

**Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Historical Report 2023 Officers:**

Director: John Tessin	Photographer: Jeff D'Agostino
Asst. Director: David Kesner	Safety Officer: Brett Allies
Secretary: Debra D'Agostino	Webmaster: Katherine Clarke
Treasurer: Greg Renn	Food Safety Officer: Sherry Pursell
Activities Officer: Gayle Day	Merchandise Coordinator: Bev Tessin
Editor: Shannon Weston	Members at Large:
Equipment Officer: Art Brenenstahl Assistant	Herb Weston
Equipment Officer:	Michael Anderson
Historian: Mason Clarke	Kathy Anderson
Lead Road Captain: Cliff Lewis	Bob Potts
Assistant Lead Road Captain: Ron Pursell	Jamie Allies
LOH Officer: Linda Potts	Bob Anderson
Membership Officer: Cheryl Brenenstahl	HOG Manager: Dennis Peck

**Regional Officer's Connection** (previously Harley Officer's Training): Dave Kesner, Greg Renn, Debbie D'Agostino, Kathy Anderson

**Membership:**

Starting Membership: 227 (as of January 1, 2023)

Ending Membership: 350 (as of December 31, 2023)

Renewed Membership: 234 (as of January 1 2024)

**Chapter Rides:** Forty-one including seven overnights

**Miles Ridden:** 300,500

**Cooking Events:**

BBQs: Five

Pancake Feeds: Four

**Board Activities:**

January:

Michael Anderson (Past Director) presented our new Director John Tessin with the Director's Vest.

John (Director) welcomed the returning board members and then introduced the newly appointed board members. Added to the current list of members there will be four additional positions, an Asst. Lead Road Captain, Asst. Photographer and two Members at Large.

John (Director) provided an ACCP Update: We have had only one cancellation of attendance and with that, we have been able to accommodate those on the waitlist and now have 100% participation. The hotel was contacted, and all is good, decorations are on target as well. John stated that the party theme has been well received and looking forward to seeing all dressed up.

ROC Training: After lengthy around the room discussion on the pro/cons of attending this year's training, the board unanimously agreed to send four members at a budget of no more than \$2,000 to this year's training class in Salt Lake City which will be held, on March 18th. Attendees will be decided later.

General Meeting Giveaways: Propose that there only be 1 Swag giveaway going forward. Mark at the dealership has offered a discount if giveaway items were purchased at the dealership. Bev (Merchandize) had a prior budget of \$500 last year and did not spend the whole amount. As a safe measure the board suggested that her budget to remain at \$500. This financial line item will be discussed during the 2023 preliminary budget meeting.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) provided the board with information about Accident Scene Management classes. Costs, and the need to inquire outside sponsorships for donations to lower individual costs/expenditures was discussed. Tabled pending additional information.

Cliff discussed the review and rewriting of Section One of the ICHOG Road Captains guide, concerns about the chapter providing first aid kits was revised to eliminate the requirement. Cliff states that this section will be presented to the Road Captains during the road captain February 5th meeting.

Cliff also briefed the current HOG Chapter Handbook, distributed from National, has updated forms. The updated forms will be incorporated and used for this year's Road Captains folders.

Shannon (Editor) briefed the group on the 40<sup>th</sup> HOG Anniversary Party. This is an invite only party and an anticipated attendance of 125. The party is scheduled for April 22nd, and we will be announced at the January general meeting. This will be open for all active members and past HOG directors. She proposed a budget for the event in the amount of \$1,800. The board voted to approve the proposed budget.

Brett (Safety Officer) stated that he is having difficulty in having a representative from Life Flight attend a general meeting to discuss the membership to the chapter. He will continue to pursue.

Jeff (Photographer) stated that the annual Flicker account membership has been renewed. He stated that there are currently 13,450 images and that we have received 400,000 views since 2018.

David (Assistant Director) gave an update on the ACCP 2024 party. He stated that we have until April of this year to decide on a new location. If we are hoping for more chapter member attendance, we need a new location.

#### Membership Meeting;

Dennis (HOG Manager) announced changes are happening at the dealership. Stated cross training of positions were in effect. Josh has transferred to another dealership. Matt has moved to the sales department. Levi, is now Service Manager, Dennis is now the Assistant Manager. Our dealership is #3 in the Nation for service.

He also briefed that Ride 365 will continue for the HOG groups. Some perks are money back for riding mileage logged in. Dealership Ride check-in challenge, you can earn points toward rewards and bragging rights by visiting authorized HD dealerships. Do your mileage reading a minimum of twice a year. Get your first reading at the beginning of the year and the second at the end. As a 1st place winner, you will receive \$20.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) and Ron (Assistant Lead Road Captain) handed out certificates recognizing all of last year's Road Captains and thanked them for their service.

Brett (Safety Officer) stated he was still unable to secure a Life Flight representative to come talk to the group. There is a new application form available and the cost has changed from \$55 to \$65. Brett provided information on the benefits of the uses of this membership.

He also briefed the chapter was offering First Aid Kits for sale at merchandise table. MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundations) recommends that on each group ride at least one up-to-date first aid kit should be available. It is also recommended that each Road Captain should carry an up-to-date kit on their bike or trike. The kit that we are offering to members are 200-piece units and are offered at a discount rate of \$20.

Shannon (Editor) gave an update on the HOG 40th anniversary party and introduced the party committee members. She also thanked all the Christmas gift wrap volunteers.

John (Director) briefed that an email was sent out to all members to answer a survey on the recent ACCP party. This survey asked what was done good and what needs to be worked on for next year's party. Survey should be returned by this Sunday, January 29.

