



H.O.G. SQUEALS!



Monthly Newsletter of the Intermountain Chapter - Harley Owners Group #1255

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

David 'Dr Dave' Kesner

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In my opinion it takes four elements to become a good motorcycle rider: knowledge, ability, skill, and experience.

You start with knowledge. This is what we used to call 'book learning', but it can come from many different sources such as books and manuals, on-line videos, and person-to-person instruction. This is the basics that everyone must know about how and why things work. It can be as simple as knowing you pull in or let out a clutch lever to connect or disconnect power from the motor to the transmission or it can be as complicated as knowing about how friction plates, pressure plates, and throw-out bearings work together to make this happen. You can never have enough knowledge, but everyone should have a basic level of how all the things on your bike work.



Once you have this basic knowledge you move on to ability. This is simply being able to do the things it takes to actually work the bike. How to turn the bike off and on, start and stop, balance, steering, etc. There are some different opinions on just what all abilities you should have, but the fact is that whatever it takes to pass the DMV practical test is all that is needed.

Now that you have enough knowledge and ability to get your motorcycle endorsement, you start working on skill. Skill is taking a basic ability to the next level. For example an ability would be to steer your bike down the road in a straight line and around curves. Skill would be being able to do a u-turn in the width of a one lane road, or circling around in a gravel parking lot, or taking those mountain curves slightly over the suggested speed. Ability would be being able to stop your bike at lights and intersections. Skill would be being able to make a panic stop in a very short distance. Ability enables you to be able to do something by thinking about it. Skill enabled you to do those same things without thinking about it, having done something so many times that you develop what is called 'muscle memory'.

Experience is the only way you can get from ability to skill, and experience can only be gained by time and miles. The more you do something the better you become at it, but experience is specific to the ability. You quite often hear a person say they are a very experienced rider because they have a hundred thousand miles riding a bike. Well, if all those miles were ridden on flat, straight roads then they really have no experience riding curvy, mountain roads. They may be fair-weather riders and have no experience riding in rainy or windy conditions.

You should never out ride your abilities/skills; never let someone push you beyond what you are comfortable with. Our Chapter and its Road Captains (RC) will never do this and you will never be left behind on any ride we do. However, we do have the right to expect a minimum skill level for all the riders. Things like being able to ride the posted speed limit and the suggested curve speed. If a ride is going on the Interstate and the posted speed is 80 mph and you can't or don't want to ride over 70mph then you should not be on that ride. Those yellow curve speed signs are saying that anyone with a driver license can safely take the curve at that speed. If you are not comfortable doing that then you should get more experience until you are. If you do not want to ride in the rain then you probably should not go on any over-night ride as it could be a possibility. The same can be said for miles or hours in the saddle. If your personal limit is

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200-300 miles a day, then please do not sign up for a ride doing 400-500 miles a day. We have a full calendar of rides throughout the year that cover a full range of types and experience levels and our RC are pretty good at describing a ride and what you should expect. It is your responsibility to know if you have the skill to do that ride. If you have any questions just ask the RC, they would be more than happy to talk with you.

Ride Safe and have Fun!

IT MAY SEEM A LONG WAYS OFF BUT...

Our Chapter accepts nominations for three of its four primary officers in October (the current Assistant Director becomes the Director for the next year). Voting takes place at the General Meeting on the first Friday in December, as there is no meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. For the full list of Board job descriptions, go to the Chapter Bylaws at www.intermountainhog.com/members.

Available 2025 Board Positions:

- Secretary
- Activities/Volunteer Officer
- Food Safety Officer

If you are interested in a position, please contact Katherine Clarke, Assistant Director.

Below is the first installment of what the current volunteers in Board positions have submitted regarding what they do and approximately how long the time commitment is each month (in no certain order):

Newsletter Editor – Shannon Weston

The best position to be in to 'know it all and nothing' at the same time! The Newsletter Editor must attend general and board meetings each month, attend the annual Road Captain Calendar meeting and create a calendar of events/rides (Excel format is easiest to maintain). Provides the newly created calendar to the webmaster to populate the website calendar; the website calendar then becomes the 'go to' source of event/ride information. Gather articles from board members, contacts Ride Captains for information/article on their rides, both upcoming and rides that occurred since the last newsletter. Obtains a list of new members as well as the current month's birthdays from the Membership Director to include in the monthly newsletter. The current format is being done in Word then sent in a PDF format. Typically, to produce the newsletter from beginning to end each month, takes about 5-6 hours.

Director – Dave Kesner

The basics are to preside over the General and Board meetings, appoint the non-elected Board positions, write a Director's Message for the newsletter each month, and deal with any issues that might come up. This might take 4-6 hours a month.

Treasurer – Greg Renn

As stated, the full duties of the Treasurer can be found in the Chapter By-Laws but below are some of the highlights:

- a. Go to dealership a minimum of once a week to pick up any mail, i.e., incoming checks or bills, membership forms for processing by the Treasurer, who then turns the paperwork over to the Membership Officer (2 to 4 hours each week, includes travel time);
- b. Go to bank and make deposits once a week (1 hour each week, includes travel time);
- c. Keep a proper record of all monies received in Quickbooks software and deposit into the Chapter account (4 to 6 hours weekly);
- d. Payout all monies due to membership and/or authorized vendors and keep proper records of transactions in Quickbooks software (minimal time required);

- e. Provide detailed written financial reports of all monies received and disbursed at each board meeting; (2 to 4 hours each month, prior to Board meetings);
- f. Responsible for 50/50 raffles held at every monthly membership, at some ride events, and at the annual After Christmas Christmas Party;
- g. Responsible for membership renewal drive held once a year at High Desert Harley-Davidson (4 hours at dealership and additional 10 to 12 hours to process all applications.)

Ladies of Harley Officer – Linda Potts

Our Intermountain HOG Chapter defines LOH as ladies who ride their own motorcycles and ladies who are passengers. After all, both put in a lot of time and effort with partners or spouses on the various rides and events sponsored by the Chapter and LOH. Any event sponsored by LOH is open to all, not just the ladies.

As a Board Member, I attend the monthly General Meeting (usually last Friday of each month) and the monthly Board Meeting (usually the Tuesday after the General Meeting) as well as a Member Orientation that is held about twice per year.

My duties include setting up both non-riding and riding events depending upon the busy riding season we have in our Chapter. Sometimes, I organize events for just the ladies for non-riding events such as crafts, activities, brunch, potlucks, etc. I do this to help promote a community and camaraderie since riding events do not always allow for visiting and getting to know one another better. I would say that my duties as LOH Director takes approximately 1 to 2 hours per week, depending on my work schedule. If I can answer any questions you might have about LOH, please ask! I look forward to meeting y'all!

Volunteer Coordinator – Gayle Day

My duties begin with coordinating with the Events Coordinator at High Desert Harley-Davidson, Chapter Liaison, and Chapter Director to determine the schedule for the Breakfasts and Burger Burns the Chapter does for the dealership during the year. I then recruit and coordinate volunteers to fill the positions for the events. The benefits of this position is getting to know and work with HOG members and working with the HOG Board. Being involved in your HOG Chapter is GREAT!

Webmaster – Mark Rowan

A webmaster needs strong technical skills, including proficiency in HTML, Excel, knowledge of networking, and experience with content management systems (CMS). Communication skills are equally important to effectively collaborate with others and address user needs. Problem-solving skills and an understanding of web analytics can also enhance a webmaster's effectiveness in managing and optimizing a website. I manage the Chapter webpage, Facebook group, and Intermountain HOG google account. I ensure the chapter members have up-to-date ride and event information on the Chapter calendar. Additionally, I update the website at various times with information about Chapter and HOG events and activities, and I notify the members when the newsletter is published. Occasionally, I also provide technical assistance to members to facilitate events and activities.

Food Safety Officer – Wayne Day

So some of you may be wondering what exactly are the duties of the Food Safety Officer (hereafter called the FSO) for our HOG Chapter. Here's what the position entails:

- As a member of the Board, attend all Board meetings and General Membership meetings.
- In January meet with the High Desert's event coordinator, Chapter Liaison, Director and the Activities Officer to schedule the Pancake Breakfasts and the Burger Burns. Afterwards, complete and submit the annual "Temporary Event Food Establishment License Application" to Central

District Health. The form must be submitted to them at least 30 days prior to our first cooking event.

