



# Happy Thanksgiving!

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## Editor: Carolyn Fox

If you missed the November meeting, you missed some great food and fellowship with your HOG family. It was the last meeting of the year but members will be Gift Wrapping at Hot Rod on Saturdays in December so be sure to stop by and say hello. Also, December 4<sup>th</sup> is the "After Wrapping Lunch" (3:30p) at the Downtown Top Shelf Pizza. That will be the last scheduled activity of the year.

Looks like I'll be your Editor in 2022 and as such I need your help. The current Newsletter format has been around for years and since most of you read it on your phone or other mobile devices.... does it work for you? Would you rather see a single column or does the two-column format work? Looking for ideas to improve how you get your information. Don't worry, I can handle constructive criticism, so throw me some ideas.

## Director: Greg Nowak

Hello everyone,

Sorry I wasn't able to make our Thanksgiving Feast, but family first always. I heard it was fantastic. I want to take one last opportunity to thank the members for supporting me as your Director this year. It was a year full of ups and downs...we had lots of fun on our ride destinations and we lost family members.

## Assistant Director: Scott Herbert

This month I interviewed Scott White. Scott will be our 2022 Assistant Director. I am looking forward to working with Scott and I think we will be a great team.



How long have you and Terri been married?

- We have been married 40 years. We have 2 beautiful daughters, Randi and Sam.

When did you join the Air Force?

- September 1979. While in the Airforce Scott had his most memorable trip. It started in Fairbanks Alaska to Norway. They hit a different time zone every hour on the hour. It was great.

We know that you work with Planes. Where do you work and what do you do?

- I work at GE Aviation and I work on Military Aircraft Electronics

Other articles in this newsletter:

- After the November meeting minutes is this month's letter from PAUL BLOTSKE our H.O.G. Regional Manager Midwest.
- His letter includes **lists of the 2022 H.O.G. rallies**. Check them out and let your 2022 officer team know if you think the Chapter should add one of these to the ride schedule for next year.



It was a year that made us all re-assess what is important. It reaffirmed the saying "Life is short, love deeply and forgive quickly". My wish for my HOG family is to have a blessed Thanksgiving, the Merriest Christmas/Holiday and to embrace a wonderful New Year.

See you on the road my friends  
Greg.

How many different countries have you lived in while in the Air force?

- America and Japan twice.

Favorite Bike?

- Scott's 2020 Ultra limited is his favorite bike. You travel a lot for work. How many different Harley dealerships have you been too?

I would say a minimum of 50  
Do you have any hobbies besides riding?

- I play video games my favorite game is Far Cry Tell us something nobody in the group (minus Terri) knows about you.

- I played Hockey from age 6-18

Thank you, Scott, for taking time out to let us get to know you.

**Assistant Director: Scott Herbert** (continue)

Now onto some Hog business - Road Captains don't forget to turn in any release forms that you have. We had our last Ride 365 drawing. The winners were Sharon Davis and Mikki Fox. Thank you to everyone that participated this year.

**Activities: Jamie Herbert/Terri White**

Hi everyone, Hard to believe it's almost Christmas! We will be doing gift wrapping at Hot Rod starting Saturday December 4th. We won't be wrapping on Sunday's this year since Hot Rod will be closed. If you still want to sign up for gift wrapping let me know. We have spots still open- see times below...

**December 4th**

- 11:30-1:30pm we have 3 open spots
- 1:30-3pm we have 1 open spot

**December 11th**

- 10 -11:30 2 open spots
- 11:30 -1:30 pm 2 open spots
- 1:30-3 pm 3 open spots

**December 18th**

- 10-11:30 all spots are open
- 11:30-1:30pm all spots open
- 1:30-3pm 3 open spots

We will start planning next year's ride/activities schedule soon. If you didn't have a chance to submit your ideas, just get them over to me or you can call me at 231-750-8203.

The 2022 Regional Mid America Hog Rally will be in Dubuque Iowa this year. More info to come as the regional manager releases information.

