

HOG Newsletter April through June 2023



2023 Events Calendar

April 1 Chapter meeting at 9am. Doors open at 8:30am.
April 1 Directors Ride – Sequim and Fort Flagler
April 20, Dinner Ride
April 23, LOH Bingo at Maynard's in Silverdale. 6-9pm.
May 6, Chapter meeting at 9am. Doors open at 8:30am.
May 6, International Female Ride Day (Ride Like A Girl).
May 13, Sequim Irrigation and Logging Show.
May 20, Bremerton Armed Forces Day Parade/Port Townsend Rhody Festival.
May 25, Dinner Ride
June 3, Chapter meeting at 9am. Doors open at 8:30am.
June 22, Dinner Ride
June 24, Destination HD to Gold Financial Gig Harbor
June 24, Port Orchard Fathoms of Fun Parade.
Stay current with club events and register here:
<https://www.silverdalehog.org/events>

Shop Notes

- **Get on the Destination Harley Davidson email list for announcements and the latest information.**
<https://silverdaleharley.com/Receive-Our-Email-Newsletter>
- Nicole will be emphasizing helmet safety during April. If your helmet is over 5 years old or been dropped to the ground from a height of over 36 inches you should talk with Nicole about a replacement.
- **Parts.** Check out the clearance table for special deals. As of 29 March a full stock of routine maintenance items were in stock. Call Parts staff for details.
- **Service.** Beginning in April schedule service 4 weeks in advance. Avoid storing your bike with the kickstand touching the ground. Passive discharge of the battery can occur. Check brake fluid for condensate every two years, more frequently if you store your bike outside. Call Patrick at 360-698-3700 to learn more, order your parts, and schedule repairs.

Safety Note

Good weather means more motorcycles on the road and complacent auto drivers. Blind spots are something to take into consideration for all motorcyclists, and not just when it comes to Semi Trucks.



That pre-ride inspection can be revealing. Remember T-CLOCK:
T-Tires: tread depth, cracking, check air pressure when cold.
C-Controls: levers, cables, hoses, and throttle.
L-Lights: battery, lenses, reflectors, wiring, and headlamp.
O-Oil: levels and leaks in oil, coolant, hydraulic and fuel systems.
C-Chassis: frame, suspension, chain/belt, and fasteners.
K-Kickstand: cracks/bent, springs, and cutout switch.

The Director's Corner

While we are all sad that Art reluctantly stepped aside recently due to his work and travel schedule, it is good to know he will still be with us as he can. Art's hard work and dedication to our Chapter, the many successful events he organized, and his tough decision to have others lead were a tribute to his commitment to the group and his desire to build strong bonds among all HOG Chapter 3500 members. We all owe Art a debt of gratitude for his strong leadership, personal sacrifices, and many past contributions to us. Thank you Art and we all look forward to riding with you again soon. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Troy for stepping up as Assistant Director. He did a great job organizing the Spring Season Opener. Many thanks Troy!

If you did not read An's letter to us last month I encourage you to do so. A link to the letter is displayed below. He makes some very good points about the sense of community our HOG Chapter enjoys and can enjoy more. I trust we will invest in each other through the rest of the year. By that I mean we have many events planned which will not only allow us to get to know each other better but we can give back to the community that has given each of us so much. So while we spend time with each other over the months ahead here are some thoughts that can help us enjoy each other's company even more.

- **Smile more:** Smiling can improve your mood and make you appear more approachable and friendly to others. It can also create a positive atmosphere and attract positivity towards you. So, keep smiling and stay positive! As riders we know about this better than most when you take off on your motorcycle and feel the breeze on your face.
- **Be present:** Learn to live in the moment and enjoy each second of it. Cherish the memories you are making and being with the people who matter the most to you.
- **Be grateful:** Count your blessings and be thankful for all the good things in your life. You will find that focusing on the positive will bring you more happiness.
- **Find balance:** Make sure you are balancing your time well between family, friends, work, and personal time. Enjoying your life and your relationships means finding the right balance for you.
- **Let go of negativity:** Let go of grudges, anger, and resentment. Holding onto negative emotions only hurts you in the end. Focus on positivity and forgiveness.
- **Pursue your passions:** Do things that make you happy, whether it is a hobby, creative outlet, or sport. Pursuing your passions keeps you fulfilled and gives you a sense of purpose.

