SAVE THE DATE** ★

The Burned Children Recovery Foundation's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
**Camp Phoenix for Young Burn Survivors**  
 August 6-14, 2021

★ Please join us on ★  
**Sunday, August 8th**

For our Opening Ceremonies  
**10:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM**

1185 Roy Rd ~ Bellingham, WA 98229

Bring your family and friends for a fun filled day! Have lunch with the kids and partake in firetruck & motorcycle rides, field games, etc.

Please RSVP to Kathleen at [bcrfdirector@gmail.com](mailto:bcrfdirector@gmail.com) by August 1, 2021

409 Wood Place Everett, WA 98203  
 1.800.799.BURN (2876) ★ [burnedchildrenrecovery.org](http://burnedchildrenrecovery.org)  
 Providing Hope and New Beginnings since 1989!

**PHOENIX**

It's the beginning of March (actually at the writing of this Feb 13) And here I sit with little to no article in my head, so I'll just wing it... Today is the day of Snowmagedin, or at least that's what the news is calling it. I just call it another day in natural paradise, made that way with the help that I didn't have to get up and go into WORK today!! It was a good thing that Stephanie and I actually got out on the bike last weekend, was a fairly nice day as we dodged the rain cells here and there, while we made our way to the junkyard grill for lunch. While sitting at the picnic tables (in door dining is not allowed) it began to sprinkle a little, then the sky opened up and the hail started coming down! No worries, this is the pacific northwest! Just another day in paradise! No problem, we are wearing rain gear, put the helmets on and we are good to finish our lunch!

Just what we needed, wind therapy and an adventure to go along with it! I am missing terribly, the weekend rides, and the other riders that went along with the rest of the group for the group rides. Soon, I keep telling myself, soon. Even though it's still February, I guess its probably still a few months away for the full out riding season, and the amount of snow we have gotten this year will probably delay that first ride over to Winthrop, a personnel favorite. Ride on everybody!!

*Dwane, Head Road Captain*



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**FIRST SUNDAY RIDE:** It looks like the weather is supposed to hold out for our First Sunday Ride immediately after the regular Membership meeting in Sedro-Woolley ON March 7th! The plan is to take Hwy 9 to the south Skagit Hwy towards Hwy 530. At this point those who live south can go south if they would like. Then north towards Rockport to North Cascades Hwy, returning to Sedro-Woolley. All weather permitting, and if I am able to attend the meeting (I may have to work, very busy season right now). In which case you will have a different Road Captain...but at this point I plan on being there! ~~Dwane

# I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS...

We may have not been able to see each other much over the past year, but we managed to stay in touch and share through social media....



**NCHOG**

Public group · 230 members



+ Invite



**Donna Mae Sather**  
Admin · October 3, 2020 · 🌐

First Sunday Ride: 10/04  
9:00 AM Holiday Market, Burlington  
Road Captain **Allen Ferris**  
Sweep **Dwane Porter**  
Bring a snack!  
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**Lynda Rogers**  
boy said I enjoy the company and wind therapy.  
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**John Garrigues**  
August 1, 2020 · 🌐

Some final photos of North Cascades Harley Davidson.



# And more.....

**John Garrigues** shared a link  
September 8, 2020 · 🌐

I just discovered Harley-Davidson TV on the internet. Wow, very cool. Watched a Stage I install and then a ride through the California redwoods out of Leggett, CA.  
<https://tv.harley-davidson.com/#>

**Doni Stull** shared a fundraiser.  
July 28, 2020 · 🌐

Every little bit helps. We just can't let them sell this truck. The kids look forward to it. ❤️❤️❤️



**Raising money for the Burned Children Recovery Foundation**  
Fundraiser for Burned Children Recovery Foundation by Michael Mathis



**John Garrigues**  
September 4, 2020 · 🌐

Hey everyone. I'm heading to Artist Point on Saturday, 9/5. Ken Johnson and I will meet at Subway on Mount Baker Highway near Nugent's Corner at 10 am to pick up our lunch. We will leave when we are ready. Joins us.



**Howard Bono**  
January 17 · 🌐

Cleaning out some old stuff and found these. 15 years ago.



**Roger Valentine**  
August 23, 2020 · 🌐

Thank you Len Rick Terry Robble and of course Bad Tom. Good day I enjoyed the day.




**Ken Simmons**  
January 28 at 8:51 PM · 🌐

**Lets ride I am ready for summer**

Jerry Keating, Jack Robinson and 5 others




**Jack Robinson, Jerry Davis and 16 others** · 5 Comments 2 Shares Seen by 109

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**Jack Robinson**  
What a wonderful time riding with a great group of friends. It will be in my memories forever. Love you all and miss you guys. Ride safe and God bless.  
Like · Reply · Share · 28w

**Hope Starr**  
Wow, some great photos of what NCHOG stands for. Thanks, Roger  
Like · Reply · Share · 28w

👤 Roger Valentine replied · 1 Reply

# SAFETY WITHIN

## *Love is...*

Valentine's Day is behind us, Pam and my 21st anniversary is also past, but the word in 1Corinthians 13: 1-13 is never in the past.

My last week was a normal busy week of work project scheduling, weather, political news, COVID-19 continues. But while I reread this verse today I was amazed and comforted at the peace and clarity that came over me, it seems to wash away the cares of this world.

I can't post the whole verse here but it starts with this...

