



*****AS A REMINDER, OUR NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE POSTPONED ONE WEEK DUE TO ELECTION DAY TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO GO VOTE*****

Director's Column by Ray G.

First off let me thank you all for making it to the end of riding season fairly unscathed. While it pains me to say this, it is however November and the weather will start becoming unpredictable soon enough. The season does have its upsides with the changing of the colors and a warm refreshing drink after a brisk days ride. I look forward to seeing everyone at the chili cook off in a few weeks and wish everybody a happy thanksgiving!

Halloween party

Thanks to all who could attend and warm wishes to those who were not feeling up to it. The costumes were great and the winner was Ursula who wrapped her tentacles around the prize and stole the show.

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Membership

By Debbie S.

Membership for the month of October was extremely quiet. No new members signed up but we did have a previous member re-sign. So please welcome back:

Becky M

This year has been over whelming with new members and it's been fabulous. Let's keep spreading the word about our Chapter. Winter months seem to slow down but we do keep the activities going so if you talk with someone and they want to see what we are about, have them either come to a meeting or join us for breakfast or dinner. Keep watching the calendar for events and activities sometimes dates even change. Which brings me to the Chili Cook-off....this was on the calendar for Nov 12th but needed to be changed to Nov 19th. Hope to see everyone soon.

Assistant Director

By Debbie S.

The weather for October has been great for riding; we've been able to ride to all of our events so far this month. I do hope everyone that went out to Small's Fruit Farm had fun. Only complaint I had this year was parking in the field. Obviously it was about timing to get parking on site. Saw lots of motorcycles when we were leaving. The Sunday we went was also their festival; it was crowded compared to other times and I do hope everyone got a piece of apple pie before they left.

We have started our Chat & Chews this month. Great turn out this morning with 9 of us at Amato's and last weekend at Sugars. If you know of places to eat for breakfast make sure you let us know. We do have a few regular places but we try to spread them out with other places and we vary them between Saturday's and Sunday's. So keep an eye on the calendar.

For November, along with dinner rides and breakfast rides we are having our annual Chili Cook-off. Previous years we have used this event as one of our fundraisers but this year since we did so well at the Harley Nights we have removed the fundraiser part. So check out the "Members Only" section of the calendar to find location and details. Best chili wins a prize. So bring it on everyone....you also get bragging rights until the next year.

Remember to sign up on the "Members Only" section of the website if you want to attend an event. We like knowing a head count when we arrive at a restaurant, makes it easier. Hope to keep seeing everyone as our colder weather is inching closer to us. Let's keep the friendships going.

Editor's Note

By Corrina G.



As much as we don't want to admit, winter is coming and we cannot stop it. Some of us don't like to put our bikes away (you know who you are...) but if you choose not to brave the elements, how should you care for your bike to keep it running for seasons to come? I found this and thought it was worth sharing. Visit <http://www.bikebandit.com/blog/post/ten-steps-to-winterize-your-motorcycle>

Ten Simple Steps to Winterize Your Motorcycle

1) Surface Prep

Washing your bike when nobody will see it for a few months anyway can be a drag, but giving your bike a thorough cleaning before storage is important; letting bug guts or water spots sit on your paint can corrode

the finish permanently. Wash your bike and dry it completely to get all the moisture off the surfaces (an electric leaf blower is a great way to get all the nooks and crannies really dry.)

Add a coat of wax, which will act as a barrier against moisture and rust. Finally, spray exposed metal surface with WD-40 to displace all moisture (fun fact: the WD in "WD-40" stands for water displacement) and to give them a protective coating against corrosion.

2) Change Oil and Filter

Change your oil and filter. It's better for your lubrication system to have fresh oil sitting in it for several months than to have used, broken down oil in it, not to mention the last thing you'll want to do when riding season begins is change the oil before you can go ride. Using a winter weight oil like 5W30 can help it start up easier come spring time as well.

If you're going to be storing your bike for a long time (4-6 months or more) you will want to protect your engine's internals against moisture by coating them lightly with oil. You may not be able to see it with your naked eye, but the cold winter air is perfect for moisture to gather in your engine and cause rust to form on your pistons and cylinder walls.

In order to do this, remove the spark plugs and put a little squirt (about a tablespoon) of engine oil into the holes, then turn your engine over a few times to coat the cylinder walls by spinning the rear wheel with the bike in gear. Once everything is coated, replace the spark plugs.

