

Intermountain Chapter HOG (0851) Historical Report 1996

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Additional Members: Bill Thomas, Randy & Debie Hovde, Pat and Ron Brown (Clubs Liaison), Gary McGarva, Mike Calligan, Jon & Jeanette Grams, Bill Blandon (MDA Liaison), Bob Brumpton (ICMS Liaison)

Board Activities:

January:

By popular vote, it was decided name tags would be made for chapter members. Two members (Stan Mock and Ron Brown) have been working on a pin design. The plastic pins will be in the shape of a pink pig with the chapter name across the pig's back with room for names on the middle. Other designs were discussed with no resolution.

Bud (Road Captain) asked for clarification on the end of year ride drawing. The agreed upon amount was \$500. It was further agreed that five members would share in the amount at \$100 per person. It was also agreed that the prize would be in cash rather than a gift card from Cycle Nuts and Bolts so the member could use the cash as needed.

It was agreed that the "Member of the Year" and "Officer of the Year" recipients would each be awarded a \$50 check.

A former employee of Cycle Nuts and Bolts asked to have his new business card printed in the newsletter for a fee. The group decided they would accept up to six such advertisements, for a minimum for three months at \$10 per month. Chapter members would have priority over all others requesting such advertising.

February:

Suzanne (LOH) completed the LOH membership packet which will be included in the new member packet currently under construction. The packet will also include motorcycle safety pamphlets.

A variety of suggestions were made about rewarding volunteers. Some ideas were free t-shirts for major events or BBQs for volunteers after the event. There was some concern about “opening a can of worms” if they started handing out t-shirts. Tabled

It was suggested that LOH take on selling hot dogs at the swap meet. It was further suggested that LOH should fund their own events and not use general chapter funds. After discussion it was decided LOH should continue to have access to chapter funds since their events benefit all chapter members.

Tom (Director) started a discussion about charities by suggesting the money generated during the toy run should be used for the Toys-for-Tots program. Additional charity suggestions were raised. The discussion turned to defining the chapter’s purpose. “Are we a charity or a riding club?” Tabled

Dick (Sponsor) informed the group he was working with Firebird Raceway to set up a bikes-only drag and ride-in show event.

General meeting:

Lyle (Events Liaison) visited the HD factory and attended a meeting on state rally coordination. Joe Dowd was replaced by Mark Cornell as the new HOG Regional Representative. Joe Down moved to the Regional Rally Coordinator position. Regions have been changed from four to six. Idaho along with Alaska, California, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, Washington, and Oregon now make up the Western Region. Boise was being considered for the 1997 Regional Rally. Local rally details need to be ready by July so it can be announced during the 1996 rally. Oregon and Washington want to work with Idaho toward holding a “mini-tri-state” rally in Pendleton. This event could be rather than or in addition to the proposed Boise rally.

Lyle also learned that the chapter no longer needed to purchase insurance for events since HOG national provides the insurance.

Boyd (Chapter Member) suggested the chapter look for a larger venue to hold general meetings. He stopped counting at 82 members. The committee assigned to find a new venue is still working the issue.

March:

Kevin Hudson (St. Alphonsus Life Flight) provided an overview of the Life Flight Membership Program. Available packages: Individual Membership \$50 per family, Patron Membership \$550 for 100 people in an organization, Benefactor Membership \$1100 for 100-500 people in an organization. A motion was made to schedule a presentation on the program at the general meeting. Approved

It was agreed the chapter’s charter and constitution be reviewed and revised to reflect the change from IDA-HOG. It was noted that national HOG by-laws should be followed unconditionally.

