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Director's

Corner

Here we are, February of the new year, already! That's good. Not that time is flying by faster than ever but rather because we are getting closer to warmer, brighter, sunnier weather. I don't do that good being tethered to the house. Nothing really keeping me in there other than I don't like cold. Rain I can handle. Cold, not so much. Toss the two together, rainy damp and cold and I am not a happy man.

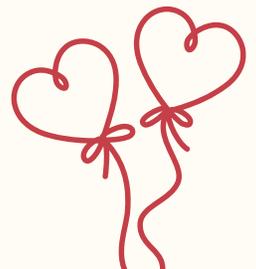
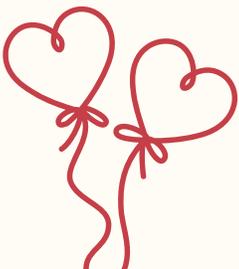
January was pretty nice to us all things considered. Still cold but there were quite a few sunny days and we got to ride several times. I'm looking forward to the warmer longer days.

I sometimes struggle trying to figure out what to put in the Director's Corner each month. I admit that I'm a creature of my environment and subject to behave according to what is currently capturing my time and focus. For instance, if I'm in the garage working on my car project, I find it hard to stop, being mindful of the clock and possibly other commitments or responsibilities that I have. Like right now, while trying to write this, I'm listening to music. I only listen to music that I like. I don't just have music on for background noise. So, the tunes I'm listening to all mean something to me and usually conjure up deep and or intense feelings and emotions. Accordingly, I'm easily distracted from the task at hand. It's hard to type when you're moving to the sounds of one of your favorites or your mind is reliving the lyrics. I'm doing it right now actually. Music is almost always a part of me when I'm doing something I like. That being said, I don't listen to tunes when I ride. Many folks do. I just don't. I'm into the scenery and the smells and the sound of *the bike*. *Think that is weird? I had two friends that I rode with for years, all over the country, and they both had their radios playing the entire time they were near their Harleys. One guy played his music so loud and he didn't turn it off even when we were fueling. The other guy had satellite radio and it was Rush Limbaugh, even in the middle of Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, Nebraska, West Virginia, everywhere! Yikes!*

Anyway, we're headed into another trip around the sun. This coming year will be a big one for NCHOG. Probably the biggest so far as we host Rockies2Pacific in July. It will be all hands-on deck to make that event a reality and one that folks will never forget. Along the way on this trip we'll have our HOG Troughs, chapter rides, dealership bbq's, impromptu rides and get-togethers. God willing we'll all be here to enjoy it together.

We ain't getting any younger. Time is passing and not so slow. Life is short so whatever you're gonna do, you better be getting it on. Looking forward to seeing you all real soon.

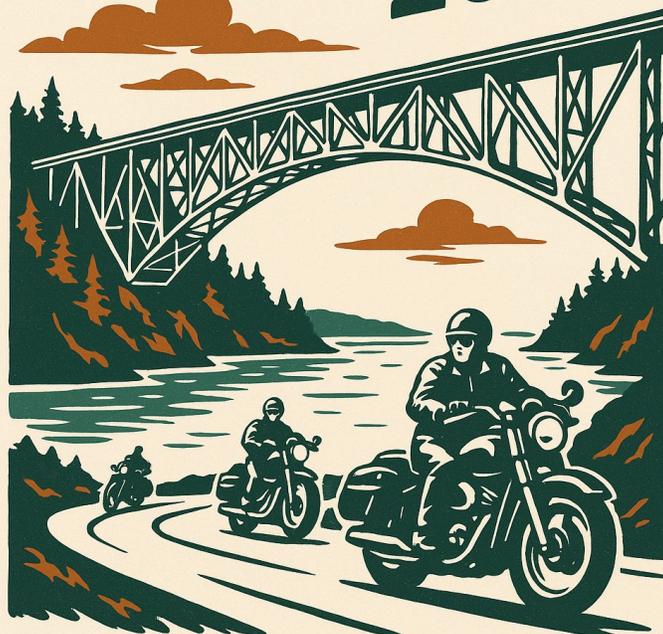
~Jerry



Membership - Dwayne Resnik

NCHOG membership is currently at 79 members, We still need 31 members to turn in 2026-chapter registration forms. There is still 2 more Saturdays this month you can register at our HOG registration table at Sound Harley, Or just drop off the completed forms and \$25.00 registration fee with the folks at the apparel register, Or at any of our Chapter events and activities to any of the available officers.