Lane (ICMS) briefed that last year Idaho had 25 motorcycle fatalities. He suggested everyone should take a refresher skill course if it has been more than 3 years. Go see Brian at the dealership.

February:

ROC Training – Selected representatives: Dave Kesner, Greg Renn, Debbie D’Agostino, Kathy Anderson. John stated that he did make a suggestion that perhaps ROC would consider having this training in Boise at some point. Hotel reservation and seminar confirmation have been sent to attendees. John asked that Greg Renn take care of the car rental and coordinate a meeting location and time of departure to Salt Lake City.

The results of the ACCP survey were discussed...ACCP survey results had a 50% response. The high points were with the band at 8.9%, overall rating was 8 out of 10. Location at a 7 and, food and liquor was 4.4. Some additional comments were received and one that stood out was that the theme was really cool and could we do the same thing next year. Dave and Katherine are leading the charge for next year’s location. We need to make a decision within the next 30 days in changing the location.

Greg (Treasurer) stated that Dan Hammel (Chapter Member) conducted an audit review of 2022 financial records at the January general meeting. Per Dan, the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the Chapter. Treasurer has Dan’s letter of approval for the 2022 financial records audit on file and available for review of the board if requested.

Bev (Merchandizing) stated that she received a 30% discount from Mark (Sponsor) at the dealership. With this discount, Bev spent \$230.70 (which is under her budget allotment of \$500) in merchandise which will cover the full year swag give aways at the monthly general meetings.

Bev had great ideas for Chapter printed clothing (t-shirt, sweat shirts) for sales. However, after her talks with Chris Harrison, HOG Regional Manager, Western, it was determined that the use of either the Harley Owners Group and/or Intermountain Chapter logos could only be sourced through Norscott which for our purposes would be cost prohibitive.

Bev also stated the 1st Aid kits were a success and were all sold at the general meeting. A wait list was generated and a few people have pre-paid. A new case of kits will be made available at the next general meeting. We will continue to have these kits available until there is no more interest.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain Captain) briefed the annual road captain training is scheduled for 11:00 February 5 at the HDHD conference Room. The group discussed the interpretation of the chapters RC Guide concerning limiting the number of road captains based on chapter membership numbers. It was decided that the limitation would be further researched and would be addressed at the Road Captain’s training session.

Cliff also announced the annual Callender meeting to be held at 1100, March 5 HDHD conference Room. Calendar build will provide a year supply of rides that will supplement the overnight rides. We currently have 6 rides on the calendar and additional rides to be added.

Cliff also announced the Black Sheep request for Road Captain support - Thursday, Friday, September 7-8. Request will go through the calendar build and should be promoted by Bill Reams. More than likely all non-chapter riders will need to fill out waivers. John to reach out to Bill for further discussion as to what exactly is their request of the group.

Brett (Safety Officer) suggested we look into setting up an Accident Scene Management Training class. We have a Senior instructor who lives in Nampa. She has provided training for HOG in the past. Trina (Road Guardian Instructor) has let Brett know that there is a minimum of 10 persons per class at a cost of \$100 each person. There are sponsorships but you will need to find them on your own. She will provide information and can be at the next board meeting on March 7th (first on the agenda). Ron (Assistant Lead Road Captain) has agreed to look for sponsorships.

Michael (Member at Large) started a discussion about the year's picnics. Is the board looking at Spring or Fall? The decision will be made after the calendar build. Committee needs to decide what can be done with the current allotted budget. John (Director) suggested the group consider more economical events due to the rising price of catered. Bob (Member at Large) suggested activities that members who pay out of pocket but a ride as a group before. The planning group will meet one hour earlier at the next General Meeting to discuss ideas.

Sherry (Food Safety) stated that there are 6 breakfast, 5 burger burns on this year's calendar. She will be submitting paperwork to Center District Health. She also announced that she received 16 interests in cooks for this year.

Gayle (Activities Officer) asked if we have a specific non-profit for this year? She went on to address the volunteer card handouts and that she would like to propose that if you have concluded your assigned shift and, the next shift has a shortage and not covered, if you volunteer to cover that shift, she should be allowed to issue you an additional volunteer card. Recommendation approved.

Jeff (Photographer) asked if the board wanted to do another photo contest ride. The response was yes. Jeff asked Dennis (HOG Manager) if we could get gift cards from the dealership. Dennis acknowledged yes. Some other suggestions were if there would be an interest in a HOG Chapter group picture to be tagged along at one of the chapter picnics and/or at the dealership. It was settled that it would be at the dealership and future date to be determined after the calendar build.

Dave (Assistant Director) announced he was looking for another location for the next ACCP party. A couple of ideas are being looked at and, Katherine (Web Master) and him will have more information at the next board meeting i.e., Locations/Cost and to limit the location to Ada/Canyon County only.

#### General Meeting:

Valerie and Jim Moore (Chapter Members) presented the chapter with a gift from the South Africa Chapter in Johannesburg. The plaque will be placed on the video wall at HD.

Lane (ICMS) spoke on a few bills currently in Legislation that ICMS are following. Senate Bills 1053 amends existing laws to remove a certain exemption regarding the securing of loads on a public highway. Senate Bill 1067 Insurance coverage, limitations would impose new regulations on vehicle insurance providers regarding "underinsured

motor vehicle coverage”. House Bill 86 Amends existing law to allow private parental driver’s education.

March:

Brett (Safety Officer) introduced Trina Michaelis a lead instructor with Accident Scene Management who provided an introduction on Accident Scene Management’s full bystander assistance class “A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist”. This is a seven-hour comprehensive class that teaches many aspects of a crash scene from management to treatment. The class covers information to prevent further injury, effectively communicate with the EMS, treat with life sustaining care, rescue breathing and helmet removal and preserving the spine. This course cost \$100.00 per person and provides a two-year certification. John (Director) would like to see if we can get a sponsorship in place to help members with the cost. Ron (Assistant Leasd Road Captain) suggested that we send an informational email about this training course to the membership.

