



NORTH CASCADE

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

Chapter #3587



JANUARY 2020

DIRECTORS FAREWELL



I just want to say it has been a pleasure serving as your Director for the past several years. I want to thank all the officers or 2019, as well as those who served in 2014-2017. We have a great group of friends who work hard to keep NCHOG a great and fun chapter. I also want to give a special thanks to Catherine who has served as Assistant Director, Secretary, and LOH Officer.

It will now be fun to just be a member for a while!

Ride safe and we will see you on the road.

~~Tom

Looking forward toward 2020. We would like to welcome
**MICHAEL GILBERT AS THE NEW DIRECTOR,
NORTH CASCADE CHAPTER OF HARLEY OWNERS GROUP.**

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CATHERINES CORNER

As we come to the end of 2019 and I sign off after another year serving as a NCHOG officer, it brings back some fun memories. I'm including a few pictures that summarize some of the fun times.

The group pic shows me, Monica, Stephanie, Joan and Pam riding to join the NCHOG Central Oregon Ride. We made the first part of the trip a ladies ride, taking time to do some back roads and an overnight stay which included synchronized swimming.

Another pic shows my recognition as a member of the "Sisters of the Wind" a.k.a. SOW's, which is a very elite women's riding group.



The last photo is me and my daughter Lindsey, when we returned from her first lunch ride to Winthrop. She had her Ducati and me on my Harley. One of those times when you think how fortunate I've been to have had such fun with friends and family.

I joined NCHOG almost 15 years ago. Tom saw how much fun I was having and got a Harley too, he joined three years later. Since 2009 I've had the pleasure of serving as Secretary, Ladies of Harley officer and Assistant Director.

As with any group, it takes many members efforts to make it successful. Although I'm no longer riding, I still take an active part in the fun activities our group has and look forward to many more in 2020.

Did I mention all the wonderful people I've met and friendships made? Well that's another story.....

Ride safe my friends.....

~~Catherine



MEET YOUR 2020 OFFICERS

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN, ROGER VALENTINE

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I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to be your Head Road Captain for 2020. I'm hoping to encourage more group riding this year. Also hoping our Road Captains will take pride in being a Road Captain, giving us some of the best rides this coming year.

I've been with NCHOG since 2001. I have been Head Road Captain in the past, also Chaplain for our chapter, and was Santa Claus for a few years delivering packages to families in need. I have had a lot of good times over the years with people of NCHOG.

My plans for 2020 include doing over night rides a little more this year. Our Road Captains and I will discuss all of this at our first Road Captain meeting of 2020.

I ride a 2019 Street Glide that I really enjoy riding



SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, AND LADIES OF HARLEY, DONNA SATHER

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Hello! So excited to be associated with this group of great people. While my recent riding experience is limited, growing up we had dirt bikes a plenty enjoying the off road experience for years. However doing a 7600 mile tour from Renton, WA, to Buffalo, NY, to Boulder, CO, and back to Washington, a 100 years ago, as a passenger pretty much cured me from riding until this summer. A friend dared me to get my permit. Dare on! Got my permit, bought a bike, took my class and badda boom badda bing, here I am!

Buying a bike was the best thing I could do for myself. The freedom I feel when I'm on Mary Poppins (Yes...that's her name and plate) is something only the rest of you get. Mary Poppins is a 2011 XL883 Super Low Sportster. When my granddaughter found out what the saddle bags were for, and how much stuff was in them she stated, "That's just like Mary Poppins!", so how could I not name her MRYPPN?! Together we put on an amazing documented 4500 miles in 90 days!

When I'm not riding I'm a Certified Safety Director for Transportation. Retiring from Public Transportation after 25 years then getting the bug to go back to work making the leap to trucking 4 years ago. Working in Whatcom County as the Safety and Compliance Manager for a trucking company, I still pull loads on occasion, funnest part of my job, and keeps me relevant with the industry. Living in the Pacific NW, specifically Ferndale, gives me the best of everything!

Becoming the HOG Secretary Officer, taking on Membership duties and the Leadership position of LOH is going to keep me busy for sure. My goal for 2020 is to continue in the footsteps of the previous Officers of these positions and holding myself accountable to the outstanding job they did for our Chapter. I'm looking forward to new ideas, rides, friendships and all that goes with this new venture I fortunately wandered in to! Thank you all so much for being so welcoming and friendly!



