

Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Historical Report 2016

Officers:

Director: Joe Cardona

Photographer: Jim Moore

Assistant Director: Mike Mowder

Historian: Mason Clarke

Treasurer: Cindy Polenske

Membership Officer: Jodie West

Secretary: Karen Mowder

Web Master: Katherine Clarke

Activities Officer: Karen Mowder

Chapter Manager: Todd Godfrey

LOH Officer: Rhonda Wenzel

Members at Large: Mark Berns

Lead Road Captain: Cliff Lewis

Rick Polenske

Editor: Charle Knoblock

Judy & Ric Tallada

Safety Officer: Doug Foye

Equipment Officer: Pat Bryant

Harley Officer's Training:

Conducted 15/16 April in Las Vegas NV. Attended by, Cliff (Lead Road Captain), Charle (Editor), Ric and Judy (Members at Large).

Membership:

Starting Membership: 177 (as of January 1, 2016)

New Memberships: 57 (does not include renewals)

Ending Membership: 278 (as of December 31, 2016)

Chapter Rides: Year started with 26 returning Road Captains. We added five new Road Captains during the year ending the year with 29 total. Road Captains planned and led 42 group rides. With over 815 ride participants, the chapter logged over 53,900 total miles for the year.

Cooking Events:

BBQs: 7

Pancake Feeds: 12

Board Activities:

January:

Todd (HOG Manager) asked if Cliff (Lead Road Captain) could put on an overview of group riding skills clinic for the dealership.

Mason (Historian) talked briefly about where we wanted to go with the Historian position and asked for the board to review and provide feedback on the two Historical Reports sent out to them.

Based on the increased number of cooking events, Joe (Director) would like to add two to four cooks to the four currently trained. He also suggested we conduct refresher food preparation training. Adding additional food items to the BBQ events was requested by Todd (HOG Manager).

Tip money from the breakfast feeds was previously collected by Mason (Historian) and turned over to the Treasurer. Rick (Member at Large) advised that any tip money should not be handled by the Treasurer. It was determined tips will be collected and maintained by Mike (Assistant Director) and Joe (Director) for distribution to appropriate charities.

After Christmas, Christmas Party numbers are low. Judy (Member at Large) suggested a reminder be sent out to the membership. Approved

Pat (Equipment Officer) briefed the chapter's grill needed some repair parts and requested \$200. Approved

February:

Todd (HOG Manager) presented Joe (Director) with the annual \$500 donation. The money is intended to cover any chapter requests for donations for the year.

Joe (Director) discussed the new Activities Card passed out during the last membership meeting. He indicated they were well received by the membership. The card lists all chapter events for the next month. Presently, Cindy (Treasurer) is able to have the cards printed at no cost.

Katherine (Web Master) discussed a Post Party Survey through Survey Monkey (as last year) that will be sent out to those who attended to garner feedback. After receiving the survey results, the After Christmas Party Committee will have a "Hot Wash" (Debrief). Cindy (Treasurer) presented Income/Expense for the party. Joe (Director) discussed the value of having the party with board member input. The general consensus is that there are generally 100 participants at this annual function and that the party is worthwhile. Estimated cost per member is \$47. The club member is asked to contribute \$15 towards that cost.

HOG Training: April 15-16. There are six reserved training spots. Charle (Editor), Judy (Member at Large), Ric (Member at Large), Jodie (Membership Officer), and Cliff (Lead Road Captain) are currently going. Cindy (Treasurer) and Rhonda (LOH) are unable to attend. One additional member may attend. Individual selection to be determined. Katherine (Web Master) checked renting a van and transporting members and this option would save money and enable the group to stay within budget.

Joe (Director) met with Mark Dukes (Sponsor) and Todd (HOG Manager). Prudent Reserve: Joe discussed the Prudent Reserve concept. The goal of a HOG Chapter is to maximize the

riding experience and not maximize the bank account. Every year, the Chapter spends 100% of the membership dues for membership benefits.