Bill Reams (Black Sheep) spoke to the board on an upcoming Black Sheep Regional Rally “Gem State High Desert Rally” that will be held September 7 through September 9. Although this is not a HOG sponsored event, the Black Sheep are looking for Intermountain Chapter members and other North/West HOG chapters participation. He is hoping that he can also get our Road Captain support to lead planned rides. There is no cost to HOG members in addition, Black Sheep will provide their own release form waivers/wrist bands at check-in.

Valerie and Jim Moore Chapter Members) spoke on the increase cost of produce and supplies for the upcoming burger burns. Last year’s cost for both burgers and brats cost \$3.20-\$3.25. Based on these cost increases to purchase product; the board has agreed to increase our meal cost for both burger and brats to \$8.00.

Art (Equipment Officer) stated that the temporary repair of the chapter’s shed roof is good. The cleaning of the grills and refrigerator will be done on March 16th.

Dave (Assistant Director) and Katherine (We b Master) provided an update on ACCP party for 2024. They looked at four properties. The Grove Hotel, Riverside Hotel, Galaxy and the Nampa Civic Center. Although the Galaxy and Nampa Civic Center were higher in price from the current cost at the Red Lion location, the board all agreed that the most favorable location was the Nampa Civic Center. David and Katherine will revisit this venue and provide additional information to the board on possible cost reduction as the earliest. Approved on theme: Puttin on the Ritz 2. John (Director) stated that once we have a final signed contract with the Nampa Civic Center, he will draw up a letter of cancellation to the Red Lion.

General Meeting:

Kathy (Member at Large) gave an update on Ride 365. Some perks are money back for riding mileage logged in. Dealership check-in challenge, you can earn points toward rewards and bragging rights by visiting authorized HD dealerships. Do your mileage reading a minimum of twice a year. Get your first reading at the beginning of the year

and the second at the end. A special notation was that as an associate rider on the back of the bike, you too can, report riding mileage on your partners bike as well.

Lane (ICMS) Provided an updated on a few bills currently in Legislation that ICMS has been following.

SB 1053 (amends existing laws to remove a certain exemption regarding the securing of loads on a public highway) passed in the Senate but, the died on the House floor.

SB 1058 (Amends and adds to existing law to provide for the crimes of aggravated driving while reckless and aggravated driving while distracted). Bill was killed in the Senate.

SB 1067 (Insurance coverage, limitations would impose new regulations on vehicle insurance providers regarding “underinsured motor vehicle coverage”) did not move forward.

HB 133 (amends existing law to allow private parental driver’s education). Passed both the House and Senate but was Vetoed by the Governor on March 21, 2013

HB 170 (Adds to existing law to prohibit state agencies from donating to or sponsoring a nongovernmental event or organization and to provide exceptions). This bill was stopped in Committee.

April:

Brett (Safety Officer) has scheduled an Accident Scene Management, ASM, class with Trina. John (Director) stated that Mark (Sponsor) has reserved the conference room on April 24th for this training. Brett suggested that this first class be open to the board members so we can see how this pans out before opening these classes up to the general membership. The cost is \$100.00 per person. Brett suggested that John talk with Mark to see if he would be willing to donate a percentage towards the cost of a course.

Dennis (HOG Manager) stated that during Burger Burns, the Service Department will now be the temporary location for kitchen duties based on potential conflicts of alcohol servers. During the Pancake Breakfasts, volunteers will be able to use the regular kitchen. Dennis also mention that the upstairs freezer will be moved downstairs.

He also mentioned that the dealership had received a complaint in regards to the title “Glory Hole Ride” scheduled for April 16th. The dealership is requesting a name change. After board discussion, the name was changed to “The Owyhee Dam Ride”.

Greg (Treasurer) led a discussion and approved increasing the 40th anniversary budget expenditures by \$500.00. The board also discussed and approved increasing the 2024 ACCP expense budget to a total of \$13,000. The income budget was also increased to \$6,000.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) mentioned concerns regarding our current storage use at the dealership. In the past, the chapter was given adequate “shared” space inside the dealership. We

have now been asked to store our non-refrigerated items in the outside shed. The concern is that waters/sodas are temperature sensitive and would not do well during extreme weather conditions. A loss in supplies will reflect additional cost. John (Director) stated that Mark (Sponsor) has committed to finding us storage space.

The board discussed impressions of ROC Training. Was it worth attendance? Somewhat, it should be offered to only new board members should we offer it next year.

A take away from ROC was the Minor Waiver Form we need to re-address our current process. We can no longer allow a grandparent, uncle, aunt, adult sibling who are not the parent or legal guardian to authorize their consent for a minor to join a ride. It was suggested that this be placed on the agenda for the next General Meeting and we follow up with an email Blast of the new process and procedure. Mason (Historian) agreed that he would provide verbiage for the email.

Another take away was that we have to understand that our chapter is an extension of the Dealership. If Mark (Sponsor) says turn over our chapter assets, we turn them in. We are a reflection of the dealership and should act accordingly.

Should we be sharing our newsletter with other Chapters? Sure, let's see if there are any chapters that would be interested in sharing theirs with us. The board was in agreement to solicit to chapters perhaps in all Northwest Eastern Regions. Shannon (Editor) to take this task on after April 26th and will report back to the board.

