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Winnipesaukee Hog Tales

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Changing of the Guard—New Director for 2017

At the last meeting of 2016, Director Carl Harris was thanked for his years of service as Director as was Judi Dunlap as Treasurer. Results of the annual election gives us a new Director, Ron Egalka and a new Treasurer, Fran Maineri. Thom Cady continues to serve the second year of his two year term as Assistant Director as does Lana Dearborn as Secretary.



Thom Cady



Fran Maineri



Lana Dearborn

The 2017 Executive Board now consists of the following:

- Director: Ron Egalka
- Asst Director: Thom Cady
- Treasurer: Fran Maineri
- Secretary: Lana Dearborn

Outgoing Director Carl Harris wishing incoming Director Ron Egalka success in his new role.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!

Annual Festival of Trees Has Continued Success

David Broughton, Activities Director, reported on the recent success of this Annual Event.

The result of the great efforts of our members, was a family being presented with a beautifully decorated tree along with gift cards from our members to assist with their Christmas Celebration.



Value of tree & extras donated to a local family \$300+



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1st Annual Pub Mania at Patrick's Pub

Laconia Harley Davidson was invited to participate in the challenge in August. It was anticipated due to lateness in starting the challenge that LHD team should be able to raise \$2400 and with the matching contribution from the Deli's a total of \$4800 could be raised. They underestimated how well people would take to the challenge.

When they arrived that day to sit, they figured they had raised around \$4500, almost double what they anticipated. Will got the call Friday with the total raised of \$6,800+ and with the matching funds, a total of \$13,600+ was raised in less than 4 months.

A total of 31 teams each with 24 people participated.

Our group included employees, friends of the dealership and HOG members. Will stated he couldn't be more proud of everyone's efforts.

The total raised for Children's Auction was \$489,435, a \$36,000 increase over 2015. Patrick's portion was \$276,267. - 56% of the total funds raised in a 24 hour period.

Our Robin Watson raised \$1,685 is rumored to have been the top fundraising individual for Pubmania this year.

We will bring it again next year!



For years I have ridden my Harley
Now I sit on this stool looking gnarly
But I won't cause a riot
I am known to be quiet
So I'll just toast all with a mug of good barley.

2017 Chapter Meeting Schedule

- January 8th
- February 12th
- March 12th
- April 9th
- May 14th
- June 11th
- July 9th
- August 13th
- September 10th
- October 8th
- November 12th
- December 10th

2017 Membership Drive Report Cathy Foster

We began 2016 with 183 active members and ended with 194. 43 new members joined plus 5 whose memberships had expired more than three months prior decided to come back to us!

The winner of the HOG Membership Drive was Cathy Letelier who brought in the most new members for the Chapter.

If members would be aware of their due date for National and make sure National is renewed by the time they send in the local renewal, that would be very helpful....and once they have renewed their National, they can be 'pro-active' and print and send in the chapter renewal at any time. Your help would be greatly appreciated in this process!





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Report from our Activities Director Dave Broughton

2016 was a great year for activities:

In April of 2016 the club treated everyone that attended the March meeting to a **free breakfast** at Shilohs in Tilton.

To start off the bike season we had our **Spring Fling** at the country club in Gilford featuring the Beatles band Help.

To end our riding season we had our fall **harvest dinner** at Harts Turkey Farm Restaurant. The club paid \$20 towards all members cost for the evening along with a special club patch.

On November 27th we participated in the Altrusa Clubs **Festival of Trees** to help needy families that may not be able to have a tree & gifts for Christmas. We donated a decorated tree along with over \$300 worth of gift cards. We want to thank all that helped and donated it was will received.

We hope to have more activities coming up in the 2017 season.

Items on the list of things coming up:

- **February** snow-mobile trip up north with one or two night stay.
- **March** meeting another breakfast by the club.
- **Spring Fling & Fall Harvest dinner.**

Thank you!

Activities director,

Dave
Broughton



Visit our website for up-to-date information on current events

www.winnihog2529.com

Report from our Ladies of Harley Officer Cindy Lou Gray

To all the Ladies of Harley out there, thank you for a great 2016. It sure came and went much too quickly. We had some fun get togethers. Whether we were painting on canvas, shooting at the rifle range, meeting for a bite to eat or just going for a motorcycle ride, we always had a great time.

As we gear up for the 2017 season, it would be wonderful to see some additional participants. The group is open to all comments and suggestions for our once-a-month get togethers.

Happy New Year and hope to see you soon—Cindy Lou

Please feel free to call me at 603-520-8151 or email me at forgrayz@metrocast.net with any ideas that you may have so I can get them scheduled as quickly as I can.



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Report from our Safety Officer Jason Page

Greetings my Winni HOG Chapter Friends,

Where does the time go? Another year has come and gone.

