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Director's Corner

Hot August in the Pacific Northwest? You never know. August, the last month of the “traditional” summer. At the end of the month, Labor Day with kids back to school and those pesky big yellow things that you see everywhere, usually while behind one. The

days start to get shorter. Ever so slowly at first and it's hard to notice unless you happen to greet the rising sun each day or say goodnight to the setting sun. Neither of which impacts our hobby and passion however. We are fortunate to live where riding is something we can enjoy every month of the year. That being said, the summertime is by far the best. I hope you've been taking advantage of it, and not only by riding but by being outside in the fresh air. Whether you sit in the full-on sun or hang in the shady areas (that's where you'll find me), summer is the best by far.

We just wrapped up with the 2026 Rockies2Pacific event with 263 registered riders and guests. By all accounts, the 3-day event was a success. I had a blast! What fun it was to meet and greet folks from all over that came to Marysville, to be at our event, and came to see and experience what the North Cascade Harley Owners Group put together for their enjoyment. And boy, did we give them something to see!

Our steering committee members, our Road Captains, our 70 plus volunteers, our caterer, our Street Fair vendors, the employees and ownership at Sound HD, the members from Black Sheep MC, NCHOG, Eastside, Great Northwest and Puget Sound HOG...everyone pulling together to make the 2nd Annual Rockies2Pacific event one that will be remembered by all that came.

My humble and most sincere thanks to everyone for their support and for believing in NCHOG that we could pull it off. We could not have done it without you all.

Okay, back to doing the walk of life...and that means our general meetings, our mid-week rides, the upcoming Director's Ride, HOG Troughs, chapter picnic and the other activities that keep us all together and connected. And of course, as always, living your best life, playing the cards you've been dealt, to the best of your God given abilities. I truly look forward to seeing each of you guys soon. Come to our meetings. Show up and ride with friends. Enjoy each other and appreciate all the life and beauty that surrounds us, that we've been gifted with.

~Jerry

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SECURED AND PLANNING FINALIZED.**



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Assistant Director

We live in a beautiful place. I say it a lot when we stop for a break on a ride. It's true. People from all over our country and the world come here in the summer for their vacation. What are some of your favorite places within NCHOG territory? Here's just a few of my favorite views.



Coupeville Ferry



Cape Flattery



Mt Shuksan



View from Mt Erie



Diablo Lake



Washington Pass

26	MON 27	TUE 28 5pm Officers	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Aug 1
2 8:30 Breakfast 10 Member Meeting	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Director's Ride Aug 9 - 11	10	11	12	13	14	15 Third Saturday Concrete Parade
16	17	18	19	20 HOG Trough TBD	21 Connie's Garage Sale	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Orcas Island Ride	31	Sep 1 5pm Officers	2	3	4	5



BACK IN THE SADDLE

Pam and I would like to thank all of you that attended The 2026 Chaplains ride, a fun event for all but so more so, a time to really get to know other members deeper.

My favorite part of the weekend, after twisties.

I want to thank Pam for the months of planning she puts into this each year, we all know who pulls this off with curve balls thrown at her from every direction.

Thank you Pam.

And not to be overlooked, this was my first ride since my bi-lateral knee surgery, riding was comfortable but the mount and dismounting was an adventure sometime requiring assistance. Thank you all for your patience.

Bless you all,
Chaplain Mark and Pam





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Safety - Jim Self

Hot Weather Riding Tips



Riding in hot weather can be enjoyable, but heat adds fatigue, dehydration, and stress to both you and your motorcycle. Here are some practical tips:

Stay hydrated

- Drink water before you ride, not just when you feel thirsty.
- Take a water bottle or use a hydration backpack so you can sip during breaks.
- Avoid excessive caffeine or alcohol before riding, as they can contribute to dehydration.

Wear the right gear

- Wear a mesh riding jacket and pants with CE armor. They provide airflow while still protecting you.
- Choose moisture-wicking base layers instead of cotton. They help sweat evaporate and keep you cooler.
- Wear a ventilated full-face helmet if possible. It protects you while allowing airflow through the vents.
- Light-colored gear reflects more sunlight than black, though protection is more important than color.

Plan your ride

- Ride during the early morning or evening when temperatures are lower.
- Take breaks every 60–90 minutes in the shade or an air-conditioned location.
- If you're stopped for long periods in traffic, be aware that engine heat can become uncomfortable, especially on air-cooled bikes.

Watch for heat stress

Symptoms include:

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Muscle cramps

If you notice these, stop riding, get into the shade, cool down, and drink fluids before continuing.

Protect yourself from the sun

- Apply sunscreen to exposed skin, including your neck and wrists.
- Wear UV-protective sunglasses or a tinted visor (clear visor if riding after dark).

Ride smoothly

Hot pavement can become slick in places where oil has accumulated, especially at intersections. It can also soften asphalt on extremely hot days, so avoid sudden braking or aggressive cornering.

With good gear, hydration, and regular breaks, many riders stay comfortable even when temperatures are in the 90s °F. If the heat index climbs into the triple digits, consider shortening the ride or waiting until cooler parts of the day. Stay safe and enjoy the ride!

