



Happy HOG-O-WEEN

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Newsletter

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Editor: Carolyn Fox

Pretty busy meeting last week, with fundraiser raffles, lunch and nominations. Thank you to all who participated in making this a successful event.

No voting necessary for the November meeting. The nominations were made and there were no competing nominations. So, your 2022 primary officers were selected and approved at the October Meeting. (See Greg's notes for results) Reminder to our outgoing officers, documents such as treasurer's report, membership forms and minutes must be file at the dealership. Please be sure to bring them to the November meeting to be filed and available for the new officers. Signup sheets will still be available at the November meeting for the "non-primary" officer positions. The 2022 officers will collect them after the meeting to put their 2022 team together. (*Reminder - I have sign on to continue as the Editor for next year, but would love to train someone else to be the Editor. Someone new would bring fresh ideas and concepts to the Newsletter.*)

Director: Greg Nowak

Hello everyone,

Another great year is coming to an end, a year spent with friends and family.

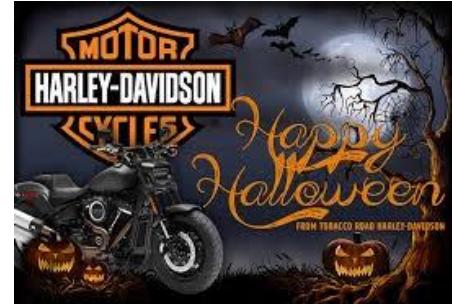
The election of primaries is complete and all positions filled

- 1) Director - Scott Herbert
- 2) Assistant Director - Scott White
- 3) Treasurer - Pam Flint
- 4) Secretary - Michelle Berlin

Scott Herbert will be running the November meeting; I hope to make it and observe and assist should he need it. That being said, I wish to thank everyone for allowing me to serve the club for several years it has truly been a pleasure, thank you for overlooking some of my mistakes and bad language. I trust you will do the same for them ...

See you around

Greg



Other articles in this newsletter:

- After the October meeting minutes is this month's letter from PAUL BLOTSKE our H.O.G. Regional Manager – Midwest.
- Have you ever thought of riding a 1911 Harley, 3,700 miles in 16 days to win the 2021 Motorcycle Cannonball run? Well 68-year-old Dave Currier did just that...the article is after Paul's.

Assistant Director: Scott Herbert

Hello friends, it's hard to believe the riding season is coming to an end. It was great summer with many adventures.

Big shout out to the members/road captains who assisted with the Riders Edge Alumni Ride.



Assistant Director: Scott Herbert

It's time to learn about another Chapter member interview. I did my interview with Tim Flint this month and learned a lot about him. I hope you enjoy learning about Tim as much as I did.

- Where did you grow?
 - I grew up in Fruitport MI and went to Fruitport High School
- Did you play any Sports?
 - I played baseball for 7 years from age 9-16
- How many years have you and Pam been married?
 - Pam and I have been married for 28 years.
- Then I thought I would get him on this question. Do you know your wedding Anniversary?
 - Yup, our wedding anniversary is May 7th. We have 2 kids and 2 Grandsons ages 13 and 15.



- What Branch of the Service were you in?
 - Tim joined the Army when he was 17 ½ years old July of 1980. He was stationed in Louisiana. He did 3 years active duty and then came back to Michigan for 4 years in the National Guard. Beanie Holland was his XO.
- When did you get your first bike? Was it a Harley, if not when did you get your first Harley?
 - Tim's first bike was a Suzuki GS 550 in 1980 and then in 1981 he purchased his first Harley a Sportster.
- His favorite vacation?
 - 2011 Pam took Tim to the Upper Peninsula. It was his 1st time ever riding over the bridge and he was nervous.
- What are you going to do when you retire?
 - Tim plans on getting a part time job and enjoying life. 38 years down and 12.5 months to go!!
- Tim joined the Hog Chapter 14 years ago. He has held many positions. Head Road Captain, Road Captain, Assistant Director and Director.

I hope you enjoyed learning about Tim.

Thank you,
Scott

Activities: Jamie Herbert/Terri White

Hi everyone, I would like to thank everyone for a great riding season. We had a lot of fun and saw some great things this summer. We had you fill out a form for what you would want to do or see for the 2022 riding season. We received some great ideas!

November 14th after the chapter meeting, we will have Thanksgiving dinner. Please bring a dish to pass. If you didn't sign up at the last meeting it's not too late. You can still join and bring a dish. Below is what people have signed up for already

- Cheesy Potatoes
- Corn Casserole
- Green Bean casserole
- Acorn Squash
- M&M's
- Turkey and Gravy
- Dressing
- Dessert

Please also bring a non-Perishable food item to the meeting for our Christmas Family.

