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CCT Calendar of Events for 2022

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OFFICERS UPDATES, RAMBLINGS, & WORDS OF WISDOM



Director

Deanna Thompson

Hello HOGS!!!

I can't believe this is the last newsletter for 2022. And my last newsletter as your director. Thank you to all the officers that have donated their time to make my job easier. We have had some amazing events this year and I appreciate all of you attending what you could. Change is a good thing, and I know you will all support your new Director. Larry will do a great job!!! I am not going anywhere, just stepping down for a while. It has been an honor and a privilege! See you on the road.



Treasurer

Laura Frank

Merry Christmas CCT!

Thanks for all your help at the Santa Shoot/Snack-N-Wrap! Couldn't do it without all of you! The Gift Exchange is coming up on December 17th, from 11 am to 2 pm at the VFW--it is a potluck. The Chapter provides ham and turkey and we bring all the other yumminess to share (sides and desserts). If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift, valued at about \$35 (something you'd like to get, not a white elephant). This is one of our best events of the year, so you don't want to miss it! Thanks to all the members who stepped up to be officers for 2023 and a HUGE thanks to Deanna for leading us so fearlessly for all these years! If you ever have questions about Chapter finances, just let me know.

Joke of the day: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite.

Happy New Year to you all!

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Merry Christmas



Assistant Director

Bob Frank

Food for thought.

This is the end of 22 and the start of 23.

Lots of changes in 2022, new models, off road / touring models, spin off of the Electric division. Supply chain shortages, consolidation / elimination of Rally's, dealer closures, elimination of the Sportster line up.....to name just a few.

However, the customer base remains pretty much the same and our traditional Harley is / has gone / going the way of the dinosaurs.

With that in mind I saw the following article regarding 'The future of Motorcycling'.

Segway (Yes, Segway) Is Making a Hybrid Motorcycle Worthy of All Your 'Tron' Fantasies. For proof that Segway is no longer the company it once was, you need look no further than its newest two-wheeled vehicle.

The brand, which is now owned by Chinese robotics startup Ninebot, has just unveiled the Apex H2 motorcycle concept. Powered by a hybrid hydrogen-electric powertrain, the bike will be capable of reaching a top speed of 93 mph, which would immediately one make the fastest Segways of all time. The Apex H2 is the follow up to the brand's 2019 electric super motorcycle concept, the Apex. Like that prototype, it sports a head-turning cyberpunk-inspired design that wouldn't be out of place in a *Tron* sequel. The glossy black and white bike is all bold shapes, sharp angles and an outlandish one-sided front fork. The most striking aspect of the design, though, are the neon-lit accents that draw your attention to its wheels and sleek motor bay. The engine setup holds its own, too. The Apex H2 will feature a hybrid powertrain that will convert gaseous hydrogen into electrical energy via a special fuel cell, reports New Atlas. Ninebot says the hydrogen-electric setup will be able to generate over 80 horsepower and rocket the bike from zero to 60 mph in less than four seconds.

Considering that the original Segway—yes, the infamous two-wheel personal transporter favored by mall cops—topped out at 10 mph, that's pretty impressive, even if it is slower than the Apex concept's quoted top speed of 124 mph. Of course, there's one key difference between the two bikes: The Apex H2 will be one of the rare concept vehicles you'll be able to buy.

Ninebot says the bike will go into production in 2023, with deliveries expected to begin that same year. When the H2 does finally go on sale, the bike will join a varied Segway lineup that includes a *Wall-E*-esque motorized chair on wheels and a high-performance, Lamborghini-approved go-kart that can go 25 mph. You do you, Segway.

If we can't figure out how to grow HOG membership and dealership sales the above may be our future.

Bob

Assistant Director



Segway Apex H2



Harley Davidson Livewire



Secretary

Dawn Huth

Hey CCT,
I want to take a moment to say thank you
for letting me act as the Chapter Secretary
for the past 2 years. Also for excusing me
when I needed to send out “correction”
emails when details weren’t exactly
right! Mistakes made but lessons
learned!

Thanks,

Dawn



Membership



Rodney Fish



Kristi Fisher



Michelle Herdt



Pat Legge

Merry Christmas CCT!

