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Director's Notes

Fall is just around the corner and that means some great riding in some beautiful surroundings as the season changes.. Fall also brings our annual cookie run to support our local fire departments and remembrance of 9/11. Each year our Ladies of Harley bake cookies and organize a ride to area fire stations where we deliver the cookies and say thanks for all they do for our community. This event is usually well attended by our members, so come on out and let's make this the largest ride of the year in support of our firefighters.

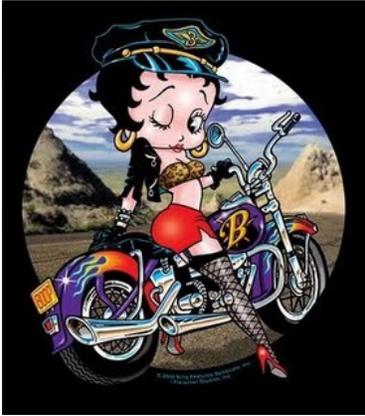
Also this month, we'll be looking for volunteers to help cover the phones for the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. This is always a fun event and you can see how others in our community helped to raise money for this great cause. We want to see all seats filled with Elkhorn Valley H.O.G. Chapter and be sure to wear your Day of the HOG T-shirt or EVH colors. You will be part of the live check presentation when they announce how much was raised. Our assigned time this year will be from 2:45 to 4:15 at the Channel 3 station. Please sign up on the website.

If you haven't heard, I have purchased a 2010 CVO screaming eagle Softail Convertible. Yes, I'm trading in my Ultra! Patti is thrilled and I can't wait to get it out on the road. We still have many rides and events planned throughout the year. I hope to see you soon on an upcoming event.

Ride safe and have fun
Cecil



Wildcat Tales



WILDCAT TALES

Summer is on its way out but there are still a couple of months of riding season left. Can't believe how fast this summer has been flying by. Hope your summer has been going great and you've been able to get out and enjoy a lot of the riding opportunities Clint has provided for us. I have been asked to address the guidelines of group riding. So I have copied some information from National HOG on group riding. I hope you find some or all the following information helpful.

GROUP RIDING TIPS

Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness and concentration. Know your limits and ride within them. Never ride above your abilities: Mental, Physical, Motorcycle, Environment, Experience Level. Come to the ride prepared. Arrive with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder. Bring appropriate riding gear for the expected range of conditions. Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the "rubber band effect". Novice or riders that are new to group riding should ride at or near the back unless the riders wish to ride elsewhere. So if you are new to group riding please advise the lead road captain for that ride. Always ride in a tight but courteous staggered formation or single file line. Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead. Riding side by side is very dangerous and against the law in some states. The only time bikes are to be side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection. Never come up on the motorcycle in front of or beside you. In a staggered or single file formation, do not pass the bike in front of you. If an exit is missed, stick together as a group, proceed to the next exit, then return to the correct exit.

When in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside in case the curve is too tight to negotiate at that speed without crowding.

STAGGERED FORMATION RIDING

Following is the primary riding formation. Single file is used when directed by the ride leader. **One second rule:** The bike in the lane to your left or right should not be less than one second in front of you. **Two second rule:** Maintain at least two seconds between you and the rider in front of you. **Four second rule:** Look ahead four seconds at your immediate path of travel to give yourself more time to react to a hazard. **Twelve second rule:** Also look ahead at your anticipated path of travel. Twelve seconds is about one city block.

STOPPING AT AN INTERSECTION

Break staggered formation and pull up beside the bike in the adjacent lane. When the ride leader has determined it is safe, he/she will proceed, followed by the "number two" bike, the "number three" bike, the "number four", etc. If you don't make it through the intersection with the group, RELAX. Proceed when safe.

CHANGING LANES OR PASSING ON A FOUR-LANE ROAD

When to change lanes: -Preparing for a left turn or left exit. -Passing a slow moving vehicle. -Changing to a safer lane.

