

## **Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Historical Report 2015**

### **Officers:**

Director: Mason Clarke

Photographer: Dale Shaw

Assistant Director: Joe Cardona

Historian: Vacant

Treasurer: Annette Hunter

Membership Officer: Sal Guerrero

Secretary: Karen Mowder

Web Master: Katherine Clarke

Activities Officer: Karen Mowder

Chapter Manager: Todd Godfrey

LOH Officer: Shelley Berns

Members at Large: Bill Smart

Lead Road Captain: Cliff Lewis

Rick Polenske

Editor: Charle Knoblock

Mark Berns

Safety Officer: Mike Mowder

Anthony Matsen

Jim Moore

### **Harley Officer's Training:**

Conducted 20/21 February in Albuquerque NM. Attended by Joe Cardona (Assistant Director), Annette Hunter (Treasurer), Mike Mowder (Safety Officer), Katherine Clarke (Web Master), Dale Shaw (Photographer).

### **Membership:**

Starting Membership: 204 (as of January 1, 2015)

New Memberships: 33 (does not include late renewals)

Ending Membership: 256 (as of December 31, 2015)

### **Chapter Rides:**

Twenty-six Road Captains planned, organized, and conducted 33 rides covering an estimated 34,931 miles. There were no reportable mishaps.

### **Cooking Events:**

BBQ: 3

Pancake Feeds: 7

### **Board Activities:**

January:

It was announced that Mark Dukes became a partial owner of HDHD.

February:

The noise level at Idaho Pizza was disruptive to meetings. Dave Hunter suggested we move to HDHD and confirmed availability with Mark Dukes. Approved

A suggestion was made to establish a HOG wall at HDHD. Mason spoke to Mark Dukes about the suggestion. It was thought that other clubs would ask for equal consideration and it would get out of hand. Disapproved

Al Bryant donated a quilt his wife made as a raffle item to support Patriot Thunder and the Women's and Children's Alliance. Tickets would be sold throughout the year with the winner being announced at the Women's and Children's Alliance event later in the year. Approved

Mason sought clarification on several board member positions:

The board position of Volunteer Coordinator was discussed. The position had been created at some time in the past to better serve the chapter. It was not a HOG sanctioned position. It was suggested that the position is no longer needed and the duties can be absorbed into the Activities Officer position. Approved

The board position Historian was also discussed. With the growing use of the internet, the position was absorbed some time ago into the Photographer's position. The primary responsibilities of the Photographer to take and post pictures to the web resulted in the chapter's history being told only through those photographs. It was suggested that we separate the positions and look at further defining the duties of Historian. Approved

Several position titles were changed to better align with HOG titles.

It was suggested that the Members at Large take on the responsibilities of the spring and fall picnics. Approved

March:

Bill suggested that board member activities should be rewarded in the VIP program. He will make a proposal to Mark Dukes. Approved

April:

Todd Godfrey resumed duties as HOG Chapter Manager.

It was suggested that the award of Volunteer Cards be extended to dealership events when the chapter is responsible for identifying the volunteers. Events that are strictly between a member

and the dealership or events where members are paid or rewarded directly by the dealership do not qualify for Volunteer Cards. Approved

Mason presented a request from Todd (Chapter Manager) to support monthly pancake feeds to generate chapter revenue. The chapter would receive \$200 from the dealership for each event. Approved

Jim suggested that due to rising prices, the chapter should consider raising the price of our BBQ event meal deals by one dollar to \$6. Approved

Joe announced the theme of this year's After-Christmas Christmas party; Pirate's Cove.

Katherine briefed about the action taken to eliminate non-members from the chapter's Facebook account. A note will be posted to the account notifying non-members that their access will be removed.

#### May:

Joe and Katherine presented the final tri-fold informational pamphlet to be given to new bike owners by the dealership. Professional printing would cost about 50 cents per copy and would be cost prohibitive. The file was sent to Todd to be evaluated for in-house printing at HDHD.

