

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES



WINNIPESAUKEE H.O.G. CHAPTER 2529

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10AM with 43 members in attendance.

Joe Boucher opened the meeting welcoming back 6 members returning from H.O.T. training in Las Vegas. Stating that he followed along on Facebook with pictures of Bruce Klinger in his giant orange "trash bag" rain poncho. Julie Klinger and her companion, Miss Winni in classes. He also stated the club looks forward to hearing all about training. Joe kicked off with a morning joke.

Joe Newman lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Egalka then took the reins and asked if we had any new members. Ed Bigwood introduced himself to the group. Ron, then advised the chapter that Joe Boucher is now our New Members Ambassador/Liaison. Ron continued by sharing some new things coming for the riding season. We will be adding "Newbie" rides to the Ride Schedule to help new riders get used to riding in groups. He thanked Rick Bassett for his assistance with this new idea. Newbie rides will be smaller groups, shorter distance and no highway riding. The rides will start at 10am and end at 2pm and the ride destinations/routes will be at the discretion of the Road Captains on the day of each ride. There will also be a Newbie ride during Motorcycle Week that will not leave from the dealership, as that in and of itself can be intimidating. That ride will leave from Province Commons (Ocean State Job Lot parking lot).

The ride schedule for 2018 is being finalized and should be complete this week. Ron stated that there will be 58 rides this year, in contrast of the 37 from last year. In addition to the new Newbie rides, the Chapter is also offering "Experienced" rides this year. These are designed for seasoned riders and are typically quicker, more challenging roads, longer duration and will incorporate some highway riding. One such ride is to the border of Canada and back home. Another is the Rangeley Ride.

Ron will meet with all existing (22) and prospective (8) Road Captains at a Road Captain meeting following the March Chapter meeting. Conference call-in will be provided for those who

cannot attend. The final Ride Schedule will be released shortly thereafter. Each ride will be posted with mileage as well as an E.T.A. back to the dealership. If you're interested in becoming a Road Captain, see Ron at the March Chapter meeting. Requirements to become a Road Captain are simple: participate in three rides; one each shadowing the lead, mid and sweep positions. To lead a ride, you must establish a route (help is available to do this!), complete a pre-ride (does not have to be on a motorcycle) to ensure that the road conditions are safe and hazard free and determine comfort and fuel stops. All Road Captains are asked to lead at least one ride during the season.

Fran Maineri offered the Treasurer's report from January 14 to present was \$5,808.61. Income of \$998.05 from membership, merchandise and 50/50. Expenses for Accident Scene Management training totaling \$925.00. It was estimated that the members' H.O.T. training would be \$2,500; it was closer to \$2,600. Balance in the account: \$5,292.44.

Ron asked Julie Klinger for thoughts on H.O.T. training. I was excited to be included in the first opportunity to go to training in Las Vegas. Being inspired by over 500 attendants sharing their stories and challenges. I was proud to represent Winni 2529 at classes to make this the best year of riding and continuing to create and grow new relationships in our club.

Joe Newman then continued the recap of training with the mantra for this year being "Challenge Accepted - Lets Ride!" He shared some of the details of the new program from Harley-Davidson Ride 365. There will be individual mileage challenges, Chapter challenges, male/female challenges. Stating that there will be opportunities for all riders at all levels. He spoke of the upcoming new version of the *HOG/Harley Ride Planner*. He also touched on "The Ride Home" ride. Anyone interested should check the HOG website. Joe also discussed the brake fluid recall issued by Harley. If you have any questions, you should see the service department at the dealership. Joe also offered up business cards from a local seamstress in Gilford that Maria found and has used. Her info is as follows: *Fabric Arts & More* – Gail Brunt 520-9986 (fabricartsandmore.com) she is located near the Gunstock Inn off Rte 11A.

LHD GM Will Swart spoke on the brake fluid recall. It affects 2008-2011 bikes with ABS. Any questions contact him, or service - there is no cost involved. Will also dispelled rumors that he is leaving Laconia Harley. "*Absolutely not!*" He said the dealership is still ironing out details of the Mileage Challenge that will be unveiled on March 31st. They will be having another Biker Bingo on March 3rd, with all monies donated to Children's Charities. Will ended advising the group that he was on vacation from 2/23-3/5.

Rick Bassett discussed HD 101, a new program to *build* new riders. Dates will be 2/22, 3/8 and 3/22. It is an opportunity for people new to the sport to try out motorcycle riding by using a ride simulator and get a chance to feel what its like to ride and shift a motorcycle. It is free to participants and there will be snacks and beverages. There is a limit to 15 per class to offer personal attention to attendees. Rick also shared that two chapter members bought bikes this month. Yeah!!! Riding academy classes will be starting in May.