- In February review list of current cooks and the expiration date of their Food Handler Training Certificates. Contact anyone whose certifications will be expiring in the coming months and remind them to re-certify. Then meet with current cooks as well members who wish to cook to go over the basics and start signing up for events.
- Be at all cooking events during the year to make sure the cooks have all the equipment they need as well as necessary ingredients and supplies. Coordinate with the servers on the line to make sure they have all the prepared food items needed.

Secretary – Debra D’Agostino

Have you ever wondered, “how I can become more involved in the chapter?” We’re always looking for members who can bring fresh ideas and energy to the Board. Whether it’s helping to organize events, contribute to decision-making, or just providing a unique perspective, your involvement would be highly valued.

I wanted to let you all know that I will not be running for re-election as the Chapter Secretary next year. Therefore, the secretary position will be available if you are interested. This is a wonderful opportunity. I welcome all your questions, and I would be very happy to have you sit with me to see exactly what needs to be done.

Some of the duties of the Chapter Secretary are:

1. The Secretary is responsible for taking minutes of all Intermountain Chapter of H.O.G. meetings, this includes the monthly Board of Directors and General Meetings; maintains electronic copies of the minutes, and retains custody of them as part of the records of this organization.
2. The Secretary is responsible for all correspondence on behalf of the Chapter, which includes annual Chapter incorporation paperwork, maintains a file of insurance and waiver forms for Chapter activities; and monitors, responds and/or forwards correspondence coming from the Chapter email.
3. When notified of a member’s death or death of a member’s spouse/significant other, children, father or mother, the Secretary is responsible for responding with an appropriate condolence.

So, see me at the next general meeting or, you can contact me at: camposdeb658@gmail.com and I will be happy to share additional information with you. I think you’d find it both rewarding and fun. Typically, the time commitment is 2.5 to 3 hours a month. Looking forward to hearing from you.

*Stay tuned next month for more comments from current
Board members regarding their positions.*

*Meanwhile, if you are interested in learning more about a Board position,
contact the current board member or Katherine Clarke (incoming Director, 2025)*



CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission statement has been and always will be: TO RIDE AND HAVE FUN! We do our very best to live and breathe those prophetic words, but **we want to hear from you.** Please let us know if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions pertaining to the chapter and the appropriate board member will address your question/concern/issue promptly. There are several ways to do this:

- Contact any board member via email at info@intermountain.com
- Complete a **FEED THE HOG Suggestion Form** (included in this newsletter) and drop it in the **FEED THE HOG** box at any General Meeting
- Or, drop your completed **FEED THE HOG Suggestion Form** in the Chapter HOG box in the lounge area at High Desert Harley-Davidson (forms are also available there for your use)

We communicate updates and general information through email, and our chapter hyperlink at <http://www.intermountainHOG.com>, and/or [our Facebook page](#).

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, August 30, 2024 - 7pm

General Meetings are held the last Friday of each month (with a few exceptions), at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7025 Overland Road in Boise. We encourage everyone to come early to visit and take the opportunity to get to know other members. We love to have as many members show up as possible as it gives the chapter strength to see active participation, plus it keeps everyone in the know.

Don't forget to wear your chapter patch for a chance to win a special prize. There are door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and lots of fun! Remember, we count on you as members to help us keep the Chapter interesting and fun.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - 6pm

Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions), at 6pm. They last about an hour and as always, any chapter member can come and check out what goes on behind the scenes. No secret handshakes required! We meet at the Idaho Pizza Company, 5150 W. Overland Road, Boise.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR H.O.G. REGIONAL MANAGER

It's been a busy summer here at the Harley Owners Group. The team rode straight from the H-D Homecoming in Milwaukee to Sturgis, where we just wrapped up a busy few weeks of wall-to-wall rally action.

I spend a lot of time at these events meeting with H.O.G. members from around country and the world, listening to what's on their minds. The feedback is mostly positive about the things people love about riding and being a member. But we get some not-so-positive feedback too.

One topic we occasionally discuss with longtime members is the sentiment that H.O.G. has been eliminating benefits and reducing the value of membership in recent years. While I understand there have been times when some members may have justifiably felt this way, I can also say with strong conviction that in the last five years, we have been steadily increasing the value to members with some of the biggest investments ever made to H.O.G.

Some examples of that include the launch of Ride365 program, which rewards members for doing what we all love, riding to awesome places on our motorcycles. Members who enter the Annual Mileage challenge can earn up to a \$150 value in H-D Membership points every year, more than enough to pay for their membership, simply by riding their motorcycles. Another example is the upgrade of Roadside Assistance to the Deluxe package for all members. This was previously an extra cost option, and it gives members even more confidence that we have their backs when they are out on the road.

We also created a loyalty program that allows members to earn points for checking in at dealerships, participating in ride challenges or taking a demo ride a major event. Members can redeem those points for purchases at [h-d.com](https://www.harley-davidson.com) and participating H-D dealerships. Finally, we have brought many new partners along for ride, including companies like Shell, Hilton, EagleRider and more, all of whom offer our members a chance to save money and enhance their riding experience.

It is my sincere hope that every member feels like he or she gets far greater value from their membership than what they pay for it. Each member perceives that value in their own terms. For some, the bond that H.O.G. membership forms with other riders is priceless. For those who count the dollars and cents, it's easy to come up with a savings far greater than the cost of a \$59 annual membership.

The rest of this newsletter includes is a comprehensive listing of all the major membership benefits, programs and partnerships that are available to H.O.G. members. I hope you will share it with your current members and use it as a resource whenever someone asks the question "why should I join H.O.G.?"

As always, thanks for everything you do to make the Harley Owners Group the biggest and best riding club in the world.

CHRIS HARRISON

H.O.G. Regional Manager – Western

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- **H.O.G. has Your Back on the Road** - When you ride with H.O.G., you never ride alone. These benefits make the ride easier and help our members feel safer and more confident when they're out on the road.
 - **Deluxe Roadside Assistance** - H.O.G.'s roadside assistance benefit is now better than ever, offering unlimited service coverage for up to two H-D® motorcycles. Roadside costs are covered in full, including complimentary towing to the nearest participating H-D dealership. Prompt and priority pickup with easy, toll-free calling at (888) 443-5896.

- **H-D Riding Academy Points Bonus** - To encourage enhanced riding skills, H.O.G members receive 5,000 points (a \$50 value) for completing any Harley-Davidson Riding Academy class. To find one near you, visit h-d.com/learntoride.
- **Theft Reward Program** - H.O.G. offers a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in the theft of a H.O.G. member's Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Just file a report right away with the Member Services Center at 1-800-CLUB-HOG.
- **H.O.G. Rewards Your Loyalty** - H.O.G. members can earn points for eligible purchases, select dealer events and check-ins, and riding their motorcycles. Rack up points and redeem them at participating H-D dealers or on h-d.com. Manage points by linking your H.O.G. member ID in the H-D App.
- **H-D Membership Points** - H.O.G. members earn four points for every dollar spent at participating dealers and online at h-d.com on eligible merchandise. Every 500 points are redeemable for a \$5 voucher. Visit h-d.com/membership for more details.
- **H-D Visa** - Combinable with H-D Membership points, the H.O.G.® Elite Visa® Signature Card amplifies your rewards by offering 5X points at H-D dealers, h-d.com, the H-D Museum, gas, and EV charging stations, 2X points on miles ridden and at restaurants, bars, hotels, and other lodging, and 1X points everywhere else. Visit h-dvisa.com/hd33984 for details.
- **Ride365** - H.O.G. rewards members for doing what they love. From points for every mile, to unique collectibles for key milestones, Ride 365 Chapter, Annual and Lifetime Mileage Challenges and 10 Rides for '24, 50 Rides, One Nation and the Dealership Check-in Destination Challenges add even more fun (and bragging rights) to every ride. Members can earn a value of up to \$150 a year in H-D Membership points simply by logging miles.
- **H-D App** - Members can activate their membership online by creating a profile and linking the account through the App to unlock challenges, benefits information, and more.
- **H.O.G. Collectibles** - Pins and patches are badges of honor that commemorate our most epic accomplishments. H.O.G. members receive a pin and patch each year of membership, with special gifts also given for 10, 25, and 35 consecutive years of membership.
- **H-D Museum** - All H.O.G. members enjoy unlimited complimentary admission to the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee.
- **Free Shipping** - H.O.G. members receive free expedited 2-day shipping on all h-d.com orders over \$50 in the continental U.S. and Alaska.
- **The Enthusiast Magazine** - This annual print publication puts the world of Harley-Davidson right in your hands, featuring rider profiles, stunning photography, and incredible stories from the road.
- **H.O.G. Merchandise** - Shop for exclusive members-only wearables and other items at hog.com/shop.