Mike (Assistant Director) discussed investing in the community presentation; two new canopies, a first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, three HOG table covers, and a new chapter flag. A budget of \$1,000 was proposed. Approved

Charle (Editor) reported that we need to get new Life Flight Information. He is working on obtaining updated information.

Ric (Member at Large) stated the “kitchen” needs a new mandolin slicer for onions and tomatoes. Mason (Historian) volunteered to research and order a slicer like his personal slicer that’s been used for chapter events. He also asked if the chapter would purchase a replacement part for his personal slicer damaged during chapter use. Approved

Mason (Historian) didn’t receive any feedback on his Historian template so he will proceed with the current template documenting our history.

Jim (Photographer) stated that his wife Valerie would like to have a plan for cutting Jim’s Hair for a charity that accepts gray hair. The auction will take place at the next chapter meeting.

Katherine (Web Master) reported that the Chapter Trifold for new bike owners was printed for review. The sponsor has agreed to absorb the cost of printing. Katherine receives a discount for the paper which will be about \$0.20 per sheet. Cindy (Treasurer) is checking on paper cost through HP for this Trifold.

Katherine (Web Master) reminded the board that per the by-laws, a new user name and password is required by 15 February for the monthly newsletter. Facebook members will also be updated.

Jodie (Membership Officer) proposed archiving old members that have not renewed by 2/15/16 in My Chapter Manager. Katherine (Web Master) offered a strategy in the archiving process. Approved

Doug (Safety Officer) reported 33 accident free days. He also reported on the STARS course and that members will receive a discount.

General Meeting:

Shawn Pearl from Idaho STAR briefed the membership on course availability, HOG course discounts, and motorcycle accident information.

Jim (Photographer) and Val Moore raffled off chances to cut Jim’s pony tail. Hair and proceeds (\$100) benefit a local charity, Friends Are by Your Side. The cutting was performed during the general meeting.

March:

Cindy (Treasurer) reported she no longer has a discount through HP for the trifold paper. Katherine (Web Master) will purchase the brochure paper with her discount from Office Depot. It was suggested that the chapter purchase enough paper for the entire year (approximately 1,000) and print them at the dealership. An example was passed around the table for review. Approved

Mason (Historian) briefed there was a "History" tab added to the chapter web page. Joe (Director) will check the reports and determine what parts were going to be made available to the general membership.

Herb Weston (Chapter Member) suggested that the annual Riders in the Sky ride end at Wild Rose Park again this year. Rental fee for the park is \$125. Approved

Katherine (Web Master) reported that 39 participants responded to the Christmas Party survey. Joe (Director) will determine the date of the party committee review meeting.

Joe (Director) briefed that pre-cooked chicken filets will be added to the chapter's BBQ menu.

Mason (Historian) suggested that two coolers be purchased to replace damaged coolers used during cooking events. Mark (Member at Large) will purchase. Approved

Jodie (Membership Officer) cancelled her slot at HOT. Four members (Ric [Member at Large], Judy [Member at Large], Cliff [Lead Road Captain] and Charle [Editor]) are still scheduled to attend.

Mike (Assistant Director) clarified that HOG does not limit the club's funds in the checking account. Mike suggested that he and Joe (Director) select a monthly ride where the chapter pays for the meal of all participants as a way of giving back to the membership. Approved

April:

Todd (HOG Manager) informed the board that the dealership would like to get out of the HOG patch business. There are too many variations currently available to keep in stock. Rick (Member at Large) made a motion for the chapter take orders at each membership meeting and place an order when the amount for getting a discount is reached. Approved

Joe (Director) concluded historical reports can be posted to the chapter's webpage. He also suggested pictures be added to the reports. Mason (Historian) will discuss proposal with Jim (Photographer). Katherine (Web Master) made a motion for the chapter to purchase thumb drives to archive reports in the shed and with the Secretary. Approved

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) reminded the board that the Road Captain's Handbook states that first aid kits will be provided for each Road Captain. It was suggested that the kits be signed out by Road Captains and that the chapter will pay for re-supplying the kits. Mason (Historian) made a motion that a committee be formed to look into the situation and provide a recommended course of action. Tabled

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) sought clarification on the reimbursement for Road Captains taking the Accident Scene Management Course. Joe (Director) confirmed the current policy of the chapter paying for the course.