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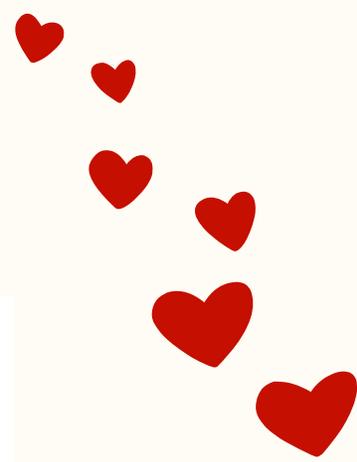


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- Minimum of half of your chapter membership must personally obtain two mileage readings within the calendar year.
- Agree to a process for approaching new H-D® motorcycle owners and introducing them to H.O.G.—take photographs to show how it goes in practice.
- Run four or more rides or events specifically for new Harley-Davidson® owners.
- Have 10 or more chapter members attend a H.O.G. rally (Regional Rally, Touring Rally, National Rally or official H.O.G. check-in at a major event).
- Make sure a representative from your chapter completes the event survey, which will be shared with chapter officers at the ROC. We are particularly interested to hear about events and activities your chapter is enjoying.
- Share your activities—post about them on social media channels and share stories and/or photographs for the newsletter by submitting content through HOGStories.com or via the H-D App. We can do this together. Start by stopping by Sound Harley-Davidson and get your 2026 starting mileage logged. Ask any salesperson and they will help you. Bring your HOG # and your Harley-Davidson motorcycle with you.

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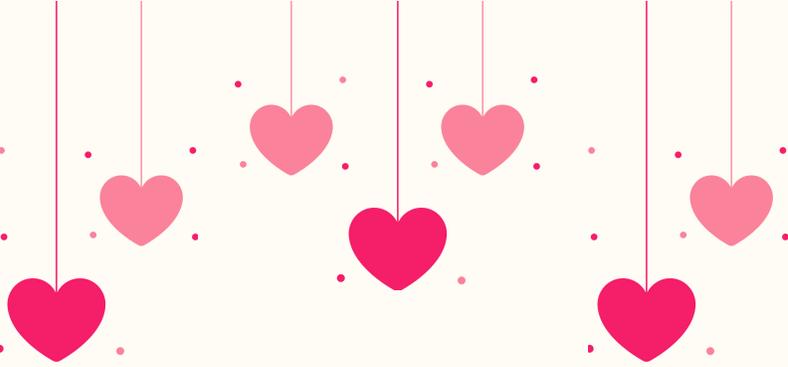
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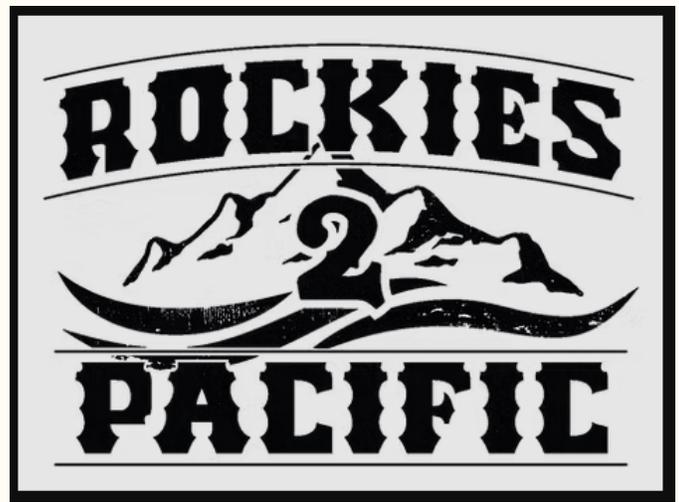
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February 2026 Update



As we anticipated, registrations have increased exponentially in January. If you haven't registered yet, now is the time! You don't want to miss out on this experience! There are riders registered from all over the United States. We will be hosting several HOG chapters, local and distant. The strategy team is working hard and getting all the details in order.

This is your friendly reminder that thinking doesn't reserve a seat!

Guided and self - guided rides, swag, merchandise, BBQ, banquet, street fair, prizes, vendors, fun, laughs, adventure and memories to last a life time!

You can register here:
rockies2pacific.com

There are many areas where volunteers are needed: registration table, street fair, prizes, food, clean up, set up...we have something for everyone! Mark and Pam have offered to be our volunteer coordinators! Please contact Doni, Mark or Pam for volunteer information. There are forms available at the membership meetings also if you'd like to put your name in the hat. We know it's months away, and we're not asking for your lifeblood...just a commitment to show up and help out!

Check out the photos from the inaugural R2P!



FEBRUARY

2026

Chaplain's Message

INTEBKLOF

Rev.21/27.....only those whose name is written in the Lambs book of life.

Buzz and I often enjoyed the Hymn Sings at Bethany in Everett. We would drive round in the parking lots at Bethany and around the church across the street. We even looked for an on-street spot within short walking distance.

