

Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Historical Report 2017

Officers:

Director: Mike Mowder

Assistant: Art Brenenstahl

Assistant Director: Ric Tallada

Photographer: Shannon Greene, Jill Barton

Treasurer: Rick Polenske

Historian: Mason Clarke

Secretary: Karen Mowder

Membership Officer: Jodie West

Activities Officer: Karen Mowder

Web Master: Katherine Clarke

LOH Officer: Rhonda Wenzel

Chapter Manager: Todd Godfrey

Lead Road Captain: Cliff Lewis

Members at Large: Mark Berns

Assistant: Randy Harrison

Judy Tallada

Editor: Charle Knoblock

Joe Cardona

Safety Officer: Doug Foye

Danny Comer

Equipment Officer: Pat Bryant

Kevin Curnes

Harley Officer's Training: Mike (Director), Doug (Safety Officer), Danny and Kevin (Members at Large) attended during March in Albuquerque, NM.

Membership:

Starting Membership: 156 (as of January 1, 2017)

Ending Membership: 268 (as of December 31, 2017)

Chapter Rides: Thirty-two

Cooking Events:

BBQs: Four

Pancake Feeds: Thirteen

Board Activities:

January:

Todd (HOG Manager) briefed the sponsor has requested the chapter provide two breakfast feeds per month starting 2/18 through 9/1 along with five burger burns for the year. A motion was made to accept all breakfast feeds and four burger burns for the year. Approved

Todd (HOG Manager) informed the group the dealership will be renewing its support of the MDA this year and requested the chapter take the lead on a local MDA charity ride this year. Decision pending Mike's (Director) research into liability issues. Tabled

Mike (Director) suggested the chapter give the volunteers a chance to win a chapter baseball cap. A minimum of 12 baseball caps would need to be purchased at \$15.00 each. Mike proposed having a separate drawing for the caps. Motion made, approved.

Members have expressed an interest in chapter pins for Shannon Weston (Chapter Member) to sell. A minimum of 24 pins would need to be purchased. Motion to purchase pins made, approved.

Membership Meeting:

Randy Harrison (Road Captain) announced the return of the chapter's Tour Idaho Program. The program challenges members to ride to a wide variety of destinations throughout Idaho. Riders must show proof of ride completion with a picture in front of a city's sign. Although the rides are not considered "official" chapter rides, participants will be given a ride ticket with proof of completion. Members who complete all 17 rides before 9/17 will be treated to a free ice cream cone.

February:

Shannon Greene and Jill Barton volunteered to serve as chapter photographers for 2017.

It was decided the chapter will continue last year's initiative to pay for chapter members' meal during one ride per month.

Mike (Director) proposed raising the budget for HOT due to increased costs. The current annual budget has been at \$2500.00 for a number of years. A motion was made to increase the budget by \$1,000 to cover hotel and travel costs. Approved

Mark (Food Safety Officer) briefed the chapter needed 9 cooking thermometers and 2 frying pans for the next season. Mark will provide the board with an estimated cost.

Doug (Safety Officer) coordinated with Will Stoy (Meridian PD) to provide a class for Road Captains. Class would consist of safety and what police officers are looking for. Doug will report back to the board on details.

Membership Meeting:

Lane (ICMS) acknowledged Doug (ICMS) is back and cancer-free. Legislators are working on a bill to allow motorists to exceed the speed limit by 15 MPH when passing on two lane roads with a minimum speed limit of 55 mph. A bill to prohibit profiling of motorcycle groups by law enforcement was also mentioned.

Mark Berns (Food Safety Officer) announced that the meeting for new and old cooks will be March 11th. Meeting is mandatory.

March:

Dawn Davis presented an idea for a charity ride for Paint the Town. The registration fee would be the donation. Ride destination would be Sherwin Williams with free food. Riders would receive a bandana. May 20th is the kickoff date. Rick (Treasurer) advised Dawn to discuss proposal with Todd (HOG Manager).

During the Road Captains' meeting, it was suggested by a majority of Road Captains present to discontinue the practice of giving volunteer cards to Road Captains participating in pre-rides. The practice stems from a decision by the 2011 board. A motion was made to table the discussion since Mason (Historian) or Cliff (Lead Road Captain) was not present. Approved

Kevin (Member at Large) presented proposed details of the Spring Picnic. Planning for 70 members. Ride will be a Mystery Ride. A motion was made to approve a \$850.00 budget for the picnic. Approved

April:

Ric (Assistant Director) asked the board if the Hog Manager and Sponsor paid membership dues. After discussion, a motion was made for their dues to be waived. Approved

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) discussed the discounted price for the Accident Scene Management Course. At \$65 per person, Cliff presented the possibility of the chapter paying for 10-15 classes. Who would be eligible for the class was discussed and it was suggested only new Road Captains who have not taken the class would qualify. Motion made and approved.