Mark Berns made a motion that last year's budget amount of \$2,600 be approved for this year's After-Christmas Christmas Party. Approved

Cliff recommended \$450 be allocated to pay for additional Accident Management Classes. Approved

#### June:

It was suggested the board meeting time be moved up from 7pm to 6pm. It was noted that several board members would have a difficult time getting there on time. Disapproved

#### July:

Road Captain Herb Weston presented his proposal for food costs at the annual Riders in the Sky ride. He also briefed the location change to Wild Rose Park due to hazardous conditions at the other location. Approved

#### August:

Todd requested that the board meeting time be moved from 7pm to 6pm starting in September to align with dealership winter hours of operation. Approved

Mason was contacted by Kari Christiansen who offered our chapter a fund raising opportunity during the next Idaho Motorcycle Show, April 2016. The offer was for our chapter to run a swap meet during the three-day event. Motion was made to have a meeting with Kari to discuss the details on 9/1 before the next board meeting. Approved

The required chapter by-law three-year review was initiated by Mason.

Jake Nydegger from the Boise Rescue Mission addressed the general membership about the Fun Run motorcycle event scheduled for later in the month.

Road Captain Doug Foye briefed general membership about the Patriot Guard Rider's Group and presented Jodie West with her first mission pin.

### September:

Mason had the meeting Kari Christiansen (Idaho Motorcycle Show). Mason reported that it will be labor intensive for the swap meet part of the show. Considering all the other events the chapter is involved in throughout the year, the motion was Disapproved.

While attending the Pacific NW HOG rally in Portland, Mason spoke with JT Hasley (HOG Rally Manager) and expressed our concern about rally location selection practices. JT advised that rally selection was under review and we would hear more in the coming months. JT also mentioned he would be visiting the dealership early next year to discuss the possibilities for rally locations in 2017.

Chuck Riddle (Desert Knights of America MC, Gainesville, VA) had arranged to stop in and address the general membership about his 48 For 12 Ride. The ride (48 states in 12 days) is to bring awareness of the 22 Needs a Face organization helping veterans with PTSD. There are 22 vets who succumb to PTSD and seek to end it through suicide every day in this nation.

### October:

Charle suggested that a Food Safety Coordinator board position be created. Disapproved

The board discussed the possibility of listing Food Safety under the category of "Other Appointed Members" like Assistant LOH, and Road Captains. Approved

The general membership voted on the proposed revisions of the chapter by-laws. Approved

Nominations for board officer positions were presented at the general membership meeting. Ric Tallada and Mike Mowder (Safety Officer) were nominated for Assistant Director. Cindy Polenske was nominated for Treasurer. Judy Tallada and Karen Mowder (incumbent) were nominated for the Secretary. All nominees accepted.

November:

Cliff proposed the continuation this year of the chapter's tradition of paying for the annual Road Captain's appreciation luncheon. Approved

The general membership voted on officer positions with the following results: Mike Mowder (Assistant Director), Cindy Polenske (Treasurer), Karen Mowder (Secretary).

Mason briefed that he followed-up with JT Hasley (National HOG Manager) via email asking for clarification on rally location selection. Effort was coordinated through Mark Dukes and Todd Godfrey. JT indicated that the process has not been finalized but was due to chapters and dealerships in January 2016.

December:

Annette provided a balance sheet comparison of our chapter account. We are approximately \$300 ahead from this time last year.

Joe briefed the group about the dealership giving the chapter \$500 in the beginning of next year to cover any donation requests the chapter may have. Joe motioned that the chapter use \$300 of that money to match the amount of gifts from last year. The chapter will not be receiving a donation for After-Christmas Party gifts from the dealership this year. Last year Mark Dukes donated an unsolicited \$300 for that purpose. Approved

Mason proposed a revival of the chapter's Historian position. After discussing several report ideas, Mason volunteered to put together an initial template before the next board meeting.

Joe made a motion for the chapter to recognize Todd with a gift along with Mark Dukes at this year's After-Christmas, Christmas Party. Several options were discussed with the board settling on a \$100 gift (Todd) in addition to the traditional \$200 gift (Mark Dukes). Approved