We are united by our love for riding so I think each of us has a head start in forming the bonds and community that An spoke of in his letter to us. But just as important, by following these tips, we can make the most of our lives and the time you have with those you love.

I will close by encouraging you to take a look at the calendar and the events that are planned. <https://www.silverdalehog.org/events> We have a busy spring and summer ahead. Hope to see you on the road.

Doug Erwin

Link to An's letter: <https://www.silverdalehog.org/resources/HOG%20Member%20Letter%20JAN%202023.docx>



Ride 365 Update Renee Peters



2021: 57,483 miles
2022: 103,722 miles - Goal 85,000 miles
2023: 936 miles - Goal 100,000 miles

2023 Top Riders

Joe Temmer
Adam Peters
Bill Culbertson

There is an H-D app available for Apple and Android phones for tracking mileage, maps, monthly challenges, suggested rides, and you can also create rides. Download the app here: <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/h-d-app.html>

Don't forget to turn in your Mileage Forms to Destination H-D of Silverdale. You can grab the forms at our local dealership. The forms are located at the HOG corner. After you fill out the form, please hand it into Nicole in merchandise department!



Ginger Anderson

LOH SPONSORED DINNER RIDES:

- 4/20 - Doc's Marina Grill
- 5/25 - Filling Station ~ Kingston
- 6/26 - 101 Diner ~ Shelton (LOH meeting to be included)

BINGO:

LOH sponsoring Bingo at Maynard's Restaurant on Sunday, April 23rd from 6-8 pm. Proceeds to benefit Homeless Teens Project.

RIDE LIKE A GIRL: May 6th.

Also looking at a Game Night at the Dealership where the ladies play Bingo and the guys play Poker (date & time TBD)

Female Riders networking event at the Dealership (details to be provided soon!)

We Support:

- Kitsap Food Bank
- Crista Shores
- Washington State Veterans Home Retsil
- Rhodes to Recovery

Bring canned goods to each meeting and event to support the Food Bank.

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

We are continuing to conduct a food drive supporting Central Kitsap Food bank. Please bring an item or two of a non-perishable food such as cans, dry goods, cereals or pasta to any meeting or event and give them to a Board member. We will collect, store and deliver as necessary.

Chapter Membership

Renee Peters

HOG Silverdale Chapter Members – 181

LOH Members – 17

Since last quarter, we have grown by 28 new members! This is an overall growth of 18%.

Please extend a warm greeting to our newest members:

Kyle Hutchins
Joshua Ragan
Stevan Robbins
Raymond Sutton



Let's keep growing and recruit some new Silverdale HOG members.

HOG Silverdale Chapter 3500 History

The Spring Season Opener sponsored by Destination Harley Davidson was a huge success. This was a special day for Harley Davidson as it was the formal beginning of their 120th Anniversary. Troy Wilcox, Assistant Director, did an excellent job of organizing volunteers, arranging for food and beverages, and getting vendors place and supported. The dealership parking lot was full of bikes and people who were not discouraged by the cold temperatures and threat of rain that early morning clouds suggested. Riders arrived through the morning as did several vendors that included Kim and Barbara who were kept busy sewing patches on vests. The Black Sheep did a great job of getting riding boots in shape for the season and blessed a few bikes during the day. We all enjoyed tasting the chili entries and while Amy Wilcox was selected as the winner, there were no losers among the 9 who entered. All the entries were delicious. We enjoyed the afternoon sun as it made the bike show even more enjoyable for all. Many thanks to all who made this fun event possible. It was a great kick off to what promises to be an excellent riding season.

Our Sponsors



Member Contributions

As we plan for the riding season ahead SLO JOE has some suggestions for making memories you might consider.

“The best way to start is make a list of things you want to see and places you want to visit. Start with national parks and monuments in as many states as you can go to. National HOG has a few rallies each year that are worth attending.” SLO JOE also suggests, “Three rides that are worth the time and may be a challenge include: Four Corners. This ride is at least 7,000 miles. Route 66 is the best ride in the US as there is much to see. From Silverdale this is about a 7,000 mile trip. A third ride to consider is a trip to Alaska, about 5,300 miles. These rides can be a challenge and will take many days but are worth it and you will have memories that are forever in your mind.”

If you would like to know more check in with SLO JOE as he will be happy to share his experiences with you.

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Making Memories



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