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## H.O.G. Slop:

**Elizabeth Moore, Editor**

It's a NEW YEAR! But guess what, Folks – you get to put up with me again. Here is your 2012 Officer Panel:

**Director:** David Moore

**Assistant Director:** Jim Olson

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**Activities Officer:** Mick Myskewitz

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**Assistant Activities Officer:** Chet Garrison

**Assistant Road Captains:** Ron Zarr, Bryan Vaden

## Director's Notes:

**David Moore**

Greetings fellow riders!

The year has just started and we're off to a great start. I met with the new officers last week. I challenged them to think outside the box and come up with some new and exciting ideas. We're kicking around several.

We're trying to have a good mix of events so there will be something for everybody. The first major event will be April 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar; details to follow soon.

You will also see a lot more activities after the monthly meeting. I'm honored to be your director and I am looking forward to sharing this new adventure with you.

### Bio:

Born and raised in Austin Texas. I rode dirt bikes in my teens and early 20s. When the kids came along, I moved on to more family-friendly toys - motor boats, jet skis, sail boats etc. As soon as the kids were grown and on their own, back to two wheels.



In 2004, I bought my first Harley. I put 13,000 miles on it the first year. But keep in mind, the riding season in Texas is from the middle of March to Christmas. We moved to Montana September of 2005. I joined the club, upgraded to an Electra Glide, and the rest is history.

## **Activities Officer's Notes:**

### **Mick Myskewitz**

Congratulations to my friend, David Moore, and his appointment to the Director position. I'm excited to work with him and his other officers this year.

As his/your activities officer for 2012, David has lined out some requests to me for the year. We are planning a very similar membership drive. At this point the date is set for April 7. Last year we had over 50 volunteers helping with this huge event. We will need that many and more for this one!

We have also set the dates for the Last Chance Rendezvous in Helena. Last year, the membership drive and the big rally in Helena and my day job were about all I could pull off. David would like a little more attention to increased activities. For example, Wednesdays will be the evening for dinner rides again, and we will have an event after each HOG meeting. I could not agree more!

Because of the limited time I have available, I have appointed an assistant Activities Officer to help me with the many other activities already in the works. Chet Garrison has accepted the position, with David's and Brian's blessings. Congratulations to David and Chet. This is building up to be an awesome year!

Thanks for your support – looking forward to riding with you.

## **Treasurer's Notes:**

### **Cheryl Turner**

Thanks to our HOG Chapter members, we were able to throw some really fun events in 2011. Because of your devotion to keeping your HOG membership active, we are able to plan events that do not require you to dip into your pockets too much.

Membership and 50/50 are our main financial resources. Some of the things we were able to pay for this year were: getting a new grill for the dealership, having our annual "Fairfield Outhouse Run", Helena Rally, "Hogtober Fest" and a no cost to you Christmas Party.

These are just a few of the events that without your support could not have happened.



**Bob Bourgeois Braves the Ice and Snow**

Looking forward to being your Treasure for 2012 - see you at the meetings, and don't forget to read your newsletter...me included. Sorry Elizabeth.

## Membership Officer's Notes:

### Sam Steffan (Sam-I-Am)

As the old saying goes, Old Faces seem to show up in the damnest places, I am back and will be your Membership Officer for the year 2012. As we kick off 2012, thanks to the 65 members who attended the January meeting. Currently the chapter has a total of 288 members on our national membership roster and 285 on the Local chapter membership. The difference in numbers is due to the fact that we have 3 honorary members from foreign countries.



I would like to thank the 75 members who have already paid their dues for 2012 - sure makes for easy bookkeeping and accounting. We would like to have all active members be current by no later than 31 March, then we can all concentrate on just riding and having fun.

To new member Shane Bundtrock, welcome to the Big Sky Chapter. As the year goes by I hope to see the membership again increased, as

new Harley owners join us. If at any time any member has a changed e-mail address or snail mail address, I would appreciate if you would let me know. This way we can keep you informed of all chapter activities.

As a fun note the "The Red Solo Cup, You Fill Me Up, Let's Have a Party", was good for 28 "Party Dollars" to member Amy Oakley...ENJOY! Just may have something different for February - you never know what lurks in my small mind. Special Thanks to member Barry (Spook) Stang, the 50/50 winner, who donated his share back to the chapter.

If you have any questions about your membership status, feel free to contact me any time. My phone is open - 788-6891. So I am back - let's have some fun this year.