Katherine (Web Master) briefed the board on After Christmas Party survey results. About 40% of the attendees responded to the survey. All in all, members really enjoyed the party. Decorations and food was hit. Members suggested a new band be booked for next year. The biggest complaint was the bar prices. Possible themes for 2017; Margaritaville, Rock n Roll of 1950's, and Actors & Actresses.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) expressed his issue with how the decision was made on giving out volunteer cards to Road Captains for pre-rides after the majority of road captains voted to discontinue the practice. Ric (Assistant Director) advised the board that Todd (HOG Manager) summoned a meeting on behalf of the dealership of the Executive Committee to discuss and vote on this issue. Todd indicated that volunteer cards cost nothing to the club and if it assists in getting more members to volunteer than it's a good idea. Mason (Historian) mentioned the practice was originally approved by the 2011 board and the present board should vote on the Road Captains' recommendation to discontinue the practice. A motion was made to sustain the 2011 ruling to give out volunteer cards to Road Captains that participate on pre-rides they are scheduled for. Approved

Ric (Assistant Director) suggested a portion of tip-jar money collected at chapter cooking events be earmarked for the Kevin Holtry Motorcycle Fund. Kevin Holtry (Boise PD) was severely wounded in the line of duty late last year during an officer-involved shooting. Losing one leg and being paralyzed from the waist-down, donations are being collected to build him a specially-designed motorcycle. A motion was made to dedicate the tips over the next quarter to the fund.
Approved

Katherine (Web Master) reported that free printing of chapter tri-fold brochures is no longer available. Commercial printing prices range between \$0.47 to \$0.80 each with Katherine's business discount. Katherine printed 85 brochures on her personal printer. Chapter will reimburse Katherine \$25.00 for the 85 brochures. Rick (Treasurer) suggested we determine how many brochures will be needed yearly for budget purposes. Judy (Member at Large) offered 4over.com as a possible printing source. Katherine will research 4over.com for printing costs and report back. Tabled

May:

Trifold update: Katherine (Web Master) reported that she researched 4over.com for printing. Website requires approval. Katherine briefed she has 7 boxes of paper which will last till the end of the year and she will continue to print them herself. The estimated cost is \$0.80 each. Rick suggested that we would need 50 new members to break even for the cost of the printing. Motion was made to pay Katherine \$200.00 to finish printing for 2017 on her personal equipment.
Approved

Rick (Treasurer) presented proposed budget items. Rick asked the board if we should budget \$200 to \$300. HOT Training be increased to \$3,500.00. Picnic budget should be \$850.00 each. 50/50 budget will be \$150.00, HDHD donations will be zero at this point of time, patch sales TBD, Christmas Party budget \$3000. Rick mentioned that it's time to raise the member dues for 2018. Tabled

June:

After Christmas Party: Ric (Assistant Director) reported the estimated budget is \$4200.00. Members will be charged \$25.00 and asking chapter for \$3000.00. Proposed venue is Red Lion Downtown at \$3965.00 (this includes food). Estimated band charge is \$650, Decorations \$175, Prizes \$750, Gift certificates for Mark & Todd \$200.00. Motion made to approve party budget.
Approved

Mike (Director) brought up raising the dues as a part of old business. Mason (Historian) stated opposition to the proposal based on the apparent lack of an actual need to do so. He reminded the board that we added a number of initiatives to "give back" to the membership to reduce the account to a "prudent reserve" level and that those initiatives were temporary in nature when they were approved. The only actual must-pay we have as a chapter is the cost of our meeting place.

We need to live within our means. Since Rick (Treasurer) was not present, the motion was tabled for further discussion concerning "prudent reserve" and dues.

The straw budget discussion was tabled since Rick (Treasurer) was not present.

Kevin (Member at Large) reported that 79 members showed for the spring picnic. Total cost was \$754.03 (\$95.97 under budget). Only 4 members could not be accounted for. Ride was well planned and extremely fun.

PNW Rally: Scott (Rally Coordinator) mentioned that the only package available is the Bronze package (Gold package has closed out). Confirmed registration at 720. Extra activities planned and details to come. HD is putting on a "Run to Rally" sweepstakes. Those participating will be entered in a drawing to win one of three HD gift cards ranging for 250, 150, or 100 dollars.