There will be a Christmas Party on January 15th. Tickets will be on sale at the Chapter meeting. \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Make sure to save that date.

Please don't forget Gift Wrapping season starts in December. There are sign-up sheets at the meeting.

See you all in November,
Jamie and Terri





Small group for
the Cadillac Clam
Lake Ride...
Started with a
"little" sun and
"lots" of cool air!



Darn GPS...dirt road! And U-turn.
Now it is an official HOG ride!



Some nice lunch...



Then the sky looks like this....



And we look like this! A bit of a cold ride, but **ALWAYS** fun!

Muskegon H.O.G. Chapter #1962 - Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen Bikers, Friends and Military

Nominations for Primary Officers:

- **Director**- Scott Herbert nominated by Al Fox, 2nd with Scott White. Scott Herbert accepted.
- **Assistant Director** – Scott White nominated by Jamie Herbert, 2nd by Tom Linacre, Scott White accepted.
- **Treasurer**- Pam Flint nominated by Jamie Herbert, 2nd by Terri White, Pam accepted the position
- **Secretary** – Michelle Berlin nominated by Jim Berlin, 2nd by Mary Ochs. Michelle accepted the position
- **Congratulations to the new Officers of 2022**

TREASURER: Sue Foose

Sue was absent, Greg Nowak shared beginning and ending balances with the membership.

SECRETARY: Recorded by Melinda Nowak

Minutes for September have been approved, published in the Newsletter and posted to the website. Thank you, Carolyn and Pam, for filling in for me this year.

Director: Greg Nowak –

Greg read the thank you card, sent to the Chapter from Mikki Fox, for the love and support for AJ Fox. She also thanks all that participated in the "Thunder Road" memorial ride for AJ. It meant a great deal to Mikki and the whole Fox family.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Scott Herbert

- Discussed Ride 365 and the need to report ending mileage before the November meeting. \$50 Hot Rod Gift card to be drawn from those who participated.
- He received an email with information on purchasing HOG rings for \$189 (personalized) or \$149 (standard). He will confirm authenticity of the website and get more information for next month meeting.
- He worked with Bob Scott from the Muskegon Motorcycle Club for a toy ride. An unwrapped toy was the admission for the ride, they obtained approximately 70 toys. Thank you, Scott White and Bob Davis, for joining us on the ride.
- The Riders Edge Alumni run sponsored by Hot Rod went very well. Thank you to al the Road Captains that assisted on the ride.
- Scott also joined members Ken and Tina LaHaye on a Benefit Poker Run...got wet but had a good time.
- Need people for the Graduation ride in June, sign-up sheets in the back, we will need 32.

- Big welcome to our visitors Carl and Buddy. They are here to check out the Chapter.

ACTIVITIES: Jamie Herbert and Terri White

- Jamie handed out the AJ patches for those who had purchased them.
- October 23 – HOG-O-ween Party at Deb Homoly. Meet at 5:30p and eat at 6:00p. Costumes are FUN and encouraged but not required to have a good time with friends. The chapter will be purchasing pizza. Suggestions for anyone wanting to bring something to share – appetizers or dessert.
- Sign-up sheets to assist with Gift Wrapping are on the back table. It will be held on the first 3 Saturdays and Sundays in December and supports the local food pantry.
- November 14, Chapter Thanksgiving Dinner after the meeting. Sign up sheet on table for the item(s) you plan to bring will help us plan the meal.
- November 14 is also our Food Drive. Please bring a nonperishable item(s) to donate.
- Suggestions forms are on the table, they will be used to help us build the 2022 ride and activity schedule.
- A suggestion for a Casino Ride has been presented...she would like to know how many members would be interested in this type of ride.

LOH: Deb Homoly –

- Reminder that the monies the members donate to LOH will go to the Women's Veterans Support Group and Every Women's Place Christmas Adopt-a-Family. Two baskets were raffled off as a fundraiser...the winners were John Wade and Greg Marczak. Thank you to all who participated. There will be another basket at the November Meeting.
- For our family – please bring a nonperishables item to donate to the family at our Thanksgiving meeting.
- Reminder to bring your favorite dish to past for annual end of season/Thanksgiving pot luck after the November Meeting.

Editor- Communications: Carolyn Fox

Demo of the "Photo Frame" that will accompany the "Officer Board". Please let her know if you do not want your photo included in the slide show.

