



DHD Omaha Chapter Nebraska

HOG Newsletter March 2023

From Your Chapter Director:

Hello DHD Omaha Chapter!

I don't know about you, but I'm sitting here counting the days until Spring. It's literally around the corner. I'm ready to get this riding season started. However, we have a bunch that started in January. I see you! Your enthusiasm about riding brings a smile to my face and makes me excited about our upcoming year.

I'd like to thank all the individuals that have stepped up to fill an officer role this year. When Dave and I became members in 2016, we joined a leadership group that consisted of four other people, plus our Chapter Manager, Dan. We all wore several hats and shared so many of the duties to keep our Chapter going. Over the years, we were able to bring on others to help. I am proud and overwhelmed with emotion to share that we currently have twenty officers. Nope, that is not a misprint. I am grateful to be surrounded by givers and do-ers. With their help, our Chapter will run smoothly. We also hope to provide our members an outstanding riding experience. I'd also like to thank the significant others of our officers that support their passion.

I want to thank our membership for your patience as everyone gets trained and comfortable in their roles. Your officers are working on introducing a few new programs and bringing back some of the traditions that you've asked for. If there's anything you'd like to see or just want to give me some feedback, please reach out to me.

Sending out hugs 'til I see you again,
Shirley



*"God didn't create metal so that man could make paper clips!"
~ Harley Davidson*

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Denise S. – Secretary

Hello fellow HOG lovers!

My name is Denise and I am your DHD HOG Chapter Secretary. I have been a passenger for many years. However, in 2018, with some gentle nudging from my husband, I decided to take the motorcycle course to see if I had what it took to ride my own. I was terrified, but to my surprise, I did. My instructor even told me I was “hot dogging” it around the course, as much as you could on the 250 horsepower bike.

My first bike was a Honda shadow, a perfect starter bike for me. It helped give me the confidence I needed to ride on my own and with a group. Last year I was lucky to be able to buy a beautiful 2005 Heritage from a fellow HOG member. Talking about an upgrade... I am in LOVE.

Riding is my wind therapy. No matter what my day is like, when I throw my leg over my bike and hear that throttle, the day melts away! As a newer rider, I know I still have a lot to learn, however I look forward to getting to know you all and riding with each and every one of you. Keep the shiny side up!



Stacey D. – Ladies of Harley Officer

Although I have been a passenger for years, I just recently passed my class in July 2022 and am loving riding my own bike!

I loved it so much, that in November 2022 I accepted the role of Ladies of Harley Officer. This role will allow me to use my skill set in event planning, fundraising and marketing. The purpose of LOH is to organize and promote activities for the enjoyment of our Chapter members and their families. We encourage all women to get involved with the Chapter and its activities. Whether you're a passenger or a rider, please join us in planning and participating in the day and overnight LOH rides, events and other activities. We schedule and meet one a month for LOH events and include those events on the Chapter calendar.

I am an extrovert at heart so being with my fellow female riders is my happy place. I am married to my high school sweetheart and have two grown children as well as two dogs.

Ron H. – Safety Officer

Also the founder of Moving Veterans Forward, a non-profit organization for helping homeless Veterans in the metro area. Retired U.S. Army Veteran. Been riding for over 45 years.



Jennifer B. – Activities Officer

Hello! I'm Jennifer, Activities Officer for Defiance Harley-Davidson! My passion for riding started out in May 2021 while riding "Two-Up" on our first poker run (NAMI Ride 2021) with my husband James of soon to be sixteen years married! James and I have 7 kids ranging in age from 23 to 8! Our kids love to ride, and often take turns riding with us, as they, too, are adrenaline seekers! The views on the scenic highway of our first NAMI ride were breathtaking, initially seeing the rain in the distance, then rain pouring on us, the smell of fresh rain until riding over a hill where the ripe smell of wet hot livestock hit so hard, it took the breath out of me, to hearing the pipes of other bikes rumbling down the road...! That day was not relaxing but it was a mix of adrenaline and anxiety that incredibly filled my soul! Within two months of this first ride experience, I bought my first Harley, a '05 Heritage Softail, without a clue how to ride it! Initially I struggled greatly with anxiety and intrusive thoughts, but with encouragement, humor, and bonding with my Harley/learning the friction zone, riding my own has become exhilarating and soothing!

