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Who is this & when?



This year our centerpiece will be of a landmark, a vintage, or custom motorcycle, or a member's first Harley if you send me the pictures. You guess right you'll be in the drawing for a gift card.



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I know that everyone has important stuff going on outside the chapter and that includes our officers. The worst that I've had to do is put a "no submission" on an officer. I'm putting a questionnaire of 11 questions to the officers to answer all at once so that ya'll will have more reading material and you might get to know them a little better. This month's question : Should a salesperson or dealership be held responsible for selling a novice rider a high HP bike?

CCT Calendar of Events for 2023

March 26	Meow Wolf Art Tour
April	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
April 2	First of the Season Ride
April 15	Tax Day Scavenger Hunt
April 30	Visit 3.5 States Ride
May	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
May 6	Chicano Pride Ride @ Sun
May 20/21	Overnighter to Amarillo for Steak
May 21	On Bike Games/Practice
June	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
June 11	Matt's Canyon Ride
June 25	S and S Ride
July	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
July 1	Christmas in July Potluck/Gift Exchange
July 29/30	Overnighter to Saratoga, WY Hot Spgs
August	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
Aug 19	Pool Party & BBQ
Aug 27	Flatlander Ride to Cheyenne/Sanford's
Sept	Freewheeling Wednesdays all month
Sept 1-3	Angel Fire/Eagle Nest, NM Vet Bricks
Sept 9/10	LOH Overnighter to Cimmaron, NM
Sept 16	Men's Day Out (while ladies are away)
Oct 7	Game Day at VFW
Oct 28	Halloween Party
Nov 4	Progressive Lunch/Dinner Ride
Nov 18	Comedy Club Outing
Dec 9	Santa Shoot & Snack-N-Wrap @ Sun
Dec 16	Gift Exchange & Potluck at VFW

OFFICERS UPDATES, RAMBLINGS, & WORDS OF WISDOM



Director

Larry Faut

Should a salesperson or dealership be held responsible for selling a novice rider a high HP bike?

I don't see how you can. Is a car dealership responsible for selling someone a high performance car when they should not be driving?

Every year I always find myself thinking, "Are there any roads we haven't ridden?" Here are eight roads that most of you might not have ridden.

1. Santa Fe Trail Scenic and Historic Byway

Distance: 184 miles (one way)

Route: Trinidad to Lamar

Travel time: 4 hours

At certain points along this historic route, you can still see the wagon ruts of the pioneers and traders who traveled hundreds of miles across the west in the 1800s. The Santa Fe Trail is almost completely straight, making it a relatively easy drive. Though a longer drive, this route will take you through some of Colorado's treasures like Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site and the Comanche National Grassland.

2. San Juan Skyway Scenic and Historic Byway

Distance: 236 miles (loop)

Route: Cortez, Telluride, Placerville, Ridgway, Ouray, Silverton, and Durango

Travel time: 6 hours

The San Juan Skyway covers several mountain passes, each of which rise more than 11,000 feet above sea level. On this route, you can ride what's known as the "Million Dollar Highway" which runs from Ouray to Silverton. The sights of some of the highest mountains in the United States—Mount Wilson, Mount Eolus, Mount Sneffels—boast their grandeur from roadside vistas. *Travel + Leisure* named the San Juan Skyway one of "America's Best Spring Drives" in 2012, but these views are stunning at any time of year.

3. Unaweep Tabeguache Scenic and Historic Byway

Distance: 133 miles (one way)

Route: Whitewater to Placerville

Travel time: 3 hours Over the years, the Dolores and San Miguel rivers slowly ate away at the soft red sandstone to create the flattop canyon you'll be riding through known as Unaweep Tabeguache. Precambrian dinosaur and amphibian fossils have even been found within the sandstone walls surrounding the road. Be on the lookout for desert bighorn sheep that like to hang out on the rocky ledges and grassy knolls along the first few miles of the byway.

4. Frontier Pathways Scenic and Historic Byway

Distance: 103 miles (one way)

Route: Pueblo to Westcliffe to Colorado City

Travel time: 3.5 hours

The journey through the Frontier Pathways Scenic and Historic Byway takes you from the town of Pueblo and through the San Isabel National Forest. The foothills to the Rockies were once used by Ute Indians, Spanish and American explorers, fur traders, ranchers, prospectors, and now visitors who still seek stunning mountain views and prairie buttes.