On one fun night, we found seats on the floor of the auditorium. A Polynesian group were performing. They are neat young people whose love of the Lord shined brightly as they sang through their program. The lead singer turned the mike over to another singer. He sang "My Name Is in The Book of Life." Sometimes Buzz had trouble hearing or understanding the words being sung. He would keep the rhythm with his fingers on his knees, the arms of his seat or even the back of the seat in front of him. He seemed to be really enjoying this song. When I looked over, he was giggling! When we could talk, he said, "I thought he was singing 'My name is Intebklof' in his native language." I was so surprised when it dawned on me. He was singing, "My Name is Written in The Book of Life." Hallelujah! 'Twas one of the special moments in our lives with the Lord.

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~~Doni Keating

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Chris Bosworth-Ursino, D.Ac.

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Winter Riding Safety - Jim Self

Winter motorcycle riding can be done safely, but it demands extra preparation, awareness, and restraint. Here are practical, rider-tested safety tips, organized by what matters most in cold conditions

1. Gear: Stay Warm, Dry, and Visible

Cold reduces reaction time and focus faster than you realize.

- Layer smartly: Moisture-wicking base layer, insulating mid-layer, windproof/waterproof outer layer
- Heated gear (gloves, jacket liner) is a big safety upgrade, not a luxury
- Winter gloves with insulation and feel—numb hands can't brake well
- Neck gaiter / balaclava to block wind chill
- Anti-fog visor or Pinlock—fogged vision is a serious hazard
- High-visibility gear: Low winter sun + gray skies = poor visibility

2. Tires & Traction: Cold pavement behaves very differently.

- Tires take longer to warm up—ride gently for the first 10–15 minutes
- Avoid aggressive lean angles; grip is reduced even on dry roads
 - Watch for black ice, especially:
 - Bridges & overpasses
 - Shaded curves
 - Early mornings / dusk
- Painted lines, metal plates, and leaves are extra slippery when cold or wet
- If temps are near freezing and moisture is present, consider not riding

3. Smooth Inputs = Survival Abrupt actions are amplified in winter.

- Gentle throttle roll-on
- Progressive braking (use more rear brake than usual)
- Smooth steering—no sudden corrections
- Increase following distance (tires + brakes are less effective)

4. Mind the Environment: Winter adds hidden hazards.

- Salt, sand, and gravel linger on roads
- Potholes worsen after freeze-thaw cycles
- Wildlife moves more during cold months
- Wind chill increases fatigue faster than you expect
- If you feel cold, stiff, or distracted—stop and warm up

5. Bike Prep Matters: A well-prepared bike is safer in winter.

- Check tire pressure often (cold lowers PSI)
- Ensure battery health—cold kills weak batteries
- Lubricate cables and chain more frequently
- Make sure lights are clean and working

6. Know When Not to Ride: The smartest winter riding skill is judgment. Avoid riding when:

- Roads are icy or recently thawing
- Snowmelt refreezes overnight
- Visibility is poor (fog, blowing snow, sleet)
- You're rushed, tense, or under-dressed

7. Mental Focus Winter riding demands more attention.

- Ride below your normal limits
- Expect drivers to miss you
- Stay relaxed but alert—cold causes tunnel vision
- Shorter rides are safer than long endurance runs

Bottom Line

- Winter riding can be peaceful and rewarding—but only if you: Stay warm, ride smooth, slow down, and respect conditions.

Head Road Captain

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It's getting warmer and sunnier. Sunset is even getting later in the day.

Have you been out for a ride in 2026?

Maybe you're ready for an easy riding challenge.

Road Captain Greg has offered up one for 2026. All you need to do is visit 8 of 10 State Parks on his list. You can do it. Patches will be awarded at our annual Christmas party.

Rides for February will depend on the weather.

☐ Sun, Feb 1 – After Meeting Ride

☐ Sat, Feb 21 – Third Saturday Ride

☐ Watch for a Mid-Week Ride announcement 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

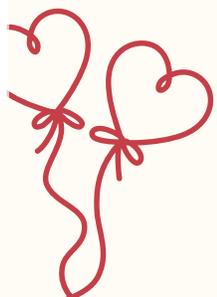
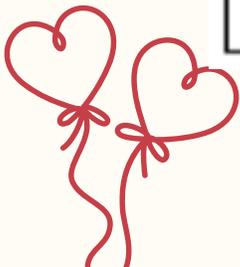
10 Washington State Parks — Visit 8 parks to earn a 2026 challenge patch!

