



DHD Omaha Chapter Nebraska Newsletter

January 2019

### Director's Column by Gary S.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well as we close out our first year as the DHD Omaha Chapter and kick off the new year. Like always, I can't believe how fast the year has gone. The only comfort I find in that is, before we know it, it will be spring and riding season once again (not that riding season ever really ends!). As you reminisce about the past years riding season, I'd like to thank everyone for the support and great times we had, and I look forward being active in the DHD chapter again this year. If you have rides or ideas for the chapter, please share them with your 2019 officers.

If you're like me, the pace during the winter months tends to be a bit slower. If you are looking for things to do, your 2018 Officers have populated the activities calendar for January and February and your 2019 officers will soon be busy working on the calendar for the rest of the year so keep an eye out for the fun activities that are on the horizon. Also, as your 2019 officers start to plan activities for the coming year, I want to remind everyone that all our planning and officer's meetings are open to the general membership. We welcome and encourage you to come out and participate.

On a closing note, have you visited the national HOG Members Only site lately? If not, I challenge you to check it out. There you can find a full list of 2019 rallies, check on your yearly and lifetime mileage numbers, find events hosted from other chapters and much, much more.

Hope to see you on the road soon.

Gary

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## Dealership Update

*By Dan H..*

I am sitting at my desk as I start to write this article and wonder if it is the last article for 2018 or the first one for 2019. I've decided that I will use it for both. Reflecting on 2018, I would say it was a very good year for the chapter. We went through a dealership transition, closed the books on a very well-established chapter, (Omaha Co Bluffs Chapter) and started a new chapter, (DHD Omaha Chapter) with new charter members. We had many great rides, including dinner rides, breakfast rides, day rides, and over-night trips. There were a couple of contests throughout the year, the mileage contest and the photo challenge. Our chapter picnic was a great success with many members in attendance. The chapter volunteered their time to the dealership when asked and got some recognition. We had new members from other chapters join our group and a few new riders that bought their first Harley Davidson. We had a great officer group that planned, lead, and listened to all the members to put all these things together for you to enjoy. All in all, I would say we did what a chapter should be doing and that is riding and having fun.

Going forward in 2019, there will be a couple of changes. Most of the officers will be returning, but we have had a couple of people step up and show their desire to be more involved. All the new officer group and their positions will be announced at the next chapter meeting. We still have some open positions, so if you are still wanting to get more involved, please come see me or one of the officers.

Defiance H-D has a new look, new inventory, and a new way of doing business. If you have not been to the store lately, you are missing out. Motorclothes and the Parts department have never had this much inventory in the store. The sales team is getting after it and we have new models arriving each week and our new bike inventory will be the largest in the area. If you or your friends are interested in buying a new motorcycle, make sure you talk with the sales staff. We have a new Marketing Manager, and she will be doing many new events in the coming year. Watch for more information on our partnership with the Omaha Beef. This will be very exciting for the dealership and our chapter as we will have a chance to ride Harley Davidsons on to the field for each home game. Look out 2019, we will be roaring in with load pipes.....

Dan  
Chapter Manager

## 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 that is wrong. So, if there is anything we can do to help, we will. Even if it's only sending prayers. Many of us feel like we are family and we do care about everyone.

Since the last Newsletter we have sent out cards to Bloodhound, for the passing of his nephew. And to the family of Kent Trelford-Thompson, who had been a previous Chapter Officer.

## **Asst. Director Column**

*by Dave R.*

I'm not much of a looking back kind of guy, but 2018 was a pretty good year. I know that I don't usually say a bunch but every now and then, I threw out a few challenges to our group. I appreciate everyone that stepped up to this year's challenges.

Challenge #1 – come to our meetings, you might just win the co-sponsored \$50 gift certificate. The meeting attendance increased, and we were able to give away 2 gift certificates.

Challenge #2 - get out and ride more with us. We noticed that our all-day rides got more attendance, than our dinner rides. So maybe we need to get more of those on the calendar for 2019. If you have an idea for a ride, let the officers know.

Challenge #3 - get your new paperwork into Kim asap. We had a few stragglers, but for the most part many of our current members are now listed as charter members of the DHD Omaha HOG Chapter.

Challenge #4 – ride! We logged some impressive mileage for our group. I know it's been cold outside, but there's been a few days that I've been able to get out and ride. Hang in there.... spring is on its way!

Thanks to everyone that helped us make this year what it was. I had a great time with you and I'm excited to see what 2019 brings.