5. Pawnee Pioneer Trails Scenic and Historic Byway

Distance: 128 miles (one way)

Route: Sterling to Fort Morgan to Ault

Travel time: 3 hours

The ride along the Pawnee Pioneer Trails is largely flat and open, dominated by the Pawnee National Grassland. You may see the fastest land mammal in North America on your trip, the pronghorn antelope, along with coyotes, prairie dogs, and hundreds of bird species.

6. Top of the Rockies Scenic and Historic Byway

Distance: 75 miles (one way)

Route: Twin Lakes to Minturn and the junction of Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 91

Travel time: 2 hours

The Top of the Rockies Byway crosses the Continental Divide twice and follows the Arkansas River. Millions of dollars worth of metal was once extracted from the mountains in this area in the 1800s, with Leadville being the silver queen of the Rockies. It is the highest incorporated city in the United States—at an elevation of 10,200 feet, it's still dwarfed by the two tallest peaks in Colorado, Mount Massive (14,421 feet) and Mount Elbert (14,440 feet).

7. Independence Pass

Distance: 80 miles (one way)

Route: Highway 82 southeast from Glenwood Springs to Twin Lakes

Travel time: 2 hours

This route is only open from Memorial Day to Labor Day due to the high altitude and road conditions. The ski towns of Aspen and Snowmass can be accessed along this stretch of highway, as can the famous Glenwood Springs, known for the largest improved hot springs in the world. Look for lush valleys, evergreen and aspen trees, and jagged mountains.

8. Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and Historic Byway

Distance: 129 miles (one way)

Route: New Mexico border to Alamosa

Travel time: 3 hours

Los Caminos Antiguos incorporates many of Colorado's historic sites. Conejos, one of the first towns you'll drive through, is home to the oldest Catholic parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Continuing along, you'll reach San Luis, Colorado's oldest surviving community. Roughly 15 miles from San Luis is Fort Garland, home to Colorado's oldest military post and once commanded by Kit Carson in the Civil War.





Assistant Director
Bob Frank

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No, *laissez-faire* (buyer beware)

The first CCT BBQ at Sun Dealership
scheduled for March 25th (Harley Days)
Come on out and Volunteer,
satisfy your inner chef



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Treasurer
Laura Frank

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No, people are adults. Adult decisions have adult consequences

Happy St. Patty's Day (tomorrow)!
Not too much to report this month. Lots of fun events coming up. Finances are good, but if you ever have questions about Chapter finances, just let me know.
Joke of the day: What do you call a leprechaun's vacation home?

A lepre-condo.

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Sure they are responsible but it's also their responsibility to give them all of the information regarding ability/knowledge/levels of expertise in order the customer can make an informed decision. Pat

No. I believe that the buyer has the personal responsibility to know their limits. Brenda

Carl's Safety Zone

Should a salesperson or dealership be held responsible for selling a novice rider a high HP bike?

Let the buyer beware! The novice should do the homework and research the bike. The dealership has the responsibility to inform the novice of the inherent dangers and needed skill set to ride a HP bike. It is the ultimate decision of the novice .

General Guidelines For Riding A Motorcycle Safely

Be visible:

Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles.

Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.

Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.

Avoid riding in the blind spots of cars and trucks.

If possible, flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.

Have an escape route in case a motorist doesn't see you and violates your right-of-way.

Dress for safety:

Wear a quality helmet and eye protection. A full-face helmet provides the best protection.

Wear leather or other sturdy, protective clothing (jacket and pants); over-the-ankle boots; and gloves.

Bright clothing and a light-colored helmet increase the chances of being seen.

Dress for a crash as well as for the ride.

Apply effective mental strategies:

Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use the Search-Evaluate-Execute strategy (SEE) to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.

Give yourself space and time as you search for traps and escape paths.

Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.

Use lane positioning to see and be seen.

Search for vehicles that may turn across your path, especially at intersections.

Use your turn signals for all turns and lane changes.

Ride as if you're invisible.

Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Know and follow the rules of the road.

