



Harley Owners Group Newsletter December 2023

News you can use...

Director's Corner Doug Erwin



As the engines roar and the winds of change continue to guide our journey, it's time to reflect on the incredible adventures we've shared over the past year while eagerly anticipating the exhilarating roads that lie ahead.

The past year has been a testament to the spirit of camaraderie that defines our motorcycle family. From the breathtaking scenic rides along winding mountain paths to the heart-pounding events that brought us together, we've forged unforgettable memories. Our group has grown from 153 members a year ago to 199 as of the end of November. Let's exceed 200 in December. Together, we navigated challenges and celebrated triumphs on and off the road. And thanks to your strong participation, we were well-represented at a variety of local charity rides which helped generate funds for those in need. Thanks to your unwavering support, we made a meaningful impact on our community, exemplifying how our passion for riding extends beyond the open road. Reflecting on the past year, we've achieved remarkable milestones. The dedication and commitment of each member have made these accomplishments possible. Our group expanded its outreach, welcoming passionate riders from diverse backgrounds, and enriching our collective experience. With a month remaining to ride more, our collective 187,000 miles exceeded all expectations really has solidified our HOG reputation as a group that rides.

I am excited as we gear up for 2024, anticipation fills the air. Our calendar is brimming with exciting events, rides, and opportunities to deepen our connections. We're planning some thrilling Director's Ride options that will take many of us to places not yet explored. Attend the monthly HOG meeting to learn more. Beyond the rides, we're eager to continue making a positive impact in the community. Our commitment to charitable causes remains unwavering, and we're thrilled to explore new avenues with our supporting partners where our collective efforts can make a difference. I hope you will participate as much as possible. Stay tuned for updates on our upcoming rides, events, and initiatives. Remember, it's not just about the destination but the exhilarating journey we share as a community of passionate riders.

There are a few tickets remaining for the Christmas Party on the 8th of December. See Nichole or Wyatt to purchase yours. I wish you and your family the best of holiday seasons as well as a happy and prosperous 2024. Ride safe and strong!

For your calendar...



Future events – Save the Date.

December 2: Monthly Chapter Meeting. Destination Harley Davidson. Doors open at 8:30am.

December 2: Olympia Toy Run. Register here: [Olympia Toy Run](#)

December 8: Christmas Party



Ladies of Harley Ginger Anderson



Ladies:

With the riding season coming to end, we do have a rather busy schedule for the next few months I hope you can support with your attendance and donations.

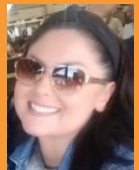
- December 8th. Holiday Party at the Clearwater Casino, Billy Frank Room at 5:00pm. We are in need of donations for the Christmas Party Auctions. Please let me know if you can help.
- December 15th - LOH Christmas Cookie Swap potentially at Moments Brewery in Silverdale.

I will have forthcoming information about the Homeless Teens Project as soon as I get a response from the school. Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. If you can/want to donate anything, please let me know.

Thanks Ladies!!
Ginger Anderson



Chapter Membership / Ride 365 Renee Peters



Membership: We are currently carrying 199 members, up from 153 a year ago.

Chapter Mileage: Take an odometer reading and report your miles to Nichole or Wyatt. Big Harley Davidson HOG has the Silverdale Chapter recording 187,613 miles during 2023 as of the end of November. According to the HOG Ride 365 site we stand at 139th in the nation and 60th overall in the West Market. Congratulations to all! Our Chapter's top riders are:

2023 Ride 365	
Name	Miles
Bruce C	13,957
Karen E	10,616
Ken M	10,286
Kristina M	10,286
Douglas E.	9,981
Ronald W	9,824
Miriam W	9,824
Dena R	8,418
Rick M	7,610
Joe R	7,538

Have you explored the HOG site recently to review your benefits? If not, go to: [HOG Member Site](#)

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- Connect and ride with other members
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Shop Notes



- **Brent.** Thank for supporting the November events. I would like to see if there is interest in a Cornhole tournament at the upper building. If so, let me or Nichole know. Watch for a future announcement.



- **Apparel and Licensing.** Harley Davidson is offering some great deals on apparel. Let us order something if you don't find it in our inventory.

- **Parts.** Check out the clearance area for some new good deals.

- **Service.** Winter is here and most of us have covered up the bike or trike in the garage. It can easily be out of site and out of mind. Our service team in the shop would like to remind us that there are steps we can take to assure our Harleys will be ride ready when those winter sun breaks occur.

- **Fuel stabilizer.** Add some fuel stabilizer to that FULL tank of gas. This will avoid gas from going bad and keep moisture to a minimum.

- **Tire pressure.** Tires can lose as much as 2 psi per month. Check those tires periodically when storing your bike.

- **Battery Tender.** Keep your battery charged through the winter with a battery tender to assure adequate cranking power.

- **Sales.** Check in with Julie about new and pre-owned bikes. The showroom is full right now so let Julie guide you on the deal if you are looking to make a change.



Winter Weather Got you Down? Slo-Joe Ranier

This is a good time to work on your 2024 bucket list Here are some ideas to think about in the comfort of your home on a cold and wet winter day.

- US Route 66 is a must ride to see the way things were in the past. Many things to see and do can take up to 15-20 days to explore depending on your route.
- Ride to Alaska, the last frontier. Plan on 15-20 days for this 5,300 to 5,500 adventure. A trip to Alaska takes a lot of planning but is not a hard trip and worth the effort. The roads are in good shape most of the way but there will be some construction.
- The granddaddy ride is the 4 corners which will see your odometer mileage increase 7,500 to 8,500 miles. The ride can take up to 25 days depending on how many states you want to cover. If interested, contact Southern California M/C Association. Here is a web link to learn more.

And as always, if you have any questions please contact me and I am happy to help.



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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.

2023 in review...HOG 3500 Silverdale Chapter



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