CHAPTER ELECTIONS!

Congratulations to the new officers and road captains that were elected during last months chapter meeting. Please help them get acclimated to their new positions.

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Randy Booth
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Jack Fries
Activities
Marian Krahlman
Ladies of Harley
Nichole Everhart
Head Road Captain
Teresa Sauerwein
Road Captains
Paul Duncan
Rocky Gibson
Betty Gough
Kathryn Langrehr
Curtis Littrell
Doug Schoemaker
Darren Walck

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

I would like to thank, and welcome, the new officers, as well as thank the outgoing officers for all their hard work the last two years. With that said new officers mean new ideas and that is always fun. So let’s support them and grow the chapter with some thinking outside the box (so to speak).

The planning meeting for the first half of 2012, is set for January 7th at 9:30a.m. at Alefs. Please come, and bring your ideas. We want to hear what you want to do and where you want to ride. Just because you bring up the idea does NOT mean that you will have to do all the planning. For that, we have Activities officers and Road Captains.

We want your ideas. Looking forward to the new year, and the events we do as a chapter and hope each of you are as well.

Get out and ride when you can so you keep the spiders out of the exhaust.

Ride safe,
Marv

Assistant Director - Randy Booth

Hey, What’s up PT HOG members???
First, I would like to thank everyone that voted for me for Assistant Director. I have some big shoes to fill, so I hope I can do a good job. If you ever have any questions don’t hesitate to call me, or e-mail me.

Ride planning meeting coming up, January 7th, 9:30 AM at Alefs, so come on out and share your ideas. State Rally is in Junction City, on May 31st. through June 2nd. I will have more info on that at a later date. I hope we have an early spring this year, because I’m ready to ride. Well that’s all I have for now.

Ride safe,
Randy Booth
Assistant Director
Volunteer Coordinator
Happy New Year! The first order of fun stuff will be to choose the fun stuff to do! Meet at Alef’s HD at 9:30 the 7th of January to help plan the calendar. Your input is needed and your opinion valued! We will set the events through the month of June. So come and help us get lots of fun rides on the books. Just because you have an idea of someplace to go or something to do, does not mean that you will be put in charge of that event, so come share.

The Thunder Ball Blast will be January 21 and your $15.00 check or money is due the 7th. You can mail a check to Kathryn Langrehr, 5912 E. 53rd North, Kechi, KS 67067 or bring it to the Planning Meeting on the 7th. The Thunder Ball Blast will be at Stearman Restaurant at Benton Airport starting at 6:30 with a buffet and then a DJ for dancing and just chilling. There will be fun stuff there too and perhaps a prize or two! Stearman has great food and a great casual atmosphere, so make your reservation.

We have two dinner rides (meet at the restaurant) scheduled. January 6 is at Connie’s Mexican Restaurant on North Broadway, Doreen Koch is in charge of that one and the other is January 13 at Gambino’s in Colwich, Janet and Mitch Garner leading the way. Let’s ride and make 2012 a great Harley year!

Nichole, Kathryn, and Marian

Activities

On This Date...

16 years ago: Don Anderson was voted in as chapter director taking over for Jim Williams. Bob Nicholas was assistant director. Jim Williams became safety officer; Rocky Gibson was chosen as head road captain.

12 years ago: Paul "Pep" Pepperd handed out the mileage awards. Aubrey Hill took the top prize with 20,000 plus miles, winning the seniors award. Herman Bolte for the younger set with 11,000 and Connie True won the ladies class with 8,000. Pep was asked why no award was given for the least amount of miles ridden and his reply was "Too many in contention. Couldn't make a decision."

9 years ago: HOG members attended a dinner social at The Crown Up Town Dinner Theater. Dinner and the production of "Once Upon a Mattress" were the plans of the evening. It was Harley rumble at the Anderson’s on New Years day.

6 years ago: LOH had a brunch at Bobbie Morrison’s house. The menu was pot luck "bring something brunch related." Dinner runs were to Cortez, City Bites, Road House and Jason’s deli.

From the "Great Book of Harley-Davidson: Motorcycling was becoming an increasing popular mode of transportation in the United States until 1908 when Henry Ford launched his famous Model "T." Production was limited on cars at the time and motorcycles were much more affordable, a motorcycle sold at $290 - $290 and it too $900 to purchase a Model T. The drawback to a motorcycle was the smaller number of seats but a side car could be purchased for $100. In 1920 H-D surpassed the Indian in sales. 2,400 employees were able to produce 30,000 motorcycles a year. Dudley Perkins dealership opened in San Francisco in 1914. Today it represents the oldest Harley-Davidson concession in the world. The war created a demand for bicycles too. H-D produced a complete line, ranging from the usual models for men, women and children to racing bicycles. There was a special model made for boys ranging in age from 10-16 as well as a model with a reinforced frame to which it was possible to add an engine. They produced them from 1917-1921.

Mitch Garner
Historian/Photographer
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**Biker Breakfasts:**
- 3rd Sat - Marquette
- 1st Sun - Cassoday
- 2nd Sun - Potwin
- 3rd Sun - Cottonwood Falls

**Biker Supper:**
- Tue, 7:00 pm, Bentley Corner
Well the year is come to an end, and it has been a wild year...from cold to warm to, Oh my Gosh, it’s hot out there...to cold and rainy. I hope you were able to ride a lot during the year. We have had some good times and some sad times, but with the help of our friends and our bikes we managed to muster on.