TREASURER, LEN NORTHROP

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Greetings North Cascades HOG members. I'm Len Northrop, and I'm excited to be starting my third year as your Treasurer. I have been a member of this chapter since I moved to this area in 2008. In these past years I have met wonderful people, experienced great rides and had many good times. I look forward to many more in 2020. I have been riding for most of my life and I currently have a 2020 Ultra Limited, on which I'm eager to put some miles. Looking forward to great year. Let's ride!



CHAPLAIN, MARK & PAM REEVES

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Happy New Year

2020 is here, we made it. Thankfully God is always with us.

We have lost friends and family but have also experienced the joy of newborn family members, and personally the return of our little girl (32) from Viet Nam. As we ramp up to Christmas and gathering with family and friends our hearts are full of joy & thankfulness for the time get together with some of those we don't see often enough. This doesn't remove any of everyday issue though. Throughout the years God urges us to lean on him, Romans 12:12 being "*joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*"

Merry Christmas and Happy New years to all, from Mark and Pam

EDITOR, DONI STULL

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Hi to all! A little about myself....although I have had a love affair with Harley-Davidson since I was 11 years old and a friend of my Dad took me for a ride, it wasn't until 2015 when I started regularly riding two-up with Good Jerry that my fate was sealed. Together we have ridden thousands of miles and toured 16 states. In 2017 I took the Motorcycle Safety Training class (in the biggest monsoon of the year), and I bought a “starter bike,” a 2006 Suzuki Boulevard 800 (red), and I discovered that yes, I do like to drive ⇒). These days you will often find me at the Petting Zoo (Harley dealership), and although I have access to Jerry's Electra Glide “Lucy,” I am hoping 2020 brings me a sassy little red low-rider.



Most of you know that Good Jerry and I have been co-editing this newsletter this past year, so there shouldn't be many unusual changes. I do have experience with newsletters and publications, and I love the creativity and challenge of putting one together. Jerry is taking the year off in order to spend more time riding and less time sitting in front of his computer (he's pretty smart). The biggest change is that I am notorious for hounding people for submissions....but that is what makes a newsletter work....first person stories and anecdotes. I look forward to any and all suggestions, submittals, ideas and creative solutions! ~Doni

COMPLETING THE ROSTER.....

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Well can you believe it..2020 is here and the start of a new year! I hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends during the holidays. Remember starting January 1st it will be time to renew your HOG membership for 2020. Here are few different ways to get the release form to me: One way is at the monthly meeting (and this is the preferred method), or drop by North Cascade Harley-Davidson and drop off the release form. You can even mail the release form to the dealership. Or just give it to one of the members

that will be going to a meeting or by the dealership.

Just a friendly reminder that you need to be in good standing with your national dues to be able to renew your chapter dues and you need to sign and date a new release form after January 1st of 2020.

Some of you probably already know that I won't be holding the position of Membership Officer for 2020. I will be helping our new membership officer Donna for the first couple of months during the renewal process then once we get through that she will be taking over the full membership officer duties. I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding for the last three years. It's been a great learning experience!

Steve



MY FAVORITE RIDE

I've been asked by the new Editor to start off the year by sharing my Favorite Ride.

As I'm sure many of you feel, most of our rides can be lumped into the "Favorite" category as they usually take us away from our otherwise mundane existence. Anyway, in an attempt to come up with a "Favorite Ride" I've spent the last several hours looking at photos I've accumulated over the years of rides I've been blessed to have been on. While it would be really impossible to pick one favorite I decided to choose the ride most memorable. Probably because I have the most photos from it I was able to "re-live" the ride and bring back so many memories.

The year was 2010 and the planned ride was to meet up in Fort Collins Colorado and tour from there. I left Monroe with a riding partner I had not ever ridden with. Big Al riding his Road King CVO and me on my black Road King Classic. Down thru Washington wheat fields and vineyards, over the Blue Mountains, across Idaho and the Hagerman Thousand Springs, down to Ogden, I-84 to I-80 and a short jog into Wyoming before twisting off at Fort Bridger, alternately taking turns at point and at sweep, rolling on the throttle and using the cruise control as the road and conditions allowed, we took in the sound of our Big Twins as they worked effortlessly.