Use evaporative cooling

- Wear an evaporative cooling vest or soak a moisture-wicking base layer in cool water before you ride. As the water evaporates, it pulls heat away from your body.
- Wetting a neck wrap, cooling towel, or even a bandana around your neck can make a noticeable difference because large blood vessels near the surface help cool your body.
- Re-wet cooling gear during fuel or rest stops to maintain the effect.
- Evaporative cooling works best in hot, dry climates. In very humid conditions, evaporation is slower, so the cooling effect is reduced. In humid weather, maximizing airflow and staying hydrated become even more important.

One caution: if it's extremely hot (around 95°F/35°C or higher), unrestricted airflow through mesh gear can feel like a hair dryer and actually increase heat gain. In those conditions, a damp cooling vest under a ventilated jacket often keeps you cooler than relying on airflow alone.



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Head Road Captain



HOG, The World's Greatest Motorcycle Riding Club.

Our R2P event was a huge success. Many of the attendees told me personally that they enjoyed the Guided Rides and our detailed planning of the rides, sign-up and staging.

Our Road Captains and Sweeps did a fabulous job leading Guided Rides for the Rockies2Pacific event. Special thanks to: Mike Gilbert, Ifan Williams, Bern Miller, Tom Austin, John Desimone, Kurt Moore, Jeff Ray, Jim Self, Tom Jenson, Rick Johnson, George Fair, Mike Ross, Steve Brooks, Dwane Porter and Bob Hilsinger.

Ride Staging was professionally covered by Dean Piper, Dwayne Resnik and Todd Piper.

The Ride Info and Sign-up Table was expertly handled by Dwayne Resnik, Dean Piper, Todd Piper, Brittany Lawler, and Bob Hilsinger.



Future rides at the time of this publication include:

- Sun, Aug 2 – After Meeting Ride, weather permitting
- Sat, Aug 15 – Cascade Days Parade Ride in Concrete
Meet @ Holiday Market 8:30 AM, KSU 8:45 AM
- Aug 30 - Orcas Island Ferry and Ride to Mt Constitution

•Watch for Mid-Week Rides when the weather is too good to pass up



Let's Ride,
John Garrigues

NCHOG Head Road Captain

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NCHOG 2026 STATE PARK CHAPTER CHALLENGE.

1/1/2026 through 10/31/2026

10 Washington State Parks — Visit 8 parks to earn a 2026 challenge patch!
You must take a picture of you and your bike in front of a landmark or signage and submit to Head Road Captain, John G.

1. Moran - Orcas Island, Washington
2. Dosewallips - Brinnon Washington
3. Mount Spokane - Mead, Washington
4. Wanapum - Vantage Washington
5. Beacon Rock - Stevenson Washington
6. Cape Disappointment - Ilwaco Washington
7. Ocean City - Hoquiam Washington
8. Pearygin Lake - Winthrop, Washington
9. Bridgeport - Bridgeport, Washington
10. Lewis and Clark Trail - Toledo Washington



(Extra point for picture with tent)

SECRETARY'S CORNER

--Connie Piper

Wow what a week we just lived! NCHOG is a group of the most amazing people in the world. Just showing up at the crack of dawn everyday was enough to make anyone have second thoughts about volunteering but they showed up and were willing to do whatever we asked. I need to give Special Thanks to all the ladies who drove all the way to Whidbey to spend the afternoon stuffing Swag Bags. Kymber Self took charge of the Silent Auction which looked fantastic, my daughter in-law, Rebecka Piper who was in charge of the Banquet room décor. The room was stunning.

And to Lisa Jackson who was always there to pack and tote the heavy things. The people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes are truly the champions of the success of Rockies 2 Pacific.

Now that we can breathe again, it is time to move on to the next adventure. For me that will be my Annual Yard Sale which will be the weekend of August 21 and 22. It is a chance for everyone to clean out those closets and make some money. Yes, it will be at my house on Whidbey but you don't have to be there. If you want the money from your objects just put your name and price on it and I will do my best to sell it. If you want to donate your funds to the Chapter Christmas fund just bring your stuff to the August meeting or call me to coordinate a pick up.

360-914-1233.



Rockies 2 Pacific Wrap Up - Doni Keating

After 16 months of planning, dreaming, meetings, changes, more changes, frustration, excitement, and a whole lot of work... we are proud to say that Rockies2Pacific 2026 was a huge success. Every contingency had been covered — and covered again. We had Plans B thru G. We knew weird stuff would probably happen, but our job was to handle it without disrupting our guests.

By Thursday morning, the excitement was tangible. Music playing, burritos warming, volunteers in neon green shirts at their stations, signs up, coffee on, ride table ready, first aid set, photographers moving around — and by 7:30, our first guests rumbled in...

...And then the rain started (apparently we forgot to remind Mark to talk with God about clear skies). Thankfully, it didn't stop folks from showing up. By 2:00pm, nearly 100 riders were checked in. Everyone was in great spirits — hugs, laughter, old friends reconnecting, new friendships forming. Most of them actually enjoying the volatile nature of our Pacific Northwest weather up close and personal.