Kathy (Member at Large) stated that while at ROC training, the Las Vegas Red Rock Chapter mentioned that they would be interested in meeting with our chapter and do a joint ride. They will be riding on Friday, May 26th to Jackpot. Kathy thought it would be a great idea to have our board or anyone who is interested to meet them in Jackpot. We spend the evening with them. Head out on Saturday back to our dealership and a final ride on Sunday as they head back to Las Vegas. More information to follow.

Katherine (Web Master) presented an update for the 2024 ACCP. We are a go with the Nampa Civic Center. Katherine provided an update and requested additional funds. Board approved an additional \$6,000 which is reflected under Financials. In addition, the board approved that a check in the amount of \$1,500 be issued as a downpayment to the venue.

John (Director) asked if we should consider returning to the after General Meeting Dinner. After discussion, the response was no.

He also asked if we should consider having a periodic birthday cake for the general meeting birthdays? No, this is an additional cost to the budget i.e., cake, plates, utensils, clean up...

General Meeting: John briefed the group on the requirement for an actual parent of guardian to sign Minor Waiver Forms.

#### May:

Brett (Safety Officer) reviewed the of Accident Scene Management class. Stated that there were 10 in attendance (mostly board members). Went around the room and all agreed that it was a

beneficial class. Agreed that we should move forward with offering information for an additional class to be held in the summer months and during the weekend (Saturday/Sunday). Members to pay the full class cost. Brett will take the lead and present to our members.

Dennis (HOG Manager) stated that Mark (Sponsor) wanted to express his appreciation for all the hard work that Shannon (Editor) and our board did for the 40th anniversary party.

Greg (Treasurer) asked if we should consider 50/50 raffles for large rides? It was agreed that this was a great idea. but it was decided that we would do this only where chapter monies were spent. A motion to approve at the discretion of the Members at Large to issue 50/50 raffle at events for this year was approved.

Kathy (Member at Large) provided details for the upcoming Special ride with Las Vegas Southern Nevada Chapter memorial weekend is scheduled for Friday, May 26 thru Sunday, May 28th. Kathy was asked to provide the board with an email on the daily activities and ride planning.

Shannon (Editor) briefed the HOG 40th Anniversary party was under budget. There were 165 members in attendance. Shannon thanked the committee members and also stated that she sent out personal emails of thanks to Mark (Sponsor) and Hannah (HDHD Activities).

David (Assistant Director) briefed the ACCP venue contract has been signed and deposit check has been issued. Locked down 20 hotel rooms at the adjoining Best Western Plus. Party Committee to be established in the upcoming months.

Jeff (Photographer) briefed the group photo was announced at the General Meeting. Jeff spoke with Hannah (HDHD Activities) to get early access to HDHD to shop. He will continue to remind the chapter members during upcoming general meetings.

Sherry (Food Safety) asked who calls the end of the event within reason? Breakfast (10:30) should be Gayle (Activities Officer) and Burger Burns (3:30) Sherry and coordinate with Hannah (HDHD Activities) at the dealership. Cheese issue needs to be amended for the purchase of better cheese product for the Burger Burns. Breakfast reimbursements. John (Director) asked for an additional \$100. He will provide the board with an update. Hannah requested to move breakfast cook from July 22 to July 29. Sherry said yes, that would be fine but, she will have to ask volunteers if they can adjust their schedules.

Shannon (Editor) provided an update to the upcoming LOH Meridian Speedway Ride. A Blast email to follow.

Mason (Historian) stated that the Idaho Patriot Thunder ride is scheduled for Sunday, July 16. Looking for eight chapter volunteers to help with parking. We will be augmented again this year with members of the Veterans and Patriots Association.

Herb (Member at Large) presented a used Idaho license plate "HOG" to be placed on the wall at the dealership. The plate was given to Herb by a long-time member and friend Michael Weiss who moved out of state.

Corinna Robishaw (Chapter Member) stated that she is a board member with the Special Olympics. Here is an event scheduled in October. She is looking for HDHD sponsorship and/or HOG purchased table. Each table costs \$1,000.

#### General Meeting:

Brett (Safety Officer) stated national HOG will send a \$50 rebate when you complete a riding course and send in a copy of your class completion confirmation.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) presented Jamie Allies with her Road Captain Rocker after the successful completion of her Shoshone Falls Ride.

He also briefed the membership on requirements when joining a sanctioned chapter ride in any place other than the official starting point.

#### Special Guest – Idaho Special Olympics Fundraising Event

Corinna Robishaw (Chapter Member) introduced Noel (Idaho Special Olympics) who briefed on the October fundraising event at the Boise Center on the Grove. It will be a semi-formal with approximately 600+ people present. She encouraged members to come. All funds will stay in Idaho to benefit 1500 athletes. Cost is \$100 per person or \$1,000 for a table of ten.

John (Director) stated the Vietnam Moving Wall Display will be paraded from Middleton to Scentsy Commons for display. He showed a poster he was given and said if interested contact the website on the poster.

#### June:

Dennis (HOG Manager) mentioned that it was brought to his attention that our road captains need to improve their due diligence when having riders sign the ride rosters at the beginning and at a mid-point pick up site during a chapter ride. A suggested action plan is to have Lead Road Captain, Cliff Lewis send out a reminder notice to each road captain prior to their scheduled rides on their duties to ensure that all riders sign the ride rosters.

Jeff (Photographer) spoke on the chapter group picture on August 13. He mentioned that the merchandize department at the dealership agreed to provide to provide a 10% discount. Stated that there will be a 50/50 drawing, gift cards and give aways will be provided (members need to be present to win). Discussed ways to ensure a high member turn out is to send out a BLAST email with a RSVP.

