



Omaha Council Bluffs Hog Chapter Newsletter

April 2018

Director's Column by Gary S.

Spring is here! We officially kicked off our 2018 riding season with the annual Spring Degree ride. After breakfast it was a balmy 39 degrees, so 8 brave souls on 6 bikes bundled up and headed out on a brisk 40-mile ride. Needless to say, a few individuals learned they may need to dress a bit warmer for cold weather riding, but nothing a nice cup of hot chocolate and warm blanket couldn't fix.

As each day gets longer (and hopefully warmer), I'm looking forward to getting out and riding. Your HOG officers have been working hard planning great riding opportunities ranging from short dinner or lunch jaunts to multi-day, overnight excursions. So, there's no excuse for you not to get out and enjoy your Harley Davidson motorcycle. For those chapter members who have trouble making it to chapter rides, I challenge each of you to take a hard look at the calendar to find at least one ride you can come out and enjoy with the group this year. If your schedule prohibits what we have on the calendar, send one of the officers an email of a time and ride duration that will work for you, so we can get it on the schedule.

LET'S RIDE!



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Assistant Director Column

By Dave R.

It's official, it's time to ride! I'm looking forward to seeing our regulars and some new faces on our rides. I'd also like to see you come to the meetings too. Like we promised, we're giving back to our Chapter members this year. We've drawn for winners for the \$50 gift card that is donated by Holstein's and OCBHOG. But we haven't been able to give it away yet. So, I thought I would remind you how it works. Each month, we draw a name from our list of members. If you are at the meeting, you'll win! It's that easy!!

I also want to challenge you to put some miles on your bike. After all, you bought it to ride it! We took your ideas from last year and planned some good rides. It's time to get out of the house and have some fun for a few hours or even the entire day. Don't be afraid to take that new road, as long it's not gravel, that is. Join us, you'll get a chance to meet new people. We've got a pretty good crowd. Don't worry, that "to do" list can be worked on later, at least that's what Shirley tells me. Let's ride!!!

Chapter Mileage Challenge

By Debbie S.

I am sending out our mileage list again. These are the members that I have beginning mileage for. If you don't see your name, then I don't have your mileage. So if you want to participate this year it's simple, just take a picture of your current mileage and email it along with the year and type of bike it is to treasurer@ocbhog.com or to any of the Chapter Officers and we will record your starting mileage. You can update us throughout the year or wait until the end to send us an update of your final mileage. For every 500 miles you ride, you will receive 1 ticket to our mileage challenge drawing for a \$100 gift certificate from Holstein's Harley Davidson.

Corrina G	Ray G
Dan B	Gary S
Dave R	Mike Wear
Tracy C	Ken Dutton
Bob Sheldon	Gerry W
Jack W	Tom R
Terri S	Mike M
Dave (Bloodhound)	Posse
Dixie C	Jace A

And our new "**Free Ride Program**" is also in full swing. Come along on one of our designated meal rides each month and you get entered into a drawing to win \$10 towards your meal. Double your chances, if you wear something with the Chapter logo or a Chapter shirt. So far, our winners have been:

Corrina G for February
Pam B for March

Looking forward for the 2018 riding season to begin so we can "Just Ride".

Membership

by Kim H.

LAST CALL for renewal. If you haven't already renewed at a meeting or at the dealership, please consider doing so by the end of March. That way you can continue to "JUST RIDE" with this amazing chapter. We are a close group and we welcome everyone to the family. You won't be disappointed or left out of the fun.

The dues are still \$20 per calendar year. Make certain that you keep your National HOG membership current as well. Along with your \$20 dues payment you will need to sign a release form. These can be found on the website, at the monthly meeting or at Holstein's clothing counter. We had one new member join in February, we would like to welcome:

Joe S.
to our HOG family.

The password for the members only section will be changing on or near April 1, 2018 and will be emailed to the active members. Keep an eye out for Shirley's email.

In addition to amazing people who want to "JUST RIDE", enjoy some great meals and friendship, I'm going to introduce a new game at every chapter meeting. You'll have an opportunity to show your Harley pride or knowledge and win some cool swag in the process. Don't miss our April 10th meeting to catch the first membership game. Are you feeling lucky?

Photo Challenge

By Ray G.



Here's a few examples of what we're looking for in this year's photo challenge. Email your photos to photographer@ocbhog.com. To earn 1 point, your picture must include your bike and the memorial. If you include yourself in the picture, you'll earn 2 points. Selfies will be accepted. 1st place winner will receive a \$50 gift card, the 2nd place winner will receive a \$25 gift card and the 3rd place winner will receive a \$15 gift card. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Hospitality

By Debbie S.

