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Winnepesaukee H.O.G. Chapter 2529 Meeting

May 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9AM with 49 attending by Joe our greeter who welcomed all and advised since we are not riding today due to the weather we will have a member profile.

Joe then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today's profile is on our Treasurer Fran Maineri. Fran was born in Southington CT in 1948. He has lived in CT and NH his entire life. While he was educated to be a school teacher, he never taught. He started out as a programmer in the dinosaur age of computers back when programs were run from trays of cards. He spent the next 26 years working in corporate America working first in the insurance industry and then for a manufacturing company that supported the automobile industry with oil seals. He worked in areas related to finance and when he left the company in 1998 he was the payroll and benefits manager overseeing an employee population of over 5000 in 5 states. After that, he started 3 different businesses. The first was a commercial embroidery business that was taken over by his wife Karen, who ran it successfully for 20 years prior to selling it and retiring. The second was a short lived bakery and the third was a payroll services company which had a client base of nearly 200 small businesses. He sold that business in 2013 and retired. He also worked for a Laconia based accounting firm specializing in tax accounting between the 2nd and 3rd business. He never served in the military. He has been married to Karen for 47 years and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. He has 1 sister. He has been working hard at retirement since 2013 and enjoying all the things that had slipped through the cracks since he was 20 years old. He bought his first motorcycle at 21-1970 Suzuki, first a street bike and then a dirt bike. He has owned 5 motorcycles. Fran has been a HOG member 8 years. His hobbies are hiking, snowshoeing, gardening, photography and bushwhacking. He and his wife have hiked the 100 highest New England and NH mountains. He has also hiked NH's 4000 mountains in the winter. He has hiked NH's 4000' in a single winter season and is currently working on the NE 100 highest in a single winter season. He has competed in track and field and road races since high school and at age 50 or 51 he competed in the National Masters Track and Field Championships at the University of Oregon and again at LSU in Baton Rouge LA. He is happy to remain living in NH, but would like to visit all the National Parks. The remaining item on his bucket list is he would like to find the 25th hour of the day so he would have more time to do everything he hasn't had the chance to do yet. Fran has no regrets and his favorite food is whatever italian dish he is currently eating. Fran lives in New Hampton.

Before closing, Joe made note of the Road Captains meeting that was held last evening by Tony Cardoza who emphasised the work the lead road captain puts into a ride to make it safe and enjoyable for the riders.

Secretary's Report: no report
Treasurer's Report: no report
Assistant Director: no report
Membership Report: no report

Dealer News: Will wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day. The quarter 2 event flyer is out and available downstairs if you have not received your copy already. Next Saturday the Combat Warriors Honor Ride will be held at the dealership. Registration is at 10, leave at 11 and lunch at noon. For those of you that have extended warrantee, you have roadside assistance. If you are a HOG member and have roadside assistance, make sure you know what you have and where to go and who to call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Activities.** Dave - Spring Fling will be held at the Gunstock Inn on June 18 starting at 7PM. It will be an AYCE Pig Roast with a comedian following. Tickets are \$30PP for members and guests. There will be raffles and door prizes. Lake George Ride July 14-16 is about 95% sold out. 1 more room is left-check out the website or see Dave for additional info. Bar Harbor Ride Sept. 8-10 is still open. Rooms have been set aside at Edenbrook Motel in Bar Harbor. See Dave for additional info. Stuart- Mt. Greylock MA June 24 overnight. Plan to leave at 8AM heading out to Mt. Greylock for a beautiful view staying in Greenfield and going on the Mohawk Trail. Perhaps there may be a side trip to Franklin County Corvette Museum. See Stuart for questions. Fran- So. Vt. - Manchester Ctr May 20 overnight. Plan to meet at LHD 8AM-depart 8:30. See Fran for questions. Carl-Plattsburg Ausible Chasm and Eisenhower Locks Aug. 18-20. 20 rooms are lined up-see website or Carl for additional info. Barb-Heather's Ride July 8-all are welcome to sign up.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Iron Adventure Run:** Mike reporting. Last meeting was held in Lewiston ME. Final meeting will be held at Loon Mtn 6/3 at 1PM for general public. For those people who have preregistered an email will be going out with info about the Run to the Rally event. There will be prizes, a patch and rocker for this. More details will be given. Mike and Kathy will be in charge of the biker games to be held. Carl reminded the group that we are looking for volunteers from the Chapter to assist with events and rides also.
- **Motorcycle Week:** Ron updated the group on all the changes taking place this year. HD will be back at the Weirs! They have signed a contract for 6 years. There will be two locations for Demo's and Pin Stop-and different from previous years, pins will be available the first Saturday rather than beginning on Monday. A lane will be created with only right hand turns making a loop out of the demo area, through Lakeport, across

Rollercoaster Road and returning back to the demo area. Gear will also be available to try at the Demo location. LHD will also have a presence and have gear available.

- **Hospitality Desk:** Ron made available sign up sheets asking for volunteers to assist both at the dealership and at Rally Headquarters as we have been invited to have a member present to answer questions. We will be assisting with 3 rides again this year. Sunday to Bentley's in Maine, Ladies Ride on Wednesday-destination the Kanc and Thursday the Ride to the Sky. That ride will have police support and blocking. Ron and Carl will be meeting with Auto Road staff. Check into water availability came as a request from within the group.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Appointments:** Ron advised the group of several new appointments.
 - Merchandise Coordinators-Anna Marie Perkins and Donna Monti will be handling HOG merchandise. You may see them personally or email them at winniehogmerch@gmail.com. New 2017 merchandise catalog is available.
 - New Member Mentor-Joe Boucher will be working with Membership Coordinator Kathy Foster to identify and assist new members joining the group; he will be developing new member rides to help build comfort levels with group riding.
 - Safety Officer-Joe Newman-he will be instrumental in making riding better by looking into first aid, accident scene management, enhanced rider training to name a few areas. Joe shared with the group an emergency notification sheet he carries with him. There is also an ICE app available to download to your phone. Iphone has a health app that also can be used to contain helpful info to a 1st responder in the event you are unable to speak for yourself. Traffic is becoming heavier as summer season approaches-be sure that you watch for them as they may not be watching for you. He is encouraging anyone within the group that has EMT, Fire or Police experience to please share any safety tips.
 - New Road Captain- Cindy Lou Gray

All prizes were drawn and distributed. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Next meeting will be on 6/11/17 at 9am at LHD. Please note this is also the first Sunday of Bike Week so please check the website or facebook for exact location. If a change is needed, you will be notified via face book, website and e-mail. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am. Respectfully submitted, Lana Dearborn

REMINDER- the HOG number is 603-677-5337 for details of upcoming activities which is also available on our website. www.winnihog.2529.com