Know your bike and how to use it:

Study your motorcycle's owner's manual and make a habit of doing a pre-ride check.

Develop your riding techniques before venturing into traffic, especially emergency braking and swerving maneuvers. Practice often to keep your skills sharp.

Corner within your skill limits. Aggressive cornering is a major cause of crashes.

Know how to handle your bike in adverse conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.



Secretary

Michelle Herdt

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“Buyer beware” kind of comes to mind here, most reasonable people would know if they could handle the HP; but I can see where this oversell might happen. I would hope sales people would be a little more thoughtful of this but we all know how that goes, a buck is a buck! I’m sure a ‘smart’ lawyer could come up with a case for this.

Happy St Patrick’s Month CCT!

Yes, spring is coming, I can feel it....Geez these winds!? But it means warmer weather ahead.

I read a couple of techniques for riding in windy weather, found them on a dealer site, hope you get a kick of them. Most are common sense, it never hurts to refresh ourselves each year.

“To ride your motorcycle in a headwind, you should minimize the area that the wind has to push against, which you can do by following these tips: Ride low behind the windshield is best. Keep your legs and arms close to your body or the bike. Maintain your speed as a headwind will slow you down.”

Riding Techniques for Windy Conditions per Peterson’s HD in Florida:

Whenever you ride a motorcycle, there's going to be wind as you're driving in the open, but when external windy conditions come into play, you need to take extra precautions. You should follow these motorcycle safety tips regardless of the weather, but in windy conditions, they'll help keep you safe:

Secure loose items: From clothing to saddlebags, anything loose on your motorcycle can become a risk to catch in the wind. That'll create drag and more surface area for the wind to catch, and the wind will have more of an effect on you. Make sure everything is secured tight and won't flap in the wind, whether it's external or from driving.

Leave the bags behind: While baggage is useful, it isn't always helpful in the wind. Saddlebags, backpacks and other items create more surface area for the wind to push against, meaning your bike may move around more in the wind. If you must bring these items, remember to secure them or use small baggage.

Wear the right gear: You should always wear protective eye gear when you ride, whether it's windy or not, to maintain visibility. Make sure your eye protection fits well and is secured to or around your head. For extra safety during windy conditions, wear a full-face helmet, and don't forget to wear the appropriate clothes to combat wind chill.

Give yourself a break: Battling windy conditions can lead to fatigue much quicker than riding in normal conditions. Driving in the wind puts a strain on your body as you control your bike and your mind as you determine how to ride. Take a break if you feel sore or tired.

Know your abilities: If you're new to riding or don't have much experience operating your motorcycle in the wind, try not to go out in extreme conditions. Read up on how to be safe and take any motorcycle classes that will help teach you the safest way to ride.

Adjust your mirrors: Certain wind conditions may move your mirrors. Even if the wind doesn't reposition them, if you need to shift in your seat, your mirrors won't be in the right spot. Adjust them if you need to and always be aware of your surroundings, especially when it's windy.

Focus around wind blocks: Tractor trailers, other large vehicles and corridors through buildings and trees will momentarily block the wind. While that may be a relief, you need to prepare for when you ride past or out of the wind block and encounter windy conditions again. Stay calm and focus through these areas.



Membership



Kristi Fisher



Stephanie Geisler



Brenda Hitchcock Lena Wilmer

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I think the new rider should be responsible for choosing the right bike for them and not be sold on a bike that's not right for them. Stephanie

I would hope not.

Lena



Webmaster

Brandy Burzynski



Should a salesperson or dealership be held responsible for selling a novice rider a high HP bike? ?

Road Captains Rodney Fish Chris Michaels



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Tough question. Sales People should know their clientele's experience on what they are trying to purchase, I do not think they should be held responsible though. Chris



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They do and will sale you one (Seri' "says... no motorcycle license is necessary to purchase one") So... but they do sale you safety gear 1st and all the bells and whistles too,,, they should although I think,,, ethically maybe recommend a class, or have a informational material about classes. Felicia

Barbaloo's Inspiration

Today's accomplishments were yesterday's impossibilities.

Why do leprechauns hate running? They'd rather jig than jog.

Have a great month!

