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Director's Corner

How's the now popular saying go? "It's been a minute"...Only it's not ever just "a minute". Rather folks often use the term to imply that it's been a long time or that something flew by without noticing. Well how about August? It's been a minute! Boy that month flew by. Seems like a minute ago we were steeped in preparations for the Rockies2Pacific event. Another minute we were ready to depart for this year's Director's Ride. Another minute ago our beautiful state caught fire. And yet, here we are, just "a minute" later and R2P is almost 2 months gone, the abandoned Director Ride mostly forgotten. But that "minute" that has been the horrific fire season continues to haunt us.

How we've managed to reduce our life story down to "a minute" is pretty extraordinary.

The good things, the bad times, the blessings, successes, failures and everything in between...all now in our memory bank as "a minute".

It seems like it was just a minute ago that I was a young father with 2 small children that I loved more than anything. That was 50 years ago.

Just a minute ago I took a job as a painter just because it paid a bit more than my gas station job. That was 56 years ago come October.

A minute ago I joined North Cascade HOG. 16 years ago this month.

And just a minute ago, 11 years to be exact, I met Ms. Doni.

My point is...through good, bad, happy and sad, our lives have literally passed by in a minute. What we all too often fail to grasp is that each and every minute is a blessing. And the gift of memories, good, bad, happy and sad...sustain us all and help make our lives richer and more fulfilling.

Whether we take the time to appreciate the gifts of life or choose to complain about our life is up to us. The memories created through our mutual HOG relationship and the friendships that have been forged are but a small part of the enormous blessings that have been given to us.

It has been and continues to be a blessing and privilege to be part of this group and to have become closer to each of you. Together we've created something very special. We all have had a huge part in the "minute" we are living.

I hope that it continues for a minute...a very long "minute".

Have an awesome and blessed month my friends.

~Jerry



Assistant Director

Are you ready to step up? Who will be our Assistant Director for 2027?

I'll be available to mentor and share stuff with our next Assistant Director. You too can proudly display this patch on your vest!



One of the four primary and mandatory chapter officer roles, the Assistant Director's duties include:

- Assist the sponsoring dealership and the Chapter Director in upholding the H.O.G. Chapter Charter.
- Promote H.O.G. and the H.O.G. Chapter to potential members.
- Inform chapter members about H.O.G. programs and benefits.
- Conduct new member orientations.
- Assist 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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SECRETARY'S CORNER

~~from *Connie Piper*

This has been quite a summer for all of us. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end but I am looking forward to what Fall has to bring. It is time to start tidying up the yard and pull out the flowers that have faded and dried. I am already noticing cooler mornings but love that the sun continues to come out and warm things up mid day. We continue to enjoy some great riding and this summer both of our boys have been able to join us. Neither of them own a Harley but we still love them. Eric has ridden an Adventure bike for several years and Todd just purchased an Indian Super Chief; something he has talked about wanting for a very long time. The last time we rode together as a family was 2018. So to take off for a 2 day ride with them was my favorite ride of the summer. Starting in Oak Harbor on Whidbey, we headed to Hwys 9, 18, and 410 stopping at Snoqualmie Falls and the Green River Gorge. Oh my, that place is amazing! It is actually private property but for \$5 you can park, hike to a beautiful falls, swim if you want and fill your water bottle from an Artesian spring. Then on to Enumclaw for great milkshakes. The next day we crossed the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and headed up the Peninsula to Port Townsend to catch the ferry back home. As we must start thinking about the riding season in the PNW slowing down and coming to an end, I hope each of you can have your best ride of the summer on numbers 2, 3 or 4. Get out there and enjoy the weather, scenery, company or serenity of riding alone. Your ride is calling you, answer the call.

Now is the time for all good H.O.G. members to come to the aid of their chapter!

It's that time of the year when we need to put new officers in charge of NCHOG. At this time, we have some officers or members that are willing to take on a position. That being said, any of our officer positions are open. We are encouraging everyone to consider what they could do for our chapter and raise that hand! Just because another person is willing to do something doesn't mean we can't leave it to the membership to decide who they want to represent us. We can have an election! Everyone's favorite!

Here IS the tough part though, National H.O.G. dictates that we must carry a person in all 4 of the primary officer positions. Those are Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer. Without someone filling each of those positions, we cannot continue to exist. This year, 2026, we had a full contingent of officers and as such, had a stellar year as a chapter. In fact, we've had full officer crew now for over 5 years running, but it is time for us to step down and turn the reins over to "new blood". REMEMBER, if we don't fill those primary positions, we will not have a charter any longer.

So, don't pretend you didn't read the newsletter. Stand up for your chapter! Volunteer. It's your duty....and honestly? It is very **rewarding** and **FUN!**



Jerry & Doni's

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♥ ***See you there!***

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



I'll be away from Sep 14 to Sep 29. Look for your Road Captains to lead rides in September.