Thank you for your time,  
Scott Herbert

We talked about having a family cookout this summer, Hog members and their families. We voted and it was a go. Terri and I will keep you posted as we plan that. Looking forward to a great 2022

I want to thank everyone that participated in the Thanksgiving dinner. Everything was delicious. We Wishing everyone a blessed Holiday,

Jamie and  
Terri



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

## November 14, 2021

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

Scott Herbert filled in for Greg Nowak, who was unable to attend the meeting.

### **TREASURER: Sue Foose**

Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the veterans for their service and all who brought food for our annual thanksgiving potluck. She read the treasurer report, listing balances and expenditures. Also let us know there is a service fee for cash deposits on our bank account She thanked the chapter for the opportunity to be our treasurer for the last 2 years and wished the new treasurer much success in 2022.

### **SECRETARY: Recorded by Carolyn Fox**

Minutes for October have been approved, published in the Newsletter and posted to the website.

- Sue Foose asked what was the approval process for the newsletter. Carolyn Fox, Editor, explained that after the monthly newsletter "draft" is completed, the editor sends it to the Chapter Director for review, changes and approvals. The Newsletter is then sent to the dealership for review, changes/updates and approvals.
- Sue then asked, what is the process - if there is an error found in the newsletter after it is posted to the members and website. Carolyn answered that, if an error is found, she would send an email to the members reporting the error/corrections. If deemed a gross error (something other than a typo or date error) this correspondence would be filed with the newsletter as an amendment.

### **LOH: Deb Homoly –**

The final (2) baskets will be raffled today for our 2 charities. Winners were: Mary Ochs and Tina LaHaye. Thank you, ladies, for supporting our charities.

- Alicia Brown asked, does LOH have the family from Every Women's Place yet? Carolyn Fox responded that she did not expect a family to be assigned until after Thanksgiving.
- Michelle mentioned that she and Jim adopt a United Way family each year in addition to assisting with our EWP family. Did the Chapter want to consider this too?
- Much discussion was had on supporting, and which, charities in 2022. Scott Herbert tabled the discussion to the January 2022, which is when our yearly planning would begin.
- It was mentioned that the person that had signed up to be our LOH lead decided not to do it because she didn't have the time to give to LOH that she felt it deserved. Scott Herbert expressed that, for now, we will not have a LOH. Deb Homoly expressed her concern that "what if" someone wanted to do it and wasn't here today, that they couldn't volunteer later? Scott answered, that the door could always be opened if we had someone who wanted to take on this role.

### **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.

Holiday Party is January 15<sup>th</sup>, at Hagar's Hideaway, \$10 for members and \$15 for Guest. We will have a DJ (Tom Schalk from Quality Sound), games including the white elephant game. *Reminder* that gifts are more of "gags" so please do not buy something for this game. *Good way to get rid of a gift you hate!* Chapter will be supplying hot finger foods, coffee, water, etc. Ladies from party committee will be doing platters of food. If you would like to bring something, make it simple like chips and dip or chips and salsa. BYOB

Still doing the raffles, which helps to offset expenses for DJ and hall. Alicia Brown will be assembling the bucket of cheer...please contact her with your donations. Drop off at the Hot Rod gift-wrapping days, or the January meeting, or contact Alicia and she'll meet up with you to get your donations.

Housekeeping note: Michelle informed the members that she and Carolyn Fox spent about four hours one day cleaning out the closet. Everything in there was either bought by the chapter or by a member and donated to the chapter. The contents belong to the Chapter, the closet does not belong to us. Hot Rod lets us use it. If you look in there, you can see electrical panel, plumbing, etc. They need to be able to get to that stuff. If you need something out of the closet you can get it and use it. You don't need to be an officer to get something from the closet. (If we need napkins today during dinner, feel free to get them) We ask that if you remove something, put it back where you found it. If you need help reaching something or know we have it but don't know where, just ask.

