

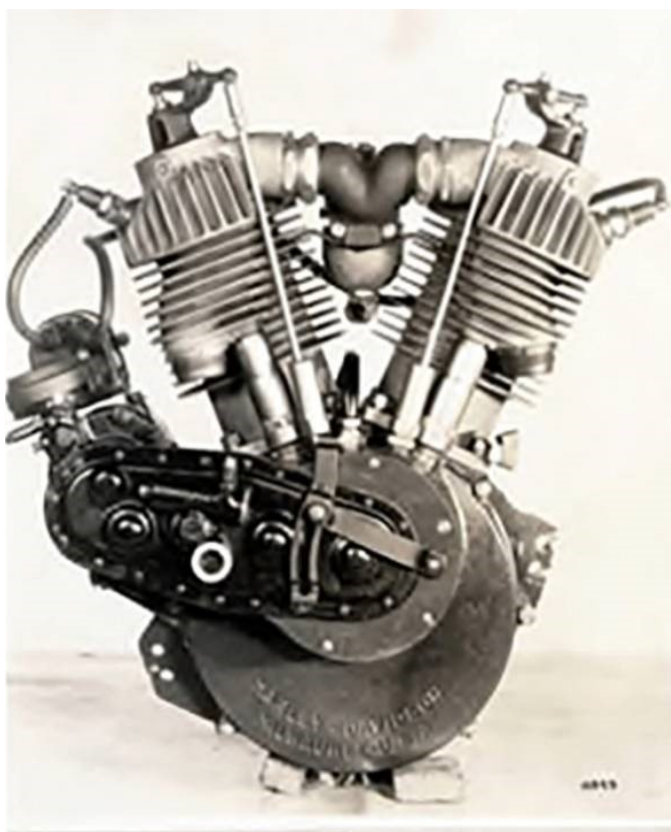


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## What is it?



## Name & Year

**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.**



## CHAPTER OFFICERS

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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 : *What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?***

## CCT Calendar of Events for 2023

### 2023 Regional HOG Rallies

- April 21-23 Bossier City Breakout HOG Rally  
Bossier City, LA
- June 22-24 Mid-America HOG Rally,  
St. Charles, MO
- July 13-15 H-D Homecoming Harley-Davidson  
120th Anniversary & HOG 40th  
Anniversary, Milwaukee, WI
- July 26-29 "N" the Burg HOG Rally,  
Fredericksburg, VA
- August 16-19 Battle Cry of Freedom HOG Rally,  
Gettysburg, PA
- October 4-7 Bikes, Beaches & Bridges HOG  
Rally, Clearwater, FL

### 2023 H.O.G. Touring Rallies

- February 27– March 2  
Run the Gulf HOG Touring Rally,  
New Orleans, LA to Gainesville, FL
- March 25-28 Spring Heat in AZ HOG Touring  
Rally, Fresno, CA to  
Apache Junction, AZ
- May 1-5 Mighty Big Bend HOG Touring  
Rally, El Paso to Lajitas, TX
- May 9-14 Natchez Trace & More HOG Touring  
Rally, Indianapolis, IN to Slidell, LA
- June 17-21 The Ozark Highlands HOG Touring  
Rally, Texarkana, AR to  
Columbia, MO
- August 29– September 2  
Ring of Fire HOG Touring Rally,  
Tacoma, WA to Chico, CA
- September 5-9  
9 Passes HOG Touring Rally,  
Chico to Lancaster, CA

## OFFICERS UPDATES, RAMBLINGS, & WORDS OF WISDOM



**Director**  
**Larry Faut**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

A Harley coloring book

### 2023 A NEW YEAR

It's another new year, 2023. With the holidays behind us, the stock show starting up and the Colorado Motorcycle Show and Swap shortly thereafter, I find myself thinking about spring. Isn't it the spring when we think about new beginnings, new growth and find ourselves excited to get outside. Throughout the year in 2022, I had the opportunity to speak with a few members about what they felt CCT was lacking. The common denominator in our conversations was, we don't ride as much anymore. COVID helped take us from a club that likes to ride to a club that will do a ride here and there. The year is 2023, looking at my calendar that should put us around two years since COVID was in it's prime. It is time for CCT to get back to what we were doing before 2019 and 2020. As the new director I would like to bring back those rides. A new ride card has been put together with input from current members and the new officers of rides and events for the year. There is plenty of space for impromptu rides and events that you may think of. Communication is everything in a club. It's with this in mind that I would like to ask our membership to think about rides you really liked or would like to do and bring them up to one of your officers or at a club meeting. Please don't be shy about speaking out. This club is our club, not mine or any one individual. Take advantage of our relationship with Sun. All CCT members have a discount on parts and accessories through Sun. Sun is going to be running specials for club members only on service work throughout the year. We all know how backed up service lead times can get during high time. The advantage of being a CCT member, if you need your bike sped up a bit or are having some problems, see Ron or Mark directly, "YOU WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF." I am excited about being the new director.

