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Those of you who attended the November meeting found out that we are going to place a bid to have the 2013 Montana State H.O.G. Rally here in Great Falls again. We have already had several folks step up for officer positions, and once things get approved and underway, plans will commence. As soon as the theme is final, we will make an announcement.

If you don't think you can contribute as an officer, that's ok – we'll need lots of volunteers down the way to help with the individual committees. You'll have lots of opportunities to be a part.

In the meantime, we could use suggestions. Those of you who attended the 2008 rally can let us know what you did and didn't like about it. Those of you who have attended other rallies can give us ideas of things that you really enjoyed about those rallies. This thing is in its infancy, and there will plenty of time for planning.



Director's Notes:

Sam Steffan – “The HOG-Father”

ADIOS:

It seems like every month I have to say goodbye to another officer of the chapter, as the ever-occurring events of life lead them to another adventure.

To our Safety Officer, Doug Davenport, who furnished us with so many informative safety articles and hints in the newsletter as well at meeting, we say, “Ride your Iron Horse safely to your new home and always remember that you are, and will always be a Big Sky HOG.”

You also did the dealership and chapter proud with your participation in the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge. With this, so long and see you down the road.

SALUTE:

To member Judy Stroop, I tip my hat to your relentless efforts during our Pink Bra, fight against breast cancer. You, alone, by packing the “Pink Bra Box” around to communities managed to collect over half of the chapter's total donation to The Sletten Breast Cancer Research Center.

So to you Judy, thanks. You are an inspiration of caring to all chapter members and surely lead by example.

TRIBUTE:

Member, Bill Vickeron, passed on to the Hog Rally in the sky on the 9th of October. You all will probably remember Bill as one of our stalwarts, always manning a poker a stop for us or stepping up for other events.

His opportunities to ride with us were limited due to health conditions. But still Bill was always a HOG. His Wife Mary Jo has served the Chapter as historian for many years and is responsible for all the beautiful chapter yearbooks and memories. You could always see them sitting together as she would make out nametags for all special occasion. To you Bill, god's speed and smooth ride.

To you, Mary Jo, go all our Prayers and blessings. God Bless You.

“The Hogfather”

Assistant-Director's Notes:

Jim Hoffmann

We are at a point where the weather is dictating if we get out and ride or stay home in our cozy abodes. In my mind there is no question – RIDE!!! That being said, there are some precautions to take this time of the year when riding. Be very careful when you do go for a ride.

We have a couple events coming up in the remaining months of this year. There is the Toy Run for the kids and the Christmas party for the chapter members. Watch for HOG postings from the HOG Father regarding dates and times of the events along with any last minute changes that may happen. All events are also posted on the web site.



The Toy Run is something to take part in as it is for the kids but look around at the HOG members when the kids open their gifts from Santa. You will see the kids smile, laugh and be awed and the HOG members will be doing the same only a few tears are also present from us big bad bikers. It is a very special time for the kids as for many of them this may be their only Christmas. We as a chapter are proud to bring this joy to the kids.

There is a list of kids at the customer service counter at the dealership with their needs and wants. I urge all to take part as you can in choosing a name and supplying a gift for them. It will truly be a memory you will not forget.

As another year comes to an end we are looking for individuals to step up and take an officer position for the coming year. It is a rewarding experience and really doesn't take too much of your time. I know there are a lot of people out there that do help all the time with events and such but we need some “new blood” for ideas and involvement to take the reins. So I challenge all to think about it and contact any current officer or Brian with questions, concerns or ideas. This is your chapter.

Ride Safe!

Security Director's Notes:

Doug Davenport

Labor Day has come and gone, here in the Montana the leaves are starting to change, and the resident weather gurus say that much cooler weather is definitely on the way. Time to dredge out those winter gloves you packed away last spring. And if they're in the same sad shape as mine, then you may want to think about a new pair. OK, so you're going to shop for new gloves. What should you look for? How do you decide? Like those five fingers on your (cold) hand, there are 5 things to consider when purchasing of winter gloves.



Warmth:

The main issue is keeping your pinkies warm. No? Make sure you pick a glove with insulation appropriate to your own winter riding conditions – winter to those of us here in Montana is an entirely different animal than to that in Texas. And the commuter who only rides for an hour at a time has different needs than a touring rider who is out there for 500+ mile days! The thinnest and most efficient insulation materials today are synthetics with brand names like Thinsulate, Exkin, Thermolite. Look closely for all over insulation - the glove backs, the palms and even between the fingers. Gauntlet style gloves cover the gap between your glove and jacket at the wrist and keep those icy winds out. That's a good thing!