In September 2021, I obtained my motorcycle endorsement, and in June 2022, I passed the Advanced Rider Motorcycle course! October 2022 I traded in my 05' Heritage Softail for a '20 Eagle Eye Road Glide Special! In addition to our DHD Omaha Chapter – Nebraska HOG riding group, I also participate in The Litas and SCRC Omaha 023. I am truly grateful for the friendships, laughter, dance moves, singing skills, passion to ride, riding skills, support and empowerment being part of the DHD HOG Chapter officers! I am thankful and thrilled to be your 2023 Activities Officer! I'm looking forward to working with and having Melissa as the Activities Officer Assistant this year! Our goal is to create an enthusiastic calendar with YOUR ride/event thoughts & suggestions that encourages a high level of participants!



Melissa C. – Assistant Activities Officer

Hello Everyone! My name is Melissa, I have been married to my amazing husband Tom for 21 years and have the privilege of being a mom to 3 kiddos (17, 15, & 8). We have spent the last 16 years living the military lifestyle. We have lived in CA, TX, WA, UT, FL, and now we have been here in NE for 9 years! I first started riding a Kawasaki Vulcan in the fall of 2021 but when I took a Harley out on a test ride I was hooked! I recently just bought a 2014 Street Glide Special and absolutely love it!! I am really looking forward to the ride this summer to the Rally by the Rivers. I'm excited to do my first overnight trip and the opportunity to spend time with all of you! I am also looking forward to the opportunity to work alongside Jenn, as the new Activities Assistant to plan exciting adventures for this riding season.

James B. – Head Road Captain

What up everybody?! I am James (Jim), your 2023 Head Road Captain! I have been riding on 2 wheels since I was knee high to a grasshopper. I am married to your 2023 Activities Officer, Jenn. We have 7 kids spanning 23-8 years old. I started on dirt bikes, to a 2003 Deuce, upgraded to a 2006 Ultra, and now I ride a 2022 Ultra Limited. I look forward to all the rides this season! If you are interested in being a Road Captain, please reach out!



Barb B. – Assistant Membership Officer

Hi, my name is Barb, new assistant membership officer, and I'm a brand new rider of a 2005 black cherry Heritage. I'm much more qualified as a passenger at this point! I've been a pharmacist for 25 years and work in home infusion and hospice. I have a 16 year old daughter and grew up in SW Iowa. I like to garden miniature vegetables and kill things along the way. Plants have a much better chance at life outside in the rain in my neck of the woods. I enjoy cooking some of those dead plants, too!



Jason G. - Historian

Hello,

My name is Jason. My wife is Becky and we have 3 boys, ages 20, 16, and 5. I have been riding motorcycles since about 10 years old when I hopped on my friend's 1989 Yamaha yz125. Since then I was hooked but it wasn't until 2008 that I got my first road-worthy motorcycle. I now have a 2003 Harley Road King Classic that I have put on over 45k miles since 2012, for a total of 81k miles on the bike. I was also the Historian for the Grand Island HOG chapter from 2017 to 2018.

Lorraine H. – Events Coordinator and Assistant Ladies of Harley Officer

Hi, I am Lorraine and I own a Harley Davidson Soft Tail Slim. I have been riding for almost 2 years and love it! I look forward to meeting other riders, not only locally, but across the US. I have a lot of rides on my bucket list. My top two are "Tail of the Dragon" and "Alaska-Canada Highway".

Stay safe and enjoy the miles!