Membership Meeting:

Lane (ICMS) reported Bob Grumpton, long-time member of ICMS, was killed in a motorcycle accident.

July:

Ric (Assistant Director) reported the estimated budget for the After-Christmas Party is \$4200.00. Members will be charged \$25.00 and asking chapter for \$3000.00. Proposed venue is Red Lion Downtown at \$3965.00 (this includes food). Estimated band charge is \$650, decorations \$175, prizes \$750, gift certificates for Mark & Todd \$200.00. A motion was made for the chapter to pay \$3000 toward the event. Motion passed.

Mike (Director) suggested the discussion about dues be tabled once more. Approved

Rick (Treasurer) briefly talked about the Veteran's and Holiday parades and mentioned that in past years the chapter donated \$100.00 to each. A motion was made to continue with donations for this year. Motion passed.

Chuck Cox (Chapter Member) represented Herb Weston Chapter Member) in expressing concern about the \$10.00 (refundable) pre-payment for the ride. Chuck mentioned that Herb spoke with a few members and they indicated that if the \$10 would be charged they would not attend. Food budget will be \$8.46 per person. The \$10.00 pre-payment has been previously approved by the board and was advertised in the calendar and newsletter for the last 2 months. It was decided to continue with the practice despite the stated concern.

Scott (Rally Coordinator) reported the updates for the Rally. Not all the merchandise has arrived. Carla Wall (Chapter Member) is making neck coolers for the volunteers. Susan (Rally Secretary) expressed the PNW rally will be like a National Rally. The 50/50 drawing will be done on Thursday night only. Cliff (Lead Road Captain) will be holding a RC meeting at 4:00 PM on Sunday and Monday at 6:00 PM. Volunteer party will be held at the Idaho Pizza on Fairview in Meridian on July 23rd at 4:00 PM.

Joe (Member at Large) suggested the chapter purchase the pancake dispenser for \$85.00. Motion passed.

Mark (Food Safety Officer) mentioned that he will be resigning his position due to health issues.

Pat (Equipment Officer) completed the finish on the donated picnic table. The table will be placed on the back patio and will be chained.

Membership Meeting:

Joe (Member at Large) briefed the membership on the “Fuel Up for MDA” ride on 8/19. Participants will complete a poker run style ride with five stops around the Emmett Loop. Participants will be eligible for a drawing to win one of three prizes at the end of the ride.

Doug (ICMS) thanked everyone for their support during his illness. He reminded the membership that it’s never too late to join ICMS. Lane (ICMS) talked about the 60 fatalities since Memorial Day. Year to date there have been 20 fatalities in motorcycle accidents.

August:

Todd (HOG Manager) requested the chapter add a cooking event on 8/26 (HDHD Anniversary). Based on the high level of volunteer requests over the last few months, the board agreed to pass on the event.

Mike (Director) brought up the possibility of offering chapter t-shirts and will contact Norscot and ask the minimum order quantity and if sizes can be mixed. The MOQ is 24 for a single color in men’s & women’s. Short sleeve is \$20 and long sleeve is \$25. Mike will provide the information to Shannon. A motion was made to research the T-Shirts. Motion passed

Membership Meeting:

Ric (Assistant Director) requested the membership provide picture they’ve taken over the year to Dave Kesner (Chapter Member) for compilation in preparation for the After-Christmas Party.

September:

Death of a Member, 9/5: Stephen Ralph Martin 1955 ~ 2017. Stephen 'Surfer Steve' Ralph Martin, Meridian, Idaho, died suddenly on September 5, 2017 at the age of 62. Steve is survived by his wife, Janice Martin (née Gallant); three sisters, Linda Hice, Cheryl Martin and Caryl Martin and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death his parents, Herbert and Virginia Martin (née Tremmeling). Steve was born in Santa Maria, California on July 26, 1955. He quit high school to help support his family after his father became disabled. Steve joined the Navy and served four years as Machinist Mate Class A. He was very proud to have served on the ships that evacuated American personnel during the final days of the Vietnam Conflict. After

serving his country, he returned to California and worked as a truck driver delivering ice cream. Steve's infectious laugh and laid-back easy-going attitude endeared him to everyone who met him. Steve was an avid surfer and loved riding waves along the California coast. He started working in the copier business and moved to Idaho to work for Fishers Document Systems where his can-do, fun-loving attitude endeared him to co-workers and clients alike. Although he had to give up 'water surfing' Steve started 'surfing the highways' on his Harley-Davidson Deuce and later a 2007 Ultra Classic Harley-Davidson that he had custom painted to resemble a wood-grained 'Woody' station wagon. Steve joined the Intermountain Chapter of Harley Owners Group and made life-long friends whom he enjoyed traveling many roads with and fell in love with the mountains and deserts of Idaho. In 2010 Steve married Janice Gallant and together they became inseparable. Steve enjoyed fishing, golfing, woodcraft, rock hounding, making custom jewelry, and exploring off-road with Janice and their beloved boxer, Harley. Mason Clarke (Historian)