## LOH Officer's Notes:

### Marlene Olson

I guess if you walk the walk and talk the talk, you'd better be able to back it up. In the past, I attended almost every event the chapter had, and I often times wondered why things looked so hard. Then it dawned on me...we were letting the **MEN** run things. Geez...no wonder it was difficult!

So I decided it was time for the ladies to take charge. **LOH** is a wonderful organization, and with the amount of talent we have in this chapter, I know **LOH** can be a lot of fun. I have so many ideas, and will discuss them all with the Chapter Director and Chapter Sponsor (aka Brian Moen) in the very near future. In the meantime, feel free to call me or drop me a line any time. I need all of you (even the men) to help make **LOH** successful.

I am planning several activities that would be a ladies-only type of thing. I also have a few ideas for the men but that is a secret until later (**STOP IT....ITS LEGAL**)

Stay tuned. 2012 is going to be a great year for this Chapter and for LOH!

## AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

**50/50 – Spook Stang**

**Door Prize Winners: Bob Bourgeois  
and Ray Ciolkosz**

**“Red Solo Cup” Winner: Amy Oakley**

## Newsletter Comments or Questions?

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**This Month’s Harley Trivia:** Which model is the modern counterpart to the old full-dress Hydra-Glide touring bike of the late 40s and 50s?

## AVIS AND EFFIE HOTCHKISS

Effie N. Hotchkiss and mother Avis were the first women to ride cross-country on a motorcycle from NY to San Francisco.

In the 19th Century, America was a vast country. There were still sections of the nation regarded as frontier, and traversing large sections of land, much less the entire continent, on your own was a bold and dangerous endeavor. At the turn of the 20th Century, the gasoline engine revolutionized travel. America started seeming smaller with each passing year.

Numerous efforts to cover ground quickly on Harley-Davidson® motorcycles were to be made in the coming years. On May 2, 1915, the mother-daughter team of Avis and Effie Hotchkiss left Brooklyn, New York on a three-speed V-Twin with a sidecar, with the intention of reaching the West Coast and returning.

The team had no intention of gaining medals, money, or fame by taking the trip. In the words of daughter, Effie, "We merely wanted to see America and considered that the Three-Speed Harley-Davidson for myself and sidecar for mother and the luggage best suited for the job."

In September of 1915, The Harley-Davidson Dealer magazine reported that the team faced "bad roads, heat, cold, rain, floods, and all such things with a shrug of their shoulders." They had crossed the San Marcos pass in California, enduring temperatures in excess of 120 degrees Fahrenheit. The Hotchkisses claimed in The Harley-Davidson Dealer that, while in New Mexico, they had run out of spare inner tubes. Having thought ahead for this predicament, the women cut a blanket down to inner tube length, rolled and shaped it into a doughnut, and stuffed it into the tire. This got the bike through to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they were able to re-supply inner tubes.

In August, the team dipped their wheels in the Pacific Ocean at San Francisco. By just making the trip one way, Avis and Effie Hotchkiss became the first women to cross the United States on a motorcycle. They immediately began the return leg, which included crossing the deserts of Nevada and Utah, and the cities of Reno, Salt Lake City, Omaha, Davenport, Chicago, and Milwaukee.

Avis and Effie Hotchkiss finally returned to their home in Brooklyn in October of 1915. Although they were looking forward to their next trips, they had already ridden their way into the record books and earned themselves a place in motorcycling history.



Effie N. Hotchkiss and mother Avis, first women to ride cross-country on a motorcycle from NY to San Francisco. Photo from the September 1915 issue of *The Harley-Davidson Dealer*.

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Ok – I got bored and decided to create a little something to keep you guys busy during the winter months. There are names of 20, 2012 Harley-Davidson models in this puzzle. Can you find them all?

**Sportster**  
**Nightster**  
**StreetBob**  
**Dyna**  
**SuperGlide**

**WideGlide**  
**FatBob**  
**Switchback**  
**FatBoy**  
**Softail**

**Blackline**  
**Deluxe**  
**Heritage**  
**VRod**  
**RoadKing**

**StreetGlide**  
**RoadGlide**  
**ElectraGlide**  
**UltraClassic**  
**TriGlide**

**We're looking for a Chapter Historian. Is there anybody out there who enjoys scrapbooking and has a little extra time to spare?**

**It's really a lot easier than you might think.**

**Contact David Moore or Brian Moen if you're interested in keeping our lovely books up-to-date!**



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