H.O.G. Partners Enhance the Ride

We're curating a growing list of H-D Membership partners to help enable and enhance the riding experience and deliver even more value for our members.

- √ **Hilton** - H.O.G. members receive a 10% discount on room bookings at participating hotels in the Hilton portfolio of brands, including many along some of the most popular roadways and scenic routes.

- √ **Shell** - H.O.G. members who register for the Fuel Rewards® Program save 5 cents per gallon on every fill-up with complimentary Gold status at participating Shell stations.
- √ **EagleRider** - Start checking off your bucket list adventures with EagleRider Motorcycle Rentals and Tours from 150+ locations across six continents. H.O.G. members receive 10% off on rentals and 5% off on tours.
- √ **SiriusXM** - Listen to your favorite entertainment while you ride. H.O.G. members receive their first four months of SiriusXM All Access (App Only) plan free.
- √ **Federal Motorcycle Transport** - Never leave your ride behind. Federal Motorcycle Transport offers the easiest, most reliable shipping available across the U.S. H.O.G members get the best deal you can find with savings of \$40 or more.
- √ **VIATOR** - Viator is a travel experience service that offers bookings for more than 300,000 tours, activities, and attractions worldwide. Plan pitstops along your route as exciting as the ride itself using Viator. H.O.G. members receive 10% off travel experiences.
- √ **Insta360** - Insta360 video cameras provide an exhilarating 360-degree view of your ride and epic third person “follow cam” shots from the seat of your motorcycle. H.O.G. members get a complimentary Motorcycle Kit with Action Invisible Selfie Stick, a \$99 value, with the purchase of an X3, X4 or Ace Pro camera.

Learn more about these and other H.O.G. benefits by logging into the [H-D App](#) and selecting the My Benefits dropdown in their Membership profile. Please note that partner benefits are subject to change. Find the most up-to-date list of partners and benefits in the H-D app or at h-d.com/membership. Visit “My Benefits” in the H-D app for access.

MESSAGE FROM DENNIS PECK, SPONSOR CHAPTER MANAGER

Please take a few minutes to download and activate the new HD app (right click and open this hyperlink) <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/h-d-app.html>. Ride captains are uploading their ride maps and you will be able to download them to your bike and/or phone. They have been notified of some issues with Samsung phones not having the “Send to Bike” button in the app. The maps are available on your phone; you just cannot download them to your bike – yet. They are working on it so please be patient.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please do not confuse the HD App with the *Ride 365 ‘check in’* process. In order to receive Ride 365 points, you must check in with me at the dealership so I can verify your odometer. If you have any questions, please contact me at High Desert Harley-Davidson, 208-338-5599 or my cell number 208-547-3474.

In addition to National H.O.G. benefits, Intermountain H.O.G. Chapter members have the following opportunities to save money!

Life Flight Network - IMCHOG members can join the Life Flight Network with a discounted group rate. The H.O.G. membership application is below. If you choose to do your membership via the telephone, you must state that you are IMCHOG member to get the discounted group rate. For more information about the Life Flight Network click here - <https://www.lifeflight.org>

Time for New Tires? - IMCHOG members receive free tire installation when you purchase your motorcycle tires through the **SERVICE DEPARTMENT**.

Time for an Oil Change? - IMCHOG members receive a free synthetic oil upgrade when you schedule an oil change with the **SERVICE DEPARTMENT**.

Need New Parts? - **Talk to the guys in the SERVICE DEPARTMENT FIRST!**

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Dawn Renn, Membership Officer

IMCHOGMembership@gmail.com

As some of you have noticed, National H.O.G. Membership for a full member has gone up to \$59, a \$10 increase over past years. Also, the Associate member now is called 'Passenger' and has gone up to \$59. But here's the good news! Once the Passenger signs up or renews they award the Passenger 3000 points which equals \$30. Then you go online to the Passenger H.O.G. National account to retrieve a \$30 voucher to ***purchase items online at Harley Davidson.com***. **NOTE:** They will not send you a notification! Please allow them a few days to get it posted.



When renewing your IMCHOG membership please consider paying with a check. Whether you are leaving your membership renewal in the HDHD H.O.G. box located on the counter wall by the motor clothes, or mailing it in, payment in cash does not guarantee that it will be received. If you pay by check and the payment is not recorded by the Treasurer, a stop-payment on the check is recommended. If you have any updates to your email address, home address, phone number, please email me. If you are not receiving emails, it could be that you've changed your email address and haven't let us know.

The cost of chapter membership renewals is \$20 per member. Print and complete the attached membership forms or download the Membership Enrollment Form and Information Sheet by clicking on this link or pasting it into your browser:

https://www.intermountainhog.com/files/ugd/1fd7bb_27ef018eb55c408e80e550d7eb3ed637.pdf

In case you do not want to make a trip to HDHD, you may mail your completed membership renewal paperwork and check to:

Intermountain HOG Membership Officer
2310 E Cinema Dr.
Meridian, ID 83642



AUGUST NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to our chapter:

No new members reported for this month



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Bob Anderson
 Clancy Anson
 Cheryl Brenenstahl
 Jamie Caldwell
 Steven Chojnacky
 Gayle Day
 Patrick Doolittle
 Debbie Foye
 Clifford Gaylin
 Marty Harrell
 Leslie Hoffman
 Barbara Hotel
 Jon Husen
 Bryan Karcher

Victor Kovaleski
 Victoria Lane
 Cindee Lantz-Miracle
 Sam Leesch
 Tami McLaughlin
 Michael Mowder
 Rick Nay
 Christopher Norris
 Dennis Peck
 Antoinette Peters
 Sara Rice
 LouAnn Rowan
 Chris Saxton
 April Scholtec

DuWayne Skaar
 William Smart
 Brenda Smith
 Theodore Swartzbaugh
 Larry Topping
 Frank Wagenblast
 Helen Wagner
 Brian Waldrop
 Jack Wenderoth
 Alan Williams
 Brett Young
 Denise Young

Subject: We Value Your Input! Introducing the Feed the Hog Box Feedback Form (see next page)

Dear HOG members,

We hope this message finds you well. At Intermountain HOG, we are continually striving to enhance your experience and to achieve this, we need your valuable input. We are excited to introduce the “Feed the Hog Box Feedback Form” - a convenient and easy way for you to share your suggestions, ride information, and any other thoughts you may have. Your opinions are crucial in helping us improve and serve you better.

Why Your Feedback Matters

Your insights help us understand what we’re doing right and where we need to improve. Whether it’s a new idea, a suggestion for improvement, or an area of concern, your feedback ensures that your voice is heard and contributes to the growth and enhancement of our HOG community.

How to Use the Feed the Hog Box Feedback Form

1. **Access the Form:** The forms are available at the monthly meetings; at HDHD next to the membership mailbox, or download the form from the newsletter or the email you received.
2. **Fill in Your Details:** While providing your name and contact information is optional, it can help us follow up with you for more details if needed.
3. **Share Your Thoughts:** Be as detailed as possible to help us understand your feedback.
4. **Submit:** Once you’re done, simply drop off the form at HDHD HOG mailbox or at the Feed the Hog Box at the monthly general meeting.

What Happens Next?

Every piece of feedback is reviewed by the Board. We prioritize addressing issues and implementing suggestions that can improve our services and your experience. While we may not be able to act on every suggestion immediately, rest assured that your input is highly valued and considered.

Privacy and Confidentiality

We understand that some feedback may be sensitive. Please be assured that all feedback is treated with the utmost confidentiality. If you choose to remain anonymous, your privacy will be respected.

We are committed to fostering a community where your voice matters. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. Together, we can make better and more responsive to your needs.

Best regards,

The Board Members

We look forward to your feedback and suggestions!

Kindly note: The “Feed the Hog Box Feedback Form” is always available and can be accessed anytime you have something to share!

Feed the Hog Box Feedback Form

Rev up your ideas and drop them in the HOG Suggestion Box at the General Meetings or in the membership box at HDHD!

Would you like a response? If you would like us to follow up with you, please select "Yes" and provide your contact information.

Yes No

Contact Information (Optional): If you selected "Yes" above, please provide your preferred contact information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Remain Confidential Yes No

Remain Anonymous Yes No

We assure you that all suggestions are confidential. Your identity will not be disclosed unless you choose to provide your contact information for a follow-up response.