Also in the closet is 3 boxes of old Chapter photo books, these will be on a table in the back at the January and February meetings. Anyone who wants these photos, please feel free to take them. They will be tossed after the February meetings.

### **Editor- Communications: Carolyn Fox**

Already covered newsletter questions.

### **Webmaster: Greg Marczak -**

Nothing to add.

(Editor note: Tina LaHaye volunteered to be our LOH lead. Thank you, Tina, and good luck.) She lives so far from Muskegon; she is looking for ideas as to where to host meetings. Several people offered their homes or suggested restaurants.

## ACTIVITIES: Jamie Herbert and Terri White

- Thank you to everyone who donated food today for our Christmas family
- Sign-up sheets to assist with Gift Wrapping are on the back table. Hot Rod will NOT be open on Sundays this year, therefore, we only need volunteers for the first 3 Saturdays in December. This supports the "Loaves of Grace Food Pantry".
- A suggestion has been to have a "Family Day Cookout" next year. How many are interested? More than half of the members present thought it was a good idea, the cookout will be added to the 2022 activities schedule.

## Apparel: Jim Berlin-

We have chapter patches available. Prices are on the back. Catalogs if you are looking for something special.

## Safety: Larry Foose and Scott White –

It is cold outside. Sue added - make sure your battery tender is on correctly so you don't have a dead battery in the spring.

## Director: Greg Nowak –

Absent

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Scott Herbert

- Update on the HOG ring information. These rings are from a class ring company. If personalized with your name, it will not have HOG on it and is \$189 or \$149 for a standard ring. If interested, contact Scott H. and he'll give you the website information.
- Road captains, if you have any ride releases from this year, please turn them into me so they can be filed.
- Reminder to officers - membership forms, treasurer reports, newsletter and minutes must be on file at the dealership. There are folders in the file cabinet for these documents. Also, please forward to your replacement any spreadsheets that they may need in 2022.
- We have determined a place for the Officer board and tablet. Al Fox will make an easel that will hold both and it will be placed in the foyer of Hot Rod.
- Hot Rod is hosting a **V.I.P. event on December 9th** at 6:00p and all Chapter Members are invited. Please have anyone that plans to attend RSVP to [jamiiegillard@hotrodhd.com](mailto:jamiiegillard@hotrodhd.com) by Dec 6, or if at Hot Rod, you can tell Vickie.
- My person of the month interview will be Scott White. The interviews are meant to give you some incite to the person "under the helmet".
- Discussed Ride 365 results. Two \$50 Hot Rod Gift cards were drawn from those who participated. The winners are: Sharon Davis and Mikki Fox (Yes, for the Ride 365 mileage, the passengers are entered into the contest for the Chapter and HOG national.)

## member: Pam Flint –

Please give Pam your end of year mileage (current odometer) reading. This is for the dog tags and does not have anything to do with the Ride 356 miles.

## Old Business:

Ring update – Scott H. covered this topic

## New Business:

Charities for next year? Prepare to discuss at January's meeting.

Respectfully,

Michelle Myers Berlin for Melinda Nowak





# H.O.G.<sup>®</sup> OFFICER CONNECTION

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR H.O.G.<sup>®</sup> REGIONAL MANAGER

It's been a whirlwind around here since my last message, putting finishing touches on the 2022 H.O.G. Rally schedule (see below) and with planning for Regional Officer Connection in full swing. It's all about to kick off in just a few short weeks. The other Regional Managers and I are excited to get back to conducting in-person training sessions. Virtual training has its place, and we will be offering it again next year for officers unable to attend an in-person session, but nothing beats the camaraderie of gathering to share stories and ideas while learning and laughing together. It's a highlight of the year for many of us and we can't wait to get started.