3) Lube Moving Parts

Keeping moving parts lubed during the winter will help keep moisture from building up on them and causing any rusting or binding. Any part of your motorcycle that needs to be lubed at any point should be lubed again before storage. Some parts to check are: chain drive, cables, controls, fork surfaces, and any other pivot points.

4) Prep Fuel System

Gas tanks have a tendency to rust when not in use, and untreated pump gas breaks down and becomes gummy over time. To prevent rusting and make sure your fuel is ready to run after a few months in storage, you'll want to fill your tank completely with fuel treated with a product like Sta-Bil Fuel Stabilizer.

On your last ride of the season, stop in at the gas station nearest to where you will be storing your bike and add the proper amount of fuel stabilizer, then top off the tank. A full tank will keep moisture from building up on the tank walls, and adding the stabilizer before the short ride home will help mix the gas and stabilizer together and run it through your fuel system before storage.

Note: Another method that some advocate is to drain the tank and fuel system completely. This is more troublesome to do, and requires that you treat the inside of the tank with fogging oil to prevent rusting. This method may be preferred for very long-term storage (6 months or more), but for winter storage, a full tank of treated fuel is easier and completely safe to do for both carbureted and fuel-injected bikes

5) Safeguard Battery

Batteries have a tendency to self-discharge when sitting over time, especially when they remain hooked up to the bike. The easiest way to combat this is to hook up a battery tender like the Battery Tender Super Smart Junior which uses smart technology to monitor the charge and keep the battery topped off without overcharging. Normally you should pull the battery from the bike for storage, but with a smart tender you can also connect the tender with the battery left in the bike. Before doing this, make sure the electrodes are clean and corrosion free; if necessary, clean them off and give them a light coating of grease.

6) Protect Tires

If your tires are left to sit in the same position all winter long, they could develop flat spots. Keeping the tires off of the ground will prevent this, so if you have Motorcycle Stands, put the bike up on them for storage. If you don't have stands, try to get at least the rear tire off the ground, or you can rotate your tires by rolling your motorcycle slightly every few weeks. If you need to leave your tires down on concrete, put a piece of carpet or plywood under them to keep any moisture from seeping into them.

7) Check Coolant/Anti-freeze

If you'll be storing your bike somewhere that gets below freezing, make sure you have adequate levels of anti-freeze in your coolant system. This is very important; if you run straight water in your coolant system and it freezes, you could come back to a cracked head in the spring!

8) Plug Out Pests

Mice and other rodents are notorious for hiding from the cold inside exhaust pipes and making homes out of air filters. In order to avoid any furry surprises when it's time to ride again, plug up your pipes with an exhaust plug like the BikeMaster Rubber Muffler Plug. You can also simply stuff your air intake and the ends of your exhaust with some plastic bags - but do use bright colored bags or tie something to them so you don't forget take them out when you fire up the bike!

9) Keep it Covered

With your motorcycle fully prepped for winter, invest in a proper motorcycle cover. A quality motorcycle cover will not only keep dust off the bike, but will keep the moisture out so it doesn't get trapped underneath it, and create corrosion or rust. If you're storing it outside, be sure to get a cover with tie downs to prevent it from blowing loose in wind. If you're storing it inside you're in much better shape, but you should still use a cover to prevent dust from building up on it.

10) Theft Protection

If you're storing your bike outside, bear in mind that being parked unattended for months at a time makes it an easy target for theft. In addition to protecting your bike from weather, using a cover will conceal it from view, and securing it with a heavy lock and chain can give you some peace of mind. If you'll be storing your bike anywhere it can be accessed by others, read our guide on How To Keep Your Motorcycle From Getting Stolen, and consider investing in some security measures.

With your bike fully prepared for a few months of hibernation, you'll find that the winter is the perfect time to get done any maintenance or upgrade projects that you've had on your mind. BikeBandit.com sells all kinds of upgrades that will make you feel like you're hopping on a whole new motorcycle come spring time. You may not be able to ride in the snow, but nothing is stopping you from getting your hands a little greasy and actually starting one of those projects that you've been thinking about all season!

Treasurer

By Gary S.

Norscott Order Update

Hi all! The long awaited Norscott shirt order has been shipped and by the time you read this we should have all the T-shirts except the Ladies Orange V-neck shirts. Once they arrive I will send each person an email to let you know the final price. Shipping ended up costing approximately \$1.00 per shirt so to keep the math easy I just added \$1.00 to the price of each shirt to cover that cost. If you missed out on the order, we have 2 extra XL men's shirts, one in Ash and the other in Safety Green, and 1 extra ladies XL V-neck shirt in Orange. We also have 8 of the small Omaha Co Bluffs Chapter Rocker for sale. The price is \$16.00 each. If interested just email me at treasurer@ocbhog.com.