2016, we had about 25 Chapter rides scheduled, and even though the weather did not cooperate completely, and some rides had to be canceled, I think we managed to get a pretty good riding season in. I don't believe we had any accidents on our rides this past season, (A slip or fall doesn't count), and I think that had a lot to do with the careful planning of our Road Captains.

WELL DONE!

Moving into 2017, I believe the key to Safety is training. For our upcoming year, I am going to try to arrange for a rider education class. Even though I have ridden for many years, I found taking the class was very beneficial. It was eye opening to find out that I had been making some of the same mistakes for many years. I would also like to find someone qualified to provide **First Aid/CPR** training as well. I have not been able to make these arrangements yet so, keep your fingers crossed. I will have more details in the near future.

For those of you, like me, that are still riding, be extra **alert**, watch out for **black ice**, and be **visible!** People don't expect you to be out there so, pay extra attention to other vehicles on the road. I recommend you use heated gear, a full face helmet, and cover any exposed skin, (talk to the Motor Clothes crew about that.) Stay hydrated, drink plenty of fluids. It's just as important in the winter as it is in the summer. Safe winter riding is a lot of fun. The sounds, and smells are different, and your bike's engine is going to Love the cold air.

**Stay Safe and
Have Fun!**



PICTURES



Who We Are.....

The Winnipesaukee H.O.G. Chapter is located in Meredith New Hampshire and is sponsored by Laconia Harley Davidson.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month in the upstairs meeting room of the dealership at 9am.

We are a family friendly group who love to ride our Harleys and always welcome new members.

Our moto is to "ride and have fun".

If you have a question or comment, or have a suggestion for a event please fill out the form below and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



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Future Buy, Sell or
Swap Section

**Send me
your items
to include
in the next
newsletter!!**

Ride Schedule 2016 Wrap-Up and 2017 Ideas

According to our Safety officer we had about 25 Chapter Rides scheduled but some had to be cancelled due to weather or other extenuating circumstances. All in all a very safe and happy riding season had by all that participated. Thank you to all of the Road Captains for their commitment of time and energy in bringing us such great rides.

The Ride Committee is beginning to work on the 2017 Ride Schedule and would love to have your input. Where would you like to go for day rides and overnight or weekend rides? It is such a great time when we set out as a group with a special destination in mind.

Thom Cady and Fran Maineri are in charge of the Ride Schedule and welcome your suggestions, thoughts and comments. You can contact them via e-mail at:

treasurer@winnihog2529.com for Fran
thomcady@metrocast.net for Thom

Our Chapter Mission Statement

The Winnepesaukee H.O.G. Chapter is a volunteer organization that works in partnership with Laconia Harley Davidson to provide a positive member experience through comradery and social engagement. The Chapter orchestrates events and safe motorcycle rides for our members and their quests. Our Chapter is a strong, supportive force in the community and we strive to be good stewards and representatives to our members and our sponsoring dealership.

And of course to “Ride and have fun”.

Incoming Director Message

The holiday season, a time for celebration and reflection, is quickly coming to an end. And although Thanksgiving was more than a month ago, I want to take the opportunity to thank a few folks I may have overlooked. And I apologize, in advance, for inadvertently, but inevitably, leaving anyone out.

Thank you...

Stu Weiner, Joe Boucher and Jason Page for "suggesting" that I consider running for Director of WinniHOG 2529. I'm very excited and energized and look forward to your continuing support. (Remember, I know where you live!)

The 2016 and 2017 Primary Officers:

Carl Harris, for being so supportive. I realize I've got some large shoes/boots to fill! Through his direction and leadership, WinniHOG is on a solid, positive trajectory, which didn't happen by accident or without a lot of work. Furthermore, Carl has agreed to be our webmaster (which is looking great!) and one of our photographers. How's that for ongoing commitment to our Chapter!

Thom Cady (Assistant Director), **Lana Dearborn** (Secretary), **Judi Dunlap** (Past Treasurer) and **Fran Maineri** (Treasurer, Ride Committee Chair). We're very fortunate that we have a cadre of members who work very well together and just get things done. Judi, who decided to step down this year, is the epitome of organization and first to take on a challenge. Thanks for all you do, Judi, and I look forward to your ongoing participation and contributions.

The Discretionary Chapter Officers:

Joe Boucher (Greeter/Historian), **Cathy Foster** (Membership), **Jason Page** (Safety/Photographer), **Dave Broughton** (Activities Committee Chair), **Cindy Lou Gray** (Ladies of Harley) and **Barb Harris**, who has taken on so many responsibilities and does so much for our Chapter, much of it behind the scene. Starting with this newsletter, Barb has graciously and gratefully volunteered to take over as Editor of this Chapter Newsletter.