Mark (Member at Large) asked the board to approve an amount for the spring picnic. Charle (Editor) made a motion for \$10 per person. Approved

Jim (Photographer) mentioned that food costs have gone up and suggested raising BBQ customer price to \$7. Tabled

May:

After Christmas Party: Committee has been chosen. Courtyard Marriott and Wild Wild West will be the theme. Party will be January 21st. Asking \$2800.00 for startup budget. A motion was made to allocate \$2800.00 to the Christmas Party. Approved

Public Address System: Joe (Director) reported on the lapel mike he bought for use during membership meetings. Two extra mics can be used with the new system. Joe asked if the club wants to keep the system or return it. System cost with 2-year warranty is \$156.48. System will be kept with the Director. A motion was made to purchase the system. Approved

HOG Patches: Due to HOG now offering three patch styles, Mike (Assistant Director) reported that the dealership no longer wants to continue stocking them. It was suggested that the club purchase 12 rockers at one time to take advantage of discounts for ordering in quantity. The club will also purchase 1 set of each patch style (Skull, Eagle, and Heritage) for display at membership meetings. A motion was made to expend up to \$1,000 in patches to be sold to the membership. It would include 12 rockers of each style (silver, gold, and tan) and three patch sets. Shannon Weston (Road Captain) will be in charge of ordering the patches. Approved

June:

Mike (Assistant Director) presented the proposed breakfast dates and the board agreed cook at the 11/12 and all others are declined. Rick (Member at Large) made a motion to have Todd (HOG Manager) bring in vendors for those dates, Ric (Member at Large) seconded, motion passed. Mark (Member at Large) expressed how to get more volunteers. Jodie (Membership Officer) suggested that the volunteer signup sheet be passed around at General meetings. Karen (Secretary) will print up the July event sign-up sheet and have it available at the June General meeting.

Mike (Assistant Director) presented Todd's (HOG Manager) request about donating to Alzheimer Awareness. The chapter made a good profit cooking for the car show event benefitting the charity. While other booths were charged a participation fee, we were not. Cindy (Treasurer) suggested that for July events we change the tip jar for Alzheimer Awareness. Approved

July:

Shadow display box was made by Fast Signs to display the HOG patches with pricing. Appeared at last month's membership meeting and looks very professional.

Still need validation on how first aid kits will be re-supplied. Cindy (Treasurer) suggested that kits be brought in at the yearly RC meetings to have kits replenished. Pat (Equipment Officer) suggested that a couple of extra kits be purchased and when RC needs something replenished that a new kit would be provided to the RC and the Safety Officer would replenish that kit. Tabled until next month.

Food cost has not been approved for Riders in the Sky event. The board did approve the park rental fee amount earlier in the year. Shannon Weston (Road Captain) received a bid for \$750.00 for food to feed 80 people. Cindy (Treasurer) made a motion to approve \$800.00 for food, Judy (Member at Large) seconded, motion passed.

Mike (Assistant Director) met with the Marriott for meal planning and had a meeting with the After Christmas Party committee on Monday 7/11. Band has been booked.

Two display cases were purchased for cooking events. One for the menu and one for cooking permit.

Ric (Member at Large) suggested that sugar free syrup be offered and along with water at pancake feeds. Ric also suggested to inform volunteers not to wear sleeve less shirts and to bring a hat if you have long hair. Also the tri-fold pamphlets should be made available.

