## JANUARY 2015 FEBRUARY





DAYTONA BEACH HARLEY OWNERS GROUP CHAPTER #0652

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# RICHARD (Stretch) SAWICKI

### REFLECTIONS AND CHALLENGES . . .

Trying to remember all those great 'Rides' we took this past year is very time consuming, but, again, relaxing. It seems

that we would get back home from one of those excellent 'Rides' and we would have to wash and wipe down that trusty motorcycle again. Then next thing you knew, you were filling up that tank with fuel and lining-up at those start locations and off we'd go again.

But, you know, it was not all riding time as we had so many other events happen in the Chapter and as I, looking back, reflecting on the year 2014, I know, as one of those famous songs goes "It was a pretty good year". As this new year starts, it's beginning to be a challenge already, lining-up meetings, events, gatherings, locations and other venues that will keep us all busy throughout 2015.

The task you all have assigned me as your Director is a most challenging one, and I will do my best in not letting you, Daytona Beach H.O.G., stray from our well know, unofficial motto "Screw It – Let's Ride".. The challenges will come in many forms and events and already this year, your Executive Board, and the Administrative Staff have put together and lined-up a variety of items I believe we all will benefit from. We will learn, experience, gain from and realize that there is so much we all can benefit from as a Harley Owners Group member.

We all will do our best in supporting those wonderful children at 'Camp Boggy Creek'. The best time I enjoy is the 'Ride' in October, heading out to the camp and see how all our efforts throughout the year pays-off, even if it's just the smile on all those happy faces of the children that attend this camp. I know, and some of you know, how much I appreciate the benefits of this type of support and environment for children. I see it every day with my daughter, Kimberly. So, let's all try to get started in this new year by going to those HOG meetings where it 'pays' to attend. Also, joining in, when you can, on all those great rides planned, gather at all the social events and support 'Your HOG Chapter' in all that it has for you...

a H.O.G. member, in the 'Greatest Chapter in the World'.

<u>MEMBERSHIP:</u> Local memberships expire December of each year, including for Life National HOG Members. You may NOT purchase multiple local years. Complete the form online to renew, or email Membership and they'll send you the form. Include an envelope if you won't be picking up your card at a meeting. THERE IS A FORM! Notify Membership of email and mailing address changes so you'll receive your updates and your newsletter.

## What do you get for your \$20 Annual Dues?

- A \$25 Gift Card after 20 rides. That's a 125% return for doing an average of only one ride every 3 weeks.
- Membership in the Rossmeyer Rewards Program receive 2 points for every dollar spent.
- An opportunity for part-time compensated employment during Bike Week, Biketoberfest and special events.
- Discounts and special offers on bike services at Destination Daytona
- An action-packed, thrill-filled newsletter
- A cool website and fabulous Facebook page
- Over 125 planned rides which include: Overnighters, 300+ mile Rides, Rallies, Weekday and Weekend Rides
- Monthly meetings at Houligans Bistro and Grille with free beverage and donuts
- Motorcycle Riding Skill Training by the best in the business. For Free!
- A fantastic Christmas Party
- AND if you buy a <u>new bike</u> from Destination Daytona, you will receive your first year's membership to the Daytona Beach H.O.G. Chapter FREE OF CHARGE. Contact our Membership officer for further details.

TO OUR READERS AND GUESTS: To join the local Harley Owners Group Chapter, you must be a National H.O.G. member or associate member. To join National, you (or your better half) must own a Harley. You can join National H.O.G. by calling 1-800 CLUBHOG

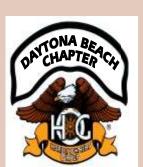
### MEMBERSHIP: DAN HOPKINS

Hello everyone as a reminder for renewing your membership here is a list to help make it easier.

You can get the membership form and address on the chapter website www.daytonahog.com
 Or Click on logo above.

### It is mandatory that we get a new form from everyone for 2015.

- Fill out the membership form completely. Please print to help eliminate any errors.
   Make sure you include your national HOG expiration date
   If it has or will soon, get it renewed.
- 3. Sign and date it
- 4. You can bring the form to the monthly meeting or mail the membership form dues (\$20.00) to The chapter address. Daytona HOG P O Box FYI, our member total for 2014 was 358.



Click-on the HOG Logo above to <u>download</u> a membership form.

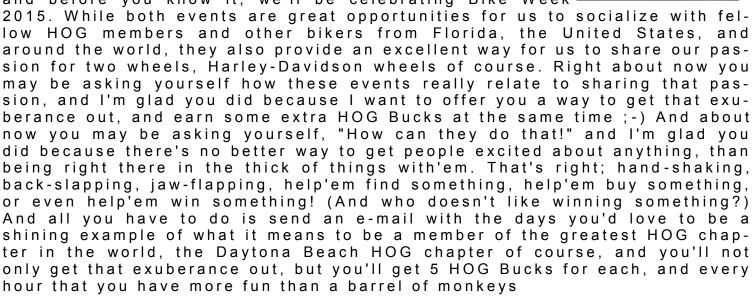


### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

### NORM BOGARD

Hello to all of my fellow HOG members. It's February!

That means our primary event is coming upon us rapidly, and before you know it, we'll be celebrating Bike Week



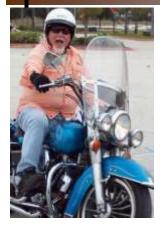
Now I know half of the excitement of doing anything is the anticipation of it occurring, so I want to give you the dates in order for that excitement to start percolating: Our primary is on February 28 (08:00-15:00) and Bike week runs March 6 through March 15 (Hours TBD). We'll only need 43 people for the Primary and about a dozen people per day for Bike Week, so don't miss out on your chance to radiate your HOG joy, and don't delay...After all you're probably on-line right now, go ahead and send a note to this address: bogey09@gmail.com and let me know the days, or half days (am or pm), you can join in the fun and I'll get back to you in

a week or two...