Webmaster: Greg Marczak -

Thank you, Carolyn, for keeping the website homepage current.

Apparel: Jim Berlin-

See him for merchandise.

Safety: Larry Foose and Scott White –

Larry – Due to the mild weather, we have some “bonus” days. Take advantage by practicing some of the skills that need a little polishing, and/or fixing that little thing on your bike that you have been putting off, so that you are better prepared for next year’s riding season.

Scott White – added

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Keep your staggered position, do not creep up on the rider in front of you
- When passing is needed, give the rider in front a chance to get back into the lane before you start passing
- One more thing...make sure your kickstand is down before getting off bike for gas. (He would not confirm or deny having first-hand knowledge of this.)

Membership: Michelle Berlin –

Reminder, that your “National” HOG renewal falls on the anniversary of you signup date. It is NOT the same as your Chapter HOG Renewal which is always in January. Your National Membership must be current for you to renew.

A date has been confirmed for the **Holiday Party, January 15th at Hager's Hideaway, 6:00p.** It will be scaled back a little, no caterer but will include those things we enjoy. The Chapter will provide finger foods: Subs/sliders, appetizers and desserts. Anyone wishing to bring munchies such as dips and chips are welcome. The Chapter will also provide mixers/soda, coffee, water and ice. Please bring your own adult beverages. We will still have the White Elephant (gag gifts only) game, DJ and lots of fun. Tickets will be available at the November meeting - \$10 members and \$15 for non-members.

Old Business:

Update on Holiday Party

New Business:

H.O.G. Ring information

Respectfully,
Melinda Nowak





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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR H.O.G.® REGIONAL MANAGER

Here in the upper Midwest, the leaves are starting to turn and there is still some great fall riding ahead of us, but our riding season is growing short. It's been another unique one for sure, and compared to 2020, it was mostly normal. It was a great relief to be back hanging out and riding with so many of our members at rallies and events this year. It feels like it's been almost non-stop for the past few months, which is the best kind of busy to be when you are sharing the love of riding motorcycles with other people.

The other regional managers and I are back home for a few months but that doesn't mean our work stops. If anything, the next few months are some of the busiest here at the H.O.G. national offices as we transition from riding season to planning season! Although planning for new and better ways to serve our members is our year-round job, these next months are especially busy as we put the final touches on a full slate of events for 2022, including next year's Regional and Touring rallies and Regional Officer Connection training.

For officers like you, it's also a great time to be thinking about what your own 2022 season will look like. A great way to start your planning is to sit down with your sponsoring dealer and HOG Manager to talk about common goals and objectives for the season. What do you hope to accomplish together next year? Maybe you want to plan more rides or events, grow your chapter's membership, or mentor new riders. Whatever the objective, start with a conversation, create a plan and work that plan.

As always, on behalf of the entire H.O.G. team, thanks for everything you do to create great experiences for our members, and please feel free to reach out anytime if there's anything I can do to help.



PAUL BLOTSKE

H.O.G. Regional Manager - Midwest

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GET READY FOR ROC

Regional Officer Connection training is a great way to learn best practices and share ideas about your Chapter, and for many new and returning officers it's a fun and engaging way to start a new riding season. In 2022, the H.O.G. Regional Manager team will once again hit the road for a full slate of in-person ROC training sessions at more than a dozen locations around country. In addition to live sessions, we will also offer several online virtual ROC sessions for those unable to attend an in-person event. Registration for 2022 ROC sessions opens in early December with the first sessions scheduled for early January. Watch for a complete schedule of dates and locations in next month's HOG Officer Connection newsletter.

COMING SOON: 2022 H.O.G. EVENTS CALENDAR

The 2021 H.O.G. national event calendar wraps up this month, and the H.O.G. team has already been busy for months planning for next year. We're putting the finishing touches on the 2022 event calendar right now, and once again H.O.G. will offer a great selection of Touring and Regional rallies featuring some the best motorcycle rides and destinations in America, along with H.O.G. Check-Ins at major motorcycle events around the country. Watch next month's HOG Officer Connection newsletter for full details about the 2022 rallies and the new 10 for '22 Challenge destinations for the RIDE 365 program. Get ready to start planning your next riding season!

COMPLETE RIDE 365 MILEAGE READINGS BY DEC. 31

As of the end of September, a whopping 59 percent of members currently entered in the 2021 RIDE 365 program have only had one mileage reading taken this year. If these members neglect to have a second reading taken before December 31, their 2021 annual miles will not contribute to your Chapter's total or average mileage for the Annual Chapter Challenges. Don't let that happen to you!

