



Harley Owners Group Newsletter January 2024

News you can use...

Director's Corner Doug Erwin



Happy New Year! I am excited about what is ahead for us in 2024. With many rides planned, an awesome Director's challenge, and many events during the year there will be lots of opportunities for fun and fellowship with our riding members. I hope you will bring some friends into the group this year and make us even stronger Harley enthusiasts.

A couple of our strengths as a riding group is compassion for others and giving. It's hard for me to put this into words but I want to thank each of you for your generosity with your time, talent and money during 2023. Your kindheartedness resulted in unprecedented level of giving not seen in years which made a positive impact on the community. Because you care about our community we donated to:

- Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association
- Retsil Veterans Home – supporting the care center and transitional housing units.
- Homeless Teens (13 of them)
- Blacksheep Downed Biker Fund supporting three bikers who are very close to us.
- Kitsap Humane Society. During your next visit check out the Silverdale HOG Chapter brick in their courtyard.
- Road to Recovery received shoes from our members giving those in need support to keep working..
- The Central Kitsap Food Bank received timely food donation from us through the year at a time when food banks across the county were stretched thin.

On behalf of the recipients allow me to simply say Thank You!

Just a reminder that the Harley Davidson 2024 model release occurs on Wednesday the 24th. To further celebrate the event the dealership is hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday the 27th of January from 9:00am to 11:00am. There will be sausage, fruit and of course pancakes with all the fixings. It is free to the public so invite your friends. We will also have a HOG table to promote the group and recruit new riders. Please see Troy or me if you can volunteer. More details to follow so read your email. Let's make 2024 the best riding year ever!

For your calendar...



Future events – Save the Date.

- January 6 – Chapter meeting at Destination Harley Davidson. Doors open at 8:30 in the upper building.
- January 13 – Blacksheep Breakfast 9:00am McClouds Grill House, 4111 Wheaton Way, Bremerton.
- January 24 – Harley Davidson 2024 Model Release [Harley Davidson](#)
- January 27 – Silverdale Destination Harley Davidson Pancake Breakfast 9:00am
- February 3 Chapter meeting at Destination Harley Davidson. Doors open at 8:30 in the upper building.
- February 10 Blacksheep Breakfast 9:00am McClouds Grill House, 4111 Wheaton Way, Bremerton.



Ladies of Harley Ginger Anderson



Happy New Year!

As we embark on 2024, let us not forget the amazing adventures and experiences of 2023! Embrace the friendships that have been nurtured with all of the amazing rides! Evidently, there was plenty of riding that took place last year!

I'd like to thank the Chapter and everyone who contributed to the Homeless Teens Project. What an awesome gift to give these kids, some of whom would not have gotten anything. Can you imagine that? Your generosity and compassion will make a difference in their holiday; perhaps it will brighten their lives and give them some hope.

I am so proud and honored to be a part of an organization like our HOG. A group of family and friends with HUGE hearts who care for others in the community.

Keep up the good work and **Let's Ride!**
Ginger



Chapter Membership / Ride 365

Renee Peters

Membership: We are currently enjoy 199 members, up from 153 a year ago.

Chapter Mileage: We ended 2023 with about 190,000 miles. Congratulations on that great accomplishment. Let's start off the new year with an odometer check and turn in our mileage sheets to Nichole or Wyatt.



Our Chapter's top 10 riders during 2023 are:

2023 Ride 365	
Name	Miles
Bruce C	13,957
Karen E	10,616
Ken M	10,286
Kristina M	10,286
Douglas E.	9,981
Ronald W	9,824
Miriam W	9,824
Dena R	8,418
Rick M	7,610
Joe R	7,538

Have you explored the HOG site recently to review your benefits? There are many. If not, go to: [HOG Member Site](#)

JOIN HARLEY-DAVIDSON

- Earn points and rewards
- Connect and ride with other members
- Access exclusive events and content
- [Join Here](#)

Shop Notes



• **Brent.** I hope you enjoyed happy holidays and that 2024 is off to a good start. Check out the new 2024s on January 24th during the big HD reveal. Bring friends and join us on January 27th for a pancake breakfast starting at 9:00am.



• **Apparel and Licensing.** There is a great inventory of flannel shirts in many colors and all sizes. If you are an online HD shopper check out the dealership inventory before your purchase. Destination will price match most items. See Nichole or Wyatt for details.

• **Parts.** Strong parts inventory right now to meet your needs. Check out the clearance area for some new good deals.

• **Service.** Stop in and meet the new service manager, Jonathan Hickman. Welcome back Jonathan!

• Avoid battery drain during long winter storage periods by placing your kickstand on a "puck".

• Fuel stabilizer. Add some fuel stabilizer to that FULL tank of gas. This will avoid gas from going bad and keep moisture to a minimum.

• Schedule your spring maintenance in advance now. If you need work done now you can get in within two to three days.

• **Sales.** Julie says watch your email about sales of the 23s and 24s that are on the floor. "Carry over" 24s now on the floor are sporting new colors. Julie is ready to work with you on your next purchase.



Slo-Joe Ranier

You are a true Harley rider if:

- Only the back of your hands and nose are sunburned.
- Helmet hair is a fashion statement.
- You carry more pictures of your bike than your kids.
- You register for wedding gifts at the bike shop.
- Most of your shirts are t-shirts and have a H.D. statement.
- You have a pet or a child named Harley.
- You think sushi is bait and chicken fried steak is fine dining.
- You can identify insects by their taste.
- You think even a ride on a rainy day is a good day.
- Your favorite three piece suit is chaps, leather vest, and leather jacket.
- You can remember all the bad motels with pride but none of the good ones.
- You always return home ready to ride again.

Winter is a good time to look ahead. Here are some books to inspire future rides:

- Harley Across America, Tiger Lee Kreider
- Best Pacific Northwest Trips, Lonely Planet
- American Road, Keith Jahans
- Life, America And The Road, Jefe Smith
- Route 66 On A Harley, Wiloliam Jonell

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Thank you to our sponsors!



The Silverdale HOG Chapter supports -

- Central Kitsap Food Bank
- Crista Shores
- Washington State Veterans Home Retsil
- Rhodes to Recovery
- Kitsap Humane Society
- Coffee Oasis

Bring canned goods to each meeting and event to support the Central Kitsap Food Bank. The need for food by Kitsap County community members is increasing.

Our clothing drive supporting Rhodes to Recovery who provides assistance to local veterans in need continues. Only serviceable boots and shoes of all sizes along with socks and serviceable outerwear will be accepted. Give these items to any Board member at any meeting or event. We will collect, store and deliver as needed.

Christmas 2023...HOG 3500 Silverdale Chapter



Do you have some thoughts, suggestions, or contributions for the newsletter? Send them to Rick Becker at richardbckr@gmail.com.