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



(Extra point for picture with tent)





HOG Trough @ Max Dales

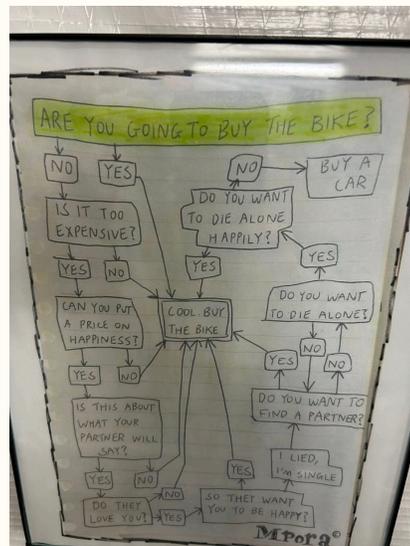


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February 2026

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				HOG Trough Hops and Drops 2623 172nd 5:30 PM		Share Love Today!
						3rd Saturday Ride
		Officer Meeting				Bowling @ Strykers in Angel of the Winds 4 pm - 6 pm
March 1 Membership Meeting						

AS YOU ALL KNOW, NCHOG HAS A MONTHLY INFORMAL GATHERING CALLED THE "HOG TROUGH". AS THE PATCH OFFICER, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO ADD SOME INCENTIVE FOR ATTENDANCE. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN A "HOG WOODEN COIN" WHEN YOU ATTEND. FOR THE FIRST ATTENDED MEAL I WILL GIVE ALSO A KEY FOB TO ATTACH YOUR COLLECTED COINS TO. THIS COLLECTOR ITEM WILL MAKE 2026 DIFFERENT AND REMEMBERABLE. HOG TROUGHS GIVE US A SOCIAL OPPORTUNITY TO SWAP STORIES AND GET TO MINGLE WITHOUT FORMAL ORDER.

AT THE JULY HOG TROUGH, WHICH WILL BE DURING THE BANQUET AT R2P, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW CASE OUR "FAMILY MEAL" TO THE VISITING CHAPTERS. SO WARM UP YOUR EATING URGES AND JOIN THE GROUP AT THE NEXT HOG TROUGH. - **DEAN PIPER, PATCH OFFICER**

SECRETARY'S CORNER: Connie Piper

Being the Secretary in most companies means you sit quietly and scribble notes of what is being talked about in a meeting. Then you hope that what you type makes sense and is accurate. NCHOG is no different, the position is a quiet one, but I feel that I am an integral part of the organization and because I can sit, watch and listen I have the opportunity to notice things that might get missed. Not that I have a list, but you never know when it could happen and so I remain vigilant.

Really, what I want to talk about this month is how excited I am about 2026 and NCHOG. Every member of this Chapter is amazing and together we are unstoppable. So many fun and exciting events are being planned that will carry us through the entire year.

Dean and I took our first ride of the year last Saturday from Oak Harbor to the Dealership. We were bundled up against the chill in the morning but I cannot express just how wonderful it was to be on the trike, riding in the sparkling Pacific Northwest sunshine.

Today I made our hotel reservations for the FBR ride with John G in June. We did that ride in 2018 with both of our boys and it was beautiful. Also, the Oregon coast holds a special place in my heart. My Mom was born in Florance in the 1920's when my Grandfather was the District Forest Ranger for the entire Oregon coast. He is responsible for leading the CCC Boys in building many of the back roads, waysides and original campgrounds along the coastline. Really looking forward to doing this ride again with newer friends.

On either side of that, we have the Fish and Chips Run to Ocean Shores in May. Thank you Doni for starting that new NCHOG tradition last year. Early in July is the Chaplain's ride to Winthrop, which I have been told is full mischievous hijinks. I think it is a must this year. And, of course the R2P Rally mid July will be exceptional. This event certainly is taking a village to make it happen. Don't even think about missing it. Folks, I have just touched the big events, there are so many things each month that give us the opportunity to come together. You are missed when you're absent. Hope your month is Wonderful!

Looking Forward in 2026!

February 1 - General Membership Meeting

February 7 - PreGame Party @ Sound 12 PM-2PM

February 12 - Hog Trough

Hops and Drops @ 5:30 PM

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February 21 - 3rd Saturday Ride

February 24 - Officer Meeting

February 28 - Bowling @ Strykers

Angel of the Winds Casino

4 pm - 6 pm

March 1 - General Membership Meeting

March 21 - 3rd Saturday Ride

March 22 - ABATE Swap Meet in Monroe

March 31 - Officer Meeting

April 4 - ROC Training in Bellevue

April 5 - General Membership Meeting

April 18 - 3rd Saturday Ride

Look for info on an Easter ride and Pistol Shoot!

April 28 - Officer Meeting

May 3 - General Membership Meeting

May 15 & 16 - Fish and Chips Run

Look for info on Wenatchee to Oroville run!

June 2 - Officer Meeting

June 7 - General Membership Meeting

June 12 - FBR to the Redwoods

June 20 - 3rd Saturday Ride

June 30 - Officer Meeting

July

A busy busy month with R2P, BBQ and the ever popular Chaplain's Ride!

August

Cascade Days Parade and Director's Ride

September

Joint Chapter Picnic, Oyster Run And Labor Day

October - December

Holidays, Holidays, Holidays!

**This is the time of year to enjoy each other, share ride stories,
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