Tarrence D. – Assistant Webmaster

Hello my name is Tarrence, though I also respond to a bunch of nicknames (Tarr, T, Tad), please just not Terry. This is the second year with my first bike, a Gunship Grey 2022 Sportster. Unfortunately last year I took a fall that kept me off the bike for four months, however all of the awesome end of year rides certainly made up for it! My wife Jenn (Guilly) and I have two awesome Labrador retrievers and two crazy cats. I enjoy cruising around on the motorcycle, the occasional scotch, and board/table games with friends. If you need any DHD Hog website or tech related assistance, feel free to reach out to me!

Ashley P. – Editor

Hello fellow riding friends! I am a fairly new rider, but feel like I've always been on the road with the wind in my hair...if not physically, at least in spirit! I've wanted to ride my own since my mid-twenties (I won't mention how many years ago that was), and finally decided just last year that I've waited long enough – it was finally the right time. Although I thought I needed to wait until the right time, my best advice to anyone who is interested in riding is this: DON'T WAIT! There will never be a better time than NOW to start riding! It is my very favorite hobby and pastime, and can't imagine why I waited so long. I also enjoy other things such as camping, amusement parks, watching live local bands, and traveling. I ride a 2004 Heritage Soft Tail Classic. This is my first Harley, which I purchased four months after I got my starter bike, a Yamaha V-Star. I didn't hate the bike...but it wasn't a Harley. 😊 I have enjoyed customizing and making my Harley "mine." My wonderful husband, Jerrimy, and I have two miniature schnauzers, Griffin and Phoenix, and a small parrot named Ollie. I look forward to bringing fun and interesting articles to the group throughout the year! If you'd like to share or make any announcements, please send to editor@dhdhog.com by the 25th of each month, and I will be happy to include it!



As you can imagine, there is no one way to connect with all of the members of the Chapter. Some members visit the website regularly. Others primarily use Facebook. And yes, there are some members who only get updates via text messages.

As the Webmasters for the Chapter, we support several channels to connect with the members. Here's a brief overview of what is supported.

Chapter Website

The Chapter website <http://www.dhdhog.com> is used to provide information of interest to the members.

- The most important part of the website is the Chapter Calendar. This is the most up-to-date source of information for events that are planned. The Calendar enables members to “sign up” for various events. Although not mandatory, members are strongly encouraged to sign up whenever they plan to participate for two reasons:
 1. If the event is a ride, it will let the road captains know who plans to participate and will wait up until the “Kick Stands Up” (KSU) time for all riders to arrive. If all signed up riders are present at the scheduled start time then the road captain may elect to start the ride before KSU time.
 2. If the event involves a meal, then it will let the organizer of the meeting know how many seats will be needed at the restaurant.
- The “Members Only” section includes two important features that members frequently use:
 1. The “View Event Signups” section that shows a list of the Chapter members that have signed up for each event. This allows members to see who else will be attending as well as allowing road captains and event organizers to get a count of participants. Note that events that are organized by Defiance Harley Davidson, and not the Chapter, will not be listed.
 2. The “Chapter Mileage Challenge” section is used by mileage challenge participants to record their mileage on their bike(s). Participants in the Challenge are eligible for prizes at the end of the riding season. Thus, it is to your advantage to participate.
- There are a number of other features of the website that members will occasionally visit. Things such as the News feed, Photo Albums, and the Trivia challenge are several that you may want to review on a regular basis.

DHDHOG Omaha Facebook Group

The Chapter has recently created a “members only” Facebook group: [DHDHOG Omaha](#). One of the most popular features of this Group is that it enables member-to-member communication. Members are sharing photos, fun activities not directly related to the Chapter as well as messages and events that are also included in the Chapter Website. Note that the Chapter website is still considered to be “authoritative source” for Chapter events.

Of course, you must have a Facebook account in order to join the Facebook Group. If you haven't joined the Group yet and you try to post to the Group your request to post will be forwarded to one of the admins for approval. As soon as the approval is submitted your post will appear. All subsequent posts will be automatically approved.

