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October 2026





Director's Corner

Another month has just flown by. Seems to be a “thing” lately. Remember we talked about things being “a minute”? Well, September really was a minute.

Anyway, here we are, October and fall in full swing. Shorter days. Longer nights. Fall colors and a slow transition to what passes for winter around here.

Riding will continue as always, as the weather permits. NCHOG will continue to plan activities for our members. Sound Harley-Davidson will continue to sell the finest motorcycles in the world. Football will take up lots of time for many. Others will go back to making soup and comfort food. If you're a tv buff, the fall lineups are looking good. If you stream, man, there's a lot to look forward to.

Every year, this “cycle of life” that we go through, gives us a chance to sort of kick back a bit. Pretty soon there won't be any more grass to cut for at least 4 months. The World Series. Football and football analysis everywhere you look. Halloween, then Thanksgiving (my favorite), then Christmas and New Years. Then, voila! We are at 2027 and we're chomping at the bit for the longer, warmer, and dryer days. And more time on our bikes.

We will stay busy this fall and winter. We always do. And for most of us, North Cascade Harley Owners Group will continue to be a big part of our life. Your chapter officers work hard to keep things interesting and to keep all of us interested.

During these next few months where actual riding is less frequent, I'm going to ask you to do yourself, and your chapter, a big favor. That is to stay active in the chapter. Keep this good thing going. It doesn't work all by itself. YOU have to be a part of it. YOU have to make those meetings and those HOG Troughs and those Christmas parties. YOU have to make the trek into Sound HD to be there for their events. I couldn't be more direct in saying that if you don't do your part then what we've all enjoyed and benefitted from, will soon start to fade away. Remember, don't let the old man (or woman) in.

For me personally, I look forward to our 1st Sunday Breakfast Meetings. First off, I like breakfast. My favorite meal of the day. But equally important is that I get to see all the members that come out to our meetings. I want to sit and talk with every member (though time doesn't allow me to as much as I'd like) and convey how glad I am that they are there, at our meeting, and part of our group.

I will leave you with this thought...I thank you for your continued support and for your committed engagement to help make this chapter a great place for all of us. I look forward to this next month together and to the rest of 2026 as it has been a stellar year for North Cascade Harley Owners Group.

Onward and upward!

Jerry



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Assistant Director

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My time as the Assistant Director will come to and end with the calendar year 2026. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve NCHOG in that role since 2020. Now it's time for the transition of that role to our next Assistant Director.

I'll be mentoring our next Assistant Director through the officer meetings at the end of October, November, and December. I'll be available to assist anytime through 2027 also. It was my privilege to assist Director Jerry in any way that he needed help during our time together. Thanks everyone for your support over the years.

H.O.G. Officer Spotlight: Assistant Director

One of the four primary and mandatory chapter officer roles. Duties include:

- Assisting the sponsoring dealer and Chapter Director in upholding the H.O.G. Chapter Charter
 - Promoting H.O.G. and the H.O.G. Chapter to potential members
 - Informing chapter members about H.O.G. programs and benefits
 - Conducting new member orientation
 - Assisting the Chapter Director as requested

Some chapters also use the Assistant Director position as part of their succession planning, allowing the person in the role to gain knowledge and experience in chapter operations before stepping up to the Chapter Director role.



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Safety - Jim Self

A motorcycle passenger has an important role in keeping the ride safe and predictable. The passenger isn't just along for the ride—they become part of the motorcycle's balance and handling.

Motorcycle Passenger Tips & Responsibilities

1. Wear proper protective gear, DOT-approved helmet that fits properly. Motorcycle jacket or abrasion-resistant clothing.

Long pants. Gloves. Over-the-ankle motorcycle boots.

Eye protection if the helmet doesn't provide it.

2. Mount and dismount correctly

Wait until the rider tells you it's safe. The rider should have the motorcycle stable before you get on or off.

Keep your weight centered and avoid suddenly pulling on the rider. Never mount or dismount while the motorcycle is moving.

3. Keep your feet on the passenger footrests

Keep both feet on the pegs whenever the motorcycle is moving. Don't put your feet down at stops unless instructed.