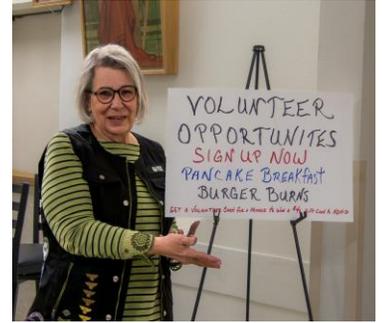
Your Suggestion(s):

Feel free to share your ideas for rides, events, improvements, general suggestions, a desire to help, or perhaps join a committee, etc.

Drop your completed form in the HOG Suggestion Box at the General Meetings or in the membership box at HDHD!

ACTIVITIES OFFICER**Gayle Day**gmd0830@yahoo.com

We are on the countdown on our burger burns and breakfasts! September 21 is our last breakfast and your last chance for me to give you that white volunteer card. I need one valuable volunteer to help clean up (10:45am to Noon).



I thank you all who have taken time out of their schedules to volunteer for our HOG Chapter.

CHAPTER PHOTOGRAPHERS

Jeff D'Agostino, Photographer - jjdag@gmail.com **Anna Anderson, Asst. Photographer - annaa28@comcast.net**

**Join Our Photography Team!**

Are you passionate about photography? We're looking for additional photographers to join our team. You do not need a fancy camera or special software. We will gladly work with you and provide training.

**What We're Looking For:**

- **Photography Enthusiasts:** If you have a good eye and a passion for photography, we want you!
- **Editing Skills:** Basic photo editing skills a plus, but not a requirement.
- **Social Media Savvy:** Ability to post photos to social media platforms to share.

What You'll Do:

- Attend and photograph assigned HOG events and rides
- Post photos to social media

What's In It for You:

- Be part of our HOG photography team. (No Board participation required) Its just photography.
- Showcase your photography skills and images
- Take your photography to the next level
- Volunteer card

Interested in joining our team?

Feel free to send us your questions, no obligation. Or, if interested, send us an email. We will be scheduling a get together soon.

The official Chapter photo record can be found on our Flickr photo site. You can search and find your favorite images and download for your personal use, all free of charge. Check out the many photo albums here, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/imcHOG/albums>

The Chapter also has a YouTube video channel. Both the photo website and YouTube channel can be accessed directly from the Chapter website: <https://www.intermountainHOG.com/photos>



5 for 365 Photo Contest

The theme of the contest is "**5 for 365, Captivating Your Ride**". Participants are encouraged to showcase creativity and fun in their images, capturing the essence of their motorcycle journeys.

Participants must be an active Intermountain HOG chapter member and registered with the Intermountain HOG 365 ride program to be eligible to enter the contest.

Participants can submit their best motorcycle ride photos taken between **June 1, 2024, and September 27, 2024**. Each participant can submit up to **5** photos.

Photos must be original works taken by the participant within the specified timeframe. Photos must be in digital format (JPEG or PNG). Photos submitted for the contest must **not** include any individuals. (*No people in pictures*)

All entries must be submitted by **October 5, 2024**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please send all entries to **JJJdag@gmail.com**.

By submitting your photos, you affirm that you are the sole owners of the copyright to the images and grant the contest organizers the right to display, reproduce, and distribute the photos for promotional purposes.

You are encouraged to share your pictures on social media using a designated hashtag **#5for365RideCapture**.

Prizes will be awarded:

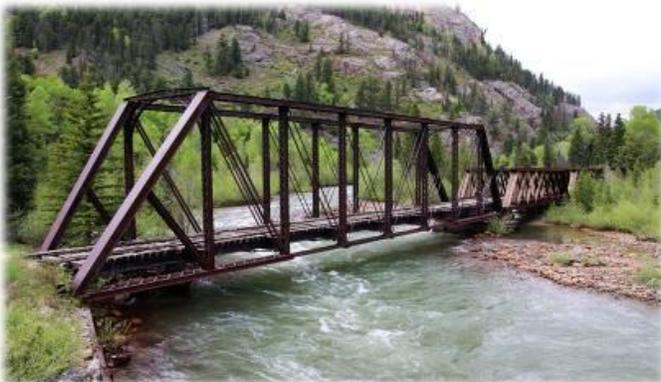
1st place, \$100.00 HD gift certificate.

2nd place, \$75.00 HD gift certificate.

3rd place, \$50.00 HD gift certificate.

*****And a bonus... Winning entries will be featured in the official 2025 calendar! *****

Participants are eligible to win only one prize category, ensuring fairness and diversity among winners." Winners to be announced at the **October Chapter Meeting**." The judges' decisions are final and binding in all matters related to the contest.



MERCHANDISE OFFICER

Sherry Pursell

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MERCHANDISE SALES AT THE AUGUST 30TH HOG MEETING

Orders for short sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts will be taken at the next General Meeting (some colors available depicted below).

Payment will be required at the time of your order (checks are preferable; cash accepted – no debit/credit cards). The shirts and hooded zippered sweatshirts will have the Intermountain HOG Chapter rocker screen printed on the back with the HOG Eagle below the rocker. The standard HOG Eagle emblem will be printed on the front of all shirts and sweatshirts. There is a minimum order of 24 each style. Orders will be processed once those requirements are met. If you would like to expedite your order, please print and complete the order form before coming to the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Pursell at skfreund@gmail.com.



Standard U.S. Apparel Size Chart

Women's	XS	SM	MD	LG	XL	2X
Size (U.S.)	0-2	4-6	8-10	12-14	16	18-20
Bust (inches)	31.5-32.5	33.5-34.5	35.5-37.5	38-39.5	40-42	44-46
Waist (inches)	23-24	25-26	27-28	29.5-31	31-33	35-37
Hips (inches)	33.5-35	36-37	38-39	40.5-42	42-44	46-48

Men's	SM	MD	LG	XL	2X
Neck (inches)	14-14.5	15-15.5	16-16.5	17-17.5	18-18.5
Chest (inches)	35-37	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52
Sleeve (inches)	32.5-33	33.5-34	34.5-35	35.5-36	36-36.5



INTERMOUNTAIN HOG T-SHIRT & HOODIE INFO

Short Sleeve T-Shirts

(Unisex Sizes S – 4XL)

Colors: *(Use SKU number on order form)*

- Safety Green - SKU 4502124
- Ash (Light Gray) - SKU 4502151
- White - SKU 4502156
- Navy - SKU 4502157
- Black - SKU 4502158
- Charcoal Heather- SKU 4502578
- Military Green - SKU 4502579

Long Sleeved T Shirts

(Unisex Sizes S – 4XL)

Colors: *(Use SKU number on order form)*

- Black - SKU 4501959
- Navy - SKU 4501960
- White - SKU 4501961
- Ash (Light Gray) - SKU 4501962
- Charcoal Heather - SKU 4502587
- Military Green- SKU 4502588

Women’s Crew Neck Short Sleeve T-Shirts

(Women Sizes S – 3XL)

Colors: *(Use SKU number on order form)*

- Gray Frost - SKU 4502599
- Black Frost - SKU 4502602
- Fuchsia Frost (hot pink) - SKU 4502601
- Purple - SKU 4502600

Full Zip UNISEX Hooded Sweatshirts

(Unisex S – 4XL)

- Black Only - SKU 4502164

INTERMOUNTAIN HOG T-SHIRT & HOODIE ORDER

MEMBER NAME				MEMBER PHONE	
Shirt Type	Size	Color #	Quantity	Unit Price	Quantity x Unit Price
Long Sleeve T				\$40	
Short Sleeve T				\$35	
Women’s Crew Neck				\$35	
Hooded Sweatshirt				\$65	
				TOTAL	

THIS SECTION WILL BE COMPLETED BY MERCHANDISE MEMBERS

AMOUNT PAID		CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> CASH
SIGNED BY		DATE

Name badges and H.O.G. patches can be ordered at our monthly general meetings or by contacting Sherrie.

- Large Eagle H.O.G. Patch (full color) - \$15
- Large Winged Skull Patch - \$15
- Large H.O.G. Eagle Silver Patch - \$15
- Large Silver Chapter Rocker - \$20
- Large Gold Chapter Rocker - \$20
- Individual name badges - \$5

- Small Eagle H.O.G. Patch (full color)- \$5
- Small Winged Skull Patch - \$5
- Small H.O.G. Eagle Silver Rocker - \$5
- Small Silver Chapter Rocker - \$10
- Small Gold Chapter Rocker - \$10



First-aid kits are available to purchase at the General Meetings. They are a great size (7" x 9") to carry on your bike. The kits are \$20 each and come with 200 items of essential first aid items.