Thursday night's BBQ was delicious, and a huge thank you goes to the Puget Sound HOG ladies for helping make it happen. The rain held off while we ate and swapped pleasantries. Dean had raffles and door prizes ready, Ty Miller came out to help bus tables, volunteers jumped in wherever they saw a need... and just as the last riders geared up to leave, the rain returned. We all slept well that night.

Friday morning kicked off at 6:00am with coffee brewing at the dealership, muffins served, riders checking in, and the ride table hopping. The clouds were threatening, but nobody's mood was. Dean and crew had bikes lined up and ready to roll, and the first group left for Artist Point right on time. Road snacks were passed up and down the lines, solo riders and small selfguided groups rolled out, and Mike and John did a fantastic job stopping traffic on Smokey Point Blvd so groups could leave together.

Street Fair vendors started arriving around 10:30am and Cindy J had her hands full with last minute changes and picky vendors, but she handled it like a champ. By 3:00pm, we had 232 guests checked in, and a sea of greenshirted volunteers were enjoying a much deserved break in the beer garden after three days of late nights and early mornings. The day wrapped up with raffles, food trucks, door prizes, beer garden, laughs, and even a little sun peeking through.

Saturday morning hit hard — I woke up with the realization that after 16 months of nonstop planning, middle of the night list making, manning the website, worrying nobody would come, worrying too many would come, wondering how to fit everyone in the parking lot, and roughly 1,326,789 other things... we were already halfway through.

The morning was mellow. Riders arrived for their guided rides, Melissa S. showed up with 15 dozen donuts compliments of Sound Harley, the coffee was hot, and everything went smoothly. Around noon we started packing up and moved our wagon train down to the Delta Marriott in Everett for the Farewell Banquet. We had buses running from the Marysville hotels, and there was a lot of hugging and laughing going on. The food was delicious, Dean and Connie did a great job entertaining, and the raffles and door prizes kept coming. Photographer Lynn had worked miracles putting together a beautiful slideshow using her photos, plus ones submitted by attendees. She and Ryan did a fabulous job with the Chapter group photos. Awards were awarded, special presentations were presented, and John Tessin from Intermountain HOG announced that next year's R2P will be held in Salt Lake City — details still to come, so keep an eye on the R2P website!

Cont....

Remember those aforementioned “weird things”? There were a few....Friday morning Trisha had to make a last-minute dash to spring Patch Lady Diane out of rehab, swing by her house to grab all her equipment, bring her to the dealership, unload her and all her equipment — and then reverse the whole process at the end of the day. Alo on Friday, Artist Point was completely fogged in, but RC Mike G and the riders made the best of it, and everyone still said the ride was fantastic. Saturday morning we had to cancel the Artist Point ride but folks willingly switched and we were able to accommodate everyone. And Saturday night there was a communication breakdown and one of the buses left some folks waiting in Marysville. But the wheels on the bus went round and round and the bus returned to pick them up at the Best Western.

All in all, it was an incredible experience, and I am so unbelievably proud of our Chapter for coming together and making this happen. I’ve always said, “NCHOG is a small chapter that does big things.” R2P proves it. Every member who was physically able stepped up to volunteer, and many brought family members to help. We had volunteers from Puget Sound HOG, Eastside HOG, Great Northwest HOG, and Intermountain HOG. The Black Sheep showed up en masse to help wherever needed. The Christian Motorcyclists handled Bike Blessings, and the crew at Sound Harley-Davidson was unbelievably stellar. Thank you Ty, Jenny, and the whole team. There is Harley-Davidson the corporation... and then there are the rest of us. Harley riders, Harley employees with boots on the ground, mechanics, small shop owners, 1% clubs, Christian clubs, Veterans groups, AA groups, HOG chapters, and solo riders. Multigenerational families who are thirdgeneration riders, and folks like me who’ve only been in the culture for ten years. WE are the heartbeat of the Harley Nation. WE are the ones who build the families, help each other, and carry the culture of brotherhood. Wherever we gather, there are no strangers — just noise, hugs, and camaraderie (with some tall tales built in).

We never leave anybody behind.

I am so proud of that, and so honored to be part of NCHOG. I love you all. ~Doni





July Also Had A General Meeting and Blues Bros BBQ



Member Spotlight

John and Aleshia Greenfield

A little bit about Aleshia:

I was raised in Ketchikan, AK. Moved to Washington in 2020. I am a mom of 5 boys and Mimi to two tiny humans! I have 4 dogs, 3 cats and 4 chickens, needless to say I love animals.

John and I have been married almost 20 years! I work in medicine as a Medical Assistant. I was also a volunteer firefighter/EMT for 12 years. My hobbies include, running (yes I run races just for the pretty metals), weight lifting, kayaking/paddle boarding (even though I can't swim), yoga and just being with my boys and grandbabies. My husband John has always had a motorcycle, and I just started riding 2 years ago. I upgraded to my Harley in 2025 and I have deeply enjoyed the freedom this new life chapter has brought us.

Aleisha has a 2018 street glide special
John has a 2015 Electra glide ultra
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