HOG Officer Connection

As you read this, most of the H.O.G. team is enjoying the sunshine and warm weather down here in Florida. Bike Week is always a fun way to kickstart the riding season and a great opportunity to visit with many hundreds of H.O.G. members who make the annual pilgrimage to Daytona Beach. We also had a great group of folks join us on the Run the Gulf, the first H.O.G. Touring Rally of 2023, which started in Louisiana and landed here in Daytona just in time for the opening weekend.

Between our expanded schedule of 21 Regional Officer Connection training sessions, Bike Week and the beginning of rally season, we've been running non-stop since January, and we're barely warmed up. The H.O.G. calendar is packed from now until October, with a highlight coming in July for Harley-Davidson's 120th Anniversary and the 40th Anniversary of H.O.G. We recently announced the Foo Fighters and Green Day as headliners for the Harley-Davidson Homecoming July 13-16, and there's a lot more planned for the big event. You won't want to miss it. Check out the full schedule at [H-D.com](https://www.harley-davidson.com).

For many H.O.G. members, a trip to Milwaukee this July will be a true homecoming and a return to the site of many great memories of past anniversaries. But for many more, the visit will be a first-time pilgrimage to the place where it all began back in 1903.

Whether as riders or officers, we all start our journey somewhere different and take our own path to the destination. I was reminded of this recently during one of our ROC sessions as I observed the large number of attendees participating in H.O.G. training for the first time. It's exciting to witness the "lightbulb" moments that occur for folks when a new idea or observation clicks into place. It's also a lesson that no matter how much experience we have, we can always learn something new. There's a great hunger to learn and share and that makes ROC a great experience. If you haven't experienced a session yourself, I encourage you to try to attend in the future.

As H.O.G. members, we are caretakers of a flame and part of a long and proud tradition of riders. Times and faces change, but the passion never wanes. As always, thanks for everything you do to make the Harley Owners Group the biggest and best riding club in the world.



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Announcing the 2022 Ride 365 Winners!

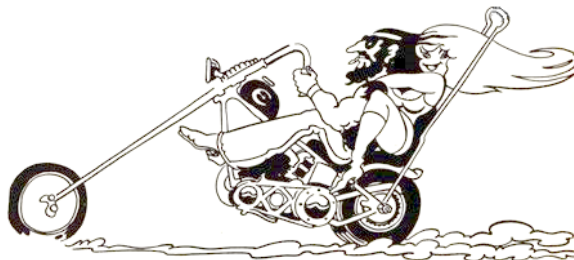
The ballots are in and H.O.G. is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Ride 365 Chapter Challenges. St. Charles Missouri Chapter won the Total Miles Challenge with nearly 1.7 million miles ridden. Boneyard Chapter Winterville NC won the Average Miles Challenge with 12,563 miles ridden per member. Both overall winners, along with the top chapter in each US Regional Sales Market, will receive a Ride 365 Chapter Recognition Event hosted by their H.O.G. Regional Manager and a commemorative plaque. Congratulations to all the members and Chapters who participated in the 2022 challenges, and good luck in 2023. For full details about the 2023 Ride 365 Challenges, visit the program page.

Total Miles Challenge

National Winner:	Region	Miles
ST. CHARLES MISSOURI CHAPTER	Plains	1,696,763
Regional Market Winners:		
CAJUN CHAPTER LAFAYETTE LA	Southeast	1,581,394
ORANGE COAST CHAPTER ORANGE COUNTY CA	West	1,145,412
WORCHESTER MASS CHAPTER	Northeast	891,362
THE WOODLANDS TEXAS CHAPTER	Southwest	857,047
ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER HUGHESVILLE MD	Mid-Atlantic	639,077

Average Miles Challenge

National Winner:	Region	Miles
BONEYARD CHAPTER WINTERVILLE NC	Mid-Atlantic	12,563
Regional Market Winners:		
BRANDYWINE CHAPTER CHADDS FORD PA	Northeast	12,385
SPIDER CITY USA CHAPTER PORT CHARLOTTE FL	Southeast	10,758
MAGIC VALLEY CHAPTER TWIN FALLS IDAHO	West	9,526
DES MOINES IOWA CHAPTER	Plains	8,355
PIKES PEAK CHAPTER	Southwest	8,034