Complete details about how to register for the 2022 ROC sessions are coming soon, but there are a few things I want to share now. If you have new officers joining your Chapter, please forward this email and the upcoming ROC registration emails with them so they can stay informed. You or any other officer in your Chapter can also register on their behalf, so if you want to attend a session together, your group can register all at once. If you do have new officers joining, please work with your H.O.G. Manager or other dealership contact to have them added into the Chapter Management System with the appropriate role and permissions so they are ready to rock in January. Outgoing officers can ensure continuity during the officer changeover by connecting with their incoming counterparts to share their insights about challenges, opportunities, or offer words of advice to help set them up for success in their new role.

Finally, I first want to thank you for your service to our membership and everything you do to create great memories and experiences for your fellow riders. I know it can sometimes feel like a thankless job, but you make H.O.G. happen and we appreciate it greatly. To all officers, past, present and future, we thank you.



**PAUL BLOTSKE**  
H.O.G. Regional  
Manager - Midwest



### GET READY TO ROC!

At Regional Officer Connection training sessions, H.O.G. officers share new ideas and best practices about running a Chapter and get charged up for riding season ahead. Whether you are an incoming or returning officer, you will leave ROC with new skills and friendships. Registration for 2022 ROC sessions opens the first week of December with sessions scheduled to begin in early January. Watch for a complete schedule of dates and locations along with information about how to register to arrive in your email inbox in the next few weeks.

## RIDE 365 10 FOR '22 LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

H.O.G.'s 10 for '22 Ride Challenge is part of the RIDE 365 program. The concept is simple: ride to an exciting destination, snap a photo of yourself at the designated location, and submit it to H.O.G. for verification through your online membership account. Participants receive a special reward recognizing their achievement for each destination they check off the list. The 10 for '22 Ride Challenge is a great way for members to participate in RIDE 365 while enjoying great roads, creating lifelong memories and racking up miles. It's also a great opportunity to create a group ride for your Chapter to visit together and check one off the list.

### 10 FOR '22 RIDE DESTINATIONS

- Standin' On the Corner Park, Winslow, AZ
- World's Only Corn Palace, Mitchell, SD
- Geographic Center of the Contiguous U.S., Lebanon, KS
- Waving Girl Statue, Savannah, GA
- Ouechee Gorge, Ouechee, VT
- Snake River Canyon, Twin Falls, ID
- Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox Statues, Bemidji, MN
- Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, KY
- Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas, NV
- Official Midpoint Route 66, Adrian, TX
- More information about each location, including mileage, Ride Planner routes and details about photo locations will be available in the 2022 H.O.G. membership guide. It can also be downloaded here.



## H.O.G Rallies 2022 H.O.G. EVENTS CALENDAR

The 2022 H.O.G. national event calendar is complete, and here's a first look at what we have planned. It promises to be another great slate of regional and touring rallies that will heat up the riding season. Full details and registration links will be posted soon on the H.O.G. Rally Map.

### H.O.G. TOURING RALLIES

- Run to the Sun Touring Rally, March 1-4, Virginia Beach, VA to St. Augustine, FL
- Spring Heat in Arizona Touring Rally, April 2-5, Lancaster, CA to Scottsdale, AZ
- Big Trees of California Touring Rally, May 31-June 5, Bakersfield to Eureka, CA
- A Gem of a Ride Touring Rally, June 16-21, Boise, ID to Lindon, UT
- Grand Museum Touring Rally, July 5-14 Birmingham, AL to Milwaukee, WI
- Lake Superior Touring Rally, July 25-29, Marquette, MI to Marquette, MI
- Bay, Lakes, & Mountains Touring Rally, Aug. 15-19, Annapolis, MD to Lebanon, NH
- West Meets East 25th Anniversary Posse Touring Rally, Sept 4-16, Lynwood, WA to St. Augustine, FL.