This year has brought many changes in my life. Starting in April, I met a wonderful woman, Barbara Anderson, and on our third date I took her on a poker run and she has been hooked on riding ever since. We have taken several trips together. In July we took a couple of days over the Fourth of July weekend logging over 400 miles and netting several points of the 50 point ride. Congratulations, by the way, to all who completed all 50 points this year. We even managed to scare up some rain three times during our travels. In October, we went to the Oklahoma State Rally in McAllester, with several other members of our chapter and had a great time. Now the last change happened on December 17th, when in front of about 30 of our friends, I asked Barbara to marry me, and she said, “Yes!” Who knew that Harley has wedding and engagement ring sets. So stay tuned Friends for the wedding plans to unfold.

Now for the safety part...Riding in the winter requires planning. Bundle up using layers, drink lots of water to stay hydrated. Watch out for the critters, for black ice and sand on the highway, but most importantly, just get out, ride and have fun.

Until next time keep the rubber to the pavement and the shiny side up and “Let’s be careful out there.”

**David Hyle**

**Safety Officer**
Sharing and Caring...

To all of you who helped make this year’s Senior Adoption such a huge success... I hope you can feel the extreme joy I share with you in these pictures.

YOU gave to an Emergency Fund at Senior Services that is already being tapped. So many people have been calling as charities that normally help them are so very short of funds this year. People are asking for anything they can make into a Christmas dinner. Imagine not being able to do that for yourself - how humbling it must feel!! YOUR funds are already to be used for 7 elderly people’s holiday food, providing $ to keep one lady from having the city shut her water off, & one his phone. And that’s just the ones they told us of when we took the check(s) on Thursday. I decided to make a bigger paper check to present (the big boys do it that way, right?) – how fun they wanted to hang that in the lobby for all to see!

Then we delivered Willa’s stocking and all the good things YOU bought for her, along with some food & toys for Blue Boy (the parakeet we gave her 3 years ago that keeps her company & watches tv with her), fruit, stamps, wrapped gifts and new houseshoes. We took McDonalds to Willa since she doesn’t “do outside” anymore and to her a fish sandwich & Sprite is a treat! Next we delivered the stockings to Laura and Randy (her caregiver). They were filled with gift cards from Wal-Mart and Dillons, stamps, candy treats, + a wrapped gift each, fruit, plus $50 bills for trips to the near by Dollar Store (which is their quick source for “stuff”). Oh my, were they thrilled. We took Laura to lunch for her favorite potato soup and tuna sandwich and a 3-hour chat and returned with lunch and brownies for Randy.

YOU have made so much possible with your generosity and love. Thank you so very much to Dan & Paula and each of our wonderful club members who gave from their hearts. These people YOU helped know it comes from you and your love of Harleys and freedom that made you want to open your hearts to them.

Bless you All! Bobbie
Cruise Control

Happy New Year to all Prairie Thunder H.O.G. members!

Head Road Captain,
Dave Johnson
It’s a brand new year and we are all very excited for the 2012 riding season. From everyone at Alefs, we want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of our dealership. We want this to be a dealership that you can brag about when you visit other states around the country. Please continue to let us know how we can make it a better experience for you no matter the reason for your visit. Ride Safe where ever the roads may lead!

MOTORCLOTHES
If you're the type that likes to extend your riding season year round, then ya better check out the new line of heated gear. AND... it's CLEARANCE TIME in MotorClothes!!! That means amazing savings on lots of great Harley clothing. Be the first to get the pick of the best stuff.

SALES
Our bike inventory is constantly changing as new bikes and trade-ins come in and great deals on our Harleys head out the door. How about this for a deal... Buy a 2012 Harley Big Twin Package and Dan and Paula will make your first 3 payments for you! These aren't deferred payments... you simple don't have to pay them! So if there's a new bike that you've been eyeing up, this may be the moment you've been waiting for!

PARTS & ACCESSORIES
The CLEARANCE TABLES are coming out in January and you can take advantage of some GREAT deals... UP TO 40% anything on the Clearance Tables.

SERVICE
Winter time has always been the best time for motor upgrades. Why not have your bike here where it's warm and get that much needed maintenance work done so you'll be ready to hit the road when the weather gets warm! And check out these WINTER SERVICE SPECIALS:

Chrome or Black Front End Packages - SAVE 10% on your entire parts purchase when the parts are installed by our Expert Technicians. You will also receive a $75 DISCOUNT on labor! AND get FREE installation on a front end lowering kit with the front end package special.

Rear Lowering Kits - SAVE 10% off the purchase of a rear lowering kit when the parts are installed by our Expert Technicians. You will also receive a $37.50 DISCOUNT on labor.

Heated Gear Packages - SAVE 10% on the purchase of a set of heated grips when the parts are installed by our Expert Technicians. You will also receive a $75 DISCOUNT on labor! You can also get free installation on a heated seat with the installation of heated grips.

Chrome Hand Control Package - SAVE 10% on the purchase of chrome hand control kits when the parts are installed by our Expert Technicians. You will also receive a $75 DISCOUNT on labor!

LED Headlight Packages - SAVE 10% on the purchase of LED headlights and passing lamps when the parts are installed by our Expert Technicians. You will also receive a $37.50 DISCOUNT on labor!

Details Special - SAVE 50% on a complete Detail Service. That's a $75 SAVINGS!!

FREE Pick up and Delivery - We will pick up and deliver your bike free of charge with a scheduled service appointment of $300 or more!
FROM THE DEALERSHIP:

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