We always like to hear good news about our Chapter Members. If you know of anyone celebrating a milestone Birthday or Anniversary or anything else, you want to share let me know & I will send it out in our Quarterly newsletters. You can either have me send it out before it happens, so we can all enjoy the celebration, or we can talk about it afterwards, which ever you prefer. And of course, we want to hear if anyone is sick or has had an accident or anything else that is wrong so if there is anything we can do to help we will, even if it's sending prayers. Many of us feel like we are family and we do care.

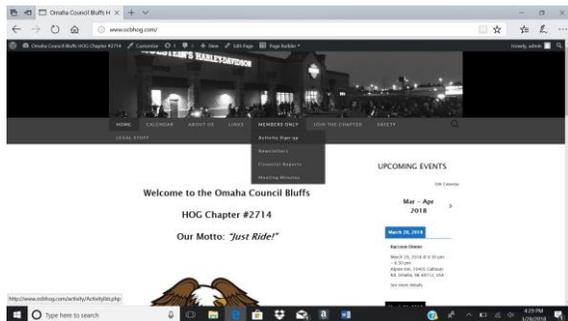
Website Update

By Gary S.

I'm excited to say, the new www.OCBHOG.com website is up and running. Please give a big thanks to Tim B. for his knowledge and time to get us up and running. It wouldn't have happened without him!

So, what's new? The biggest thing you will notice is the new site is more mobile friendly. To navigate simply use the tabs along top if on your computer or select the "Menu" button if on your mobile device. Besides that, everything functions about the same as the old site for now. To sign up for an activity, go to "Members Only" and "Activity Sign-up"

From your computer it should look like this:

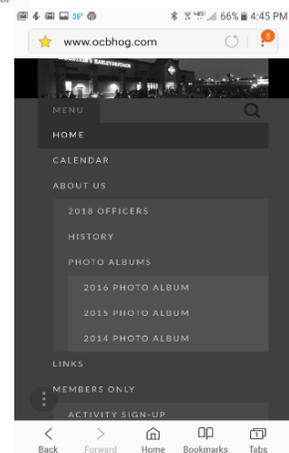


From your phone it would look like this:

Select MENU



Welcome to the Omaha Council Bluffs HOG Chapter #2714 Our Motto: "Just Ride!"



Step 2: Scroll down to Members Only, and "Activities Sign-up"

We haven't completely populated all the pictures, old newsletters and meeting minutes yet, but I will do my best to keep the current items posted as we continue to add the older files. Please take some time and explore the site and let us know what you think. If you have an idea for improvements or find things that aren't working, please send a message to webmaster@ocbhog.com. Tim has graciously volunteered to help us make improvements to the site as we as a group deem necessary.

Activities

By Shirley R.

I'm sure you've heard already, but our riding season has begun. Yay!! I won't lie, but our Spring Degree ride was flippin' COLD! Bring on the sun, I'm ready to ride!! Just a reminder...because mother nature likes to challenge us a bit, I will update you via email if our rides are postponed or cancelled due to weather.

Have you checked out our events calendar yet? Are you wondering what our Woo Woo or the Metal Health Day Rides are? Well, let me fill you in.

Our Woo Woo Ride is an overnighter, we'll be going to Boone, IA to ride the dinner train. If trains aren't your thing, there is a car race that night too.

The Metal Health Day Ride promises to be a little creepy, but intriguing. We'll take a ride down to St. Joe, MO to visit the Glore Psychiatric Museum. If it's too much for you, don't worry. There's 3 other museums in the same building that we'll have access to for one price!

Are you participating in this year's photo challenge? Well, we've got the ride for you! The Rockin' the USA ride will give you a chance to get in at least 7 pictures at Freedom Rocks.

All the prices and hotel arrangements are listed on our website. If you'd like to go, be sure and sign up ASAP as some of the hotels have limited space. Don't be afraid to double up in the hotel rooms, as this may help you financially.

Below are some pictures from our Holstein's staff breakfast, HOG Dog days and our Spring Degree breakfast. Thanks for making our events so much fun !!!!



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.

Check for latest updates on www.OCBHOG.com

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

April 2018 OCB HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6p Officer's Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 6:30p Chapter Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16 Jonesy's Taco Run	17	18	19	20	21
22 Sugar & Spice Run	23	24	25	26	27	28 3 rd Times a Charm Ride
29	30					

May 2018 OCB HOG Events Calendar

y	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6p Officer Meeting	2	3	4	5 Rockin' the USA Ride
6	7	8 6:30p Chapter Meeting	9	10	11	12 Metal Health Ride
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Hot Potato Run	25	26
27 Lazy Day Escape	28	29	30	31		

June 2018 OCB HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 WooWoo Ride
3	4	5 6p Officer Meeting	6	7	8 Burnin' to Murray	9
10	11	12 6:30p Chapter Meeting	13	14	15	16 Stanton Brew Run
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	25	26 Enchilada Run	27	28	29	30 Holstein's Harley Night

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