August:

Riders in the Sky participation: Final membership count 61, 85 signed up and 24 were no shows resulting in the chapter paying nearly \$240 more than needed to feed participants. Jim (Member at Large) made a motion that members pay a \$10 registration fee that will be reimbursed to them on the day of the event. The fee will be forfeited by the member if they do not show up. This registration fee will apply to all events paid for with chapter funds. Approved

Mason (Historian) mentioned that there are no meeting minutes in the file cabinet in the shed from 1993 to 2010. Since then the years were revised to 2002 to 2008. Minutes were found intermingled with the newsletters.

General Meeting:

Layne (ICMS Spokesman) announced accident statistics for 2015. Layne continues that nothing has changed much but is proud to be a member with this group and number of rides. This is the best group in safety compare to others. Forty hours to collect statistics: we think it's the other guy...it is not. It is the motorcycle's fault and not the car. Cars are 19% to blame. We are the ones killing ourselves, 68% are over 40 and 40% are over 50

with accidents. 42% are the corners. 36% are riding impaired with alcohol. This group does excellent riding straight and sober. 38% don't have a motorcycle endorsement. 19% average has taken a rider's course. The problem is that others have taken the course a long time ago. You need to increase your skills, talk with Brian from HD to sign up with a class. You will learn something, ride sober, train yourself, get endorsed, be careful, and have fun.

Valerie (Chapter Member) announced that Picasso/Google photos is not working as it has before and asked Katherine (Web Master) to explain. Katherine explained how the website has now changed. It is now called Google Photos with no public grouping option. So right now, the albums are archived but the years are messed up. Presently, there are no sorting options so the albums are no longer in order. Only board members with Chapter Google Account Password credentials can access the archive in date order. The chapter may have to consider some other method to archive photos. Open

Todd (HOG Manager) announced next year's NW HOG Rally will be held in Boise. More to come.

September:

Death of a Chapter Member: We learned that Edward Schippmann was killed in a motorcycle accident in central Idaho in July. Although injured, his wife Beverly survived and has recovered from her injuries resulting from the same accident.

Griddle for Pancakes: Joe (Director) presented that Lowes has a griddle, pancake dispenser and the cost is \$400.00. The dealership will purchase the griddle. Mark (Member at Large) suggested that the griddle be shipped to his house so he can season it. Joe will check with Mark Dukes (Sponsor) about the purchase.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) and Joe (Director) suggested the issue of first aid kits be tabled and reengaged during the winter meetings.

Mike (Assistant Director) presented the pricing for the After Christmas Party meal. Meal is BBQ based which falls into the party theme. Mike will contact Melissa at the Marriot regarding the service charge of \$800 and will report back. Mike will report back on the ticket price.

Joe (Director) reported for Ric (Member at Large) about the fall picnic. Goodwood will deliver. 50 members have signed up. Joe commended Ric for making more than 1 ride option. \$20.00 deposit was lost and chapter will cover. Rick (Member at Large) suggested that the RC be responsible in managing the funds for future events requiring a deposit by members. Currently, a deposit will be required for future spring and fall picnics and the annual Riders in the Sky events. The RC needs to be able to come by the dealership regularly to check for funds. Joe made a motion that the RC will be accountable for the funds and coordinating with the Treasurer, Mark (Member at Large) seconded, motion passed.

Pat (Equipment Officer) volunteered to stain the picnic table donated to the chapter by the sponsor. It was agreed that the table would be secured in some manner to prevent theft.

General Meeting:

Mike (Assistant Director) talked about the HOG Rally that HDHD will host. Mike mentioned that Scott Beale (Rally Coordinator) stressed that we need a lot of volunteers to make it a success. Rally will be the 3rd week of July 2017.

Doug (Safety Officer) mentioned that there were 4 riders that participated in the Motor officer course. Doug talked about the course and the challenges that it had. The class is 5 hours and is \$45.00 and \$5.00 is refundable. Class is very informative and educational. Doug stressed that even talking on the wireless headsets takes away 40% of your focus.

