



Harley Owners Group Newsletter March 2024

News you can use...

Director's Corner Doug Erwin



While quickly moving into March we are already seeing the calendar fill up with many activities for our local riding community. Membership is growing with the number of riding events, service opportunities, and riding which brings us to meeting new friends. Please encourage your riding friends to participate with us in 2024.

Speaking of 2024 stop in the dealership and take a close look at the new Harley Davidson models. Rides on the new models are offered on dry days. The new touring models bring us lighter rides and streamlined design, and they also sport new digital tech in the instrument panel.

I would very much appreciate your support of the dealership events this year by attending each event even if it is for just a short visit. Yes, we do often need help with some of the event logistics but we would appreciate your interactions with potential members.

Lastly, I would like to emphasize the value of getting to know and using the Harley Davidson HOG membership. One of the benefits we enjoy with membership is the Roadside Assistance Program. Rather than needlessly spend money on a similar program let your HOG dues do the work for you. Like any other insurance program, the benefit gives us all the confidence in knowing if something does go wrong while we are on the road, there is a plan in place to get us to the closest Harley dealer for repairs. Premium features include:

- **24/7 Roadside Assistance** - We're always here to help in an emergency. Tows are covered to our nearest dealership.
- **Up to 52 Events per Year, Max of 1 Service per 7 days** - With no limits on coverage amount, there's no destination too far. We've always got your back.
- **Additional Vehicles** - More than just motorcycle coverage with the option to include cars and light trucks.
- **Travel Expense** - If your breakdown results in unexpected travel expenses, you may qualify for reimbursement up to \$1000 with Ultra Plus.

Stay safe out there, and here's to many miles of riding together in the near future.

Ladies of Harley Ginger Anderson



On March 16th, there's an LOH dinner ride to The Rock Fired Pizza in Kitsap Mall at 5:00 pm. If we want the private side room, we have to commit to spending a minimum of \$300 so it would be helpful to have people sign up so I can get a count of those who will attend. With that in mind, I will have a sign-up sheet at the 2 March Chapter Meeting for the dinner ride. You can also email me.

As part of the dinner we will have a ride. I am looking for suggestions for the ride prior to the dinner as well as for someone to lead the ride.

Keep up the good work and **Let's Ride!**
Ginger

Safety Corner

As the days grow longer and the temperatures begin to rise, it's time to dust off our motorcycles and get back on the road. But before we hit the throttle, let's take a moment to ensure our safety and the safety of our riding buddies.

Tire Inspection: Check the tire pressure and tread depth. Cold weather can cause tires to lose pressure, and worn-out treads can be dangerous, especially on wet roads.

Fluid Levels: Ensure that all fluid levels, including oil, coolant, and brake fluid, are topped up to the recommended levels. Cold weather can cause fluids to thicken or deplete.

Battery Health: Cold temperatures can drain motorcycle batteries. Check the battery's charge and condition. Charge it if necessary, or consider replacing it if it's too weak.

Brake Check: Test your brakes to make sure they are working properly. Ensure that brake pads and discs are in good condition.

Lights and Signals: Verify that all lights and turn signals are functioning correctly. This is crucial for visibility on the road, especially during dawn, dusk, or nighttime rides.

Gear Inspection: Inspect your riding gear, including your helmet, gloves, jacket, and boots.

For your calendar...



Future events – Save the Date. Check the calendar for details.

March 3 Chapter meeting at Destination Harley Davidson. Doors open at 8:30 in the upper building.

March 8-10 Don't forget to check out the 6th Annual Northwest Classic Motorcycle Club Indoor Swap Meet at the Spokane County Fair & Expo Center in Spokane, WA! Check out their flyer for more info!

March 10 Blacksheep Breakfast 9:00am McClouds Grill House, 4111 Wheaton Way, Bremerton.

March 16 LOH Dinner Ride to Rock Fired Pizza in Kitsap Mall at 5:00 pm

March 17 CMA Pie and Ice Cream Social – Harper Church, Port Orchard.

March 23 Destination HD Spring Opener.

April 20 Show and Shine at Destination HD. 11am to 2pm.

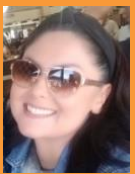
April 27 "Dust Your Putt" ride put on by the American Legion Riders of Post 149.

May 25 "The Unforgotten: Ride to Tahoma. Escort veterans who passed away during the last year who were unclaimed by family or friends to Tahoma National Cemetery.

June 8 Chapter Ride. Meet at Destination HD at 9am for breakfast. 11am KSU.

June 22 Destination HD Open House.

