

Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Historical Report 2012

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Asst. Photographer/Historian:

Harley Officer's Training: Unknown

Membership:

Starting Membership: 201 (as of January 1, 2012)

New Memberships: Unknown (does not include late renewals)

Ending Membership: Unknown (as of December 31, 2012)

Chapter Rides:

Road Captains planned, organized, and conducted 37 rides. There were no reportable mishaps.

Cooking Events:

Pancake Feed: 1

BBQ: 3

Board Activities:

January:

Dan: His goal and motto for this year is “To Ride and Have Fun.” In an effort to encourage more participation of HOG members, he would like Board members to volunteer to speak at the General Meeting, sharing stories and/or pictures from a memorable ride. He will present at the January meeting. Pictures should be on CD, or accessible via Facebook or other online photo album. He will bring a laptop and projector to accomplish this. It was also suggested that the Club’s website and Facebook account be highlighted during the January meeting, with demonstration of how to access these by the general membership. Dan would also like to see a more formal “meet and greet” set-up at General Meetings; as Board members, he would like us to take an active role in this.

February:

Meals on Wheels Charity ride May 12, working out the details for the ride at meeting tomorrow night to put the plans together. We will have a better idea of the rides and the stops working with Krista to get the information together to publish to all.

Gathered information on purchasing a fryer for cooking at events. We don’t have to add it to the license, but we need to have all of the items that will be cooked listed on the license. The sooner we get the details filled out the more time we will have to use the permit. We have to list all of the events and the products on the form. Dan will get it updated and submitted for the Chapter.

Todd had some ideas on the best cost for purchase. May want to buy two; one for meat and one for fries. Jim has burners and a pot if we want to go that route. Concern that Scott has is the storage of the oil and the disposal of the oil. Jim said that he can dispose of it. Val said that \$25 for 5 gallons. We need to make sure that we calculate the full cost if we make decide to make the purchase to make sure that we have everything included. Herb said that we should table the discussion until all of the amounts can be collected. We need to determine the pros and cons.

Dan Looking into a fund raiser--Dan talked with Todd and Dave about it. There will be a dunk tank at one of the High Desert events and Dan will be the one to dunk. He will wear a 1920’s - style bathing suit. Digger will run the concession to get folks involved. It may be at the May swap meet. May also consider having the dunk tank at the HOG Rally if it will work. Scott will look into it if it will be allowed.

It was discussed to have a booth/table representing the HOG Chapter where people can sign up for membership as well as ask questions. It will give us a chance to promote the membership. Jim suggested that we have a lap-top to show pictures of our activities and rides. Add some patches to show and have some of our vests.

There was a suggestion from a member who moved here from California to do “Group Riding 101”; this meeting will be just information, no training. We don’t want to “teach” them anything, due to a need to avoid liability issues for the club.

There was a suggestion about beginning sending text messages to the Chapter members but it sounds like more trouble than it is worth. Scott is still looking at doing it out of a web-based medium. It will be voluntary for the members who want to use it and not mandatory. We will not do it without getting the members permission.

Dan asked if it would work to order shirts and then sell them. But, it wasn't a good idea to order them first and subject the Chapter from losing money from not being able to sell them all. Shannon did get a lot of interest from folks that wanted to order and thinks that it will work to sell them first then order. There are about 7 sold now. Charle is working on adding the form to the newsletter and the possibility of adding things like the bike Club flag and hats. Shannon is trying to get an on-line catalog to give Charle actual pictures to use. Several ladies asked for a lady's shirt but we don't have the quantities. The cost is often too high and we feel stuck about it.

March:

HOG Rally (attached flyers): Limited information online. We are still waiting to get final approval from Regional, so that registrations can be completed online and that shirts are tallied correctly. Hotel info was given to Vic; that should be posted by tomorrow. We will have at least 3 couples from Australia attending, which is exciting! Registration forms are being distributed via email. There are incentives for early registration. Promotion of the event via website, email, and social media. Shirts/patches/pins not included in registration fees; they are available ala carte. Still waiting on design finalization and approval. We will need volunteers from the Chapter but probably not as many as last year; details will be forthcoming. There will be 2 guided rides, locally. The big ride is to Lewiston; however, this is not a guided ride.

Jim: Asked about a year patch/tab to go with the officer rockers, e.g. for Road Captains, Members at Large, other officers. They come from HOG for primary officers; we can order them for the other offices. These get ordered from HOG. Rick will check into cost for year tabs; decision made to table decision until cost is known.

Discussion: role of Volunteer Coordinator is to get volunteers signed up; whose role is it to manage the event/direct the volunteer force? Discuss and delegate tasks at Board meeting vs. Assistant Director.