2023 H.O.G. Touring Rallies

- Spring Heat in AZ H.O.G. Touring Rally, March 25-28, Fresno, CA to Apache Junction, AZ
- Mighty Big Bend H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 1-5, El Paso to Lajitas, TX
- Natchez Trace & More H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 9-14, Indianapolis, IN to Slidell, LA
- The Ozark Highlands H.O.G. Touring Rally, June 17-21, Texarkana, AR to Columbia, MO
- Ring of Fire H.O.G. Touring Rally, August 29-September 2, Tacoma, WA to Chico, CA
- 9 Passes H.O.G. Touring Rally, September 5-9, Chico to Lancaster, CA

2023 Regional H.O.G. Rallies

- Bossier City Breakout H.O.G. Rally, April 21-23, Bossier City, LA
- Mid-America H.O.G. Rally, June 22-24, St. Charles, MO
- “N” the Burg H.O.G. Rally, July 26-29, Fredericksburg, VA
- H-D Homecoming/Harley-Davidson 120th Anniversary & H.O.G. 40th Anniversary, July 13-16, Milwaukee, WI
- Battle Cry of Freedom H.O.G. Rally, August 16-19, Gettysburg, PA
- Bikes, Beaches & Bridges H.O.G. Rally, October 4-7, Clearwater, FL

H.O.G. Officer Spotlight: Treasurer

One of the four primary officer roles, the Chapter Treasurer is responsible for collecting and disbursing chapter funds, reporting financial transactions to the sponsoring Dealer/ H.O.G. Manager on a monthly basis and compliance with all revenue recording and reporting requirements. In short, the treasurer handles the chapter's money. Additional responsibilities include:

Assisting the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the H.O.G. Chapter Charter

- Collecting chapter dues
- Overseeing the preparation of the chapter's federal, state and local tax returns as needed
- Ensuring that any charitable contributions are managed according to H.O.G. guidelines

Although it's not the sole responsibility of the treasurer to set dues, remember that the maximum amount that can be charged per year is \$36 per member. However, before deciding to charge any dues, ask yourself “What are we going to use the funds for, and how are we turning the funds back to our chapter members?” Some chapters forego charging dues to every member in lieu of using entry fees, so members only pay for the events they participate in. Whatever your decision, include your sponsoring dealer in the conversation.

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Nullum Relinquam Post Virum

Absolutely! Let's face it a novice rider will not be able to handle the power to weight ratio, and learning should not be done in traffic

Happy March,

Every month recognizes a group of people or something that is very profound in our existence and March is Women's History Month. I know I don't normally don't write about any of the different groups with the exception of Women's History. And I know I've had corny remarks like, would have been a short history without em'. This year the National Women's Alliance is encouraging the recognition of past, and present with the theme "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories". Whether it be in print or film the ladies have proven that they can be just as twisted if not more than their knuckle dragging counterparts.

Changing lanes, as I put the article in from our RD, the post of the winners for 2022 Ride 365 Chapter Challenge struck me in a very odd way. First off, congrats to any chapter that can accumulate over a million miles in a year. Then the category of individual average miles and at the bottom was a Colorado chapter that averaged 8,034 per. When the new officers started in January the common thread was that our Chapter used to be know as the ridingest chapter in the state and will try our best to get back to that. Back when the top rider in the chapter got a set of tires. I think my personal best was 18,000 and I wasn't even in the top 10. The winner that year was over 32,000 miles. At the end of that season there was a whole bunch of us the needed new tires. Keep in mind that all those miles were not put on chapter rides but a bunch of them were. I'm not throwing stones at all, last year I didn't ride enough to warrant an oil change. That has got to change this year, and I first need to get out by myself a little to get back the old riding butt. We can get back to claiming 'The Ridingest Chapter in the State'. Oh yeah, by the way, the women in our Chapter were smoking that 12,000 miles that won the individual average, and being true to this year's theme ask one of the ladies that's a long time member about those years and they will be able to tell their stories.

Keep dem kneez in da breez

If you have a poem, story, or something that just reaches out and grabs you on a primal level and you would like to share it send it to me.

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Laissez les bons temps rouler

The Editor

