

SWINE TIMES

November 22 VOL XI

COLORADO CHAPTER THORNTON #432

Who's This?



I'll give ya a hint... He had something to do with Harley Davidson

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.

Powered by

Sun

Harley Davidson

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Director Deanna Thompson

Assistant Director Bob Frank

Secretary Dawn Huth

Treasurer Laura Frank

Activities

LOH Officer Bonnie Severson

LOH Officer Doreen Takeda

Safety Officer Larry Faut

Head Road Captain Dave Cawley

Road Captain Celeste Cacchione

Road captain Ed Gomez

Photographer Jeannette Bull

Photographer Felicia Cano

Historian Kristi Fisher

Webmaster Brandy Burzynski

Membership Rodney Fish

Membership Kristi Fisher

Membership Michelle Herdt

Membership Pat Legge

Editor Matt Huth

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 TV show past or present?

CCT Calendar of Events for 2022

December 10 Santa shoot & gift wrap

Sun HD

December 17 Gift exchange & Pot

luck VFW @ Quivas

2023 H.O.G. Rally Schedule

The 2023 H.O.G. national event calendar is complete, and here's a first look at what we have planned. It promises to be another great lineup of regional and touring rallies that will heat up the riding season. Full details and registration links are available on the <u>H.O.G.</u> Rally Map.

H.O.G. Touring Rallies

- —Run the Gulf H.O.G. Touring Rally, February 27-March 2, New Orleans, LA to Gainesville, FL
- —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
- —9Passes H.O.G. Touring Rally, September 5-9, Chico to Lancaster, CA

OFFICERS UPDATES, RAMBLINGS, & WORDS OF WISDOM



Director

Deanna Thompson

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

Oh gosh, there are so many! Yellowstone, American Horror Story, Sons of Anarchy.

Hello HOGS!

So 2022 is almost over and we still have some fun events coming up. The Santa Shoot/Snack N Wrap is December 10th at Sun. While Rodney plays Santa, the club sells bowls of soup and holiday goodies. We also wrap gifts for Sun. So please bake your favorite holiday treat, and get your wrapping hands ready. The next week, on December 17th, we have the gift exchange. The club provides ham and turkey, so please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a new, wrapped gift worth around \$35. Something nice that you would like to receive. If you don't want to participate in the gift exchange, please come and enjoy the fun anyway. It's always a great time!!!

I hope you all have an amazing Thanksgiving with family and friends.

The Eleventh Hour, The Eleventh Day,
The Eleventh Month





Assistant Director

Bob Frank

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

Present - Yellowstone / Past - Big Bang



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, June 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



Treasurer Laura Frank

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

Yellowstone, Survivor and Amazing Race.

Hey there CCT!

Thanks to everyone who came out and played bunco. What a great time! So much fun! We have some fun events coming up-The Santa Shoot/Snack-N-Wrap at Sun December 10^{th} and the Gift Exchange on December 17th at the VFW. We hope you are planning to come to both! We need volunteers for the Santa Shoot/Snack-N-Wrap. Santa will be there for pictures and we sell soup and baked goods—proceeds going to the chapter. We also provide gift wrapping services. Please let me know if you'll be able to help in any capacity (volunteer at Sun, make soup, make goodies, etc.). We'll plan to be at Sun at 9:30 am, to set up. Event usually lasts until 2 pm or so. If you volunteer, you don't have to stay the whole time. For the gift exchange, it is a potluck. The Chapter provides ham and turkey and we bring all the other yumminess to share (sides and desserts). We will meet at the VFW from 11 am-2 pm. 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 missit! If you ever have questions about Chapter finances, just let me Joke of the day: Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The Outside! LauraFrank 303-885-5363

laura@bvcv.com



Secretary Dawn Huth

What is your favorite TV show past or present? Yellowstone, Blue Bloods, 911,







LOH Officers Bonnie Severson Doreen Takeda

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

Billions

Bonnie







Membership





Rodney Fish

Kristi Fisher





Michelle Herdt

Pat Legge

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

Eureka (scifi).