October:

After Christmas Party: Mike (Assistant Director) updated the board. The questionable \$800 charge on the venue's invoice was the service charge for hotel personnel/hotel liability. Room maximum is 125 people and food cost is \$27.00 per person. Ric (Member at Large) presented options for ticket prices: Keeping the ticket cost at \$15.00 is unrealistic based on the increased cost for the venue. Raising ticket cost to \$20.00 would lead to a chapter cost of \$3,300 up from last year's cost of \$2,650.00. Rick (Member at Large) brought up the point that maybe it's time to think about inflation for deciding the price point. Mike is leaning toward the \$25.00 fee so the club does not have to invest as much. Joe (Director) suggested to split the difference at \$22.50 and to limit the additional cost to the chapter over last year to \$750.00. Rick made a motion on Joe's suggestion, Jim (Photographer) seconded. Approved

Annual Dues Cost: Jim (Photographer) brought up the possibility of increasing chapter dues based on increasing costs and the fact that dues have remained at \$20 for a number of years. Rick (Member at Large) suggested the board delay the increase, if approved, until 2018 since the party cost was increased by \$7.50 for this year. It was also suggested that the membership be warned in advance if the board approves the proposal. Tabled for further discussion.

Board Laptops: Jodie (Membership Officer) and Karen (Secretary) are having issues with the laptops and will take them to RJM for evaluation.

Club Pictures: Katherine (Web Master) is looking into different options for restoring the chapter's picture archive.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) announced the date and place for the Road Captain Appreciation Lunch

Joe (Director) called for an email vote to approve the purchase three laptop computers with 3-yr warranties at approximately \$300 apiece. Computers will replace systems currently used by the chapter Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Officer. Approved

General Meeting:

HOG Rally 2017: Scott Beale (Rally Coordinator) confirmed the HOG Rally will be in Idaho. Scott will be going to Rally Coordinator training is the first week of November. Goal is to focus on local things, BSU, Idaho Penn, Wine tours etc. Scott stressed that the membership needs to step up to volunteer. The Rally dates is 7/20-7/22. Any suggestions direct to Scott or Todd.

2017 Nominations: Joe (Director) asked the membership for nominations for Secretary – Karen Mowder, Treasurer – Rick Polenske, Assistant Director – Ric Tallada. Herb (Chapter Member) reminded members they can send in nominations for these positions this week.

November:

Laptops: Cindy (Treasurer) presented the final cost for the 3 new laptops at \$430.00 each. Price includes a 3-year replacement warrantee. MS Office Pro was installed at the cost of \$30.00 each with Cindy's discount. If warranty is not used in 3 years, the warranty funds will be refunded. Cindy mentioned that Quick Books software has not been upgraded since 2011. We will wait until Scott Beale returns from rally training to see if Quick Books needs to be upgraded.

Veterans Parade: Herb (Road Captain) asked if the chapter can donate \$100 for the Veterans parade on 11/5. Motion made and approved. Holiday parade on 11/19 and Shannon (Road Captain) asked the board to donate a \$100. Motion made and approved.

General Meeting:

Executive board members were selected by vote: Secretary – Karen Mowder (unopposed), Assistant Director – Ric Tallada (unopposed), Treasurer – Rick Polenske (over Mason Clarke, Historian).

December:

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) thanked those who attended the Road Captain Appreciation Luncheon. There were 18 RC's and 5 spouses.

Joe (Director) briefed chapter members indicated on last year's After Christmas Party survey that too much time was spent on administrative functions. Therefore, the introduction of the 2017 board will be reserved for the January General Meeting. The 2016 Board will continue to be recognized at the After Christmas Party.

Pat (Equipment Officer) announced that 2017 will be his last year in that position and that Art Brennstahl has graciously accepted this position and will be working with Pat.

Mason (Historian) questioned the value of the Historian position since all available chapter documents have been transcribed into reports now posted on the chapter's web page. He will stay

on in the position for an additional year and asked for feedback on what the position can do for the chapter in the future beyond the annual reports.