SAFETY OFFICER

Justin Smith

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Things happen, and if you happen to get something in your tire and it starts losing air, you can use a tire plug kit to get you to your destination or your nearest dealership.

If the object is large enough to stick out of the tire (like a 6-inch nail) the tire will probably deflate rapidly enough to strand you by the roadside. Unless you're lucky enough to be next to a motorcycle shop at the time, you're going to need either a good roadside assistance plan or a tubeless tire repair kit.

The most dependable tire repair kit you can carry uses rubber strings or "worms" for the plug that gets inserted into the tire. There are more convenient plug types, but the strings rarely let us down. Repair kits that use string plugs often come with rubber cement, depending on the string type it may not be necessary to complete the repair, but at a minimum it acts as a lubricant. It's important to keep your glue supply fresh (preferably unopened), or you may find that it has dried out when you need it. No matter what sort you use, any plug inserted from the outside should be considered a very temporary repair, used to get you and your bike to the nearest replacement tire. Limit your speed per the plug kit instructions, and replace the tire as soon as possible. Note, plug kits are only meant to be used on the tread of your tire. If you find a puncture in the sidewall, or a large gash on the tread, it is best to avoid a potentially deadly situation and instead have your tire completely replaced to meet standard safety guidelines. Of course, if you notice any puncture in your tire, it is safe to say you should immediately pull over to inspect the damage. It is not recommended to drive on a punctured tire that has not been repaired.



1. Inspect and locate the puncture

Finding a puncture in a motorcycle tire can sometimes be a surprisingly tough task, as some small objects will find themselves lodged deep into the tire tread. If you can visually see the puncture and the foreign object causing it, move on to the next step. If you cannot see the puncture at all, your best bet would be to feel around the tread for a bit until you can feel the area that was damaged.

2. Removing the object from your tire

Once the puncture has been accurately located, remove the nail, screw, or other object using the pliers from your tire plug kit.

3. Properly reaming and cleaning the hole

Take the reamer from your tire repair kit and ream the hole. This will help clean and expand the hole, preparing it to be plugged. It may take a lot of effort and energy to jam the reamer in there, consider it a necessary evil as you're going to want to make sure the puncture hole is completely cleaned and reamed before using the plug tool to install the rubber seal.

4. Using the motorcycle tire repair kit

Firstly, you will want to insert the seal onto the insertion tool, make sure that your seal is about halfway through the insertion tool for this to work. If your tire plug kit includes rubber cement, put some on the seal and some more on the hole. Begin by slowly inserting the seal about 2/3 of the way into the punctured area. If you push too far, the seal may fall into the tire. That is okay, simply repeat the above steps with a new rubber seal. Once you are sure it is about 2/3 of the way in, gently begin to remove the insertion tool. Finally, use the knife provided in your tire plug kit to remove any excess string from the rubber seal.

5. Inflate tire

Inflate the tire using a portable tire pump such as the Harley Davidson Compact Air Compressor with Light -part #12700020. Once you have inflated the tire check your plug for leaks using a little water or even some saliva on your finger. If you find no leaks then Bravo! Finally clean up your trash and ride your bike for a few miles to a safe rest area and check your tire pressure again. If everything is good, then proceed to your nearest Harley dealership and have your tire replaced and brag about your awesome repair on the roadside.

In closing, Dennis Peck will be happy to set you up with everything you need to carry for roadside tire repair at special HOG pricing.

Remember ride safe and don't ride faster than your guardian angel can fly.

While we are on the subject of Safety...

Blazing Saddles: NOT Just Another Article on Staying Hydrated in the Heat

By Katherine Clarke

This year has been a scorcher! Hitting temps of 100+ is seemingly the norm versus the exception this summer. Of course, that won't hold us down...it's riding season...give us that wind therapy! And, therapy it is! However, too much of a good thing, well, isn't always a good thing.

Heat ~ Temperatures seem to be getting hotter and hotter, which simply means when we ride, we need to get smarter. That's why I decided to write this article. Using my own recent experiences this year, it just seems I need to stop blaming my apparent lack of handling extreme heat on "I just don't tolerate heat." Although that may be true, there are more reasons than "it's just a thing." So, what are some widely known and unknown reasons for being intolerant to heat and what can we do about it.

What you need to know before you go...

- Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion: Feeling like you might pass out after riding your motorcycle in the heat can be a sign of heat exhaustion or dehydration. Spending extended periods in the heat without adequate breaks can overwhelm your body's cooling mechanisms. Here are some common symptoms and causes:
 - Dizziness or Lightheadedness: This is a key sign that your body is struggling to cope with the heat.
 - Excessive Sweating: While sweating helps cool you down, excessive sweating can lead to dehydration.
 - Fatigue: High temperatures can quickly drain your energy.
 - Nausea or Headache: These symptoms indicate that your body is overheating.

Have you felt fine during a long motorcycle ride in the heat, but then you experienced dizziness and lightheadedness once you got off the bike? This can be due to several factors:

- Postural Hypotension: Sitting in one position for a long time can cause blood to pool in your legs. When you stand up, your blood pressure might drop suddenly, leading to dizziness and lightheadedness.
- Heat Exhaustion: Riding in high temperatures can lead to heat exhaustion, which includes symptoms like dizziness, lightheadedness, and fatigue. While riding, the wind can help cool you down, but once you stop, your body might struggle to regulate its temperature.

- Dehydration: Even if you feel fine while riding, you might not be drinking enough water. Dehydration can cause dizziness and lightheadedness, especially after prolonged exposure to heat.
- Fatigue: Long rides can be physically and mentally exhausting. Fatigue can exacerbate feelings of dizziness and lightheadedness once you stop moving.
- Low blood pressure: Managing low blood pressure in hot weather can be tough. Dehydration can lower your blood volume, resulting in a dizziness and lightheadedness.

To mitigate these effects, consider the following tips:

- Hydrate Regularly: If you wait until you're thirsty to hydrate, it's probably too late. Drink plenty of water before, during, and after your ride. Consider electrolyte-replenishing beverages to maintain your body's salt balance and increase blood volume.
- Wear Appropriate Gear: Wear light-colored, ventilated, and moisture-wicking clothing. Cooling vests or neck wraps can also help regulate your body temperature.
- Plan Your Rides: Try to ride during the cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening. Avoid riding during peak heat hours, typically between 10am and 4pm.
- Eat Small, Frequent Meals: Large meals can lower blood pressure further, so smaller, more frequent meals might help.
- Take Frequent Breaks: Stop regularly to rest in shaded or air-conditioned areas. This helps your body cool down and prevents overheating.
- Monitor Your Body: Pay attention to signs of heat exhaustion, such as excessive sweating, fatigue, dizziness, and nausea. If you experience any of these symptoms, stop riding immediately and seek a cool place to rest.

Certain medications can lower your tolerance to heat. Here are some common types of medications that can affect your body's ability to regulate temperature. Typically, you can't stop taking your medications...but you can be aware of what affects they may have.

- Blood pressure medications: Diuretics and beta-blockers can reduce blood flow to the skin and decrease sweating, making it harder for your body to cool down.
- Antihistamines: These can reduce sweating and increase your risk of overheating.
- Anti-depressants: Some can interfere with the body's ability to regulate temperature.
- Anti-psychotics: These can impair the body's ability to sweat.
- Stimulants: Medications for ADHD, such as amphetamines, can increase body temperature.
- Decongestants: These can constrict blood vessels and reduce heat dissipation.

Equipment to Keep you Cool

- Cooling vest/neck wraps! We've all seen them and some of us use them. The key is not waiting until you are experiencing heat exhaustion symptoms before you don your vest. Here are some tips to help prolong its cooling effect:
 - Pre-chill the vest: Before soaking it in water, place the vest in the refrigerator or freezer for a short period. This can give you an extra boost of cooling when you first put it on.
 - Use cold water: Soak the vest in the coldest water available. The cooler the water, the longer the vest will stay effective.
 - Re-soak regularly: If you're out for an extended period, take breaks to re-soak the vest. This will help maintain its cooling properties.
 - Maximize airflow: The cooling effect is enhanced by airflow, so try to keep moving or position yourself where there's a breeze.
 - Avoid high humidity: Evaporative cooling vests work best in dry conditions. In high humidity, the evaporation process slows down, reducing the cooling effect.