### REGIONAL H.O.G. RALLIES

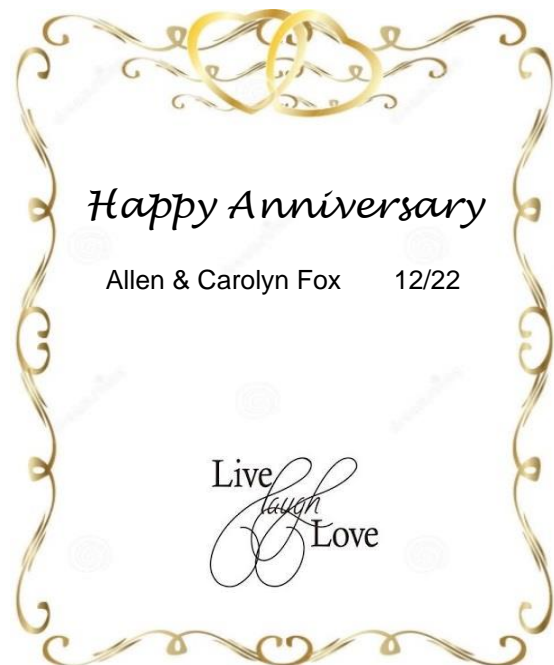
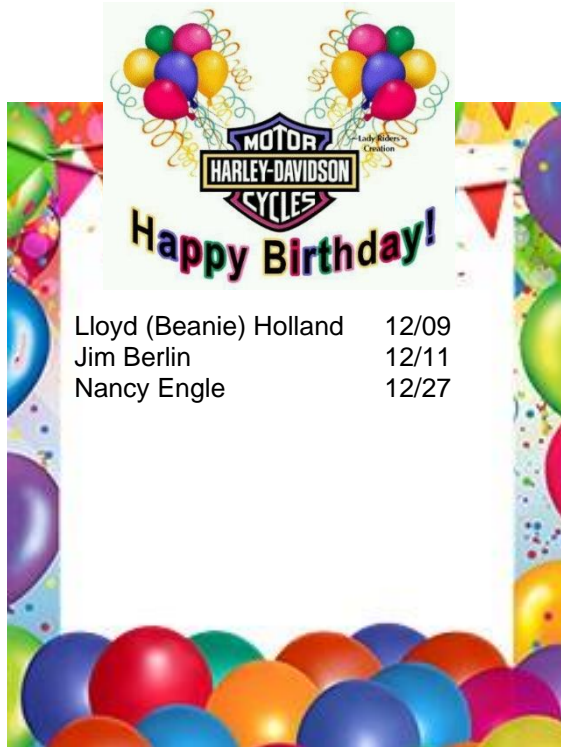
- Cajun Country H.O.G. Rally, April 7-9, Scott, LA
- Kicking It in Cody H.O.G. Rally, June 23-25, Cody, WY
- Chesapeake Freedom & Spirit H.O.G. Rally, June 23-25, Solomons Island, MD
- Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally, July 14-16, Ludlow, VT
- Mid-America H.O.G. Rally, July 21-23, Dubuque, IA
- Southeast H.O.G. Rally, Sept. 27- Oct. 1, Maryville, TN

Please help get the word out by sharing the schedule with your Chapter members and start planning next year's riding adventures!

# Calendar of Events

## DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4  Gift Wrapping and Lunch at Top Shelf Pizza
5	6	7	8	9	10	11  Gift Wrapping
12	13	14	15	16	17	18  Gift Wrapping
19	20	21	22	23	24	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS
26	27	28	29	30	31	1





## December 2021 Events

### **Dec 9, 6pm to 8pm - Private VIP Shopping Night**

- -In-Store Specials on Officially Licensed Product
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- -Prize drawings
- -Adult Beverages & Appetizers
- -RSVP to [jamiegillard@hotrodhd.com](mailto:jamiegillard@hotrodhd.com) by Dec 6

### **Dec 11, 11am - Bike Inspection Workshop**

- -Get expert tips on what to look for when buying a used bike
- -Free Donuts & Coffee

### **December 4, 11, 18 Gift Wrapping**

Free Gift wrapping will be available by the Muskegon HOG Chapter, all donations will be given to Loaves of Grace Food Pantry (*Hot Rod will not be open on Sundays*)