From Bridger we rode toward Manila, the Red Canyon and the beautiful Flaming Gorge area. The road from Red Canyon down to Vernal on Utah 191 is pretty desolate but so beautiful. At Vernal we headed east across Colorado on Hwy 40 thru Steamboat Springs until we reached Colorado 14. Headed north and east to Walden, in the high plains of the Rockies then due east, up and over and then down thru Poudre Canyon to our meet up spot in Fort Collins with our friends from Chicago. Our Chicago friends consisted of my older brother Tim (who I credit with initially getting me on 2 wheels way back when), my life long pal Sam from grammar and high school and two great guys from Tim's church, Bob and his son Brian. We spent the next 5 days touring central, southern and southwestern Colorado. We encountered no rain but definitely some brisk temps at the higher elevations.

I'm sure my experience is probably nothing new to most of you as the joy of riding almost anywhere in God's Country is not equaled by any other thing we do. The roads and beauty of Colorado from the Front Range, the majestic Rockies, mountain highways, canyons, valleys, high plains, Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge, Ouray, Telluride, Durango, and all points in between have left an indelible mark on my riding soul. We as a group have been back 4 times since then. God willing I will be able to visit Colorado again and again on my Harley.

~*Jerry Keating*



COOL STUFF

HOG TROUGH

Hog Trough Dinners are usually held once a month with surprise locations announced in advance. Each month's dinner locations vary in menu and location making it pretty easy to get out of the house and spend some kick-back time with other members.

Do you have a favorite neighborhood eatery to suggest? One that would handle and welcome a larger, sometimes somewhat rowdy, group? Let us know! See you there!



NCHOG MEETING

First Sunday meeting is at American Legion in Sedro-Woolley. Meeting starts at 10 am.

Doors open at 8:30am with the kind folks from the Legion preparing an excellent breakfast including all the good stuff, coffee and juice for a great price! Hang out before the meeting and catch up with each other!

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

A get-together for the ladies each month!

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



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR

January 2nd — *Officers Meeting* Both incoming and outgoing officers to please attend. 5:30 pm Foothills Toyota Conference Room, Burlington Any member is welcome at Officer Meetings.

January 4th — *1st Saturday Ride.* 10am Time and meet up spot TBA.

January 5th — *1st Sunday Meeting* Sedro Woolley American Legion Hall. Breakfast served from 8:30-10:00 (\$8 per person). Meeting starts promptly at 10:00

January 11th, — *Road Captains Meeting* 9:00 a.m. at Whidbey Coffee. 1960 Marketplace Dr. Burlington.

January 19th — *3rd Sunday Ride* 10 am Details to follow

January 21st — *Ladies of Harley Meeting* Bob's Burgers/Brew at 5:30pm, Burlington

January 28th — *Officers Meeting* 5:30 pm Foothills Toyota Conference Room in Burlington

February 1st — *First Saturday Ride* Time and meet up spot TBA.

February 2nd — *1st Sunday Meeting* Sedro Woolley American Legion Hall with breakfast starting at 8:30am and meeting at 10am.
(Bacon.....yum!)

February 16th — *3rd Sunday Ride* Time and meet up spot TBA.