- Wear lightweight clothing: Wearing light, breathable clothing under the vest can help improve its effectiveness by allowing better airflow and evaporation.
- Wearing hydration packs! While riding your motorcycle this type of backpack is a great idea for staying hydrated, especially in the heat. Here are some benefits:
 - Continuous hydration: A hydration pack, like a CamelBak, allows you to sip water regularly without having to stop, which helps maintain hydration levels and prevent dehydration.
 - Convenience: It's easy to use while riding, with a tube that you can access without taking off your helmet or gloves.
 - Temperature regulation: Staying hydrated helps your body regulate its temperature more effectively, reducing the risk of heat exhaustion.
 - Comfort: Modern hydration packs are designed to be lightweight and comfortable, with features like ventilated back panels and secure harness systems.

So, what's my overall takeaway from researching this subject? Be prepared and aware of your body's needs...it's talking to you. Even if you feel fine while riding in excessive heat, plan more frequent stops. Stretch, cool down and get a quick hydration fix...this simple activity can go a long way to getting you safely to your destination.

For me personally, I reflected on the couple of experiences I've had riding in the heat and the conditions surrounding them. If this were a test on my preparedness, I suspect I would have gotten a "C." I learned a lot by deciding I needed to understand what my body was telling me. By listening and realizing heat intolerance is not "just a thing," I can enjoy our rides while minimizing my risks associated with high temperatures.

No more excuses...the unknown is now the known.

LEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Ron Pursell, Lead Road Captain

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Well, it's been an interesting year, for sure. A few years ago, Sherry and I took a ride to The Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee and North Carolina and I didn't see any smoke. If those people back there want to see some smoky mountains, they need to come west in July and August. We've had some great ride this year even with the smoke. And, even though the end of the season is rearing its ugly head, there are still some good ones coming up.



Herb's Riders in the Sky to remember those riders who have moved on to a different highway will probably be taking place about the time you get this newsletter. I hope you were able to make it. It's always a great ride.

There are two eight day rides coming up in September, both to the parks in southern Utah. The first is being led by Bill Ream and the second by Mason Clarke. If you've never seen those parks, they have some of the most awesome scenery you will ever see. I don't know if any space is available on either ride, but if there is, I highly recommend it.

We also have some day rides coming up in September, including a lunch ride to Clear Creek Lodge on the

15th and a Lowman Loop ride on the 22nd. Watch the calendar for details on those and any more that may show up.

And just a note to the road captains, we have a lot of room left for day rides in September, including 5 Wednesdays open for WHW's. If you are not a road captain but know of a ride you would like to see added, contact me, or any of the road captains. We'll see what we can put together.

Also, don't forget Dr. Daves state parks challenge. I know several people have been working on it and there's still time if you want to get involved.

See you on the road!

Intermountain H.O.G. Chapter Ride Protocol Reminder

If you are joining a Chapter ride at a scheduled stopping point along the ride, there are a couple of pointers you should remember:

1. It is the rider or group of riders' responsibility to let the Lead Road Captain know **in advance** that you will be joining the ride along the route so they can pass this information along to the other road captains.
2. It is the rider or group of riders' responsibility to seek out the Lead Road Captain when the main group arrives. This is done so each individual can be signed in on the attendance roster as a ride participant for legal and insurance purposes before joining the ride.
3. Each rider must be briefed on the ride by the Lead Road Captain before joining the ride.
4. It is the responsibility of the rider or group of riders to join the main formation once it arrives and not to wait until the group is ready to depart from the stop. This makes mingling into the main group and setting up the stagger much easier.
5. Contacting the Lead Road Captain once the main group arrives assists in the tally of the bikes/trikes for our H.O.G. ride records.

These issues primarily arises when the meeting point is a popular location where other riding groups gather to begin their rides. It is difficult for the Lead Road Captain to know who are the H.O.G. Riders and who are from other organizations. With these points in mind, the Lead Road Captain is assured everyone is signed in, accounted for, and ready to proceed for the remainder of the ride.

CHAPTER RELEASE FORM FOR MINORS AND MINOR'S ASSUMPTION OF RISK INFORMATION

Clarification – National H.O.G. requires a minor's parent or guardian to sign a **Chapter Release Form for Minors EVERYTIME THEY RIDE**, and if they are over 12 years old, the minor must sign a **Minor's Assumption Form EVERYTIME THEY RIDE**. This applies if the minor is a Chapter member or not.

The term "guardian" has been clarified to mean "legal guardian". Legal guardianship can only be assigned by a court, such as the family court, according to state laws.

If you're bringing a minor to one of our chapter rides, and you are not the parent or guardian of the minor, you must present a "Chapter Event Release Form for Minors" signed by the parent or guardian to the Lead Road Captain. Forms can be found on our website, www.intermountainHOG.com, hit the "H.O.G. Riders" tab at the top. From there go to "Chapter Group Rides" then scroll down to "Road Captain Resources" where you will find the form or use the link below.

Chapter Release Form for Minors and Minor's Assumption of Risk Forms

https://www.intermountainhog.com/files/ugd/1fd7bb_eaea416bed4e4a7eb21e7c18c45a512c.pdf

POST-RIDE REPORTS

You can see ALL the pictures from these incredible rides on the Chapter Flickr site:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/imcHOG/albums>

MCCALL LOOP RIDE

July 31

Bob Anderson, Lead Road Captain

I believe we all had a fantastic time and made some new memories as the weather was great to start and as we wound ourselves through the beautiful scenery to the top of New Meadows, it made for a comfortable ride. We encountered a few animals along the way, glad we didn't have geese soup for lunch.

Cool temperatures continued as we sat around and had a bite and got a little gas. As we headed down to Payette the temps rose and smoke thickened, but not bad.

We stopped for a short break and said our goodbyes to those not continuing for some Ice Cream in Homedale at Murray's Treats and Ice Cream, those scoops were big.

Kudos to our Road Captains Art and Danny for ensuring everyone's safety.

SALMON WEEKENDER

August 2-4

Shannon Weston, Lead Road Captain

The weather could not have been nicer as 26 riders on 9 bikes and 7 trikes and our most important, support car driven by our awesome volunteer, Marla Dike, all gathered at On The Run Truck Stop on a smoky Friday morning. At the ride briefing, everyone was told we had a 'special game' to play on the ride and all would be revealed when we got to Mountain Home for a short break and to pick up our Homies.

We hopped onto I84 for the short ride to the Boise Stagestop where we said goodbye to the interstate system for the weekend and took old Highway 30 into Mountain Home. After we checked in our friends from Mountain Home, the 'game' was revealed... Trikes and bikes would be separated and the car would follow the bikes. BUT the kicker was, instead of the VERY OUTDATED ADAGE that trikes should be placed in the rear of the pack – bikes were put in group number two and the TRIKES led out in group number one! Everyone took the game as intended, just a fun way of breaking us up to help get everyone through Mountain Home, Hailey, Bellevue, and Sun Valley. It also made our gas stop in Bellevue much easier since group one stopped at one station, and group two at another (thank you Cliff Lewis for that suggestion – worked so well on the Anderson ride last year with the Las Vegas HOG Chapter, we had to copy!)

After some knarly rock chipping/road construction delays, we regrouped on top of Galena Summit for a photo op facilitated by one of our incredible Chapter Photographer, Jeff D'Agostino – it's like herding cats to get everyone to pay attention and gather up then try getting those same cats to look and smile all at the same time! Great job Jeff! Art and Cheryl Brenenstahl led us off the mountain top to our picnic area for lunch. After lunch we saddled back up and rode to Salmon.

Saturday morning we visited the Sacajawea Interpretative Center then headed to the historic 1910 Indianola Ranger Station on the Salmon River. In the early 2000's the station was utilized as a USFS Helitack base and is the home of a wildland firefighter memorial commemorating the lives of two Idaho firefighters, Jeff Allen and Shane Heath who on July 22, 2003 were working the Cramer Fire in the Salmon River Breaks and rappelled into the area to clear a landing and take-off spot for the helicopter. However, their position

became compromised when the fire spread to the slope below them, causing the flames to overtake them before they could be extracted.

After paying our respects, we headed off to Lost Trail Pass and Darby, Montana for lunch. Everyone was on their own to explore Darby or head back to Salmon. That evening we enjoyed dinner together, shared a lot of laughs, and wished each other well as they planned their ride home Sunday.