Rodney

Right now Yellowstone, looking forward to 1883; used to love the Twilight Zone

Chelle

This Week has been on for many years & I watch this or record it in order I get caught up on political or newsworthy issues.



Webmaster

Brandy Burzynski

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

CSI (All of Them)





Would ya say this group likes to eat?

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy November CCT!

Now that our weather has cooled off a bit and we are facing longer periods of time with no riding; time to get thinking about next year's plans. Here's a few ideas I found on the internet.

- 1. Start planning for your summer motorcycle road trips. Which states haven't you ridden to yet? Where are the scenic stops you will make? What hotels or campgrounds will you stay in? Find out about what your friends/club members are planning.
- 2. Throw a party for your fellow biking friends where you can reminisce about all the amazing rides you've taken and make future riding plans.
- 3. Relax on the couch and watch classic motorcycle movies and TV shows.

Remember its new officer time for CCT, please consider volunteering your time and commit to helping out.

Also, lots of events coming up the next 2 months, check out the website/newsletter for dates and times.

Be safe out there CCT!

Chelle

Safety Zone



What is your favorite TV show past or present?

My yen has really diminished. I don't have any particular show that I can't live without.

15 secrets of conquering even the coldest conditions

Beware of vision creep

Winter road surfaces can be wet, cold, and covered in slimy leaves, salt, or gravel that's washed in from the verge. Understandably, this barrage of hazards can make us nervous and it's easy for our vision to come closer and closer to the bike with every potential problem we spot until we're almost looking straight down rather than taking in all the information available. The trick is to do exactly what you would be doing in summer – use 'rolling road vision'. By continuously scanning ahead and updating your observation rather than fixating on any hazard you'll have more time to process the implications and develop a plan of action. No matter what time of year it is, the single most transformational thing you can do for your riding is to improve your ability to see and interpret detail at speed and if you can do it in winter, summer riding will be a breeze.

Use the 'So what?' test

Having great observation is useless if you don't use all that information properly. And in winter this means the 'so what?' test is more important than ever. For example, if you're barreling along, look across some fields and see a right-hander ahead with overhanging trees and a van approaching, ask yourself 'so what?'. It might mean the road is in shadow so there could be ice, even though it's OK where you are. So what? Obviously, you need to approach carefully, not just because you might lose traction, but because the van might, too. In this instance, your 'so what?' process might lead you to time your approach, so the van takes the corner first while you hang back and see what happens

Hunting for grip

In winter, an expert rider will compromise the view to find the best traction available and adjust their speed accordingly. On a wet, slippery winter road you're looking for the bits of tarmac with the most texture and keeping out of the shadows where there might be ice lingering, even in day-time. You're continuously balancing being in the best position for view with where the grip is and adjusting your speed accordingly. It's complicated, but when this technique becomes intuitive you can ride surprisingly quick on cold, wet roads.

Take regular breaks

Most people can ride all day in freezing conditions provided they stop once an hour for five to ten minutes to get off the bike and get their body moving. If there's a café, it makes sense to have a warm drink, but if not, walk about and enjoy the view – it will set you up for the next hour in the saddle. When you get back on the bike, you're fresh. There is absolutely no point pushing on for two or three hours and getting cold. Besides being dangerous, it's also a deeply unpleasant experience.

Watch car exhausts

Cars with frosted windscreens and wing mirrors are a nightmare – not just because the drivers can't see much, but because they're distracted by trying to sort out the situation. If you see a car billowing exhaust fumes, the chances are it's just been started and should be treated with maximum caution.

Understand the cold

Getting chilled is a very bad idea on a motorcycle for several reasons. For a start, there are dozens of studies showing how your brain's processing speed slows down when your body's core temperature drops even slightly. That's when you start making bad decisions. Not only that but your body becomes tense, which makes it difficult to control the bike, and if your hands get cold your ability to brake and control the throttle are seriously compromised.

Every rider's sensitivity to cold is different, but the symptoms to look out for are the same:

Cold hands and feet: This usually means your body is moving blood to your major organs. Stop as soon as possible to warm up.

Shivering: This is your body's attempt to warm up and means you're becoming properly cold. Stop as soon as possible.