I can't wait to get my bike back out on the road. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on a ride or at an event.



**Assistant Director**  
**Bob Frank**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

Motorcycle Adventurer  
by: Dr Gregory W. Frazier



So...here we are, first newsletter of 2023. No real words of wisdom. However, I do want to thank acknowledge our departing officers and members who made the club all it was in 2022. I also want to thank all of the members who have stepped up to take the reins or those who are going to continue to hold them for 2023. Think about why you're a member of CCT.

What do you want to get out of your membership?

What are you willing to put into it?

Where do you want to ride to?

Do you have a 'Bucket List' ride / destination?

Want to do another member mileage contest?

JOKE –

What browser does a motorcyclist use?

Chrome





**Treasurer**  
**Laura Frank**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

Don't have one.

Hey HOGs!

Our annual O'Hell Party is coming up on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Summit in Thornton from 6-11 pm.

We'll enjoy a buffet dinner, do some bowling, maybe play some games (left, right, center?) and generally have a great time. Door prizes and 50/50 will be on the agenda too.

If you'd like to go (and so we'll have an accurate count for food), **YOU MUST RSVP** with me on or **BEFORE** January 10<sup>th</sup> (if you have not already done so). You will only be able to participate, if you have RSVP'd. Please only RSVP if you're sure you'll be joining us, as we'll have to pay for everyone we tell them is coming. We must have the count into the restaurant 10 days before the event to make sure they have enough food.

If you were a member as of the October meeting, your ticket is free. If not the cost is \$60/person (what we're paying per person). Please send me an email, if you can join us, and I will add you to the attendee list.

Thanks everyone!!

Laura Frank, Treasurer

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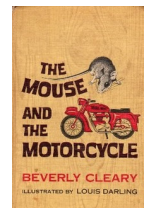
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**Secretary**  
**Michelle Herdt**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

From waay younger years, "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" by Beverly Cleary. Series of 3 books, cute and a moral in the end



Happy New Year CCT members!

Let's get this new year started. As your new secretary I hope to keep you all informed as to what events we have going on, IF you are not getting emails please stop by and let me know. Stay safe out there and enjoy the ride!

Michelle

"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass it's about learning how to ride in the rain!"- Anonymous

**ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!!**

**SUNDAY March 12th @ 1:00 PM**

**"Murder at an Irish Wake" at the**

**ADAM'S MYSTERY PLAYHOUSE**

**2406 Federal Blvd**

**\$44.00 for Lunch and a Show**

**Call for a Ticket 303-455-1848**

**Reservation is under CCT HOG**

**Come early 12-12:30 parking is limited**

**It's interactive so bring your imagination**



*Carl's*

# Safety Zone

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

I do not have a favorite book. I tend to enjoy the history of motorcycles, the brands as we know them today. Became fascinated with HD learning and researching the history prior to and after WWII.

This is the first safety article of the new year. I am excited to serve and contribute to what I consider to be a great collection of people who just happen to have a passion for riding.

## **BEFORE EVERY RIDE**

Check your motorcycle's tire pressure and tread depth, hand and foot brakes, headlights and signal indicators, and fluid levels before you ride. You should also check under the motorcycle for signs of oil or gas leaks. If you're carrying cargo, you should secure and balance the load on the cycle; and adjust the suspension and tire pressure to accommodate the extra weight.

## **On the Road**

As recent events have made clear, the best hope you have for protecting your brain is a motorcycle helmet. This is not a sermon and does not mean or desire to preach. The wearing of a helmet is a personal decision and in this state, it is left up to your discretion. If you choose to wear a helmet, make sure it meets U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 218. Look for the DOT symbol on the outside back of the helmet. Snell and ANSI labels located inside the helmet also show that the helmet meets the standards of those private, non-profit organizations.

It is recommended that your arms and legs be covered when riding, ideally by wearing leather or heavy denim. In addition to providing protection in a crash, protective gear also helps prevent dehydration. Boots or shoes should be high enough to cover your ankles, while gloves allow for a better grip and help protect your hands in the event of a crash. Wearing brightly colored clothing with reflective material will make you more visible to other vehicle drivers.

May you always ride safe and return home to those you love and eagerly await your return.



## **Road Captains Rodney Fish Chris Michaels**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

Colorado motorcycle ride book.      Chris

Happy New Year, CCT.