I want to thank you all who came on the ride. It was one I have wanted to do for a few years now. I would be horribly remiss if I didn't thank a very special friend, Susan Beale, for showing me and others the monument several years ago. It still has the power to make me tear up when I stand before it and think of the unselfish people who, in whatever capacity they serve, puts others before self and make the ultimate sacrifice.

RATTLESNAKE TO LEWISTON OVERNIGHTER

August 10-11

Bob & Linda Potts, Lead Road Captains

I would like to express my appreciation to all that were up to the challenge of this year's Rattlesnake Ride. We had 17 members and 1 guest, 12 bikes and 3 trikes rode 275 miles of twisties one way. There was about a 10 mile patch of road before lunch in Joseph, OR that is in need of repair (some of the potholes could swallow a bike). The Weather Gods gave us their Grace this year and it was not really warm until we were dropping into Lewiston. The folks at Hells Canyon Harley Davidson were very friendly as normal and were more than willing to help Linda pick out a nice T-shirt.

Although the host hotel was a little late on having some of the rooms ready, we all checked in and the dinner and company that evening was fabulous as always. Another great ride on the Rattlesnake Grade with a great group of people.

WILD HOG WEDNESDAY DINNER RIDE

August 14th

Herb Weston, Lead Road Captain

Thank you to the 27 people who came out for our Wild HOG Wednesday Dinner Ride out to Spring Creek Brewery in Avimor on August 14th. The restaurant was great to work with and were impressed with the number of people who showed up. They liked having a 'bike show' in the parking lot!

I enjoy trying new places and this one was suggested by a friend a few months ago. I hope you all enjoyed the ride and your time with friends as much as I did.

SURPRISE RIDE

August 23rd

Bob Anderson, Lead Road Captain

Well, it looked like it was going to be a fantastic surprise ride with temps in the 70's. Twenty of us rolled down the freeway to old HWY 30 and the clouds changed, the energy generated high winds and the fields gave us dust storms and sprinklers, **holy cow** let's get to HWY 52 and run away from this. Mother nature had other ideas as it felt like we were in the eye of the storm for a while, then we come up on HWY 16 and the winds are now gusts, and I felt my bike move to the other side of the lane. Couldn't wait to get to Sea

Salt Creamery for some Ice Cream. It seems as through storm chasing is now listed as motorcycles rides, and we even got the Star police to show up. Thanks Jim and Ron for keeping us together; quite a memorable ride!

2024 INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER MEETINGS/EVENTS/RIDES

Always refer to the Chapter website, www.intermountainhog.com for the most current information.

Date	Meeting/Event/Ride Title	Meeting Location	Meet Time	KSU	Lead
8/30/24	General Meeting	Eagles Lodge	7pm		David Kesner
8/31/24	LOH Potluck Gathering	Bear Creek Park	10am	Eat at 10:30am	Linda Potts Corinna Robishaw
9/3/24	Board Meeting	Idaho Pizza Overland	6pm		David Kesner
9/15/24	Clear Creek Lodge Lunch Ride	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jeff D'Agostino & Bob Anderson
9/21/24	HOG Breakfast	High Desert Harley-Davidson	9am	11am	Gayle & Wayne Day
9/22/24	Lowman Loop Ride	Home Depot, Eagle	9:30am	10am	Patrick Doolittle
9/27/24	General Meeting	Eagles Lodge	7pm		David Kesner
9/29/24	Members at Large Fall Round Up	TBD	TBD	TBD	Jamie Allies, Bob Anderson, Kathy Anderson, Michael Anderson, Sandy Kesner, John Tessin, & Herb Weston

UPCOMING EVENTS/RIDE DESCRIPTIONS

27 IDAHO STATE PARK CHALLENGE

March 1 to October 31

David Kesner, Coordinator



In order to get more people out and enjoying this great state of ours, I am sponsoring a new kind of challenge. It is to visit as many Idaho State Parks as possible from now until October 31, 2024. There are a total of 27 official State Parks. A list, description, and map can be found here: <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov>

You can buy a \$10.00 Park Pass that is good for all State Parks for one year here or at any DMV office: <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/Idaho-state-parks-passport/>

The person with the “most State Parks” will win a prize package to be presented at the December 6th Friendsgiving meeting.

Some of these parks are as close as Eagle Island and Lucky Peak or as far as Priest Lake in Northern Idaho or Bear Lake in Southeast Idaho. All have something special to offer and will give you a great opportunity to see some of the state you might not have otherwise. Good luck to all!

Rules:

- 1) Open only to current Intermountain HOG members in good standing.
- 2) You must currently be registered with Dennis Peck in the Ride 365 program to record your mileage.
- 3) Start date – March 1, 2024
- 4) End date – October 31, 2024
- 5) Proof of visitation - a photo of you and/or your bike in front of any sign, building, or marker that

shows the name of the park. You must have ridden your motorcycle to the park (no vehicles).

- 6) Entries are to be emailed to drdave5610@gmail.com. This can be done one at a time or grouped together.
- 7) In case of a tie, a winner will be randomly drawn from the tying entries.

LOH POTLUCK GATHERING

August 31

Linda Potts, LOH Director

Corinna Robishaw, Assistant LOH Director

Meet at Bear Creek Park, 2400 S. Stoddard Road, Meridian

Park it available from: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (come early to socialize - bring dishes by 10:00am)

Let's Eat!!! 10:30am



Join the LOH (Ladies of Harley) for a Co-ed Gathering Potluck event! We are looking forward to catching up with long time and newer friends and members! Our Chapter has grown so much over the past couple of years. BYOB (bring your own beverage...no alcohol please because it is not allowed per Park Rec rules).

Also bring a serving utensil for your dish and if you have a netted covering to place over your dish, that would be awesome. LOH will be providing plates, cutlery and napkins.

What to Bring? If your last name begins with: A – D: Side Dish or salad; E - R: Meat or entrée; S – Z: Dessert

RSVP no later than Wednesday, August 28th, so that we know how many people to plan for and remember, guests are always welcome. Linda Potts 208-869-9297 or Corinna Provant-Robishaw 208-999-1236.

LOWMAN LOOP RIDE

September 22

Patrick Doolittle, Lead Road Captain

Meet at 9:30am; KSU 10am

Home Depot, 2808 E State Street

Lowman loop ride, weather AND fire restrictions permitting...

One our chapters most popular ride, the Lowman loop never disappoints!

Although there are still a few potholes, most of the roads between Lowman and Idaho city are wonderful.

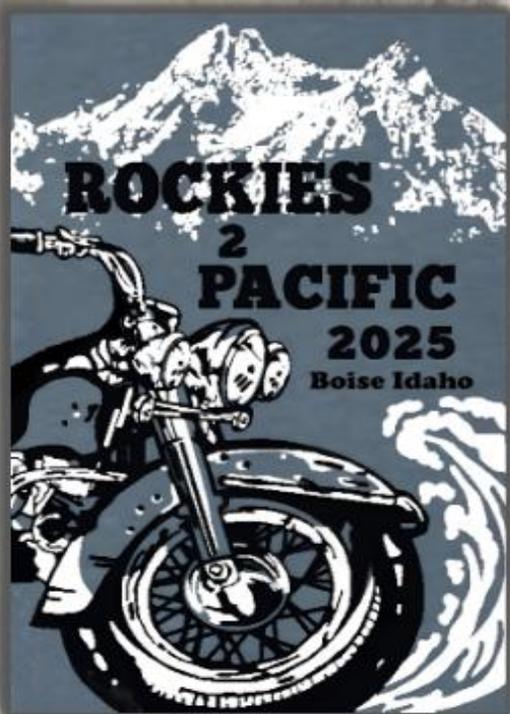
We'll meet at Home Depot and head up Highway 55 for the obligatory stop at the Chevron station at Horseshoe Bend for a quick break. Once completed we will head up into Banks, turning right on the Banks/Lowman Highway. We will take a quick break at Danskin Station boat launch on the way over to Lowman. At the junction, we will turn right on Highway 21 and head to the Idaho City visitor center where the ride will end. No lunch is planned, but there are numerous places for ice cream and lunch in Idaho City and Clear Creek Lodge 14 miles south of Idaho City on Grimes Creek Road.