Shallow or slow breathing: You're well on the way to hypothermia. Stop immediately.

Loss of coordination, poor throttle control, confusion? Seriously risky. Stop immediately.

Check tire pressures

If it's below 50°F, your tire pressures will drop by 2-3psi, which doesn't sound much but if your tires were on the low side to start with this could be enough to make the steering heavy and give an unstable feeling on the brakes. Check them on cold mornings.

Beware low sun

If the sun is low and behind, you – particularly if the road is wet and reflective – oncoming traffic will struggle to see you. Look in your mirrors and if all you see is blinding glare, that's what the oncoming traffic are having to cope with. Adjust your plan on the basis that they haven't seen you.

Do a pre-ride draft check

Yes, you need layers and waterproofing, but many riders forget about sealing around neck, cuffs, and waist closures more effectively. Freezing drafts don't just undo most of your insulation efforts, they're dangerously distracting so it's important to sort them before you set off on your ride.

It's all about your front brake

The old-school advice was to brake using 50:50 front and rear in the cold and wet but with modern bikes and tires that's nonsense. The front brake is the main brake in winter, just like it is in summer. You should always be smooth on the brakes, but it's more important when it's slippery – load up the front progressively, but not slowly, and get as much weight as possible over the front for maximum braking.

Be ready to move

Most of the time in winter you won't need to move your body because you won't be carrying enough lean angle to make it worth bothering and shifting about might unsettle the bike. But you need to be ready to move and be prepared to take your weight on your feet so you can shift about if necessary. In winter, it's usually tight corners and roundabouts where you need to think about your body position. Here, nervous riders often lean their body away from the bend, pushing the bike down beneath them. This is an error, because it means the bike is carrying leaner, and is at more risk of sliding. In those situations, it pays to smoothly drop your upper body towards the inside of the corner, so the bike doesn't have to lean as far.

Check for shadows

If it was frosty first thing, look for shadows. Even if it's warmed up by the time, you're out riding, ice can linger all day out of the sun.

Pick the right line

Minimizing lean angle is crucial in winter, yet many riders don't straighten out bends and roundabouts where they could do safely. Also, consider squaring off tighter corners by taking a straighter line in, slowing down more than usual, turning the bike, and then lifting it up to drive out. This reduces the time you spend leant over, yet in our tests proved quicker than taking the traditional long sweeping line.

Ride, ride, ride!

Skill-fade will be very significant if you don't ride in winter Use the dodgy conditions as a chance to hone skills that will make you faster and safer once the roads dry out and the sun reappears. You'll especially feel the benefit when negotiating summer showers.

Get some training

Decent training could transform your winter, spring, summer, and autumn enjoyment on two wheels. It's not as expensive as you might think (certainly cheaper than that shiny end-can you keep looking at online), and it'll transform every single mile you ride, all year, forever.





Road Captains Dave"Mad Dog" Cawley Celeste Cacchione

Ed Gomez

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

Count's Kustoms

Dave

Oh man, I have sooo many. I have them all on DVR from Grey's Anatomy, to SWAT to Seal Team to Hawaii Five-O to
Big Valley! Celeste

Hello CCT:

Here we are in the middle of November, the weather is starting to get colder, the roads are getting nastier and the people are getting crazier. Anybody out there that is still riding, be careful, enjoy what's beginning to look like a true winter coming up.

I want to thank everybody that came out on the Honor Our Veterans Run that we did to Mount Olivett Cemetery. Thank-you to those people that appreciate our veterans that came out for it. Lunch was great at In the Zone, thank-you to CCT for paying for our lunch, that was a nice surprise.

Not much really going on right now,
Thanksgiving is coming up, I want to wish
everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. Dress warm
for the cold weather and enjoy everything.
I just want to wish everybody Happy Holidays.
Blessings,

Madd Dog Dave

Hey CCT:

I have enjoyed being your Road Captain for 2 years.