I welcome the opportunity to be a Chapter Road Captain this year and look forward to an awesome riding season. The biggest ride request's I've heard are for more rides in the mountains, so that's what we'll do. There are so many great roads and rides, here in Colorado to explore. A mix of some shorter and a few longer all day rides are on the list. I also ask for your input, if you have a favorite ride or destination, please let me or Chris know, and we'll get it on the calendar. Let's have a great riding season!      Rodney

## **ONE BROKEN BIKER**

Accidents that forever change our lives can happen in the blink of an eye—an unfortunate fact of life that Calgary motorcyclist Glenn Lyth knows all too well. In June 2012, Lyth was riding his motorcycle on Deerfoot Trail when rush-hour traffic caused him to collide with another vehicle. His daughter, who was with him on her bike, saw the whole thing. Later that evening, Ashlee Atkin watched her dad flatline in the hospital. By way of some miracle, he pulled through, spending the next three months in a full body brace. The emotional turmoil, not to mention the financial strain, took its toll on Lyth and his family. So Atkin and her close friend, Elizabeth Cloutier, took action, rallying the motorcycle community to raise funds through a poker run. And so began One Broken Biker (<http://www.onebrokenbiker.org/>) (OBB), a nonprofit organization that is growing rapidly to provide financial and emotional aid for injured riders in Alberta and beyond. “When we found out there are just so many injured riders out there, we decided to keep doing fundraisers every year,” said Atkin.

The organization raises money through poker runs, weekly bike nights and a silent auction. OBB also sells apparel and memberships that include discounts from local bike shops and businesses. More of a community than a club, OBB brings together a diverse group of riders for a gracious cause. “I feel like OBB has filled the gaps between them all,” said Atkin. “We have the crotch-rocket riders, we have the café racers and we’ve got the hardcore Harley guys. Everybody is part of our group and they’re starting to learn what we’re here for and that’s why we’re getting so many people contacting us.” OBB’s September poker run attracts upwards of 200 riders. Financial aid for injured riders takes the form of care packages, which include accommodations, food vouchers and prepaid credit cards. Sometimes, though, money is not needed and that’s when OBB’s compassionate services come in. “We’ve had a few people who didn’t need money so we just visited with them,” said Atkin. “Afterwards, they expressed to us that just coming there and understanding what they are going through helped them more than money could have.” Some members of the OBB board have professional experience in dealing with mental health issues. Atkin, who is president, said it helps OBB better assist riders and their families with things like post-traumatic stress disorder. Lyth, whose broken back, neck and ribs have healed, is an executive member of the OBB board.

Given his background in insurance, his role includes helping riders and their families deal with insurance claims. Despite permanent left arm paralysis, Lyth's unbroken spirit has him back on two wheels. As for Atkin, she has found solace and a new drive in life. OBB is now her primary hobby outside of secular work, and she has high hopes for the organization that's raised thousands of dollars and helped more than 50 riders. "Everybody laughs at me when I say this, it's my 10-year vision, but I want the OBB symbol to be as popular as the Harley-Davidson symbol," she said. "I want everyone who rides a motorcycle or knows someone who rides to know what our symbol represents and what we are doing for the people." If the last five years are indicative of the future, Atkin's vision for OBB may well become reality.

Chris



## Barbaloo's Inspiration

Every year you make a resolution to change yourself.  
This year make a resolution to be yourself.  
Unknown author

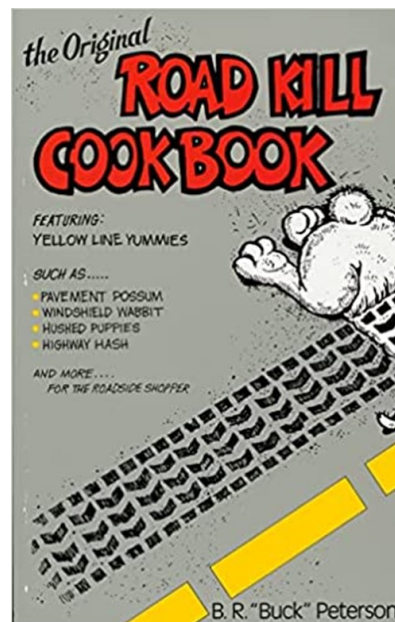
### A BIT OF HUMOR

One day I was walking when I saw a man on a motorcycle.  
Suddenly a donkey came up kicked the man off the motorcycle, got on the motorcycle and then drove it away. And I thought to myself, "That's badass".

Smiles, hugs and love..