John (Director) spoke on the North meets South Rally. Our chapter had 33 members in attendance for this rally and, that our Chapter had the largest attendance and took home a banner. Sharing best practices ~ Raffle - purchase the number of tickets you want and then, you place your tickets in the basket of your choice. Daily Ride organizations were good and were limited to 15 riders.

He also floated the idea of hosting a future rally. John stated that next year's rally will be in Medford, Oregon. After discussions, it was suggested that John gather additional information and bring this issue back to the board for further discussion in a future meeting.

Gayle (Activities Officer) stated that it was brought to her attention that additional efforts are needed during the clean-up process after a scheduled food event. Gayle provided a handout of the new pancake feed and burger burn clean-up check list moving forward.

The Board discussed and agreed on the purchase of an additional chapter flag. Bev Tessin will move forward with the merchandize purchase in the amount of \$110

The board discussed the need to better control on presentations of non-chapter events. It was agreed that "Member only" persons should solicit their request to the Board prior to presenting at a General Meeting, Board to approve any hand outs and time limitation during presentations.

Michael (Member at Large) proposed the id a chapter parade in a future event at the Magic Valley Speedway in Twin Falls. It was suggested by Cliff (Lead Road Captain) that the Twin Fall Chapter should also be made aware of this request. Michael stated that he would relay this request back to his co-worker.

Mason (Historian) announced that Michael (Member at Large) has volunteered to take over the parking detail for Idaho Patriot of Thunder. He will begin his take-over during the 2024 event.

General Meeting: Doug Foye (Chapter Member) announced The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall Display will be at the Scentsy Commons.

### July:

Dennis (HOG Manager) briefed that Mark (Sponsor) has reached out to the Twin Falls dealership in regards to the Magic Valley Speedway event in August. Dennis stated that the dealership and chapter are all in and that everything is a go. Michael (Member at Large) will work on all the details and will provide an update at the next General Meeting.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) discussed repeated safety offenses during rides with a particular chapter member. How to handle such situations was discussed. It was determined that going forward when there is an issue, the road captains must make reference in their reports along with written statements from the Mid/Sweeps. The Lead Road Captain and Director must make contact with said rider(s) to address the concerns the chapter has. A copy of this report must be given to the rider(s) and a copy will be given to the dealership for filing.

Dave (Assistant Director) provided an update on the ACCP party for 2024. He stated that several board members met him and the venue coordinator on June 29th for a tour of the facility. The outcome was favorable and we walked away with a request for quote of additional rental of the lobby. This additional space would provide a reception area for guest sign-in and social gathering prior to entering the main banquet area. A quote was provided for an additional amount of \$399 for a half day rental space beginning at 4:00pm. The board unanimously approved the additional expenditure for the half day rental. David will contact the venue for an updated contract.

John (Director) stated that he was approached by the Medford organizers of the North meets South Rally and was asked if our chapter would be interest in hosting a future event? After discussions, it was suggested that John gather additional information and bring this issue back to the board for further discussion at a future meeting. Tonight, John provided a detailed proposal for the Board's consideration to host the 2025 North meets South Rally in Boise. After much discussion, the board approved to move forward. John made a commitment to the current board that he will take the lead for the 2025 Rally and make contact with the Medford management for their acceptance of our dates and plans. For scheduling purposes: North meets South Rally ~ Medford, OR will be held June 13-16, 2024 additional information can be obtained at [www.northmeetssouth.info](http://www.northmeetssouth.info)

General Meeting: Jeff (Photographer) thanked all those who participated in the photo contest this year. The judges have made their selections. He congratulated the contest winners. Alva Day, first place, Bob Anderson, second place and Debra D'Agostino third place.

#### Death of Chapter Member, 7/9

Devon Cullum Devon D. Cullum, 54, of Meridian, passed away, doing what he loved, riding his Harley on a beautiful summer day, in Eagle, Idaho. Devon was born in Weaverville, California on August 26, 1968, to mother Judith Ann Baxter and father David Harold Cullum. Devon graduated from Walla Walla High School in Walla Walla, Washington.

Devon married Tanja Cullum on January 7, 1994, at The Bishops House in Boise, Idaho. Devon worked for Micron for 30 years before beginning working for JB Hunt. He worked with JB Hunt for nearly 1 year. Devon had many hobbies and interests like playing the drums/music, motorcycles, soccer, going skiing, and anything scary!

Devon Cullum loved his family and spending time with them. He is situations survived by his spouse, Tanja Cullum (Meridian, ID); his mother, Judith Cullum (Walla Walla, WA); sister, Michelle (Walla Walla, WA); daughters Jessica Hudgens (Meridian, ID) and Brittny Perkins (Kuna, ID); grandchildren, Lily "Boo" Hudgens (Meridian, ID), Kinston Butler (Meridian, ID), Declan Lake, and Everette Lake (Kuna, ID); his beloved German Shepard, Abby who misses him so badly; along with many nieces and a nephew.

Devon is proceeded in death by his father, David Harold Cullum, and grandparents Hope Baxter and Jack Baxter.

He is an amazing man and will be missed by his family and friends who loved him so much!

#### Death of Chapter Member, 7/19

Joseph James Hope, 53, suddenly left this world July 19, 2023 exactly how he would've wanted, riding his beloved Harley.

The third of four sons, James was born May 28, 1970 to Dennis Kay and Sheila Faye Hope. He attended schools in Rexburg, later joining the Army National Guard and eventually shifting his primary focus to his favorite role, fatherhood, after the birth of his first daughter with Lori Bolland, Sarah Elyse. James and Lori later divorced. He soon met, married and spent many years

with Connie Whitmore. James happily raised her son Colton Brock as his own, a short time later they welcomed their daughter Brittany Elaine, and completed their family with the baby, Austin James. He truly loved being a father and never skipped a beat to be the kid he was at heart, with his kids. James and Connie were later divorced.