*love is patient,*

*Love is kind, love never fails.*

*And ends with...*

*faith, hope, love remains.*

*But the greatest of these is love.*

Looking forward to seeing  
you all soon,  
Love you all,  
Mark





# SAFETY WITHOUT

## THINK SAFETY FOR MARCH

*By Jerry Keating, Guest Safety Guy*

Thinking about a safety topic for this month's newsletter I recall quite a few safety presentations from our past meetings. Not to state the obvious but we all are concerned with riding safe and staying safe while surrounded by traffic and exposed to other potential dangers that may come up.

I have attended several intermediate and advanced riding and safety related courses these past 10 years. One thing always seems to be part of the curriculum and that being that we as riders always must be on guard, well rested and in proper shape to be operating a motorcycle.

Here are some things that come to mind:

- **Helmet.** Protection and comfort. Is one more important than the other? Dubious question? Of course, protection is important but so is comfort. If we are uncomfortable with our headwear we might not concentrate properly as we fuss over the fit or the heat or the glare. Getting a helmet that has been tested and rated is key. Two of the most notable entities that test, and rate are D.O.T. and SNELL. Do not overlook comfort! Trying on helmets can be a pain but once you get one that is comfortable you will never complain about trying them on again.
- **Gear.** As riders in the Pacific Northwest, I think it safe to say that we all have quite large collections of riding gear. We enjoy the ability to ride literally year-round if we dress properly. All the Gear. All the Time. Layers. Rain gear. Waterproof this, that and the other thing. Leathers. Gortex. Kevlar. Mesh. I probably have at least 5 pairs of gloves with me on any given day I am riding. One the coldest/rainiest days I will have 7 layers on, and I could plug in for extra heat. Better to be warm and dry for sure.
- **Pre-ride Checks.** Tires and air pressure. Condition of wheels. All controls working. Lights, fluids, chassis condition and kickstand. (I say kickstand because I have been with guys when theirs fell off. It was not a Harley, but weird stuff can happen)
- **Ride Defensively.** Kind of a no-brainer but then again, we have all witnessed riders that seemingly are oblivious to other vehicles and objects. Be aware of cars in your blind spot or getting yourself in someone else's. Proper intervals and spacing when riding in groups. Staying back and away from trucks or other vehicles that cannot see you. Avoid road debris, dead animals and those dastardly road snakes, especially in curves. Approaching speed bumps and railroad tracks at right angles whenever possible.
- **Lastly,** always make sure you are current on maintenance. Keeping our motorcycles in the best shape we can is so important to our safety and the reliability of our bikes.

So, nothing new here, just a refresher on stuff that can make our rides safer, more enjoyable and help assure that we will be back again tomorrow for another ride!

Ride early, ride late. Ride often, ride safe. See you on the road.

~~~~Jerry Keating

COOL STUFF

HOG TROUGH

RETURNING SOON!

Once a month we get together at a local restaurant for a non-hosted dinner, libations, and good times!

Everyone is welcome to come...and bring your tall tales with you!



NCHOG MEETING

First Sunday of every month. We meet at the American Legion Hall in Sedro-Woolley with a non-hosted breakfast served from 8:30-10.

For the low price of just \$8 you can have a made to order breakfast cooked and served by the Ladies of the American Legion. Meeting starts at promptly at 10:00, and typically lasts an hour. Kickstands up at 11:15 for The First Sunday Ride following the meeting.

OFFICERS MEETING

Officers Meetings are held once a month at 5:00 pm the Thursday before the First Sunday Meeting. All members are welcome to attend upstairs at Sound Harley-Davidson in Marysville.



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

*Next LOH gathering will be Tuesday,
March 16th at 5:30
We can't wait to see you there!
No RSVP required*

**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!!

**and while you are clicking
around and surfing
around....visit our website:
*www.northcascadeshog.com***

MARCH 2021 CALENDAR

March 4th — *Officers Meeting 5:00 pm* Sound Harley-Davidson, Marysville. Any member is welcome at Officer Meetings.

March 7th — *1st Sunday Meeting* Sedro-Woolley American Legion Hall. Breakfast served from 8:30-10:00 (\$8 per person). Meeting starts promptly at 10:00! All members and guests welcome.

March 7th — *1st Sunday Ride. Leaves after Sunday meeting at 11:00(ish)* from Sedro-Woolley American Legion Hall. Watch our Facebook page for more details as the time gets closer.

March 16th — *Ladies of Harley.* LOH meets at Bobs Burgers and Brew in Burlington at 5:30. We would love to see all lady riders join us....whether you ride solo or two up, you are a wind sister. Keep an eye on the NCHOG Facebook page for updates on this event.

March 20th— *3rd Saturday Ride leaves from the Holiday Market in Burlington at 9:00 a.m.* with Road Captain Dwane, details will follow on Facebook.

April 1st— *Officers Meeting 5:00 pm.* Sound Harley-Davidson, Marysville. Any member is welcome!

April 4th — *1st Sunday Meeting* Sedro-Woolley American Legion Hall with breakfast starting at 8:30 am and meeting at 10 am. *(Bacon.....yum!)*

April 4th — *First Sunday Ride* Leaves after Sunday meeting at 11:00(ish) from Sedro-Woolley American Legion Hall. Watch our Facebook page or check April newsletter for details.



In addition to our regularly scheduled events, we have a lot of plans in the works for this year. Here's a little sneak peek....

A moving BBQ ride from Ferndale to Monroe

A ladies overnight trip to Winthrop

Putt-Putt Golf Championships

Beer and Pool

Hog Trough Dinners

Children's Burn Camp Run

NCHOG Pistol Shoot

Motorcycle Safety Course

Overnight Sunset Beach Ride





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STARTING MARCH 1ST, 2021

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SATURDAY: 10 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY: 10 AM - 5 PM

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