Club T-Shirts: Mike (Director) reported that the HOG T-Shirts (with HOG Eagle) are \$20.00 each for short sleeve. The order needs to have 24 shirts which can be mix and match between woman's and men's styles, and colors. Long sleeves are \$23.00. Ric (Assistant Director) suggested we create a form and email to the chapter and hand in completed form at the general meeting. Shannon (Chapter Member) will create the form and send it to Karen (Secretary) to send out.

Mike (Director) contacted Idaho Pizza on Overland and Orchard to discuss having the meetings there. Mike will inquire if pre-orders can be taken for a possible discount. October's meeting will at 6:00 pm at Idaho Pizza.

Kevin (Member at Large) briefed that the members are displeased about paying in advance for picnics and Riders in the Sky. After detailed discussion, Mason (Historian) suggested that we explain to the membership why pre-payment is required. Mike (Director) mentioned that it's inconvenient and Herb (Chapter Member) indicated that the HDHD receptionist was unaware about taking funds. Mike will write an article for the September newsletter explaining the reasoning and if member's have an issue, Mike will personally address it with members. Ric (Assistant Director) suggested that picnics need to be announced earlier. Information will be gathered for 2018.

Ric (Assistant Director) suggested that a HOG lock-box/drawer be set up at the front desk for HOG related business to take the receptionists out of the equation. Mason (Historian) agreed to research boxes and possible locations for the box.

Art (Equipment Officer) reported that the shed needs to be purged of no longer needed items. Possible items could be put on craigslist. More to follow.

Doug (Safety Officer) asked if Meridian Motor Officer Will Stoy should be scheduled for "Seasoned Rider" courses next year. He will contact Officer Stoy to discuss scheduling.

Membership Meeting:

Ric (Assistant Director) briefed the membership on the After Christmas, Christmas Party. Red Lion DT is the host hotel. Forms will be available for the next 2 months to pre-register.

October:

Mike (Director) briefed that Mason (Historian) installed the HOG mailbox at HDHD. Mailbox has HOG sticker on it and email was sent to the chapter. Front desk receptionists will be notified that chapter money/checks will no longer be left in the drawer of the desk. Cheryl (Chapter Member) suggested that the picture be posted on FB and Katherine (Web Master) will post.

November Pot Luck: Katherine (Web Master) will do the split up on dishes to bring. Chicken order will be 100 pieces of baked and fried. Karen (Secretary) will ask Todd if the scanner keeps track on the member count.

Kevin (Member at Large) briefed details on the Fall Picnic. Total members that attended were 73. The event was not catered this year. Chapter members did the cooking and serving. Plate cost was \$3.72 and was under budget by \$400.00.

Rob Cook (Chapter Member) presented a request for chapter support of a memorial ride for his son Daniel Cook who was killed in a school bus accident two years ago. The ride will be October 21st at 2:00 pm in Kuna. The fee \$20.00 per rider and \$30.00 per couple. Chili and cornbread available for participants after the ride. The proceeds will go Adopt a Family program. Approved

Ric (Assistant Director) requested an additional \$200 for band costs for the After Christmas, Christmas Party. The band must rent PA equipment to support the event. Mike (Director) suggested that the funds from the pancake feed on 10/7 be used for the rental. Approved

Mason (Historian) reminded the board that 2018 marks the review year for chapter by-laws.

Mason (Historian) brought up the topic of the annual Employee Appreciation Lunch. Early November is preferred. Mike (Director) will check on a good date.