James spent many years as a knowledgeable diesel mechanic for Clair's Diesel and Automotive in Idaho Falls. His kids fondly remember days spent in the shop by his side, or holding his stained and calloused hands from his hard work. His work life later transitioned to the oil fields in CO and ND, where he managed successful teams of workers for many years. Most recently, James owned and proudly operated Rocky Mountain Portable Toilets (RMP) in the Boise area. He was an incredible businessman and took pride in building lasting relationships with his customers, while providing top notch service and equipment. He thoroughly enjoyed keeping RMP family oriented, employing Sarah and Austin to help keep things running smoothly.

James was a motorhead and a true outdoorsman. He deeply enjoyed anything that took him through the wind and up in the mountains – dirt bikes, four wheelers, snow machines and especially his motorcycles; hunting, fishing, mudding and camping. Most of those memories were made with his parents and his brothers, who he loved wholeheartedly.

James took as much pride in being a grandfather as he did in being a dad, he always tormented the grandbabies in the silliest ways. He built bottle rockets, took them for bike rides, taught them to fish, spent many hours watching movies, had sleepovers, always got in a quick tickle session, would get on the ground to play with the babies, and did all the things that us kids would deem “annoying”. His newest granddaughter was born a week before his departure, he was so proud and incredibly excited to meet her. Ryker, Kysen, Kooper, Jamesyn, Axel, Athena, Kinlee and Elora will spend the rest of their lives hearing all the goofy stories of their grandpa and how we wish he could've spent many more years making a lifetime of memories together.

To know James was to know he was strong willed and wild spirited. He ventured through many phases of himself but never put anything less than a 100% commitment into all that he did. James cared deeply, loved unconditionally and never skipped a beat to end every phone call or text message with “I love you”. He was the type of man that would give the shirt off his back to someone he didn't know, to crack a joke at the most inappropriate time, could put on a stern face just to make things incredibly awkward, loved to send random Snapchat photo filters, or would buy you a beer and make conversation. Above all, he was the man whose smile always lit up the room followed by a laugh that would get everybody going. We think anybody would agree, losing that mile wide smile has dulled the world of all that knew him.

Narrowing down the man James was, reminiscing on his life and his greatness really puts into perspective the true magnitude of losing him. Unanswered phone calls, text messages and empty chairs at family gatherings will always remind us of just how much we've lost and how shattered our hearts are.

“Crank it loud, hold it down until we get there, and when we do, we hope you got some new stories to tell. Until then, give Heaven some Hell.”

Joseph James is survived by his children, Sarah (Travis) Fremont of Boise, Colton (Coral) Whitmore of Idaho Falls, Brittany (Nathan) Hulse of Idaho Falls, Austin Hope of Idaho Falls. His parents, Dennis and Sheila Hope of Rexburg. His brothers, Kent (Sparky) Hope of Boise, Bryon (Tracie) Hope of Rexburg, Barrett (Colette) Hope of Rexburg. His 8 grandchildren, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, his niece McKenzie Hope and his favorite brother-in-law, Gregg Whitmore.

August:

Brett (Safety Officer) briefed the group that Dennis (HOG Manager) will maintain the traveling Chapter Flags. Road Captains wanting the flag for events will contact Dennis in the future.

Anna (Assistant Photographer) introduced the idea of a chapter wall calendar. She provided a detailed spreadsheet of vendors she contacted. She had information on calendar size, quantity, pricing, taxes, per unit cost. The board was in favor of moving forward. Calendars would be member pre-paid basis. Notification of calendar ordering will take place at the general meetings, Facebook and chapter email Blast. After further discussion, Fully Promoted a local vendor in Boise was selected. Member cost would be \$20.00 per calendar.

John (Director) updated the group on North meets South Rally information. He stated that our chapter was not selected for the rally in 2025.

He suggested that we consider hosting our own rally. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed yes, we are open to hosting our own Chapter Rally. We talked about the naming of the rally, when the rally would possibly take place. Notification of the rally to the other 65 chapters in our region to generate interest in their participation in hosting a future rally in the upcoming years. Further discussion will be addressed at our next board meeting.

Bill Ream (Road Captain) requested time at the August General Meeting to advertise the Black Sheep Rally and also include hand outs and news article. It was agreed that Bill would be allotted 5 minutes on the agenda at the next General Meeting scheduled for Friday, August 25th.

David (Assistant Director) asked how the chapter deals with requests from solicitation requests at membership meetings. It was determined that members would not be granted time on the agenda but, if they have flyers, they would like to distribute at the tables this would be acceptable.

Michael (Member at Large) provided an update on the Magic Valley Speedway. He stated that the event would be taking place on Saturday, August 12th. Since this would be an overnight in Twin Falls, it was determined that we would forgo this month's invitation due to the scheduled Chapter Photo on Sunday, August 13th. Michael will speak with his contact to inquire if there would be another opportunity for our chapter participation in September.

General Meeting:

Bev (Merchandizing) announced that we have new 40th Anniversary caps for sale at \$25. These caps will have our chapter name embroidered on the back. Caps should arrive by

the next general meeting. Also announced that she has a few new patches that are available while supplies last.

Anna (Assistant Photographer) announced a new merchandise item, the Intermountain Chapter 2024 Calendar. Pre-sale orders are currently being taken and will also be available at the September meeting. Order forms and pre-payment of \$20.00 is required. All orders need to be in by September 29th - she stated that this is a limited, one-time offer.

John (Director) announced the next New Member Orientation is scheduled for September 16 at the dealership from 10am to 1pm. Also mentioned to renew your National HOG membership.