Road Captain is an important position on a ride. I enjoyed doing pre-rides as well as leading and sweeping rides. I was once with a Chapter with 17 Road Captains, you can never have too many Road Captains. Not every Road Captain goes on every ride, so having extras is actually a benefit. Biker Ziggy enjoyed riding with me during CCT rides. Ziggy, David & I are looking forward to riding our rides on our bucket list!

Christmas events with CCT are the best events & they are coming up in December, hope to see you all come out for them!

Many Blessings, Round About & Biker Ziggy



Bikers Gotta Eat Too

Pumpkin Spice Latte

For those of us who like pumpkin spice latte but not the Starbucks cost, I found a recipe & even made it low sugar; hey pumpkin is good for us!! ½ cup of sugar (I used Stevia Brown Sugar & worked fine)

½ cup water

2/3 cup pumpkin puree

14 oz can sweetened condensed milk

1 tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp ginger, ½ tsp nutmeg & ¼ tsp cloves

l tsp vanilla extract

Combine sugar and water in small pan and cook until dissolved over med heat. Once sugar is dissolved and syrup has reached boiling, turn heat down to low.

Add pumpkin puree, sweetened condensed milk and spices, stir together until smooth and add to the sugar syrup in the pan. Stir in vanilla extract and cook over low heart 2-3 minutes until all is incorporated and smooth.

Remove from heat and let cool. Store in a jar in the refrigerator. For coffee drinks, stir in 2-4 Tbs (to your taste) and enjoy the fall flavors. Jar makes up to 10 pumpkin spice lattes and will keep in the refrigerator for 2 weeks.

WHILE ON THIS RIDE CALLED "ILLE" YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE GOOD WITH THE BAD, SMILE WHEN YOU'RE SAD, LOVE WHAT YOU HAD, ALWAYS FORGIVE, BUT NEVER FORGET. LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES. BUT NEVER REGRET. PEOPLE CHANGE, THINGS GO WRONG. Just remember, the ride goes on.

Sunday brunch casserole

Ingredients

- 1 16 oz package frozen hash browns
- 1 ½ lbs thick sliced bacon
- ½ cup chopped sweet onion
- ½ cup chopped red pepper
- 12 eggs
- l cup milk
- l cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp dill (optional)

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F, lightly grease a 9 X 13 baking dish

Place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium heat until evenly browned about 10 minutes, put bacon on paper towels keep 2 Tbls drippings in skillet crumble bacon and set aside

Cook and stir onion and bell pepper in skillet until tender

Whisk eggs and milk in a large bowl

Place hash browns in the 9X 13 dish spread evenly, put onions and peppers in dish spread evenly, put on bacon

Pour egg and milk mixture over top throughout dish

Add cheddar cheese on top

Bake in preheated oven for 45 minutes until inserting a knife and it removes clean

HOG Officer Connection

With winter nearly here, many of us are about to settle down for a break of several months off our bikes. When you fire yours back up after a long layoff, do you ever have the feeling that you are blowing the cobwebs off yourself as much as the bike when you first swing a leg over it? You wouldn't be alone. Riding skills are perishable and without regular practice they can diminish over time.

For most of us, it's probably been a while since we took a riding skills class. Being a good motorcycle rider is a life-long learning exercise and nobody is too old or too good to learn something new. Every rider in your chapter, young, old, new or experienced can benefit from continuing education to improve their basic skills or learn new ones.

Planning a skills refresher course as a chapter activity is a great way to offer your members an opportunity to improve their riding skills. If your sponsoring dealership runs a Harley-Davidson Riding Academy program, ask the program manager about course availability or the possibility of scheduling a class just for your chapter. If that's not practical, you can find also rider training classes in your area at H-D.com or on the Motorcycle Safety Foundation website at msf-usa.org. As an added incentive, the H.O.G. Safe Rider Skills program offers a \$50 tuition reimbursement to members who complete a Riding Academy or MSF course, so encourage your members to take advantage of it. Speaking of training, we're excited to be offering in-person Regional Officer Connection training sessions again, starting in January. At ROC, H.O.G. officers share new ideas and best practices about running a chapter and get charged up for riding season ahead. Whether you're a new or returning officer, I guarantee you'll leave ROC with new skills, ideas and friendships.