Christmas is fast-approaching, and it won’t be
long before the turkey is roasting in the oven
and presents are being opened on Christmas
Day. The perfect time to express my gratitude
to our club members for all your support and
participation this year. This club would not be
as much fun without you all. Thank you!
Now if the weather permits & you find the
opportunity this busy time of year, break out
your motorcycle and enjoy the crisp weather,
short rides this time of year can be allot of fun;
reminds us all why we ride.

Including a website for some ideas.

Happy holidays to you all and I look forward to
a great new riding year in 2023.

Chelle

<https://www.uncovercolorado.com/winter-motorcycle-rides-denver/>



Feliz Navidad

Safety Zone



Twas the Night Before Christmas (Biker Version)

**Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the Garage,
Not a creature was stirring – not even the Dodge.
Spare tires were hung by the toolbox with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas would fill them with air.**

**A trip we were planning, in the morning come dawn,
A quick breakfast and coffee, and then we'd be gone.
To visit some friends, some far and some near,
To share the joy of Christmas and perhaps down a beer.**

**When out in the driveway, there came such a noise,
At first I thought "it must be the boys".
But I could not mistake that Harley Thunder,
"What else could it be? "Some HOG folks" I wondered?**

**I stumbled forward and into the night,
And was immediately blinded by all the bright light.**

**"Turn off those lights!" I yelled into the dark,
"Shut down those motors and find someplace to park."**

**When my vision returned, and I squinted my eyes,
I could make out a shadow three times my size!
"Come out of the shadows," I did implore,
"Come have a beer," and we went through the door.**

**He was a huge man, with arms like Popeye
Covered with tattoos, and a gleam in his eye.
He was covered in leather, but it was Red and not Black!**

And I couldn't help but notice the large bag on his back.

**Red chaps and red boots, red leather coat too,
Red gloves and red scarf, and even his 'doo!
His beard was heavy and thick; as were his lashes,
And his outfit was topped with a vest full of patches.**

**His face was ruddy, sun-caked and hard baked,
And I knew in an instant; This guy's was no fake!
I've known many tough men, but this man was bolder,
His mileage patch stretched from shoulder to shoulder!**

**He burped and he grunted, lifted his left leg and then farted,
And right after that, the rope on his bag slipped open and parted.**

**I was somewhat amazed and awed at the sight,
Of packages flying from the bag through the night.**

**Tools flew to the toolbox,
A sound system appeared,
A new windshield for the Harley,
As he shouted, "MORE BEER"!**

When he was finished, he Shouted "To all Good Cheer"!

As he turned to leave, he downed one more beer.

**He went out to the drive and into the night,
As I followed him out, I turned on the light.**

**His steeds, they were metal, all shiny and bright,
And I stared at them all on that cold, fateful night.**

**He started his steeds, each one by one,
I could tell in an instant, this was his fun!**

**He reached the lead steed, and turned on the key,
In the light that there was, I could faintly see.**

**He pulled out the choke; swung a leg over the saddle,
Jumped up in the air, and came down – HARD –**

on the pedal.

It sputtered and coughed, then died in the night.

I heard him mutter "Something's not right!"

He tried again, hollering "Come on my sweet Betty!"

Then he let out a loud yell – It's time to go now I'm ready!

**He turned to me and with all he could muster,
Seems I've a small problem, can you help me out buster?"**

**I stood a much taller, as I replied, "Yes I can"!
And I could see very plainly, he was eyeing my "Pan"**

We swapped them out quickly, he was soon on his way,

**And as he rode off, I could heard him say,
"On Avon, on Metzler, on Dunlop and Goodyear",**

"Next stop is The Sorry Gulch, to restock their beer"!

**As the full moon rose and lit up the scene,
He did the most awesome wheelie I've ever seen!**

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Good Cheer!"

"Why not?" I thought; "He drank all of my beer!"

HOG Officer Connection

As we head into the holiday season and prepare to celebrate the end of the 2022 riding season and the beginning of a new one, I'm reflecting on what we here at the Harley Owners Group are thankful for. First and foremost, I wish you and yours a relaxing and joyous time during the upcoming holidays. I'm also thinking back to all the great times I spent on the road, at rallies, and on chapter visits this year. These are the experiences I cherish. I hope that you have equally fond memories of good times spent with fellow members and riders as you look back at what you have accomplished this year.