Dave Broughton spoke of this weekend's snowmobile trip that just concluded. Due to dangerous ice conditions on the trails, that portion of the trip was cancelled. But Dave booked everyone to participate in a sleigh ride at Nestlenook Farm. Twelve members went, and the entire Inn was theirs for the weekend. He advised that he already had 12 people booked for the following year in January. There will be an "ice bar" and free shuttles to keep everyone safe. Dave also

offered that the Concord Chapter has challenged our Chapter to a bowling night on March 10th. Interested members should sign up with him after the meeting. The event will be in Manchester.

Ron Egalka thanked Dave for all the events he coordinates throughout the year. He then asked all the officers who went to HOT to say a few words.

Joe Monti was first and said that his experience at H.O.T. was a great time and that he felt very lucky to be in such a great Chapter because of the many challenges other clubs experience. He mentioned that Winni 2529 was represented proudly at the reception and dinner on Friday night. Everyone had an amazing time.

Barb Harris shared that this is her third time going to HOT and her take-away was what a great relationship we have with our dealership and our great members. She is so grateful for the dedication of our members and their passion for the club.

Carl Harris also stated that this is his third time at HOT. He feels that we are doing all the right things with membership and activities and we are "spot on."

Bruce Klinger was the last to speak on the HOT training. He advised that we got up for 7am breakfast, classes started at 8am and went to 5pm. Each person's classes were geared to their specific officer classification. Every officer took 10 classes in total. The classes split chapters up, so the ideas could all be fresh, and everyone could bring back new ideas to their club. He agreed with all the officers that Friday night was a great reception/party and a great time was had by all.

Ron asked Bruce to speak on the Accident Scene Management class that some members attended. The overview was that the course addressed what to do and NOT do, if something happens on a ride. Further, it covered basic first aid and several skills such as helmet removal, rolling a patient onto a blanket, opening the airway without compromising cervical spine issues and how to remove a patient from danger with a blanket. Joe Newman interjected that all members should be aware that some riders wear a sticker on their helmet stating that they DO NOT WANT TO REMOVE THEIR HELMET in case of accident. So, to be careful to pay attention when arriving at an accident scene. Bruce also mentioned that there will be a first aid/CPR class being offered through LRGH for interested parties, and to see Bruce after the meeting. The cost is \$40.00. per person.

Joe Newman wanted to add in reference to the safety info on the website, that there is an I.C.E. feature on most phones (**In Case of Emergency**) which is a feature set up on most cell phones displaying medical info such as DOB, blood type, medical alert info, etc., to assist medical personal if info is needed and you are not capable of speaking.

Ron Egalka also mentioned that he too went to the ASM training and thought it was a great course to take. He also stated that the idea of Road Captains taking basic first aid classes would be important. Ron continued by stating, as an example, that there was an accident on the Ride to the Sky during the 2017 Laconia Motorcycle Week and Head RC, Tony Cardoza, handled the incident perfectly and the ride continued with minimal interruption due to his training and experience.

Carl and Barb Harris spoke briefly on the Iron Adventure. Entertainment every night. There will be new chapter challenges with lots of different categories and a point system to make it interesting. They are still looking for volunteers for road captains for the rides.

Carl Harris asked peoples' opinions on thumb drive maps for GPS or paper maps for theses rides. It was discussed, and the consensus was that people suggested to have both to cater to everyone. Carl also mentioned that, in contrast to last year where there was a limit on the size of rides to 20 bikes, this year the rides will be unlimited in size. Rick Bassett asked about the night ride to Mt. Washington. Carl advised that the night ride was cancelled.

Bruce Klinger put on his Safety Officer hat and mentioned that if anyone was interested in riding early, due to temps in the 60's to take into account tire pressures and the fact that the rubber in your tires will not be as pliable as it would in the warmer weather. He also reminded us to be aware of salt and sand on the roads.

Barb Harris reminded everyone that officer columns, articles or pictures need to be in to her by March 1st for the quarterly WinniHOG Newsletter.

Fran Maineri wanted to add an addendum to the earlier Treasurers report that WinniHOG 2529 is a 501(c7) and that the Chapter's paperwork is already done and filed with the IRS.

Ron Egalka stated that we are not a typical non-profit organization – 501(c3) – meaning that we are not supposed to donate more than 35% of our earnings to charities. The Chapter, by legal definition, is for the benefit of its members.

Lana Dearborn spoke of the problems being worked out with the Chapter's website. After discovering that the "members only" section was not functioning properly, she is looking to dump it and create a new one. She will update the Membership as more information becomes available.

Joe Boucher went on to draw the raffles. Two of the prizes were donated from Will from LHD. First winner was Mike Richardson, and the second winner was Barb Harris.

Joe Boucher wanted to thank Barb Harris for the excellent job on the Newsletter.

The 50/50 winner was Cindy Lou. Congratulations to all the winners.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Klinger, Secretary

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