Bill Reem (Road Captain) spoke on the upcoming Gem State High Desert Black Sheep Rally. This rally is September 7th thru the 10th and all Intermountain Chapter members are invited to participate in the events/daily rides.

David (Assistant Director) announced the ACCP will take place on January 13th at the Nampa Civic Center. The themed era will be the 70's.

#### September:

Jamie (Member at Large) provided an update on the upcoming Fall Picnic. Stated that the reservation at the park was all set. Still receiving RSVP and will touch base with Katherine for head count. She has made contact with the local Albertson and is looking at an estimated food cost of \$300 not including beverages. Art stated that he will be at the shed later this week and will check beverage inventory. Greg will be available for 50/50. Lead Road Captains are Michael and Kathy Anderson and additional road captains will be solicited. Action: Debbie to send out another chapter email blast reminding all to RSVP by the 25th.

Jeff (Photographer) Jeff stated that the Chapter Group photo is ready for print. His suggestion is to have in printed 30 by 60 including foam board and mount at a price of \$250.00. He is asking the board approval to move forward. Action: A vote was taken and approved. Once print is received it will be presented to Mark and placed in the HOG alley at the dealership.

Anna (Assistant Photographer) provided a Calendar update. She stated that \$740 in calendars have been sold that represents 38 calendars. She asked if the board would be interested in ordering additional calendars. Action: The Board approved purchasing an additional 12 calendars to make the total purchase to be 50 calendars so far. These additional calendars can be used as gifts at the ACCP party or give aways at a general meeting.

John (Director) led further discussion on Mountains to Sea Rally. Possible weekend date would be following the Father's Day weekend in 2025. John, who will be the lead chairman for this event will continue to research possible local hotels near the dealership and, a venue to host the rally dinner. More planning information to follow.

General Meeting:

John (Director) spoke on the nomination and election process for next year board members. Stated that there would be three “voting” positions. The Assistant Director (2year commitment), Secretary & Treasurer. Stated that if anyone is interested to please contact him or any of the current board members. Nominations would be gathered during the next general meeting in October. Voting would take place and winners announced during the Friendsgiving Potluck on December 1st.

Cheryl (Membership) membership renewal will take place at the dealership on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 am ~ 1:00pm. Also, during that time you can sign-up for the 2024 ACCP ~ After Christmas Christmas Party.

Shannon (Editor) spoke on behalf of Linda Potts. The next LOH event will be: Co-Ed Bunco Night, Potluck & Halloween Costume Contest. Saturday, October 28th from 4:00pm ~ 9:00pm at Mill District Clubhouse. Additional information in the September Newsletter.

Katherine (Web Master) provided a wonderful explanation on last year’s after party survey. Stated that the Board listened! She was happy to announce that the 2024 party would be held at the Nampa Civic Center on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Cost for chapter members would be \$40 per person. Non chapter members during 2023 would be \$50.00 per person. Rumbles in the room as everyone wanted to know what the theme would be... Hippies and Harleys! Stated that more information would follow in upcoming Facebook post and Chapter Newsletter Blast.

Bill Ream (Road Captain) thanked the membership for their assistance in the Gem State High Desert Black Sheep Rally!

### November:

Dennis (HOG Manager) provided an update on the chapter’s standing in the ride 365 Program. He stated that we have moved up to #2 in the Region, #9 in the nation. Historically, we have logged a significant number of miles and gave an example: 2021-chapter miles were at 107,602; 2022-chapter miles 541,880 and currently 2023 we are at 734,000.

John (Director) opened a discussion on the cost of the annual Frozen Butt Ride. John is looking to control this expense going forward and made a few suggestions. Instead of going back to the Stage Stop, perhaps consider another location that provides a fixed buffet cost. He gave an example of the Golden Corral. He also mentioned that he was able to obtain a sponsorship from the dealership in the amount of \$500.00 and the chapter to pick up an additional \$500 for total budget of \$1,000. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined and approved that we would stay with the Stage Stop if we could get them to offer a limited menu and possibly keep the cost at \$18.00 per person (including food, beverage, tax & tip). Action Item: Cliff to contact the restaurant and report back to the board.

John (Director) updated the group on Mountains to Sea Event. He stated that he had formed the committee and his reasoning for his selection was to look for people who were retired and had

experience. Stated that the leaders of his sub-committee would reach out to other individuals to join their team. The first meeting of this committee will be on Wednesday, December 6th.

Death of Former Chapter Member, David Wall, 11/20

Tribute as written by his wife Carla, also a former chapter member.

David grew up in Randleman, NC as the only child of Shirley and Helen Wall. Helen had several miscarriages prior to his birth, and so she knew he would be special. Although he had no direct siblings, he was a brother (from another mother) to his cousins, cousins-in-law and special friends. As in many small towns, there were several relatives and friends that helped Helen watch out for and mold the gentle personality that became his signature trait that he showed to the world. While he did not always agree with everyone's input, he generally took the least confrontational approach and then did what he wanted.

Throughout much of his school years, he answered to the nickname "Weird", which caused his dad some consternation as to why people would call him that. He played baseball and loved music. He learned piano by listening to his teacher play a piece and was then able to replicate it. (He didn't learn to read music until he was an adult). He participated in several bands (maybe the same group of guys with different band names). I am sure he did not share all of his shenanigans growing up in the 60s & 70s, but in the time I knew him, I don't think he was really weird, but he was unique!

His VW Bug gave him freedom, but he also enjoyed racing – he had to rebuild engines and transmissions of the banana yellow 55 Chevy – sometimes in the middle of his dorm room. He attended Wingate College and then went to Appalachian State University to get his Business Administration degree. Although he loved music, he realized that he enjoyed it for himself more than performing in front of others (that sometimes weren't really paying attention to the band).