February 18th — *Ladies of Harley Meeting* Bob's Burgers/Brew. 5:30pm

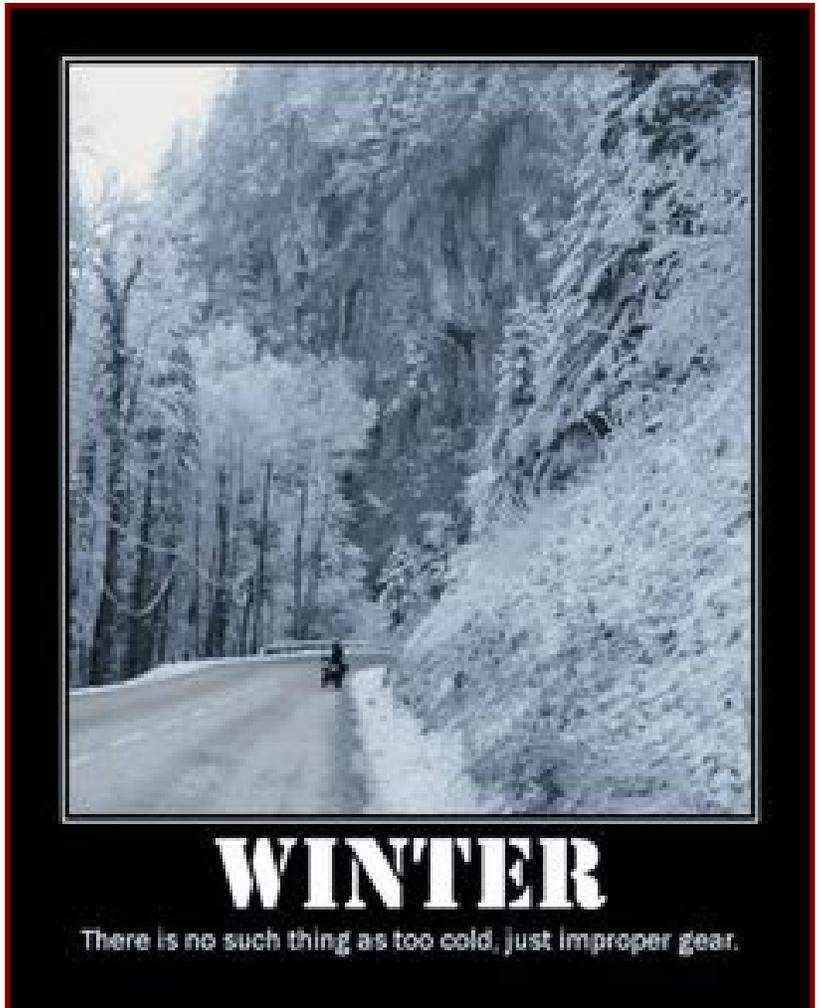
February 25th — *Officers Meeting,* 5:30 pm at Foothills Toyota Conference Room in Burlington. Meetings are open to all members.

SMILES!!

I get by with a little help from my friends.....



MORE SMILES!!



WINTER

There is no such thing as too cold, just improper gear.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Harley-Davidson is best known worldwide for its production of motorcycles, but from the earliest beginnings it was a diverse company delivering a variety of products. Letterhead from 1905 referred to a product line that included: “motor cycles, motor cycle motors, marine motors, reversible propellers and automatic float feed carburetors.” The ability to change and adapt to fit customer needs for over a century has remained central to the company’s business model. Here are five items you might not know the Motor Company produced. (*Harley-Davidson.com October 16, 2019*)

Harley-Davidson’s first three-wheeled vehicle was the Forecar, used for commercial delivery. Lasting only three years, it was produced between 1913 and 1915 and was offered in only one model. The Forecar used a standard Harley-Davidson® twin cylinder chain drive motorcycle with the front fork and front wheel replaced with a delivery box over two front wheels connected to the steering head. The Forecar had a 600-pound payload capacity and was used to deliver everything from mail to groceries.



In 1929 Harley-Davidson began supplying single cylinder side-valve engines to the Worthington Mower Company to power their Overgreen model lawnmowers. Charles Campbell Worthington invented the large commercial mower to cut the grass on the newly emerging professional golf courses after the previous practice of using grazing sheep was deemed unsuccessful. Harley-Davidson supplied engines to Worthington throughout the Great Depression.

Based on the successful Model D Golf Car, in 1965 Harley-Davidson debuted the Utilicar for the 1966 model year. Two models were produced, an electric version for use inside factories and a gasoline version for outdoor use. The Utilicar had a 750-pound payload capacity and the gasoline version was capable of speeds up to 32 mph. Five different cargo combinations were also available: flatbed, steel cargo box, stake box, cargo stake box and personnel carrier. It could also be ordered with an optional fiberglass cab enclosure.