Water resistance:

In 2011, if you didn't ride in the wet then you just didn't ride much at all. Now that rain is going to get a lot colder and maybe even morph into (don't say it!) s**w! Keeping your hands dry also keeps them warm. While inspecting winter gloves you will find several approaches to water-proofing. Textile gloves will sometimes utilize water resistant outer like nylon and/or an inner waterproof-breathable membrane, like Gore-Tex or Hipora which is both impermeable to water but breathable. The "breathability" factor allows you to sweat without getting eventually clammy and uncomfortable. Waterproof and breathable inner layers are also the strategy employed by most leather glove makers since leather outer shells are generally not waterproof by themselves. Whatever you prefer--leather or textile--you're going to want to make sure they're water tight as you head into the less desirable weather.



"Wet" is a given. (At least in our part of the world.)

Dexterity:

You've still got to control your bike. Remember what your MSF Instructor told you about a "light touch" on the controls. You want to make sure your new winter gloves afford you the necessary dexterity. Gloves need to be tight enough so as to not move around on your hand but loose enough to prevent constriction and the resultant numbness or pain. Take a close look at the fingers – too tight? Too

loose? Too long or short? Heavier/thicker US1464131 gloves may be a bit warmer but can you effectively modulate the brakes with one or two fingers? Also, remember that some leather gloves, unlike their textile counterparts, may require a “break-in.” And just one last thing to think about if you are tempted by those “lobster claw” or mitten type gloves that leave you looking like a cartoon character. Can you still effectively operate the controls and switch gear on your bike? When trying on gloves you may want to throw a leg over a bike and grab the handlebars for a test. As the glove gets thicker, pay special attention to the crook between you thumb and index finger. How's that turn signal working for ya?

Durability:

You don't want to buy another set of winter gloves anytime soon, do you? Carefully check out candidates for features like double stitching and use of premium materials. Is there reinforcement in that heavily abused area between the thumb and index finger? How about the high wear areas of the palm of the glove or the edge of the cuff where you would pull the glove on and off?

Safety & Protection:

Winter riding may actually place an increased emphasis on safety features because there are just that many more riding conditions waiting to catch you. Think wet leaves or icy patches. Do the gloves that you are evaluating have protection over the knuckles? How about a cinching strap to retain the glove in the event of a “rider down?” We all know that leather may have abrasion and impact resistance slightly better than many textiles, especially in the heavier thicknesses. Of course reinforcement materials like Kevlar may provide many of the same benefits. Winter also brings along with it fewer hours of daylight. Gonna ride in the dark? Extra points to those gloves with reflective panels. Other things to think about are palm, pinky and mid-digital hard parts. It may seem overkill at times and add some cost, but the right level of protection in the midst of a get-off will make you a believer in that extra investment you made.

“OTHER THINGS TO THINK ABOUT ARE PALM, PINKY AND MID-DIGITAL HARD PARTS.”

Cold. Wet. Dark. Winter's not for sissy riders. But with the correct gear, including the right gloves, it can be very rideable. There are literally hundreds and hundreds of winter gloves in the marketplace but by using these five evaluation criteria you can narrow the playing field a great deal. Make a selection that works for you and get out there and ride. Oh yes, with regard to color and style? You're on your own on that. Ride safe.

AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

50/50 – Rich Gollehon

Door Prize Winners: Glen Jones & Carl Mattson

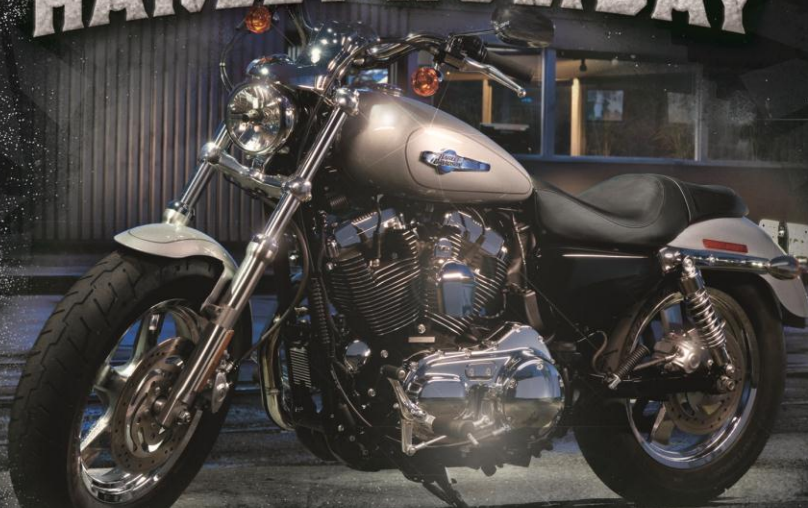
Hidden HOG Number: Jack O'Conner

Need a patch sewn on that leather vest or jacket? [Linda Heggem](#) - 452-2425 - will sew patches for a donation to MDA.