Membership Meeting:

The membership was informed of the death of Chapter Member, William Audens (1948-2017): On Oct. 13, 2017, Bill was called to join our Heavenly Father. He passed away at the home he shared with his wife, Shirley. Bill came to Idaho many years ago on a deer hunting trip with his father-in-law, Willard Geertson, and brother-in-law, Ken Geertson. He fell in love with the area and always wanted to return to Idaho to live. It took several years to convince Shirley that moving was the best thing to do for their sons, Michael and Christopher. In 1979, Bill moved his family to Idaho, and began supplying his family with wild game. If it was hunting season, Bill was gone. He loved football, hockey, and golf. He was a mini-season ticket holder for the Idaho Steelheads, and for a brief period was a Steelheads booster. Since he grew up in Illinois his favorite sports teams were the Blackhawks and the Bears. He would play golf as long as the sun was shining and the

weather wasn't too cold. Bill worked for over 25 years as a mechanic and later as the shop supervisor for the various school bus companies that contracted with the Boise School District. He loved riding his Harley Fat Bob, and enjoyed many rides with the Intermountain HOG group. Bill was a member of Anchor Baptist Church in Meridian and served in the US Marine Corps. He is survived by Shirley, his wife of 48 years, two sons, Michael (Tracy) Audens and their children Janea Audens: Alec, Justin, and Natalie Banse; Christopher (Tatum) Audens, and their children; Casey and Trinity Audens, Lexi and Ashtin Thomas; two sisters, Leone (Jack) Kamien, Tina Audens, a brother Darrel Audens ; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence, mother, Betty, and two sisters, Denise and Cindy.

Mike (Director) briefed that the HOG mail box is installed at HDHD. Its located by the men's motor clothes. on the wall.

Mike (Director) briefed the chapter will be hosting the annual HDHD Employee appreciation lunch on November 11th.

Mike (Director) took nominations for the 2018 Board officer nominations and reminded the membership that voting will be held during December's Pot Luck event.

Mike (Director) presented the check toward the Officer Holtry Fund to Todd (Hog Manager) in the amount of \$1667.28. The money came from tips gathered over the year from chapter cooking events. Todd went on to announce that Mr. & Mrs. Bigelow (owners of Bigelow Tea) donated \$2500.00 to the Officer Holtry Fund. He also announced that David Uhl (Motorcycle Artist) is going to do an original painting of K-9 Officer Jardo with proceeds also going to the planned memorial to K-9 Officers.

Lane Triplet (ICMS Rep) briefed the group about his trip to Virginia for a national motorcycle safety meeting. Lane's goal for 2018 is rider safety. Lane met the gentlemen who holds the seat to represent all riders in Washington DC. Lane reported that the fatality rate reduces if rides take advanced courses. 70% of crashes is the rider's fault.

November:

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) reported that he will be resigning from his position and Joe Cardona (Member at Large) will be stepping into that position.

It was announced the annual Employee Appreciation Lunch will be after the breakfast on 11/11 starting at 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Lunch will be served in the conference room. Pat will take inventory and report to Mike and/or Karen. Board members bring sides and desert.

Joanna (Chapter Member) volunteered to be 1 photographer and Joanna suggested that the board purchase thumb drives to upload pictures to and give it to Dave Kesner (Chapter Member) who will upload to www.flickr.com/photos/imchog website. The google site is not working and very difficult to find pictures. Rick (Treasurer) suggested that the thumb drives be brought to the general meetings. A motion was made to purchase 20 thumb drives for this purpose. Approved

Membership Meeting:

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) handed out the RC Certificates of Appreciation to the members that were present. The chapter did 32 rides out of 40 and 806 members participated and rode over 64,000 miles. PNW rode 71,321.00 miles. All with no reportable incidents!

Rhonda (LOH) thanked everyone for a great 2017 riding season. LOH rides were very well attended. Shannon Weston will be the LOH coordinator for 2018.

Doug (ICMS) mentioned that the Can Dance is 12/2 and encouraged everyone to bring canned/nonperishable items. The dance is at Whiskey River. Doug talked about how many people that Idaho Food bank feed and the most in need are mainly children. It's better to donate money instead of food because money can feed many more people than donated food. Fall and Winter are the worst time of the year. Doug reminded that the suicide rate is worse during the winter months.

December:

David Kesner (2018 Photographer) briefed the board that he will make 19 USB drives available for the membership. He proposed that everyone in the club is going to be photographer. Members will check out the drives, take pictures, and give it back to David. There will be a link to Flickr on the HOG page. All photos posted on Flickr will be public and can be shared. Only chapter event pictures will be allowed. David will write an article regarding the picture format and how the Flickr account will work. David's email is: imchog@dddphotography.com

Pat (Equipment Officer) suggested that a propane tank be purchased for the umbrella heater to be used during breakfast cooking events that we do the first part of 2018. The tank is around \$70.00 at D&B. Pat will contact Blue Rhino and inquire the price. Tabled

Katherine (Web Master) mentioned that a chapter member is trying to sell personal items on the chapter's Facebook page. It was agreed by board members that the page would not be used for that purpose. Katherine will contact the member and advise him of the board's decision.