Use the Manage My Chapter tool in the H.O.G. membership system to view your Chapter's participation in the RIDE 365 Mileage Challenges. Run a Member Report in the tool to identify your members who have entered the current year Challenge as well as their mileage totals. Members who have had at least two mileage readings during the current calendar year will show their total accumulated mileage in the Annual Contest field. Members who have had only an initial reading will show a Zero in the annual mileage field. All other members without a reading in the current year will show a Dash mark, for a null reading. This means they have not entered the Annual Mileage Challenge this year.

You can find a link to the Manage My Chapter tool here in the Chapter Officers Resources section of h-d.com. Let's spread the word to get those readings taken and numbers up!



Motorcycle Cannonball 2021 Won by 68-Year-Old on 1911 Harley

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by [Todd Halterman](#) 

A 68-year-old Fargo, North Dakota man, the son of a former motorcycle dealer, won the 2021 Motorcycle Cannonball.



The Cannonball has been called “*the world’s toughest antique motorcycle endurance run*,” and Dave Currier rode the 3,700-mile, 16-day route from norther Michigan to South Padre Island, Texas, on his classic refurbished bike.

The route saw riders roll south, then east to the Carolina coast and then angled back toward Texas. The race crossed 11 states. The Cannonball has typically been held every second year, but the 2020 event was delayed until 2021 due to COVID concerns.

The modern Motorcycle Cannonball began when Lonnie Isam, Jr. first started considering a plan to cruise the back roads of America with his antique motorcycle riding buddies. It turned into a challenge to motivate antique motorcycle owners to pull their bikes out of museums and garages and ride them again.

Isam says he wanted to pay homage to the forefather of competitive motorcycle distance riding, Erwin “Cannonball” Baker, and other figures from history who shared Baker’s obsession. Those early riders stormed across the country in the early 1900s, and his dream was to have modern riders on those classic machines do the same.

The Motorcycle Cannonball riders will begin their approximately two-week journey across the United States on motorcycles built before 1930, and many of them were exactly the sort of rides you might expect: Harley-Davidsons, Indians, BSAs, and BMWs.

The competition involves accurately navigating the route using a set of Course Instructions laid out for each day. The bikes are separated out in classes, and the winner for each class is the motorcycle and rider who covers the most on-route mileage over the 16-day run. Part of the challenge is that each day includes a specified time schedule and requires compliance with the Event Regulations.

In 2010 Isam assembled a group of riders willing to share miles with him along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, and 45 intrepid riders took off from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, for a transcontinental journey which would ultimately end at the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Currier’s bike featured the original engine and also included the cylinder, crankcase, and the carburetor. Currier’s father, Dick Currier, was a dealer of Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles in the 1940s and 1950s. The elder Currier also raced motorcycles. Son Dave dedicated the Sept. 10-26 ride to the memory of his father.



“[The bike] is very tall, and I have short legs so I can’t touch the ground,” Currier told WDAY TV of Fargo. “You have to pedal it to start it. It’s a belt-drive – the only way to move it forward is you pull the level which tensions the belt, and then you move forward.”

This year’s event was supported by a long list of motorcycle industry sponsors and attracted 88 competitors.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7  Daylight Savings ends	8	9	10	11 	12	13
14  1:00p Chapter Mtg. & Thanksgiving Potluck	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4





November/December 2021 Events

Oct 30: Happy Harley-ween

Wear a costume and receive 15% off one item.

November 6 - Winter Storage Prep Workshop

- Discover the best methods for putting your bike to bed for the season.
- Free donuts and coffee.

November 11-13 - Veterans Day Weekend

-Veterans Save 15% off Officially Licensed Product*

*Discount off regular price items in stock. Excludes motorcycles, after-market parts, & special orders.

November 25 - Closed for Thanksgiving

November 26 & 27 - Black Friday & Saturday

- Friday 10a-6pm, Sat 10a-3p
- Double Rewards Points
- In-Store Specials, Watch for Details

November Bike Special

Buy any pre-owned bike in stock and receive:

- \$500 Service Credit*
- Free Winter Storage
- Free Spring Delivery*

*Credit must be used towards service work (parts/labor) & be completed by 3/31/22. Free delivery within 50 miles. Offer expires 11/30/21.

December 4/5, 11/12, 18/19 Gift Wrapping

Free Gift wrapping will be available by the Muskegon HOG Chapter, all donations will be given to Loaves of Grace Food Pantry