Hospitality

By Connie M.

Sent Gell Well greetings to Fred Crum and Craig Kelley last month. I received word on them after I submitted October's newsletter. Continued wishes for good health to both members.

A Reminder: If you know of any member that is ill, please email me their name, so that we can get a get well card to them.

A very Happy Birthday to members celebrating their special day this month

If you know of a member that is celebrating a birthday, please let me know so that we can acknowledge their special day.

Jim K.

Robert S.

Jack and Joan W.

Four wheels move the body "Two wheels move the Soul"

(3 wheels if it's a trike) Ride Safe -- Have Fun

Side note from the editor, Connie suffered from a broken knee cap in October and a card was sent to her to wish her well and a speedy recovery

Upcoming Events By Shirley R.

Well, it's official, fall has arrived. I love the colors, but I always feel a little pre-occupied this time of year. That's why I look forward to our Chat 'n chews. It's a chance to relax and enjoy great conversations, not to mention fabulous food. Speaking of food, are you pulling out your secret chili recipes? Personally, I'll be checking out Pinterest, so that I'll be prepared for our chili cook off that we'll have next month. It won't be long before we'll be scheduling activities for next year. We need your suggestions Is there an event you want to attend, a restaurant you want to try or a ride you'd like to mark off your bucket list? Here's a few of suggestions that I've gotten over the last month:

winery tours
more weekend get-aways
iron butt rides - places to ride w/in 1000 miles
BBB festival in Arkansas
State rallies
road trips to Colorado, Iowa or Milwaukee

Your input will always be appreciated, feel free to send me an email or chitty-chat with any of the officers. Be sure to check out the website and watch for my emails, I'll keep you posted on events.

Chapter activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of H.O.G. chapter members.

There are three categories of activities. All activities are identified as follows:

Closed events are for chapter members and one guest per member

Member events are reserved for H.O.G. members only.

Open events are chapter events open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members and other guests.

items preceded by a pound sign (#) are Holstein's Harley-Davidson events. See Holstein's website for more info.

Check for latest updates on www.OCBHOG.com

ALL Omaha Council Bluffs HOG activities are "Closed Events", unless stated otherwise.

November OCB HOG Event Details

1	OCBHOG Officers meeting-@ Holstein's @ 6p.m.
5	Chat 'n Chew @ Jimbo's Meet at restaurant at 9:30a.m. (7101 S 84th St, LaVista)
11	#Holstein's Fall Fashion Show 7 p.m. @ dealership (4940 S. 72nd St., Omaha)
15	OCBHOG Chapter meeting-@ Holstein's @ 6:30p.m.
17	Dinner @HuHot Meet at restaurant @ 6:30 p.m. (990 S. 72nd St, Omaha)
19	Chili cookoff See members only section of website for details
20	Chat 'n Chew @ Summer Kitchen Meet at restaurant at 9:30a.m. (12010 Giles Rd, LaVista)
28	Dinner @Hartland BBQ Meet at restaurant @ 6:30 p.m. (5402 NW Radial Hwy, Omaha)

December OCB HOG Event Details

2	Membership Drive/Santa Night-more TBD, 6p.m. @ Holstein's
5	Dinner @Malara's Italian Restaurant Meet at restaurant @ 6:30 p.m. (2123 Pierce St, Omaha)
6	OCBHOG Officers meeting@ Holstein's @ 6p.m.
8	Holstein's HOG Night@ Holstein's @ 5-7p.m. DOUBLE POINTS
13	OCBHOG Chapter meeting@ Holstein's @ 6:30p.m.
17	Chat 'n Chew Garden Cafe Meet at restaurant at 9:30a.m. (11040 Oak St, Omaha)

November 2016 OCB HOG Events Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	W	Th	Fri	Sat
		1 OCB Hog officers's Meeting	2	3	4	5 Chat 'n Chew @ Jimbo's
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 OCB Hog chapter meeting	16	17 Dinner @ HuHot	18	19 Chili Cookoff
20 Chat 'n Chew @ Summer Kitchen	21	22 Dinner @ Jonesey's Tacos	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28 Dinner @ Hartland BBQ	29	30			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	W	Th	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Membership Drive/Santa Night	3
4	5 Dinner @ Malara's	6 OCB Hog officers's Meeting	7	8 Holstein's HOG Night	9	10
11	12	13 OCB Hog chapter meeting	14	15	16	17 Chat 'n Chew @ Garden Cafe
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years eve

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