How to change lanes: The ride leader gives the proper signal. Everyone passes back the signal and HOLDS position. When safe, the sweep rider will pull over into the target lane and protect the lane. As the last car clears through, the ride leader changes lanes and signals others (sweeping signal to the left or right). Following the bike in front, each successive bike moves into the new lane. Don't jump the change! If protecting the lane might cause a traffic hazard, pass when it is safe.

GROUP PARKING

Orderly parking reduces the time needed to get off the road. Ride leader leads the group off the road. Ride leader should ride all the way around the lot to allow all riders to get off the road. If fueling, ride leader will pull all the way around, then pull up to the fuel station.

Each bike should pull ahead of the intended parking place and then back up into the spot.

After you pull into your parking position and the group has settled down, you can move to the fueling area. If you find yourself at the end of the group and can't get off the road while waiting for others to park, GO AROUND.

THE SEE TECHNIQUE

S - SCAN

E - EVALUATE

E - EXECUTE

TRAIN YOUR PERIPHERAL VISION

Pick a point and look at it. Notice how far you can see from side to side without moving your eyes/head. Try to increase your awareness of what is happening at the edges of your vision.

HEAD TURNS

Look through the turn to your final destination.

GROUP RIDING EVALUATION

After each ride it is nice for the lead riders to receive feed back from the members who attended that ride. What went well on this ride? What didn't go well on this ride? What should we do differently next time? They can then refer this feed back to me so that we can continue to provide a great riding experience for all.

Have fun and see you on the road. Cathy Welchert, Head Road Captain.

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Ride and Have Fun!

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Mmm- mineola	5 Big Bro/Big Sis Poker Run
6	7	8 Officer's Meeting	9	10 No, really, they have food!	11	12 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day
13	14 DOH Volunteer Picnic	15 Chapter Meeting	16	17	18	19 LOH Cookie Run
20 Applejack Festival	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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Activities Details

Activities Update for September

Sept 4 - A return to the Mineola Steakhouse is called for. Located at 408 Main Street in Mineola Iowa. Meet at Dillon's bike pad at 6:00 P.M. with motors rumbling at 6:15 P.M. for approximately a 45 minute ride to get us over there. If you don't feel like riding we will arrive at the location around 7:00 P.M. so you can meet us there.

Sept 5 - Dillons Big Brother/Big Sister Poker Run and Open House. See the 2010 Models. Get all the details at the dealership!

Sept 7 - Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. On the afternoon of September 7th-Labor Day, we will be presenting the Day of the Hog check (over \$70,000) to MDA live on Channel 3 (KMTV Omaha). We would love to have volunteers there that afternoon from Elkhorn Valley H.O.G. chapter to answer phones for the telethon during our presentation. Although times are approximate, it will probably be around 2:30 - 4:15. If interested in manning the phones that afternoon, please sign up on our membership only page and include your phone number in the comments section.

Sept 8 - Officer's Meeting at Dillon Brothers Moto Sports 174th Maple. 6:30pm

Sept 10 - Let's go for a ride to Papillion to enjoy some dinner at the Nebraska Brewing Company located at 7474 Towne Center Pkwy, Suite 101 in Shadow Lake Towne Center. Meet at Dillon's bike pad at 6:00 P.M. with clutches out at 6:15 P.M. for approximately a 45 minute ride to get us out there. If you don't want to ride we will be arriving around 7:00 P.M. so you can meet us there.

Sept 12 Let's take a ride to enjoy some dinner at the Husker Steak House located in Columbus, NE. Let's meet at Dillon's bike pad at 3:00 P.M. with clutches out at 3:15 P.M. This will give us an hour and 45 minutes for a nice ride to Columbus for dinner around 5:00. Restaurant doesn't open until 5:00 P.M. but we want to be able to enjoy dinner and get back to Omaha before it gets too dark.

Sept 14 Day of the Hog Volunteers Picnic – 6pm at Zorinski Park. If you volunteered for the Day of the Hog, this picnic is for YOU! Food provided by MDA.

Sept 15 Chapter Meeting at Delta House Food & Spirits 3121 N 108th Street Omaha, NE. The meeting begins at 7:00pm, so if you would like to eat, please arrive a little early.