Joy: historically we had an activities coordinator – should we have a separate position. Shannon: as assistant director this could be added to the job description (leading the discussion for delegated tasks for upcoming events); we can discuss this when reviewing bylaws. Starting next meeting, event coordination will be an Agenda item.

Herb Also, we will need to have future Equipment Coordinator patch made up by Wink 'N Tink as National does not offer these.

Herb suggested folks with personalized plates send in a picture and the story behind their plate. This could be a contest to guess who these belong to – no prize, just answers at the end of next month. Also, is it o.k. to have members submit a picture of their ride and a story. Discussion:

This is a social club; okay to encourage making it personal by encouraging member submissions of this nature. Caution for size of file (picture file size) so newsletter not too size heavy for downloading. Scott: we need to have our chapter number present on newsletter, website, etc. This is required by National.

April:

Application to SW District Health for cooking permit: We have not received any correspondence from the Health District; this was sent out approximately March 12, 2012. Dan will follow up with the Health District for an update on our status.

HOG Rally (attached flyers): Online registration is working; you can also print and mail the form in. The hotel links are active online, as well. There are still a few issues with international registrants, but they are working on it. There have been about 20-25 registrations received but 68 rooms have been reserved at the Marriott.

Meals on Wheels Ride: Christa from Meals on Wheels is requesting a fall date, tentatively September 15th. Discussion then ensued about alternate charities, alternate dates (September 15th is the first BSU home game), and the amount of help that would be required to pull this off. Additionally, we would need a full commitment from the Meals on Wheels folks, particularly given that this is so late into the riding season already. One idea suggested was to have the ride end at a location (sports bar?) so that participants can watch the BSU game together, possibly move to September 29th, and another is to use time in October to plan for next May as an event. In order to properly promote the event, a decision was ultimately made to set aside time this fall to plan an event for next spring.

Rick suggested we get a new lock and keys for the shed, as there have been a number of keys distributed over the last few years. Rick will get a new lock and make sure enough keys are made up (Pat, Jim, John, Todd, +2). Scott requested we track this via a spreadsheet (secretary to monitor). Just add this (transfer of keys) to the agenda for the transition meeting when the new Board assumes their duties.

Jim: Thank you for the Colors Drawing at the meeting. There was mostly positive feedback for this. Those who were disappointed will hopefully remember to wear their colors next time; this is the point of having an incentive drawing.

Herb: Brought in The Perfect Flag Pole for consideration to purchase. The cost is \$26.72 with shipping. It is an extendable pole that extends to 6', and that accommodates a 3' x 5' flag. We have carrying bags we can modify to carry these. Motion made and carried to buy 3 of these poles. Approved

Re: Mike Halpin – has not been a member for 3 years. Our protocol for sending cards for sick members is that they are current. Herb questions the appropriateness of passing along information for HOG members to contact Mike, when Mike is not a current member.

May:

No Minutes on File

June:

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July:

Riders in the Sky: There are 44 people signed up so far; this is a great turnout so far. Cost is \$10.22/person, through Good Wood. Price is based on 60 people attending. We need approval to commit funds to pay for the food, up to \$607.00 up to 60 people to attend; motion carried. There are a lot of new people coming, which is great. Members/guests can RSVP through Facebook, emailing Shannon, or contacting her directly. The Chapter is paying for members; guests need to pay \$10. Approved

Bylaws overview and discussion: These need to be reviewed this year. Shannon has formed the committee already. The deadline is to turn this in with the charter in January.

Vicki: In light of having to collect sales tax at cooking events, it would be helpful if the price, with tax, was a round number.

Jim: Reminder that we need to track our food from events; there appears to be a case of potato chips missing or unaccounted for.

Dan: Received a note from J.T.; he would like to meet with the Primary Officers on Friday, August 10th at the Marriott Hotel while he is down for the Rally.

Shannon: HDHD Employee Appreciation Picnic? Dan will ask Dave if he has a preference for date – we will offer August 18th or 25th.

August:

No Minutes on File

September:

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October:

Bylaws Review: Shannon reported that the committee has met to review the bylaws; there are some minor changes that were suggested; the amended copy will be forwarded to the Board for input and review, as well. The suggested changes will be obvious, due to the formatting of the document that allows reviewers to easily follow proposed changes.

Shannon: Thank you to everyone who made it to the Full Moon Ride. Also, Shannon proposed that at the General Meeting in November we have a potluck dinner at the meeting. This is the last meeting of the year, and it would be nice to foster a family atmosphere. This would be promoted via the newsletter. We cannot bring in drinks as the Eagles Lodge sells these. Shannon also proposed that the Club pay for the meat and the membership would bring the other dishes, perhaps divided up by the letter of their last name. Approved

November:

No Minutes on File

December:

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