Chapter Membership / Ride 365 Renee Peters



Membership: We are currently enjoy 187 members

1 Ride 365: Whether it's an afternoon getaway or a transcontinental journey of a lifetime, every ride you take brings us closer together.

Keep track of your lifetime mileage, and annual miles, because they and you matter! <https://members.harley-davidson.com/>. Every January, please make sure to turn in your odometer reading to the dealership to track your annual miles on "ride 365."

2 See what H.O.G rallies and events are calling your name this year at <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/hog/rallies.html>.

3 Did you know about the H-D APP? Here are some highlights to be aware of:

- **COMMUNITY** - Make new connections, create or join groups, and find events in your local area or at your next destination.
- **MEMBERSHIP**- Create a custom profile, track your points balance, and connect with your home dealership.
- **RIDE PLANNING**- Map a route and hit the road with GPS navigation. Add dealers, gas stations, and waypoints to create your perfect route that stays on the best roads. Then save it and share it with friends. Now, not only can you access the Harley-Davidson® Ride Planner on a desktop, all from the palm of your hand.
- **GPS NAVIGATION AND RIDE RECORD**- Stay on course with real-time GPS navigation. Choose a destination or choose from rides you planned on the app or on the Harley-Davidson Ride Planner. Or, hit record to create a route of your own.
- **Ride Challenges** – sign up for the HD ride challenge for the month and record your rides on the HD app to earn points.

Shop Notes



• **Brent.** The 2024s are here and looking good. See me to take a 2024 out for a ride. I am sad to announce that Julie will be leaving us and moving to Alabama. We will miss her enthusiasm and friendliness that she brings to each of us every day. We do wish her well in her new chapter of life. With Julie's departure she leaves a big gap in our team so until a new sales person is hired I will be filling in at the sales desk. If you know of someone who is a rider and might be interested in taking on a very challenging role at the dealership you can send them my way to learn more about career possibilities with Harley Davidson.

• **Apparel and Licensing.** The spring inventory is arriving so take a look at all the racks for new items. Don't forget that we price match with items you might find at Harley-davidson.com.

• **Parts.** We are happy to announce that Rick Zimburean joined our team as a member of the Parts Department on March 1st. He brings many year of Harley Davidson experience with him. Stop by the desk and introduce yourself. At the same time heck out the clearance area for some new good deals.

• **Service.** See Jon for your service needs and get on the schedule now. The schedule is filling fast so if you can anticipate your mileage it's a good time to get on the schedule routine maintenance and warranty service.



Slo-Joe Ranier – 2024 Three State Ride

We have an adventure planned for you in August. It's not too soon to start planning for our 2024 Three State Ride coming August 17-23. The ride will offer opportunities to knock out both Harley Davidson and the CMA/DR Steeplechase locations necessary to complete ride challenges. For more information contact: Joe Ranier - 360-620-5465 or Roy Covey – 360-620-0547 Hotel reservations are filling fast. We hope to see you on the road with us.



2024 Director's Ride Challenge

With our goal of collectively riding 200,000 miles as a chapter, you might consider not only logging miles to crush the goal but participate in the 2024 HOG Director's Ride Challenge. We have options to earn awards:

- **West Side** – Welcome sign at the Olympic National Park (NP), North Cascades NP Sign, Mount Ranier NP Nisqually entrance and Klondike Goldrush National Historic Place (NHP), Seattle.
- **Power** – Grand Coulee Dam, Manhattan Project NHP, The Dalles Dam, and Diablo Dam.
- **4 Corners** – Makah Cultural & Research Center Museum, Falls View Park, WA State Lewis and Clark Historical Marker #36, Lewis & Clark Monument at Mekenzie Head Trail.

Pick up ride options and details about the challenge in the HOG corner.

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The Silverdale HOG Chapter supports -

- Central Kitsap Food Bank
- Crista Shores
- Washington State Veterans Home Retsil
- Rhodes to Recovery
- Kitsap Humane Society
- Coffee Oasis

Bring canned goods to each meeting and event to support the Central Kitsap Food Bank. The need for food by Kitsap County community members is increasing.

Our **clothing drive** supporting **Rhodes to Recovery** who provides assistance to **local veterans in need** continues. Only serviceable **boots** and **shoes** of all sizes along with socks and serviceable outerwear will be accepted. Give these items to any Board member at any meeting or event. We will collect, store and deliver as needed.

February ride with CMA to honor Norm...HOG 3500 Silverdale Chapter



Do you have some thoughts, suggestions, or contributions for the newsletter? Send them to Rick Becker at richardbckr@gmail.com.