Major event volunteer recognition was re-addressed. It was decided the event committee will determine the appropriate form of recognition for their event and will use event proceeds to fund it. Approved

Buck (Chapter Member) made a motion that event workers be identified with a distinctive standardize item like an armband. Approved

During a continuation of the charity discussion it was suggested that an annual charity budget be established along with specific nomination procedures for those seeking contributions from the chapter. Tabled until September

The Kowloon Restaurant has agreed to allow the chapter to hold general meetings in their banquet room. They will also provide a \$6 buffet. Meeting would have to be moved to Thursdays. A motion was made to accept the offer and change venues. Approved

The Boise Hawks asked if the chapter would again participate in their season opener. It was suggested the offer be accepted if participants were given better seats (than last year) and free beer.

April:

Tom (Director) talked to the manager of Kowloon restaurant about allowing the chapter to hold their meetings there on Friday instead of Thursday. The manager could not accommodate. General meeting will continue to be held at Round Table Pizza.

General meeting:

The membership was not in favor of changing the meeting day. Tom will talk to the restaurant about changing meetings to Friday.

Life Flight briefed the membership on the program. A motion was made to put the information in the newsletter to ensure all members have the information before a decision to purchase the \$1100 plan option for the chapter. Approved

The Boise Hawks cancelled the chapter's participation in the season opener and requested the chapter participate in their "Christmas in July" event with fans being asked to donate to the Toys-for-Tots program. The membership agreed as long as they get the better seats and free beer previously requested.

May:

A discussion about whether chapter business decisions should be made at the general meetings or by the board in the board meeting. The sponsor has the authority to have decisions made in the board meeting. Future motions at the general meetings will be tabled and re-submitted at the next board meeting.

A committee was formed to review chapter by-laws.

General meeting:

A number of options to fund the chapter's Life Flight participation were discussed. A final motion for the chapter to fund the \$1100 program for all dues-paying members was made. Approved

Details of the motorcycle drags and ride-in bike show at Firebird Raceway were briefed.

A chapter member briefed the membership about the disappointing showing for Rick Hawthorn's funeral. Only nine of the 200 chapter members showed up.

June:

MDA Ride

Weiser Rodeo

The chapter received a letter from Mike Cornell (Regional HOG Manager) requesting a meeting to discuss the proposed 1997 Tri-State Rally. Idaho, Washington, and Oregon will participate in the rally being held in Pendleton, OR. A motion was made to accept the offer. Approved

By-law revisions were handed out. Board members were asked to review the proposed changes and be prepared to discuss at the next board meeting.

General meeting:

It was announced that chub business would no longer be discussed at general meetings. Members wanting to discuss business should attend the board meeting.

July:

The Tri-State Rally was cancelled for 1997 because it was too close to the regional rally being held in Portland. The Idaho Rally for 1997 will be held in Blackfoot, ID, just north of Pocatello. Boise is scheduled to host the 1998 Idaho Rally.

August:

Toy Run

The chapter by-laws and charter have been completed and sent to national HOG.

General meeting:

The chapter's LOH was spotlighted in a two-page article with pictures in the paper last Sunday.

September:

Sniv (Treasurer) made a motion to purchase new software (Microsoft Publisher) for the Publisher to do the newsletter with. Approved

October:

General meeting:

Suzanne and Lynne are stepping down as LOH coordinators Replacements to be named soon.

Maria Thompson (ICMS) briefed an attempt by the Governor's panel on Medicaid to sneak a helmet law clause in their proposal was unsuccessful.

November:

Joe Petera (Editor) distributed for approval the absentee ballot that will be used in the upcoming chapter officer elections. Approved

General meeting:

Vanna (Secretary) briefed inmates from the three prisons south of Boise were taking up a collection for the Toys-for-Tots event.

December:

Toys-for-Tots

A motion was made to allocate \$350 toward renting two school busses to take the children and staff of the Hope House on a Christmas Light Tour of Boise. Approved

Some members have complained about the cigarette smoke during meetings. Members will be asked to limit smoking during meetings. Meetings will also be moved to outdoors during favorable weather.

Board members voted on the Member of the Year award and the membership will vote on the Officer of the Year award at the next meeting.