Newsletter Comments or Questions?

If you have any questions, comments, or contributions concerning the Big Sky H.O.G. Newsletter, please contact Elizabeth at 781-5143, or by e-mail at eemoore@3riversdbs.net.

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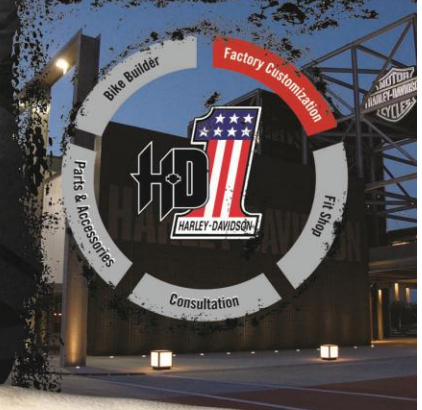
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Nov & Dec Big Sky Harley Holiday Calendar



Take advantage of the events and specials!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		<p>ULTIMATE HARLEY HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES BEGINS</p>	<p>DONATE HERE TO SEND USO CARE PACKAGES TO OUR TROOPS ALL NOV & DEC</p>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CLOSED					VETERANS DAY	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CLOSED			<p>SERVICE FIT SHOP & CUSTOMIZATION CLINIC 6PM-9PM</p>			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
CLOSED		<p>DONATE HERE TO SEND USO CARE PACKAGES TO OUR TROOPS ALL NOV & DEC</p>		<p>THANKSGIVING DAY DEALERSHIP CLOSED</p>	<p>black FRIDAY</p> <p>OPEN 9AM-9PM FREE BREAKFAST FROM 9AM-NOON FREE GIFT WRAPPING FROM NOW UNTIL XMAS</p>	<p>black FRIDAY ORANGE WEEKEND</p> <p>OPEN 9AM-9PM FREE BREAKFAST FROM 9AM-NOON SMILE FOR SANTA NOON-3PM</p>
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
<p>OPEN NOON-4PM</p>	<p>FREE GIFT WRAPPING UNTIL XMAS</p>			<p>GIRLS NIGHT-OUT -6PM-</p>		<p>SMILE -FOR- SANTA NOON-3PM</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>OPEN NOON-4PM</p>				<p>MEN'S NIGHT-OUT -6PM-</p>		<p>SMILE -FOR- SANTA NOON-3PM</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>OPEN NOON-4PM</p>				<p>H.O.G -SHOPPING-EVENT -6PM-</p>		<p>SMILE -FOR- SANTA NOON-3PM</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>OPEN NOON-4PM</p>						<p>CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN NOON-3PM</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>CHRISTMAS DEALERSHIP CLOSED</p>						<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>

In case you weren't aware:
FREEDOM FOR KEEPS
(Harley-Davidson Museum Member Sweepstakes)

Win Willie's Ride!

As a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle rider and H.O.G.® member, you're already the envy of all your non-riding friends. Now here's your chance to be the envy of your fellow H.O.G. members, too – by owning the motorcycle that Willie G. Davidson rode to Daytona Bike Week in 2011. When you join or renew your membership to the Harley-Davidson Museum® between November 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, you'll be automatically entered in a sweepstakes to win his 2011 CVO™ (Custom Vehicle Operations™) Screamin' Eagle® Street Glide®!

It's the Freedom For Keeps Harley-Davidson Museum Member Sweepstakes.

And this is not just *any* CVO motorcycle (as if there even were such a thing). This is the ride that Willie G. personally outfitted for his ride from Milwaukee



to Daytona. It has some great features and accessories designed to make *your* next big journey (or local chapter ride) an even better experience.

It's Willie's way of saying "Thank You" for your continued loyalty to the Harley-Davidson brand and for supporting the Museum.

To learn more about the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee – or to join or renew your membership – visit www.h-dmuseum.com.



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Hone Your Riding Skills (Safe Rider Skills)

Being a HOG® member means making the most of every ride – and every ride should be a *safe* ride. The HOG Safe Rider Skills Program is the perfect way for you to do a little brushing up on your riding skills, whether you're a seasoned veteran or a new rider.



The HOG Safe Rider Skills Program offers up to \$50 reimbursement – in the form of a HOG coupon – to HOG members who successfully complete an accredited Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) rider training course, including the Harley-Davidson Rider's Edge® courses. It's HOG's way of saying safety matters most. Refer to your *HOG Benefits Guide* for more details on the HOG Safe Rider Skills

Program, or visit members.hog.com.

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