## Bikers Gotta Eat Too







**LOH Officers**  
**Bonnie Severson**  
**Doreen Takeda**  
**Pat Legge**  
**Brenda Hitchcock**



*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

I like the articles in the HOG Magazine Pat



**Webmaster**  
**Brandy Burzynski**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

## Membership



**Kristi Fisher Stephanie Geisler**



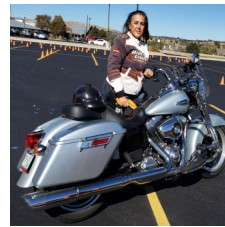
**Brenda Hitchcock Lena Wilmer**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

I don't have a favorite...The last "book" on motorcycles I read was owner's manual for my trike.

Brenda

I have not read a motorcycle book. Lena



**Photographers**  
**Jeannette Bull**  
**Felicia Cano**

*What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?*

The Road Atlas... it tells me where I'm going and tells me where I've been, where I want to be,,,  
 Felicia

## Reading: Other Motorcycle Titles

Ghost Rider-Travels on the Healing Road  
 Neil Peart

Obsessions Die Hard Ed Culberson

Chronicles of a Motorcycle Gypsy  
 Tiffani Burkett

Motorlady's Book of Women Who Ride  
 Alicia Mariah Elfving

Motorcycles & Sweetgrass  
 Drew Hayden Taylor

Reaper's Property Joanna Wylde

Do it While You Still Can- Motorcycle  
 Escapades & Tribulations Nick Adams

Time Out Robert Olesen

Long Way Around- Chasing Shadows Across  
 the World Ewan McGregor

The Original Wild Ones- Tales of the  
 Boozefighters Bill Hayes

Hell's Angels- A Strange and Terrible Saga  
 Hunter S. Thompson

Biker's Handbook- Becoming Part of the  
 Motorcycle Culture Jay Barbieri

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance  
 Robert M. Pirsig



## **HOG Officer Connection**

Happy new year! Every fresh season brings with it the excitement and anticipation of new riding adventures waiting to be discovered. This year is no different. If anything, it feels extra special for a few reasons. Let me begin by welcoming all new and returning H.O.G. officers to the first H.O.G. Officer Connection newsletter of 2023.

This year we are celebrating Harley-Davidson's 120th Anniversary and the 40th Anniversary of the Harley Owners Group, along with the 100th anniversary of the Laconia rally in New Hampshire, one of the "big three" rallies in the United States. Major milestones like these bring people together to create a bountiful harvest of indelible memories that will last a lifetime. I hope you are as eager and excited as I am about the year ahead.

Earlier this week we made some major announcements about entertainment for the Harley-Davidson Homecoming in July and the special edition motorcycles that will be available to celebrate the company's 120th Anniversary. I won't spoil it for you if you haven't seen the news yet, so head on over to [h-d.com](https://h-d.com) for all the details.

This year will be a very busy and fun one for the H.O.G. team. We kicked it off earlier this month with the first of 21 Regional Officer Connection training sessions we are hosting around the country. Whether you are a new chapter officer or an experienced veteran, attending ROC is a great way to kick off your own riding season. I promise you will leave with new ideas for running your chapter and fresh enthusiasm for your role. If you haven't already attended one or reserved a spot in an upcoming session, I encourage you to do so. You can register [here](#).

One of the topics we discuss at ROC is the power and importance of H.O.G.'s Ride 365 program as a tool to encourage more members to ride more often. Ride 365 recognizes members who achieve mileage goals and complete riding challenges, but it's more than simply a rewards program. It's also a way to engage in shared experiences, solo and collectively, to share the bond of riding with a larger community and to participate in something bigger than yourself. This year, I encourage you to think about creative ways you can use Ride 365 to plan rides for your chapter and encourage your members to spend more time in the saddle.

Usually, I end this with a reminder to make sure your members get their mileage readings taken, but this month I'll also throw in a reminder to make sure to have your members sign a new annual waiver and release form. This must be done every year after January 1! As always, thanks for everything you do to make the Harley Owners Group the biggest and best riding club in the world, and I hope to see you on the road soon.

## **Get Ready to RIDE 365 in 2023**

The 2022 Ride 365 Annual and Chapter Challenges are in the books and the H.O.G. team has begun auditing the results before declaring the official winners later this year (hopefully in April). Now it's time to start thinking about the 2023 challenges and planning chapter events and rides around them. Encourage your members to have mileage readings taken as soon as possible. Remember, at least two readings must be recorded every calendar year for the miles ridden in that year to count for annual challenges. These readings should be taken as close as possible to January 1 and December 31 to capture every mile ridden during the year.