Future rides at the time of this publication include:

□ Aug 30 - Orcas Island Ferry and Ride to Mt Constitution

□ Sep 6 – After Meeting Ride

□ Sep 19 – Ride to Jerry & Doni's BBQ in Monroe

□ Sep 26 – Ride to NCHOG picnic in La Conner

□ Sep 27 – Ride to Oyster Run in Anacortes

□ 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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A SAFETY MINUTE FROM SEPTEMBER OF 2021, FROM OUR FRIEND STAN. *Always worth a reshare!!!*



SAFETY WITHOUT ⁹

September 2021 Safety Officers Report by *Stan Bryant.....*

It's not too late to think about September (It has a way of sneaking up on us doesn't it?).

School starts and buses will be out all over the place all the time! Kids loading and exiting from buses can be a concern as these kids are anxious to get home and may not care about vehicular traffic before they run out to cross a road. Obey the buses red lights and stop early with a good distance from the bus. Then hesitate a couple of seconds before you go to make sure it's clear of kids, dogs, parents, etc.

I can't think of anything more horrific than hitting a child with any kind of vehicle.

September seems to be the unofficial start of fall and the weather changing (This past week the fall weather seems to have jumped the gun a bit wouldn't you agree?) though I'm not at all through with summer yet! The leaves and the branches will start to fall and farmers harvesting their crops may leave dirt and mud on the back roads so you might be encountering slow moving farm machinery AND whatever they deposit on the road! It's easy to want and expect the good, dry roads we've had all summer to last forever so some of these unsavory road conditions can come as a real surprise! (Note I didn't mention the fact that great summer riding weather also means dealing with road construction.)

Remember, you can expect to be excused for small mistakes but there is NO excuse for being surprised!

Y'all be careful and aware. Be safe.....ALWAYS!

~Stan.....





It is going to be a Psychedelic Christmas!

Tickets go on sale at our September 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 1960s and '70s. Dressing the part is definitely 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!

NCHOG IS HOSTING ANOTHER BBQ at Sound Harley on September 12th! Come and try our “Margaritaville Smash Burgers” and enjoy the music of the late, great Jimmy Buffett!
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Keating Picnic Third Saturday Ri
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 NCHO ANNUAL
27 Oyster Run	28	29 • 5pm Officers M	30	Oct 1	2	3

NCHO
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REMEMBER TO WATCH FACEBOOK AND JERRY'S WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES FOR POP UP EVENTS!

Obviously Fall has arrived (a little early), but as we all know, September is known for some stellar blue sky days! Mid-week rides, blue sky rides, lunch runs, or early breakfast gatherings. You never know! Maybe even one of Berns famous ice-cream or pie runs!

THESE EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON FACEBOOK, THE NCHO CALENDAR AND EITHER John G or Jerry will send out an email to notify everyone. Come as you are and enjoy the last of our beautiful days!



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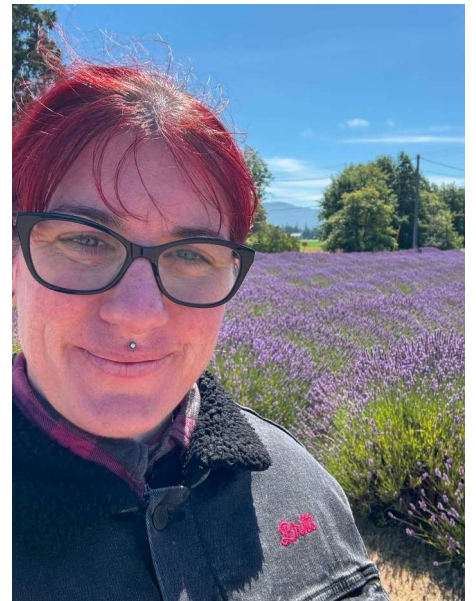


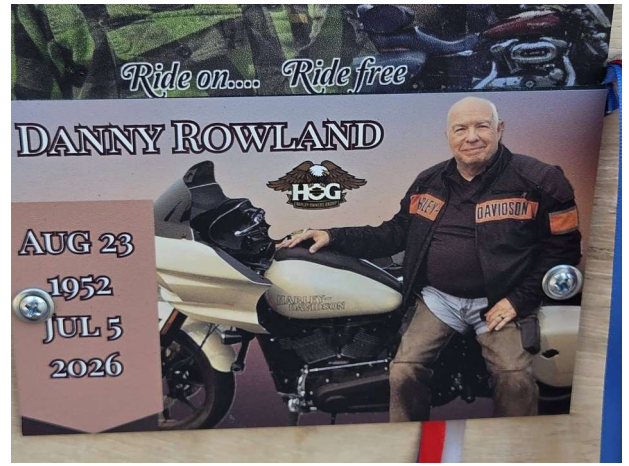
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