The approximate mileage is 101 miles from Home Depot to Idaho City via Lowman. The backside from Lowman to Idaho City is a technical ride as there are many 15 to 25 mile an hour turns and switchbacks. Although we will be riding at a slower pace, keep this in mind when thinking about doing the ride. These turns are all doable and fun at slower speeds. Nobody will be racing up the backside into Idaho City from our group.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW – IT IS GOING TO BE EPIC!

We are 1/3 of the way to our 350 participant limit and registration has been open less than a month! There are coming from near and far - Arizona, California, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, even British Columbia, Canada! And of course from the best state in the country – IDAHO!



**1st Annual Rockies 2 Pacific Event—R2P
June 19th—June 22nd 2025**

**Hosted by Intermountain HOG Chapter
High Desert Harley-Davidson**

Registration starts August 1st, 2024

ONLY 350 Tickets Available

\$80 per person and includes....

- Organized guided rides
- Poker Chip
- Event Pin
- Event Patch
- Thursday Dinner
- Saturday Dinner Party
- Saturday Transportation to Party

R2P Merchandise available for Online Purchase

13 Guided Rides/5 Self-Guided Rides with info and maps

Rides will have HD Ride Planner digital navigation/HD App

Host Hotel is the Courtyard Marriott West Boise/Meridian

Go to the event website to reserve your room via online link

For more information and Register, go to:
www.rockies2pacific.com
www.facebook.com/groups/rockies2pacific
Email: rockies2pacific@gmail.com



National HOG Membership required (1 Guest permitted with each active HOG member)

If you haven't registered yet – don't hesitate too long. We are holding firm to no more than 350 participants to guarantee "a fun, personable, and memorable event people will talk about for years!"

Don't forget to purchase some incredible rally merchandise – lots of styles and colors to choose from!





2024 Intermountain Chapter Harley Owners Group Board

Sponsor - [High Desert Harley-Davidson](#)

Sponsor Chapter Manager – Dennis Peck

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Member at Large – Bob Anderson

Member at Large – Kathy Anderson

Member at Large – Michael Anderson

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Member at Large – John Tessin

Member at Large – Herb Weston



We try to be as accurate as possible and the information above is correct at the time of publication. However, events sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances, so please check the **Chapter** and **Dealership** event calendars often for the latest on what's happening!

Chapter event calendar: <https://www.intermountainHOG.com/see-what-s-up>

Dealership event calendar: <https://www.highdeserthd.com/events>

If you have suggestions or comments about the newsletter, or if you have something to submit for inclusion in a future newsletter, please email them to our editor at:
shannonweston3@gmail.com

So long for now and see you on the road... and as always...

***Ride Safe, Ride Often,
& Have Fun***

2024 H.O.G. Rally & Event Registration is Open!

From Chris Harrison, Regional H.O.G. Manager

Registration is now open for H.O.G.'s 2024 touring and regional rallies.

Full details and registration links are available at

https://members.harley-davidson.com/HOG/HDMN_Rallies



H.O.G. Touring Rallies

- August 18-September 2 - East Meets West H.O.G. Posse Ride, North Hampton, NH to San Diego, CA
- October 14-19, Texas Independence H.O.G. Touring Rally, TX

H.O.G. Regional Rallies

- August 21-24 - Wild & Wonderful H.O.G. Rally, Charleston, WV
- September 5-7 - Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally, Grand Junction, CO

H.O.G. Check-Ins

- August 2-10 - Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis, SD
- September 18-22 - Bike, Blues & BBQ, Roger, AR



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

Chapter Name: INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER – HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #1255

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

_____ State: _____ Zip: _____ E-

mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Member Nat'l H.O.G. Number: _____

Expiration Date of National H.O.G.® Membership: _____

I have read the *H.O.G.® Chapter Charter* and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this Dealer sponsored Chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.®), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **“RELEASED PARTIES”**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G.® or H.O.G.®

Chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G.® members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G.® activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **“RELEASED PARTIES”** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I

UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **“RELEASED PARTIES”** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES

IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

“A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.”

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **“RELEASED PARTIES”**.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER



High Desert Harley-Davidson® Intermountain H.O.G.® Member Information Sheet

Membership Information

Welcome to our Chapter! You MUST have an "active" National Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.) membership to become of member of the chapter. If you need to become a National H.O.G.® member, go to www.harley-davidson.com and click on "OWNERS." That will take you to the area to join. Have your VIN readily available when you log in to join. Once a member, you will receive your National H.O.G.® membership number.

Local chapter dues expire December 31st each year. Dues paid by new members joining the chapter on or after the 15th of October are good through the following year.

Checks should be made out to "IMCH.O.G.." Returned Check Fee of \$17 will be charged for any insufficient fund checks. Return the *Chapter Membership Enrollment Form*, this *Member Information* sheet, and your check in our H.O.G. box near the lounge at High Desert Harley-Davidson, 2310 E. Cinema Drive. Meridian, ID 83642. Or mail to:

**H.O.G. Membership Officer
2310 E Cinema Drive
Meridian, ID 83642**

Additional Information:

Name: _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name: _____

Member of the Intermountain Chapter before? No Yes Since: _____

Your Birth Month: _____

What you ride: _____

Image Release:

Photographing, filming, recording and videotaping of activities can occur at chapter events. By entering a H.O.G. event area, you irrevocably grant permission to the Harley-Davidson Motor Company and its agents to photograph, film, record and/or videotape you and use (and authorize the use of) your name, image, likeness, voice and/or biographical or other information in any and all media now known or hereinafter developed in perpetuity for any and all purposes.

By signing, I certify that I have read this Image Release and fully understand it.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse Signature: _____ Date: _____

Information is used only for internal purposes of the Intermountain H.O.G.® Chapter and will not be shared with any other entity.

VIP: _____	Paid: _____
H.O.G.: _____	Ck No. _____
Treasurer Rec'd _____	



H.O.G. Mileage Form



RIDER NAME: _____ HOG # (W/Country Code): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip or Postal Code: _____

Passenger NAME: _____ HOG # (W/Country Code): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip or Postal Code: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Each Harley-Davidson motorcycle must be enrolled prior to accumulating miles in the program.

FILL OUT THIS SECTION TO:	ENROLL (Start new in the Mileage Program) OR ADD additional bike(s) to the program	
VIN:	Starting Miles: _____	
VIN:	Starting Miles: _____	

FILL OUT THIS SECTION TO:	REPORT MILEAGE for enrolled bike(s) OR REPORT MILEAGE for bike(s) sold or traded
VIN:	Current Odo: _____ MILES
VIN:	Current Odo: _____ MILES
VIN:	Current Odo: _____ MILES

(AN ENTRY SHOULD BE MADE IN BOTH SECTIONS ABOVE TO REPORT A VEHICLE TRADE)

DEALER'S ENDORSEMENT REQUIRED:

Dealer Name:	HIGH DESERT HARLEY-DAVIDSON	Dealer #:	1255
Dealer Signature:	_____	Date:	_____

(I hereby certify that the information on this form is correct)



Intermountain Harley Group MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT DISCOUNT

Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether this enrollment form is for a new or existing membership:

- New Member
- Existing/Renewing Member - Member ID#: _____

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse/Domestic Partner: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

List Additional Eligible Household Members:

Includes any of the following family members living in the same household: dependents claimed on your tax return, disabled family members, and/ or family members who are 65 years or older living in the same household.

First Name:	Last Name:	Date of Birth:	Relationship:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CHOOSE A DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIP OPTION:

- Annual Air Transport - \$80
- Annual Fire/Med Ground Transport - \$90
- Annual Air/Fire/Med Ground Transport - \$165
- Optional:* Tax Deductible Donation: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check (payable to Life Flight Network Foundation)
- Credit or Debit (Visa, M/Card, AmEx, Discover): Amount \$ _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: / _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Address: _____ Zip: _____

hereby authorize Life Flight Network to charge the amount indicated above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO LIFE FLIGHT NETWORK MEMBERSHIP OFFICE:

PO Box 3841 • Portland, OR 97208-3841 • Phone (800) 982-9299 • Fax (503) 217-1413

This application is valid through 12/31/2023. Please contact the Membership Office for an updated application if this form is expired. Membership benefits take effect upon receipt of completed application and payment. Life Flight Network transports patients based on medical need, not membership status. Medicaid beneficiaries should not apply for membership. Life Flight Network operates under its own FAA Part 135 Air Carrier Certificate.

Office use only: DISCOUNT: H.O.G. GROUP GROUP: _____ TRACK CODE: _____