After graduation, he worked in the computer room at ASU – where they needed raised flooring for the air conditioning and wiring for the many processors, disk and tape drives for computing power that was less than what is currently in most cell phones. Reams of paper and decks of punch cards had to be generated and/or read each night to keep the data for the university (and other local companies that rented time on what seemed to be state of the art equipment) processed.

It was in said computer room that we met. He literally knocked me off my feet. He was hurrying out of the same swinging door to deliver a stack of green bar paper reports that I was entering in my student programmer role. Fate (and his access to the student database) brought us together as he called to apologize and offer to take me to dinner. Although I was dating (seriously) someone else at the time, I knew this was someone I needed to get to know. He picked me up in a ¾ ton green Dodge pickup with running lights and the adventure began.

We were originally disappointed that ASU had a rule that married couples could not work in the same department, but we left Boone on a quest for work that took us to the Sandhills of NC, Seattle, Chicago, Boise, and many other destinations for both work and pleasure. David worked for Boeing while we were in Seattle, and he was requested to be part of the team to transfer the

World Headquarters to Chicago. After 4 winters in Chicago, we were ready to go back to the Pacific Northwest and I was able to transfer in my job to Boise. He was able to continue to work from home for Boeing for several years, but “retired” rather than going back to Seattle or Chicago after some lost laptops created a security issue. He did some contract work for HP and then went to work for the College of Western Idaho until his official retirement.

In all of our moves and travels, we met lots of fun people, made great friends and lived a full and happy life. While still in NC, we learned to sail on windboards, on our knees on a Hobie cat, and on real boats with tillers and wheels. In Washington, we lived on Bainbridge Island and commuted by ferry. We lived in high-rise condos in Chicago close to Navy Pier and just off Michigan Avenue. We have been to the Kentucky Derby, Hawaii, and Alaska. We have been to most of the National Parks in Utah as well as Sturgis, traveled cross-country with the Kyle Petty Charity Ride in 8 days, took a 10-day trip to Canada on motorcycles. David was a Road Captain and Editor for the Inter-Mountain HOG Chapter, where we met some of the nicest and most generous people you can imagine – most with tattoos, which we did that too. We even tried camping (although in a Class B Motorhome, not a tent!) and took several road trips, cross country, as well as many local points of interest.

I don’t list our opportunities to brag, but because each of you are important to us for the experiences shared and lives enriched with friendship and love. 2022 was a tough year in that David had both hips replaced and I got new knees as well as having back surgery. We decided we should move to a single-level house so we started looking, eventually deciding to move back to the Sandhills of NC. So, we found a house and made an offer then sold our Idaho home (wrong sequence, but it worked out).

In April of 2023, David had a seizure that was subsequently diagnosed with a glioblastoma (or GBM) brain tumor. It affected his communication and vision, which was very frustrating for him. Even though I will miss him terribly because he has been my everything for so long, I know he is in a better place. I hope that although you may be sad to hear about his passing, you will remember his infectious dimpled smile (even though the dimples were sometimes covered in facial hair), his genuine caring and willingness to help. Please know that you have been part of this beautiful journey as friends and family.

Love like there is no tomorrow!

Carla Wall

General meeting was postponed to coincide with the annual Friendsgiving event early December.

### December:

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) briefed that the Road Captain Appreciation luncheon on November 12th came in under budget at \$514.00. It was a great gathering with just a few RC’s missing. It is his suggestion that next year’s luncheon stay at the same approved budget of no more than \$750.00.

Cliff (Lead Road Captain) provided an update on the Frozen Butt Ride. He stated that he contacted the Stage Stop and discussed the possibility of a limited breakfast menu. Stage Stop agreed and provided a sample limited menu which was shared with the board. The suggested menu would keep the cost at \$18.00 per person (including food, and tax). During last month's board meeting, John made mention that he obtained a sponsorship from the dealership in the amount of \$500.00 and the chapter would pick up an additional \$500 for total budget of \$1,000 to pay for the member's breakfast.

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the board would not pay for this event as in past years to stay within the board's decision at the beginning of the year to eliminate free ride meals for the year. All in attendance will pay-as-you-go with a limited breakfast menu. There will be a limitation to 80 as to how many can attend so, a RSVP will be required. Since this is considered a "Ride" all in attendance will need to check-in on the morning of January 1st at the HD Majestic parking lot. In addition, a Blast email will be sent to all members on December 6th to remind them to mark their calendars and announce that this is not a chapter paid event. This motion was approved. Furthermore, the board will return the sponsorship amount of \$500.00 from the dealership. Action Item: John will request a meeting with Dennis and Mark to discuss the board's decision.

John (Director) provided an update on the recent Friendsgiving meeting on December 1st. He stated that the food purchased by the chapter totaled 125 pieces of fried chicken and 75 pieces of grilled. He asked should there be any adjustments for next year. It was suggested that we should increase the fried chicken as we ran out this year.

John (Director) asked for recommendations for next year's tip jar recipients. It was decided Meals on Wheels will continue to be the recipient.

General Meeting:

Gail (Activities) presented a check of the tip jar proceeds to a Meals on Wheels representative.

Mark Dukes (Sponsor) addressed the membership expressing his appreciation to the chapter for all we have done throughout the year.

Dennis (HOG Manager) reported the Chapter has a total of 793,589 total miles. We are ranked 2nd in our region and 9th in the nation of 438 chapters participating in Ride 365.

John (Director) Results of 2024 elections for Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer were tabulated. John announced that Katherine Clarke will be our new Assistant Director, Debra D'Agostino will return as Secretary, and Greg Renn returning as Treasurer.