Based on member feedback, this year we've also enhanced some existing Ride 365 programs to increase the incentive to participate or make it easier for members to earn rewards and recognition for the miles they ride. 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. 10 for '23 Challenge participants will also receive a unique H.O.G. 40th Anniversary challenge coin for each location visited in addition to a poker chip. For all the details, visit the Ride 365 program page.

### **H.O.G. Officer Spotlight: Activities Officer**

Next up in our H.O.G. Officer spotlight series is the Activities Officer. A discretionary chapter officer role, the Activities Officer is responsible for "assisting in planning and administering chapter events." Additional duties include:

**Assisting the sponsoring dealer and Chapter Director in upholding the H.O.G. Chapter Charter**

- **Overseeing the administration of chapter events**
- **Recruiting and instructing volunteers for chapter activities**
- **Ensuring all liability insurance requirements are met for chapter events**
- **Overseeing the collection of required release forms for chapter events**
- **Assisting the Director and Secretary with the implementation of the Risk Management program, including procuring insurance and release forms**

Activities Officers should also consider formally or informally surveying chapter members to generate feedback about past events and solicit new ideas with a goal of increasing participation in future events.



**CHRIS HARRISON**

**H.O.G. Regional Manager - Western**

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# **HOG Officer Connection**

## **H.O.G. Officer Spotlight: Chapter Director**

One of four required chapter officer roles, the primary duties of the Chapter Director are to uphold the H.O.G. Chapter Charter, conduct chapter meetings and coordinate chapter officer responsibilities. Sounds simple, but there are many additional responsibilities that can fall under that description, including:

- Working with the sponsoring dealer to uphold the Chapter Charter and H.O.G. operating policies Ensuring the chapter complies with all corporate state annual filing requirements (if the chapter is incorporated)
- Promoting H.O.G. and the chapter to potential members
- Coordinating chapter officer responsibilities
- Ensuring all risk management requirements, including insurance requirements and necessary release forms, are met for all chapter activities
- Ensuring all trademark requirements are met for merchandise and other chapter materials

Those are the basic duties, but there's a lot more to it than that. Above all else, a great Chapter Director sets the goal of every chapter member simply having fun riding as his or her top priority.

## **H.O.G. Officer Spotlight: Assistant Director**

One of the four mandatory chapter officer roles, the Assistant Director is responsible for promoting membership, membership orientation, membership retention, and keeping chapter members informed of H.O.G. programs. An additional responsibility of the role, and one that is often overlooked, is to serve as the official liaison between the chapter and the State Rally Committee. Additional 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

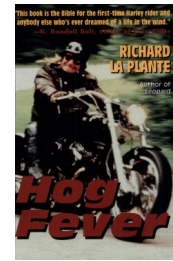
Some chapters also use the Assistant Director position as part of their succession planning, allowing the person in the role to gain knowledge and experience in chapter operations before stepping up to the Chapter Director role.



***What is your favorite book on the subject of motorcycles?***

***Nullum Relinquam Post Virum***

**Hog Fever- Richard La Plante , a great book for novice riders who know nothing about the Harley lifestyle from one who learns and documents it... it's a hoot!**



**Well Happy New Year All,**

**Hoping ya'll had a great time ringing in the new year, we were watching a country music concert special so for the first time in many years we were awake at midnite. I was also on ear muff duty for the puppies, because of course the A- holes in the neighborhood are lighting fireworks into the wee hours of the morning. They actually work, the dogs were no where near as traumatized as they've been in past years. What's the saying, " Be conscientious of Vets and pets" when lighting fireworks.**

**Looks like the Chapter's gonna have a great year, we got some first time officers, some that jockeyed positions, and some grizzled types that are back in the same spot. Let's not forget those that are going into semi- retirement, well deserved I might add. We have new activities coming up, gonna blow dust off of some old ones we haven't done in a while and remember that we're always open for different ideas no matter how off the wall you may think they are. Here's one for ya, 2023 is the Chinese year of the Water Rabbit. WTH!!! I musta missed that paddock at the petting zoo. How could we tap into that subject matter? See what I mean about off the wall. Since there aren't any state rallies in our vicinity, the closest is St. Charles, Missouri at the end of June. We've had a band of miscreants in the past that has gone farther than that for an invasion. Something to think about. Don't forget about the Harley Davidson Homecoming celebration in Milwaukee for the 120th anniversary July 13th- 16th. Go to the Harley website to check for lodging. We had a group that made it to the 105th and camped at the county fairgrounds. They even had live rock'n'roll. Remember that it's adventures like these that'll be archived in your story telling forever and as we get older the stories keep getting better. I'm not saying that there might be a little embellishment, but ole' tramps just love to spin a colorful yarn.**

**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**