Looking ahead to the celebration of H.O.G.'s 40th Anniversary in 2023, it's also a time to reflect upon all the incredible stories, experiences and memories we have created together for millions of riders all over the world since 1983. We truly could not have done it without the efforts and devotion of dedicated volunteers like you and our dealership partners who go above and beyond in service of our members. H.O.G. is all about having fun riding together and officers like you make it happen every day. On behalf of H.O.G. and Harley-Davidson, I am grateful for the time and effort you put into making H.O.G. the biggest and best riding club in the world.

Ride safe, enjoy the holidays, and I hope to see you in the new year.



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New Perks for Ride 365 Participants

The Harley Owners Group is turning 40 next year and in recognition of that milestone, we're adding some new perks for members who participate in Ride 365 challenges and other H.O.G. programs. Based on member feedback, we've also enhanced some existing programs to increase the incentive to participate or make it easier for members to earn rewards and recognition for the miles they ride and experiences they achieve. Here are a few highlights:

- **Dealership Check-In Challenge** participants will now be rewarded for more achievement levels along their journey, with awards received for 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 or more check-ins. Here are the new reward levels:
- **10-24 points:** Ride 365 Dealership Check-In Challenge pin and patch
- **25-49 points:** Commemorative H.O.G. 40th Anniversary banner
- **50-74 points:** \$50 Norscot gift certificate for exclusive H.O.G. merchandise and H.O.G. Eagle wall medallion
- **75-99 points:** \$75 Norscot gift certificate
- **100 points or more:** \$100 Norscot gift certificate
- **First Place overall winner:** \$2,000 Harley-Davidson® Gift Card, 1st Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum®
- **Second Place overall:** \$1,500 Harley-Davidson Gift Card, 2nd Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum
- **Third Place overall:** \$1000 Harley-Davidson Gift Card, 3rd Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum
- **For each prize level range,** participants receive all prizes listed for that level in addition to all prizes for previous levels achieved
- **10 for '23 Challenge** participants will receive a unique challenge coin for each location visited in addition to a poker chip

Happy Holidays All,

I hope all your holiday plans are coming together. Sometimes having all the family in one place might be a little stressful but just look at it as another adventure. You know, like swimming with sharks. Just kidding... use a cage! The big '22' is winding down, so we get to look forward to a new year. After the gift exchange on Saturday we're having a meeting of the minds to put together a ride card for 2023, if you've got any suggestions or 'off the wall' ideas and you're not going to the VFW give them to an officer, we're always game for something new. We're trying to blow the dust off after the pandemic, now I realize the damn thing is still hanging out but let's keep a positive attitude and do some really cool stuff. We have some things that we've done in the past that are worth revisiting, and maybe we could start annual happenings. If it seems I'm getting ahead of myself here and this should be in January we figured it would be nice to start the new year by giving everyone a new and improved ride card at the first meeting of the year. If anyone is interested, "The Ride Home" to Milwaukee for Harley's 120th and HOG's 40th anniversaries is July 13th-16th. Maybe we can get a group put together to make the sojourn out there. The last large menagerie we had from our illustrious Chapter was in '08' for the 105th. Don't know who they'll have for entertainment but in 2008 they had Springsteen... unlike the meatheads who put together the 100th with Elton John. Just a reminder, these holidays come along with cold weather so riding may have to be put off for a little bit so tis the season for fuel stabilizer. I only mention this as a mental nudge to myself cuz I'm probably the worse one in the group for remembering to put it in. I also put new batteries all around and did not attach the old tender hook ups, they're getting a little old and in need of an upgrade which means I'll to go out to garage fire the babys up on a regular basis. Maybe for Christmas a brand new, new tender set up. I do have to admit that I miss little ones running around on Christmas morning, the light in their eyes opening gifts, I might even go out on a limb and say I miss the noise. I think all families get together and try to find the noisiest toys on the market. Especially grandparents. Now a days we enjoy peace and quiet with only sound being the tearing of paper. With that being said we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

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

