



**MIDLAND-ODESSA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP**  
**Chapter #5120**

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**HOG Chapter meetings for 2010 will start  
On March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 in the break room at  
Legacy Harley-Davidson.**

**Meetings will continue each month falling on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Saturday of each month at the same time.**

**We plan to have a ride and meal following  
Each meeting, depending on weather.**



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**READY TO RIDE?**

I want to welcome all members to the 2010 year for the Midland-Odessa HOG Chapter. If you are an existing member, welcome back; if you are new, we look forward to meeting and riding with you.

Your Chapter has a new slate of officers and we are already planning numerous rides...short, long, daytime and evening. We want to encourage everyone to ride with us and to make the meetings that you can. The success of our Chapter will depend on the members and the more that participate the greater the experience. If you have any ideas, suggestions, compliments or complaints feel free to contact any officer. Actually, Gary has agreed to take the complaints while the compliments should come my way! We are here to make this Chapter one that is fun and attractive for its members. There is no better place to meet fellow Harley riders than right here.

Our regular meeting dates are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM at Legacy Harley-Davidson. The meeting will cover general news, activities and announcements pertaining to the Chapter and while we continue our search for a Ladies of Harley (LOH) leader we will take the last minutes of the meeting to address any LOH announcements. If you know of anyone that would be interested in this open position, please ask them to contact me. The pay isn't great (in fact, there is none), but it's a good opportunity to organize some women's rides (as incentive, think of the alternative....men organizing a woman's ride. That should send a chill up your spine).

Don Bigbie, owner of Legacy H-D, is our sponsor and I want to extend a special thank you to him for his support. Don is always there to help and I encourage each member to say hello to Don and to return his support by frequenting our home dealership.

So, Welcome to the family! Let's all make this a banner year for our HOG Chapter, Ladies of Harley and Legacy Harley-Davidson.

Steve Taylor, Director  
Midland-Odessa HOG Chapter

## Before the Ride....

Riding Season is nearly here and everyone I have talked to is more than ready. But before we take off, let's take a minute to check a few simple things on our bikes that will increase our chances that our ride will be safe and fun.

1. **Check the Tires**- They are the most important parts of your bike. If your engine quits-you roll to a stop. If a tire quits-trouble! Make the effort to check the surface of the tires , looking for tread wear, cuts in the rubber or foreign objects, like a nail. Check the tire pressure with a good gauge. If a tire is low every time you check it, even though you have added the proper amount of air each time, you have a slow leak. Fix it before it becomes a fast leak.
2. **Check the controls** -Cables are quite strong and rarely break, but look for kinking, stiffness or anything unusual in their operation.
3. **Check your lights**- Including brake light, headlights and turn signals to make sure everything works. Also check your horn and adjust your mirrors.
4. **Check the oil and fuel** -Proper oil levels and scheduled oil changes are critical to engine life. Arriving to group rides with a full gas tank sure makes the ride go smoother.
5. **Check Chain-Belt drive**-Make sure chain-belt is properly tensioned. Check for belt wear (fraying or cracking). Chains do need occasional cleaning and lubrication.
6. **Check Kickstand**-Make sure kickstand folds up properly and stays up.
7. **Check Brakes**- As you roll off, check your brakes, just to make sure they haven't gone away..

Now, let's ride...

Mike Hyman



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**EVENTS CALENDER**

- MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**      **HOG MEET 'N EAT\* 10:30<sub>AM</sub> LEGACY H.D.**  
**Lunch at HOG Heaven-Big Spring\***
- MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>**      **LOH GARAGE PARTY - LEGACY H.D.**
- APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**      **HOG MEET 'N EAT\* 10:30<sub>AM</sub> LEGACY H.D.**  
**Ride to Snyder\***
- APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**      **RIDE FOR RELAY MOTORCYCLE FUN RUN**  
**Registration 9:00<sub>AM</sub> – LEGACY H.D.**
- MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**      **HOG MEET 'N EAT \* 10:30<sub>AM</sub> LEGACY H.D.**  
**Ride to Monahans\***
- MAY 20-23**      **ASPEN CASH RALLY – RUIDOSO, NM**

OFFICERS TO MEET 30 MINUTES PRIOR MEETING

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WEATHER PERMITTING

From the Editor:

Yes, I am new to the job and I want to encourage everyone to find new ideas and send them my way. Also any subject that may need to be announced, please let's get it out!! If there is change on any one member regarding email address or phone numbers, please, please notify me as soon as possible, otherwise we will have difficult keeping in touch. Also starting with this first meeting, I would like to get birthdays, we all have one.

We do plan to have new activities and rides, but the fellowship is so great!!  
Come Join Us!!!

Phyllis

## Membership and Dues

Chapter dues have been \$15 per year for many, many years and will stay at that rate through March 31, 2010, but they will increase to \$20 per year for anyone joining or paying after that. If you haven't paid your dues already we encourage you to do so before the end of March, or if you know someone interested in joining they can save a little money by becoming a HOG member now. We will also stop prorating dues based on when you join (meaning it will cost the same whether you join in January or December) so it's best to join as early in the year as possible. Remember, to join the local Chapter you must also be a member of the national H-D HOG organization. Enrollment forms are available from Carolyn Doolittle (membership officer), the sales check-out desk at Legacy or it can be downloaded online.