Sept 19th It's our annual Ladies of Harley Cookie Run. Meet at Dillon Brothers HD (174th & Maple) at 9:30 for a 10:00am departure, and join us for a ride to area fire stations where we'll show our appreciation by delivering cookies bake by our LOH members. Should be lots of fun!

Sept 20 - The annual AppleJack Festival is hosted by Nebraska City, well-known for its apple orchards. The Nebraska City community celebrates the apple harvest all week-end long. Sunday is the Car Show which includes cars, trucks, and motorcycles! Lots of other activities as well. Meet at Dillon's bike pad at 9:45 A.M. with clutches out at 10:00 A.M. A return ride will be discussed with the group upon arrival in Nebraska City.

Sept 26 - Heading down to California Taco located at 3235 California Street, for a little later lunch ride. Let's meet at Dillon's bike pad at 12:00 P.M. with clutches out at 12:15 P.M. A 45 minute ride to get down to the restaurant should put us there around 1:00 P.M. If you don't feel like riding you can meet us there. If you don't want lunch but want to ride afterwards, we should be finishing lunch around 2:00 P.M. (NOTE FOR ROAD CAPTAINS - PLEASE PLAN A NICE SATURDAY AFTERNOON RIDE AFTER LUNCH FOR THIS ONE!)

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October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Dillon's Chili Cookoff
4	5	6 Officer's Meeting	7 Rumble to the Ori- ent	8	9	10 Loess Hills
11	12	13	14	15	16 Biker's Band Night	17 Vale's Pumpkin Patch
18	19	20 Chapter Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Hog-o- ween

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Activities Details

Oct 3 - Dillon Brothers Fall Chili Cook off and Demo – Omaha Store location. Check with the dealership for details!

Oct 6 - Officers Meeting at Dillon's Moto Sports 174th & Maple 6:30pm

Oct 7—Come out and join us for a ride to enjoy some authentic Japanese cuisine at Mt. Fuji Inn located at 7215 Blondo Street. Meet at Dillon's bike pad at 6:00 P.M. with motors rumbling at 6:15 P.M. for a short ride to get us there. If you don't want to ride you can meet us at the restaurant at 7:00 P.M.

Oct 10 - Bob is going to take us on a scenic ride through the Loess Hills with a stop for lunch, probably in Harlan, Iowa. Hopefully the leaves will be a changin'.

Oct 16 - The local band "Rough Cut" will be performing at The Arena Sports Bar located at 3809 N. 90th street. Rough Cut was voted Omaha's #1 cover band in 2008. They specialize in 80's, 90's, classic rock, and country. The Arena also has a great food menu. No formal ride for this one but it's sure to be a great time! Meet at The Arena around 7:00 P.M. (give or take) If you want to beat the cover charge that starts at 7:30 P.M.!

Oct 17 – Dillon Brothers Stuff the Saddlebags food drive for St. Francis House.

Oct 17 - LOH Vala's Pumpkin Patch: October 17, 2009...6-10pm
12102 S. 180th St. Gretna, NE 68028. Come join us for a haunting bonfire at Vala's Pumpkin patch. Meet at Dillon Bros HD Bikepad, 174th & Maple, Omaha @ 6pm...Kickstands up 6:15pm. In case of weather issues or if you choose not to ride, meet at Vala's at 7pm and ask for the EVHOG location.

Oct 20 – Chapter meeting. Location tba

Oct 31 - Saturday October 31, 2009. Once again the Welchert's have invited the Chapter to celebrate Halloween at their home in Blair. So mark you calendars, get you costumes ready and watch our website for more details!

News From Dillon Brother's

Summer hours (till 8pm Mon, Tues, Thurs)
New Express Lube Service (no appt necessary for shorter services) began April 1st

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The Chapter will periodically send out emails to provide updates and chapter information to our members.

If events are cancelled, you can find this information on our Swine Line at (402) 271-1794.

In addition, if you've forgotten the Username and Password to get access to the Members Only section on the website,

please contact the Membership Officer, Kyle at kyle@evhog.net

or Cecil at (402) 871-3944 or Director@evhog.net

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ MEMBER NATL H.O.G. NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP _____

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities.

I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

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