



Harley Owners Group Newsletter November 2023

News you can use...

Director's Corner Doug Erwin



We are all grateful for the Adam and Renee's recovery progress. While doing better, please keep them both in your thoughts and prayers as they continue working with their doctors through therapy.

This past riding season saw a number of incidents that resulted in injuries, dents, scrapes, and close calls. It is a reminder that we can't be too careful on the roads because even split second decision making is sometimes a luxury. I have been thinking a lot about riding safety recently as the roads are wet, covered with leaves in places, frosty in shady areas, and we will soon see sand between wheel tracks. So, allow me to pass along a few thoughts that are familiar to all of us but worth remembering as winter approaches.

- **Protective Gear** - Wearing the right protective gear is crucial when it comes to motorcycle safety. Your well-fitting and securely fastened helmet, durable riding gear, and eye protection are essential items.
- **Motorcycle Maintenance** – Check tires before each ride especially if your bike has been stored for a while. Test brakes lights and signals and keep the engine and fluids well-maintained.
- **Safe Riding Techniques** - Safe riding techniques for the road conditions are essential for avoiding accidents. Assume that other drivers can't see you and be prepared for sudden lane changes or unexpected maneuvers, watch your distance from the vehicle in front of you, obey speed limits and avoid riding in poor conditions.
- **Watch for Road Hazards** - Gravel or debris on the road, potholes and uneven surfaces, railroad crossings, and oil slicks in wet conditions will bite us hard if not vigilant when riding.

Finally, We have some great events coming up in the calendar and I hope you can attend as many as possible. Also, I encourage you to get your tickets to the holiday party on the 8th of December. An has planned a very nice evening for us so I look forward to seeing you at the Clearwater Casino, Billy Frank Room at 5:00pm.

Let's keep it safe out there and enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving! Dug

For your calendar...



- November 4: Monthly Chapter Meeting. Destination Harley Davidson. Doors open at 8:30am.
- November 4: Ride to the Museum of Flight following Chapter meeting. Register here: [Museum of Flight](#)
- November 11: Veterans Day at the Kitsap Pavilion.



- November 18: Bunko at the Dealership
- November 19: The Dealership is having a Tailgate Party for the Seahawks vs Rams game in the upper building. Kickoff is at 1:25. This is a very important divisional game. Let's bring our bestest tailgate foods and watch the Seahawks WIN!

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.

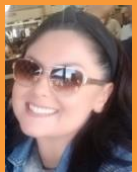
- There are 13 kids for the Homeless Teens Project. Cookies and candy are definitely appreciated. Karen Erwi neighbor is going to freeze dry some candy! There is a need for blankets. The school is going to have the kids make wish lists. I hope to have them real soon.
- November 18th - BUNKO with a pot luck at the Dealership from 6-8 pm in the upper building.
- November 19th - The Dealership is having a Tailgate Party for the Seahawks vs Rams game in the upper building. Kickoff is at 1:25. This is a very important divisional game. Let's bring our bestest tailgate foods and watch the Seahawks WIN!
- December 8th. Holiday Party at the Clearwater Casino, Billy Frank Room at 5:00pm.
- December 15th - LOH Christmas Cookie Swap potentially at Moments Brewery in Silverdale. More details will be provided.

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!!

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Chapter Membership / Ride 365 Renee Peters



Chapter Mileage: Thank you for turning in your mileage. Big Harley Davidson HOG has the Silverdale Chapter recording 183,969 miles during 2023 as of the end of October. According to the HOG Ride 365 site we stand at 126th in the nation and 55th 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
Joe R	7,538
Rick M	6,880

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

JOIN HARLEY-DAVIDSON

- Earn points and rewards
- Connect and ride with other members
- Access exclusive events and content
- [Join Here](#)

Shop Notes



• **Brent.** Join us for Bunko on the 18th of November and our Seahawks Tailgate event on the 19th of November. Look for announcements about in-store deals as we approach the holidays. Riding is fun and riding with other HOG members is even more fun. Recruit some



friends to join us. I am seeking volunteers for future dealer events. Let me know about your special powers so we can fit you into a role.

• **Apparel and Licensing.** Take a look at the new flannels and consider the special on "plaids" as you shop. We have heated gear for your winter riding needs.

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

• **Service.** Patrick is ready to take care of your maintenance needs and can get you in quickly. Pull your bike up to the service door and ask him to check tire pressure and date codes. He strongly urges you to change out brake fluid at the 24 month mark to avoid costly repairs to your ABS system. When storing your bike this winter be sure to do so with a full tank and add some stabilizer to the gas. Patrick recommends pulling the left side fuse if you will not ride for a while to conserve the battery.



• **Sales.** Julie has taken the guess work out of calculating bike prices on the floor. Just look at the tags hanging from the handle bars. Lots of selections with awesome interest rates on select bikes during November. Julie has the details.

Don't Put That Bike Away Slo-Joe Ranier



As we approach winter take advantage of the good weather breaks. And in those days that won't permit riding then spend some time planning a future ride for you and others. This can not only be fun at this time of year but can also lead to a more enjoyable and safer ride when you do get a chance to hit the

road. When planning consider some of these suggestions:

- Wear warm protective gear.
 - Consider a high-visibility vest to increase your visibility to other users.
 - Pack an emergency kit that includes items like a first-aid kit, a multi-tool, a tire repair kit, and a portable air compressor.
 - Carry a fully charged mobile phone and a power bank.
 - Consider a windshield or fairing to reduce wind chill.
 - Carry the necessary tools to perform basic repairs on the road.
 - Make advance reservations for accommodations along your route.
 - Ride with a group for safety and support in case of an emergency.
 - Map out potential road closures and your fuel stops in advance.
 - Know the local laws and regulations, especially if you carry a firearm.
 - Be prepared to turn back or take shelter if conditions worsen.
 - Let someone know your itinerary and check in with them especially if riding alone.
- Remember that winter motorcycle trips can be challenging, so it's important to be well-prepared and have a plan for unexpected situations.

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- Central Kitsap Food Bank
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- 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.

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