

MARCH MEETING MINUTES



WINNIPESAUKEE H.O.G. CHAPTER 2529

MARCH 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am with 47 members in attendance.

Joe Boucher started the meeting off welcoming Ron Egalka back from Thailand. We all stood and were led by Joe Boucher with the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe also congratulated Mike Egeler who participated in the "Winni-Plunge" for the ninth year. Mike stated that the event raised \$108,000. for Special Olympics. Joe, finished with an entertaining as always joke.

Ron Egalka wanted to thank all the members that participated in the bowling Challenge with the Concord Chapter. It appears Winni HOG won the trophy (by default). Ron, has invited the Concord Chapter to join us in the "Ride to the Sky", during motorcycle week. He also wanted to remind us that there will be a Road Captains meeting following the Chapter meeting at 11am. He advised that there are 58 rides on the books for this riding season, almost twice as many rides as last year. There will be "newbie rides" set for smaller groups, shorter rides, leaving at 10am returning by 2pm. They will involve no highways and no difficult terrain. We also have more advanced rides being offered this season, faster paced with more challenging terrain, longer distances, some leaving at 8am and returning by 6pm. The remainder of the rides will be more "middle of the road" rides to appeal to most everyone.

Ron spoke a little about his trip to Thailand and will share pictures of his trip to all interested. His trip went from March 3rd to 7th where he completed over 1,000 miles with most days temperatures over 95 degrees. He commented on the beauty of the land, the people and the cuisine. He spoke of the challenging countryside roads. Ron also mentioned that he and Cindy Lou are talking about returning next year - if any Chapter members are interested in going as a group, please contact him.

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Joe Newman reminded everyone of RIDE 365 and our Chapter Challenge. He encouraged everyone to sign up, so we can be as involved as possible. Make sure everyone logs in your miles.

Cathy Foster reported that we are at 205 members currently.

Barb Harris taking charge of the Labor Day Weekend Digby Rally and stated it starts on August 30th. It is 5 nights and 6 days. She continued by stating that this rally has hotels booked two years in advance. Since she grew up in this area she said she was able to secure 10 rooms approximately an hour away. It is imperative anyone interested in going to this rally must let her know this week. Her enthusiasm for this trip is obvious and she is working hard to offer three choices of activities to do, while there, such as a ride to the South Shore and a "bus tour of local vineyards", to name a few. Passports are required. A price estimate is as follows: (prices in U.S. Dollars)

Rooms: \$150 (1st nite) + 425 (3 nites) + 100 (going home) = 670.

Ferry: \$193 Single rider (round trip)

\$272 Double Rider (round trip)

Total: Single Rider \$ 863.00

Total: Couple \$942.00

Total: Couple with 2 bikes \$1,056.00 (this is for FIVE NIGHTS)

Please forward any questions to Barb Harris: bharrisfriends4eva@gmail.com

Barb also spoke of another ride that Carl Harris will run on October 10th to the Wayside Inn, Sudbury MA. This is an overnight ride to this historic site of an original 18th century stage coach stop. A very quaint Inn and the restaurant is excellent. This trip is very limited and must be booked soon. Please contact Carl Harris with questions and reservations.

Barb also wants to remind anyone interested in submitting pictures or stories to the *WinniHOG Tales* have them to her before 4/1.

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LHD GM Will Swart mentioned that anyone who has a bike in storage needs to give the dealership a little warning about picking them up, so they can be sure to have your bikes ready when you want them. He stated that there are two Dunlop tire promotions going on now. One from the dealership 18% off running from 3/15-3/31. Then, nationally there is a Dunlop gift card promo which runs beginning 3/15. He advised that you can purchase tires now and wait to have them installed afterwards. Ron asked Will about when tires should be replaced. He spoke of a good rule of thumb for cruiser style bikes every 8,000 to 10,000 and on touring bikes 11,000 to 15,000. Will was happy to share that the results of Biker Bingo raised \$1,100 for Children's Charities.

Will said the dealership has an exciting new promo being unveiled on 3/31 he hopes everyone will come by that day for the exciting details. In regard to Ride 365 everyone needs to register at the dealership in person with your bike from 3/31-4/22. This event runs through the Saturday after Thanksgiving. There will be a \$10.00 gift card issued for every thousand miles recorded. The Grand Prize will be a \$1,000 Gift card from a local Travel agency.

Dave Broughton thanked everyone for participation in the bowling challenge with the Concord Chapter. He said that we will be hosting the challenge next year at Fun Spot. Dave then announced that he now has an Assistant Activities Director... Julie Klinger. He mentioned that she is getting together a Winni Chapter Caribbean cruise for next winter. Interested people please contact Julie. Dave also mentioned that the Snowmobile/Ice Bar trip for next Jan 18-20 at Stonehurst Manor is sold out. If anyone is interested now must contact the hotel direct to see if there still any rooms and mention the Winni Hog Chapter 2529 for rates. Dave then brought up the Spring Fling which is scheduled for June 2nd. He had tentatively booked it at Harts Turkey Farm. But before the meeting, Julie had offered another idea to try Smitty's Cinema in Tilton. Dave had called before the meeting to check to see if it would work with our needs. They assured him that it could work. So, after Dave shared the details it was put to a vote whether the group wanted to go to Hart's or Smitty's. It was decided that we would give Smitty's a try. Dave also announced that the May 18-20 ride to Burlington Vermont was during graduation of a local college and all hotels were sold out. But, resourceful Dave found hotels at Lake Chaplain. So, if you are planning on going on that ride you should contact Dave ASAP so you can book a room in time.

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Joe Boucher wanted to thank Ed Allard and Mike Gregory for their help in collecting donations. Will offered two gift certificates from the dealership and the winners were: Cathy Letellier and Mike Gregory. The membership donation was won by Bob Vilik. The Meeting concluded at 11:20am

Respectfully Submitted by *Julie Klínger*