4. Follow the rider's movements

When cornering, look over the rider's inside shoulder and lean naturally with the motorcycle. Don't fight the rider by leaning the opposite direction.

5. Don't make sudden movements

Sudden shifts of your body can affect the motorcycle's balance, especially at low speeds. Avoid reaching, twisting around, or suddenly leaning away from the motorcycle.

6. Hold on securely

Use the passenger handholds if available. If holding the rider, use a comfortable grip without restricting their movement or interfering with the controls.

7. Don't distract the rider

Talking, tapping the rider, pointing at things, or trying to communicate through excessive movement can take the rider's attention away from the road.

8. Communicate before the ride

Agree on simple signals for:

Stop.

Slow down.

Pull over.

Emergency.

Something is wrong with the passenger or their equipment.

9. Don't fight the motorcycle in a corner

The passenger should allow the motorcycle to lean naturally. Don't deliberately lean dramatically into or away from a turn. The rider controls the motorcycle; the passenger's job is to remain relaxed and predictable.

10. Be especially careful at low speeds

Passengers can make slow-speed maneuvers more difficult. Stay still and centered when the rider is maneuvering, parking, making U-turns, or stopping.

Most important rule

Be a predictable passenger.

The rider should know what you're going to do before you do it. A relaxed passenger who stays centered, follows the motorcycle's movement, keeps their feet on the pegs, and communicates clearly makes the ride safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

Passenger responsibility: Gear up, stay relaxed, stay predictable, and work with the rider—not against the motorcycle.



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Head Road Captain



My time as the Head Road Captain will come to and end with the calendar year 2026. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve NCHOG in that role since 2020. Now it's time for the transition of that role to our next Head Road Captain. Be sure to attend our October NCHOG General Membership Meeting to cast your ballot. I'll be mentoring our next Head Road Captain through the officer meetings at the end of October, November, and December. I'll be available to assist anytime through 2027 also. It was my privilege to coordinate rides with our Road Captains and manage our scheduled rides. Thanks everyone for your support over the years. I'll still be a Road Captain and plan to lead many weekend and Mid-Week Rides in 2027.

Future rides include:

Sun, Oct 4 After Meeting Ride

Sat, Oct 17 Third Saturday Ride to the Riders Remembered Memorial Wall

Mid-Week Ride when weather looks terrific.

I'll still be your Chapter Photographer unless someone else would like to take over. This is a discretionary officer, but still an important role. We will do our annual group photo following the Oct 4 meeting.

Let's Ride,

John Garrigues

NCHOG Head Road Captain

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NORTH CASCADES HOG CHAPLAIN

Pam and I are preparing our camper to travel to Fidalgo resort

to camp for the Oyster Run we received word from her heart surgeon of an opening in Oct we are now signed up for. We are blessed enough to be riding and the freedoms we have in this great country, we also have many members in our group that are in need of prayer.

Last weekend's bar b que at Doni and Jerry's was a great reminder of how blessed we are to have such a wonderful HOG family.

God bless you all
Mark

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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. Pearrygin Lake - Winthrop, Washington
9. Bridgeport - Bridgeport, Washington
10. Lewis and Clark Trail - Toledo Washington



(Extra point for picture with tent)  



It is going to be a Psychedelic Christmas!

Tickets on sale at our October meeting, so be ready to grab yours!

Dust off those bell bottoms, dig out the tie-dye, and get ready to get GROOVY! NCHOG's Christmas Party is happening Saturday, December 12th at the Skagit Casino Resort, and this year we're taking a trip back to the 1960's and '70s. Dressing the part is denitely encouraged, so have some fun with it! We'll have a plated dinner, games, good times, and a no-host bar—plus a special visit from Santa "Peace-Nick" Claus and his old lady, Ms. Pammie "Flower-Power" Claus. Peace, love, and loud pipes, baby!

This is always one of our favorite nights of the year, and this one should be especially fun. Whether you go full flower child, disco king or queen, old-school biker, or just show up as yourself, come ready to laugh, eat, visit with friends, and celebrate another year together. Let's get groovy!

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