Beginning in the mid-1960s, AMF entered into a contract building small rocket engines for the U.S. military. The contract continued through the AMF Harley-Davidson merger era (1969-1981) and beyond. The Motor Company produced the small LR-64 engine for nearly 30 years. The engine’s purpose was to propel the AQM -37A Supersonic target drone for the U.S. military. The drones were used to simulate incoming intercontinental ballistic missile attacks from foreign aggressors in jet fighter training exercises

The Tomahawk Boat Manufacturing Company in Tomahawk, Wisconsin was purchased by Harley-Davidson in 1961. Harley-Davidson continued to produce Tomahawk boats until 1965. But the company had a growing need for fiberglass manufacturing capabilities in order to supply golf car, Servi-Car and sidecar bodies, as well as motorcycle fairings and saddlebags. For the boats, several different lengths and versions were produced ranging in size from an 11-foot fishing model to an 18-foot pleasure craft. Both inboard and outboard engine configurations were available as well.



LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED

December 1, 2019 NCHOG 1st Sunday Meeting
46 in attendance. 1 motorcycle. 35 degrees Fahrenheit

Director Tom introduces Chaplain Mark who shares a short homily and opening prayer.

A quick synopsis of the NCHOG Bowling gig was provided by Jerry Davis who shared that much fun was had but it took 4 days for the pains to subside.

Tom reminds us of the Toys for Tots Ride at the dealership on December 7th. John G. will be leading a short ride around the Mount Vernon/Burlington/Skagit area weather permitting. Please bring unwrapped toys strapped to the bikes. Children, dogs are welcome at the dealership so come rain or shine, riding or driving.

Our Christmas Party is also that day, December 7th at the dealership and to date there are 51 people signed up to attend. Our Assistant Director to be, BP, asked the group to give hard consideration to volunteering as an officer.

Tom introduces the new Director Mike Gilbert. Catherine nominates Donna Sather to be Secretary and she accepts. Donna will also serve as the LOH and Membership Officer. Keith volunteers to be the Safety Guy. Historian is still vacant. Mike Gilbert's wife Jean will be our

Webmaster. Ken Lee will provide Bloopers as the mood strikes. Roger will take over as Head Road Captain.

Catherine discusses the upcoming calendar. Treasurer Len says all the banking and financial stuff looks good. Membership Steve says our group is currently 125 strong at this time. Editor asks for articles by December 15th. Our new Editor, Doni Stull, will have an email account by which members and officers can reach her or Jerry to make submissions for the newsletter or for other chapter business. That email address will be shared with membership soon and posted in the upcoming newsletter. Jan says the Christmas Party is 12/7 with food, music provided by Sig, BYOB. Chet and Jan will do the shopping the morning of the party. The December HOG Trough is at the Trumpeter Public House in Mount Vernon on the 19th at 6:30pm. 406 Myrtle St. Do not come early as they will not be able to seat us until then. Head Road Captain Ron thanks all of the Road Captains for their fine work thru the year and asks members to please support the planned rides. He notes there is the Hells Canyon Rally in Baker City July 9-13. Safety Guy BP reminds us to keep the bike mechanically in shape as well as our "Brain" to stay safe and alert always learning new skills. Tom Litka says the dealership will be having tire specials in January. Mike G. informs the group of all the new requirements for obtaining a motorcycle endorsement. Mike also shares a story with the group about Mr. Hadley with the moral of the story being "What have you not done yet?" Mike invites us all to talk about the things we want to do as a group. "Let's figure it out together". Webmaster Terry says the calendar is up to date thru 2021. LOH Joanie says the LOH Christmas Party is December 17th at Bob's Burger and Brews in Burlington and thanks all the ladies for attending thru the year. There will be a gift exchange with approximately \$15 or so.

Tom reminds us that the January Officers Meeting will be on January 2 which is a Thursday at the Foothills Toyota Conference Room at 5:30pm. It is requested that all current and new officers attend to assist in a seamless transition. The 1st Sunday Meeting is January 5th at the Sedro-Woolley American Legion. Doors open at 8:30 for breakfast (\$8.00) and camaraderie with meeting commencing at 10am.

The drawings for swell stuff follows with the free breakfast going to Mark! The 50/50 drawing is won by Charlie and Laurie. The \$25 dealer gift card is taken by Jack and the gift box prize by Donna!

Meeting is closed with a short prayer from Chaplain Mark. All is well in Sedro Woolley!

Respectfully Submitted, Good Jerry, Secretary

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*See the NCHD parts or service dept. for more information.



**CASINO
NIGHT**

6pm Feb. 8, 2020