Details about how to register for the 2022 ROC sessions will hit your email inbox soon, but there are few things I can share now. If you have new officers joining your chapter, please forward this email and the upcoming ROC registration emails to them so they can stay informed and have a chance to register. You or any other current officer in your chapter must register new or potential officers on their behalf. If you all want to attend the same session, your group can register together, but please be aware that there is a six-person limit for each chapter, not including the sponsoring dealer or H.O.G. manager. Please work with your dealership contact to determine who should attend. Also, ensure all your new and current officers are enrolled in the Chapter Management System on HDNet with accurate contact information so they are ready to rock in January.

One last thing: Don't forget to remind your members to complete their Mileage Challenge readings by December 31! Enjoy the upcoming holidays, and as always, thanks for everything you do to help make the Harley Owners Groups the greatest riding club on earth.



CHRIS HARRISON

H.O.G. Regional Manager - Western

Christopher.Harrison@harley-davidson.com

New 10 for '23 Ride Challenge Destinations

There's no better way to tour America than on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. H.O.G.'s 10 for '23 Ride Challenge, part of the RIDE 365 program, makes it even more fun. The concept and rules are simple: ride to an interesting location, snap a picture of yourself at the designated check-in point, and submit your photo via your member profile on h-d.com/hog. Participants earn digital badges and commemorative H.O.G. 40th Anniversary poker chips and challenge coins for each destination they check off the list. The 10 for '23 Ride Challenge is a great way for members to participate in RIDE 365 while enjoying great roads, creating lifelong memories and racking up miles. It's also a great opportunity to create a group ride for your Chapter to visit and check one off the list together. 10 for '23 Ride Destinations

- Salvation Mountain, Calipatria, CA
- World's Smallest Police Station, Carrabelle, FL
- Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad, Church Creek, MD
- Freedom Silo, Monett, MO
- Elvis Presley Homecoming Statue, Tupelo, MS
- Carhenge, Alliance, NE
- Prada of Marfa, Valentine, TX
- Golden Spike National Historical Park, Corinne, UT
- Teapot Dome Service Station, Zillah, WA
- Intersection of Highways H, O & G, Globe, WI

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.

Nullum Relinquam Post Virum

What is your favorite TV show past or present?

Present: Yellowstone & 1883;

Past: Sons of Anarchy & Miami Vice

Happy November,

Is that ever a contradictory greeting. Don't know about ya'll but I'm never thrilled when the temps get below 60. We can however look forward to the holidays. The season kinda all starts with Halloween and rolls through the new year. This month we honor our Vets then head straight into the big food day. That's the day we give thanks for all the blessings we've received over the past year and the fact that we haven't had to listen to politician's drivel for three weeks. This is always my excuse to fry a turkey, yeah I know that I could do it anytime but this just always seems to be right. We always seem to have overachievers among us that pick up really cool stuff all during the year for Christmas and stash it away until that fateful day. As for myself and many another people like me are in a manic scramble in December to cover everybody. The Chapter's gift exchange comes at a great time cuz it always seems to get the holiday spirit as well as gift ideas flowing and the food, oh man, the food, I again will try to take tiny portions so as to try everything. You know and I know that will never happen but every year I keep giving it the good ole' college try. Before Christmas giving the family a list is kinda cheating but at least you can be assured that you'll get something you like. But anyway, we can get back to that next month. I remember seeing a great cartoon that has a turkey pointing at Santa with the caption," Wait your turn fat boy"!!! Years ago I worked in the distribution centers of some big box stores and they were gearing up for Christmas in September. That definitely took the spirit out of the season. Speaking of a lack of spirit, it's a good thing we have fantasy football because we damn sure don't have a home team to root for. Yes, I am a fair weather fan. I do have some brothers and sisters who are die hard Viking fans who were born to it and are always believers through thick and thin. This may finally be their year. I lived in Minnesota for a few years so maybe I can join em' on that bandwagon. Nuff of that... Hope you all have an outstanding Thanksgiving.

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.

stlalvnwl@q.com

Laissez les bons temps rouler

The Editor