## **Membership Update**

*By Kim H.*

Happy New Year, Chapter Members!

We currently have 52 active members, and more than a third of you have already renewed your membership for 2019! Way to go for getting that done early!

We've had 2 new members join recently, please welcome:

Jim L. and Doug S.

Welcome to our HOG family, we're glad you're here!

At this month's Chapter Meeting on January 12th at the dealership at 10:00 am, you will also have an opportunity to renew for 2019. Forms will be available.

As always, you may print off the membership form from the website, mail it in, drop it off at the dealership at the motor clothes counter, or bring it to any event.

Here's to a prosperous and fun-filled riding year!

## Chapter Mileage Update

*By Debbie S.*

WOW!!! I can't believe our Mileage Program for this year is over. Where did the time go? I want to congratulate all of those Chapter Members that participated this year. I am hoping that more members join for 2019. I would love to see this program grow and see the miles increase. This year our total mileage came out to 63,329. Let's beat this record for next year. I have listed out the members and their total mileage; some may have had 2 bikes but all mileage counts. If your name is not on this list and you want to participate please get a hold of any officer, so we can record your starting mileage, we have already added Bill K to the 2019 list. At this time, it is still done manually. The 2018 participants were:

Gary S- 7,658

Jack -1,676

Mike W- 3,605

Bloodhound- 5,396

Dixie- 2,281

Corrina- 11,041

Posse- 6,777

Tom B-1,024

Mike M- 662

Bob S- 3,786

Terri S- 1,797

Dave R- 7,339

Ray- 10,287

For every 500 miles the members rode last year, they received 1 ticket to the drawing. Some members earned up to 22 tickets that were placed in the drawing. That drawing took place at our last Chapter Meeting and the winner of the drawing was Corrina. She received the \$100 Gift Certificate from Defiance Harley Davidson to be used as she pleased.



And the quarterly winners for the "Free Ride Program" were:

Oct – Deb S, Nov- Deb S and Dec- Tom T

If you would like to see this program continue please let the 2019 officers know. The new officers will be meeting in January to continue filling our calendar and to plan any other ride programs that can be put together.

## Photo Challenge Update By Ray G.

First let me start off by thanking all the participants and their efforts with this year's photo challenge. I enjoyed the history lessons and it really made me stop and take in the magnitude of things at certain locations I've been around the country. One of the people that stuck with me the most was a cavalry soldier who participated in the Spanish-American war and world war one and came home. Now the last one he perhaps did not see combat like the first, but this still is a feat given the era and timelines.

We had a close race for third, second was a stride ahead and our first-place winner by far I am very pleased with the miles and dedication that he put into this challenge. Tom Bartusiak grabbed third with a baker's dozen of photos and Corrina Garvin slid into second with 27 pictures. Our grand champion blew me and the competition out of the water with 56 photos. I'm very happy with everyone's take to this challenge and look forward to future challenges.



## Member News

Shark Nose 1000 Update from Corrina G.

Corrina shared her Iron Butt experience with us in our last newsletter. Here's some pictures of the swag earned for her adventure. You go girl!!



Our Chili Cook Off Winners!!!



You're never too old for a little fun!



We'll see you soon!!

## Activities

*By Shirley R.*

Who's ready for a party?! Well, we are!! In case you haven't heard, our annual Holiday Party is just around the corner. It's going to be a night full of games, laughter and fabulous food from Mangia Italiana. Don't miss out on this great time! You'll have a chance to sign up and pay at our next Chapter meeting on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.



### DHD OMAHA HOG CHAPTER ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, January 19th

Eagle Hills Golf Course  
501 Eagle Hills Drive  
Papillion, Ne

Cocktails from 5:30p to 6:30p  
Dinner will be served at 6:30p

Cost is \$12 per person

Cash Bar

If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$20-\$25 gift.  
Please RSVP by January 12th

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.

*Watch for the weekly email for current events*

ALL DHD Omaha Chapter activities are "Closed Events", unless stated otherwise.

### January 2018 HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Chat 'n Chew	7	8 Officers' Meeting	9	10	11	12 Chapter Meeting
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Holiday Party
20	21	22	23	24	25 Movie Night	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### February 2019 HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Officers' Meeting	6	7	8	9 Chapter Meeting
10	11	12 Dave & Buster's	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Bag Your Dinner	23 Soup & Stew
24	25	26	27	28		

### March 2019 HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Officers' Meeting	6	7	8	9 Chapter Meeting
10	11	12	13 Brazen Head Irish Pub	14	15	16 Spring Degree Ride
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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