The **Road Captains** under the tutelage and supervision of Head Road Captain **Tony Cardoza**.

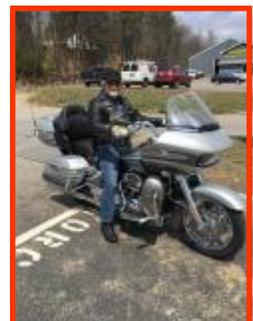
We've grown the ranks of RCs, but we can always use more, particularly with potentially more rides in 2017. If you have an interest in becoming a RC, just let Tony or me know. We'll get you hooked up.

All the members of the various committees, both formal and informal. I thank you! 2016 was a fantastic year for our Chapter with exciting rides and events and a stellar safety record. There are some new initiatives being considered which we'll discuss at future meetings. With your help, we'll make 2017 our best year ever.

I want to personally wish each of you and everyone in your family a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2017!

Ron Egalka

Let's Ride! (soon)



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What's going on at the dealership.....



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 * Special thank *
 * you to our *
 * sponsor - *
 * Laconia Harley *
 * Davidson *
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 * 03053 *
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January Events

January 7th—9-5 we will
 be doing a customs per-
 formance (Bike Build).
 Stage 2 engine build.
 Free pulled pork 11 - 3

Register to win a Vance
 & Hines set of slip-on's
 installed.

**MUST BE PRESENT TO
 WIN.**

January 21st is our Chili
 Cook-off Challenge.

Bring in your best Chili.
 Peoples Choice winner
 gets dinner for two at
 O'S Steak house.

ON THE CALENDAR.....

January 27-29 11-3

Customer Appreciation Days

February 3-5

Pond Hockey Classic

February 11th

Customs Performance

Workshop

February 18-20

Make America Ride Again

Presidents Day Weekend

February 25 – 5-8m

Biker Bingo Bike Night

March 11th 11-3pm

VIP Appreciation Party

Awaken the Hogs

March 24-26

Resolution to Ride Tent Event

Bench Dedication- 12/11/2016

Planning began in September and presented to the membership at the October Chapter meeting.
Thom Cady, Bob Dunlap and Fran Maineri began work on the site in early November and
 completed the work just prior to the Chapter's 12/11/16 meeting. The total cost was \$3,315.80 plus the
 priceless time and energy given by Will and Eric at the dealership, Bob and Rob Dunlap of RA Dunlap
 Excavation and Fran and Thom. This is such a great way to remember our dear departed friends.

Please stop by and take a look at this **beautiful tribute to our fallen members** and thank
 Laconia Harley Davidson for making it possible for us to erect this memorial.





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Outgoing Director Message From Carl Harris

It is hard to believe that two years have gone by so fast. Here we are in 2017 and if you are like me, you are just waiting for spring and warmer weather so we can start riding again.

But in two short years the Chapter has covered some serious ground. Literally thousands of miles. Our 2015 and 2016 riding seasons brought our members to destinations all over New England and as far away as York Pennsylvania for a tour of the Harley Davidson Vehicle Operations. Overnight trips to Bar Harbor, Lake Placid and Burlington Vermont, just to name a few. We have taken our members on road trips that many say they would have never done on their own. And it shows at the end of the season when we announce the winners of our mileage program. It is not unheard of to have members pushing the 20,000 miles per season. That's what it is all about. Riding our Harley's!

Great trips and day time rides are not all we have to show for our Chapter either. In two short years we have accomplished some amazing things. We have a Chapter office right in the dealership. A huge benefit for our chapter officers.

Through the generosity of the dealership and too many members to list, we have put our Chapter on the Laconia Bike Week map. A social vantage point to meet and greet other HOG members from around the world. And when I say around the world I mean around the world. St Petersburg Russia and Australia are just a couple of the countries represented that we had a chance to chat with.

Many of our members have helped in our subtle fundraising efforts, all in an effort to be able to self fund the things we like to do. Like the occasional lunch on the Chapter while we are out on a Chapter ride. And HOT training. For the last three years we have sent members to Harley Officer Training. Another great experience for our members who are donating so much of their time.

And I cannot forget our Activities. Thinking outside the box and giving our members a wide variety of parties each spring and fall. And now, a snowmobile adventure in February. Well done!

But I feel our greatest accomplishment, and one I am most proud of is our Chapter Memorial Bench. Unveiled at our December 2016 meeting the bench memorializes our members who are no longer with us. In two years we have lost five members and possible more.

In closing, thank you for the pleasure of allowing me the opportunity to be your Chapter Director. I look forward to the next riding season, leading chapter rides and taking lots of pictures of all our shenanigans. Have a safe and Happy New Year. Spring will be here before we know it!



Until next
time, ride often
and ride safe.
Your Editor,
Barb Harris