Text Messaging

Just about every member has the ability to receive text messages on their cell phone. The Chapter will send text messages to members (who have explicitly signed up) to remind them of upcoming events or notify them in case of an event cancellation. Since some cell phone plans charge for sending and receiving text messages, the Chapter is using a service that requires members to “sign up” to receive text messages. The Chapter cannot add a member’s cell phone number. The Chapter currently supports 4 “Groups” for text messages:

1. **DHDMEMBERS** is the group for all Chapter members, including officers.
2. **DHDLOH** is the group for members of Ladies of Harley.
3. **DHDVOLUNTEERS** is a group to send messages to members who would like be informed when a Chapter member needs assistance of some type. It could be helping an injured member with yard work, giving a ride to a medical facility when needed, or other light chores that the member is unable to do on their own.
4. **DHDOFFICERS** is a group that is limited to Chapter officers. This is primarily used to remind officers of upcoming meetings.

Members may add their cell phones to these messaging groups by sending a text message to **84483** that contains the name of the group that they wish to join.

Summary

We are always looking for ways to improve communication with the Chapter’s members. We realize that not all events are of interest to all members. However, we want to ensure that members are aware of what’s happening, so they can decide what is of interest or not. And, not miss an event that they would have liked to have joined.

If you have suggestions on how to improve our communications with the Chapter please contact an officer with your idea.

Calendar of 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.

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

Watch for the weekly email or check the website for current events!

www.dhdhog.com

2023 DHD HOG Events Calendar

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 6:30 - 7:30 pm Officer's Meeting	8 7 - 8:30 pm Road Captain Planning Night	9	10	11 10 - 11 am Monthly Chapter Gathering
12	13 7 - 8 pm International Female Ride Day Planning Meeting	14 6 - 8 pm Shimmy, Sashay & Shamrock @ Cunningham's Pub	15	16	17	18
19 9 am - 1 pm Spring Fling Degree Ride	20	21	22	23	24	25 9 am - 5 pm Green Sale @ Defiance HD
26	27	28	29	30 5:45 - 9 pm Ladies of Harley Ride to Lincoln	31	

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 International Female Ride Day - Social Media Video Due
2 1 - 4 pm LOH - Century Lounge Meet and Greet (men are welcome)	3	4 6:30 - 7:30 pm Officer's Meeting	5	6	7	8 10 - 11 am Monthly Chapter Gathering 11:15 am - 4 pm LOH - Lunch and Robber's Cave Tour
9	10 7 - 8 pm International Female Ride Day Planning Meeting @ Defiance	11	12	13 6 - 8 pm Guys' Night @ Defiance HD	14	15 6:45 - 10 pm Texas Hold 'em Poker Night
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 11 am - 4 pm Hog Roast @ Defiance HD
23 9:45 am - 5 pm Rendezvous Ride w/Des Moines HOG Chapter	24 7 - 8 pm International Female Ride Day Planning Meeting @ Defiance	25	26	27	28	29
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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7 - 8 pm International Female Ride Day Planning Meeting @ Defiance Gift Baskets Due	2	3	4	5 International Female Ride Day - Set up Gift Basket Tables @ Defiance	6 7 am - Set up for International Female Ride Day 9 am - 5 pm Registration for International Female Ride Day
7	8	9 6:30 - 7:30 pm Officer's Meeting	10	11	12	13 Defiance After Dark
14	15	16	17	18 5:30 - 10 pm Bikes on the 100 Block Meet at Defiance KSU @ 5:45 pm	19	20 10 - 11 am Monthly Chapter Gathering
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Newsletter Article Deadline

March 25th

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Tuesday..... 10am - 6pm
Wednesday.....10am - 6pm
Thursday.....10am - 6pm
Friday.....10am - 6pm
Saturday.....9am - 5pm

Sunday and Monday...Closed for Riding!!

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