Thanks, Bogey







SAFETY OFFICER: JOHN DEVITO



I would like to start with big THANKS to the out going board. Dave, Lou and the rest did a great job in 2014. Diane and I enjoyed all the activities and rides. In addition I wish nothing but the best of luck to the incoming board; they will do a great job, as well.

When a vehicle enters the blind spot of vehicle equipped this system a yellow light blinks in the corresponding mirror. In theory this sounds good but it's not foolproof. There is no set standard for these systems. Most do not see past the rear bumper, they do not pick up vehicles approaching at speed and smaller vehicles may not be detected at all. This is just the beginning. That car may come over in your lane think that it is safe when its not.

Younger drivers who grew up using the latest technology are relying on the blinking lights and not looking for us. Older, make that seasoned drivers, who have this system in their vehicles still look in their mirrors then turn their head to check the blind spot.

In short, as before, don't ride in the blind spot of any vehicle. If you are passing, pass don't lollygag get out around the vehicle you're passing.

Automobile blind spots have always posed a problem for motorcycles. Now with technology some drivers aren't looking for us at all. I can hear it now "but officer my caution lights weren't blinking".

In January and February Parking Lot Practice (PLP) had great turnouts. Roger, Dan and I thank you. Our plan is to keep inviting you out to PLP. Please check the web page ride calendar for time, date and location.

If you ride 2 up with you significant other come on out and practice "2 up riding". If there is anything you would like to work on just let one of us know we try to find an exercise that fits the request.

We do require helmets at PLP.

Now get out there.

Keep sending pictures of you rides to

your snowed in relatives up north.

As always please ride safe.



### SECRETARY: JAN BOGARD



Hello and a Happy New Year from your new secretary! I sure do have HUGE shoes to fill after the wonderful job Stretch did last year! (And I mean REALLY HUGE SHOES) Does anyone really know his actual shoe size?

All kidding aside...I will try my best to be a good secretary!

Was that an AWESOME Christmas party or WHAT! Thanks to all who were involved working, planning or setting up. My hat is off to each and every one of you. ARE WE READY TO HAVE SOME FUN!???

I am talking about the 2015 HIGH SEAS RALLY from October 25th through <HALLOWEEN> November 1st WESTERN CARRIBEAN Cruise!

Our new members Jim and Blanche Loving will be on hand to answer your questions and hand out brochures and DVDs at our meeting on January 24th! They have been on fifteen out of the last sixteen cruises so if anyone has any questions they would be our resident 'experts' so to speak!

This is also your chance to buy tickets a win a 2015 Road Glide and a 2015 Indian Vintage!

The vendors that come on the trip each give away up to \$5,000 in door prizes each. I would sure like to see a lot of my DAYTONA HOG members come along with (so far) The Lovings, Seeleys and the Bogards.... are you IN!!!????

If you just can't wait for the meeting you can sign up at: <a href="www.highseasrally.com/cruise/WC15">www.highseasrally.com/cruise/WC15</a>

if you need extra brochures or DVDs email <a href="mailto:dean@highseasrally.com">dean@highseasrally.com</a>

### Chaplain: Frank Gresham



As many of us who are members of Daytona HOG, I ride almost daily, even if it is simply to Publix, (still having problems loading full length french bread in my tour pack without bending it). We enjoy the sound, wind, open air, and fellowship that comes along.

We are not real good at interruptions!

A few months back, I was riding with friends to Canaveral Seashore. As we got close to the turnoff we saw there was a group of bikers in the median. It would have been easy to ride on by, but we just can't do that. WE pulled off with them. They were having trouble with a new bike so we did a little work on the engine, got them back on the

road ...but best of all we made some new friends....Sometimes along our journey, the interruptions are the purpose. In 2015 be ready for interruptions and new relationships.

Also remember that there will be a BLESSING of the BIKES in the parking lot at Houligans after the January 24, 2015 Daytona HOG Meeting.





# ACTIVITIES: BETSY MORRISON

Check the website for the latest updates on all Daytona HOG activities: http://daytonahog.com/activities/

Or click here



We are encouraging you to make better use of our website, <a href="www.daytonahog.com">www.daytonahog.com</a>. While our newsletter is "current" only once a month, our website is continuously "published" and it is where you will find information that is updated on an ongoing basis. That means the information is more current and more reliable, reducing the potential for errors and misunderstandings.

### We have several items for sale on our website.

### Go to http://daytonahog.com/membership/member-advertising/

ReMEMBER ADS: To advertise motorcycle-related items that you have to sell, simply click on the following link and fill out some basic information, attach a picture, and your item will be listed online — no cost to you.

CLICK HERE TO REQUEST YOUR FREE MEMBER AD

http://daytonahog.com/members-only-2/ride-points/

FRIEND US ON FACEBOOK: Here's the link to our Facebook page and remember to "friend" us. You'll find photos and other information updated throughout the month — it's almost like having an instant newsletter!! And it's a place to share your thoughts.

CLICK HERE FOR THE DAYTONA HOG FACEBOOK PAGE — REMEMBER TO "FRIEND" US!!





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Hog Dog Stand Crew

February 8, 2015

### NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Emmans Elkton, FL **Butch Johnston** Linda Grimes Palm Coast, FL **Timothy Coady** 

**Ted Julian** Palm Coast FL Peter Di Sano

William & Angela Wargo Linda Hill

**Kenny Wright Tony Landini** 

Kristen Miller, Port Orange, FL **Don Stuller** 

**Linda Powell Luis Caceres** 

Peggy and Jack Bame **Robert Althoff** 

Blanche & JamesLoving Garretsville, OH





Check out yourpage on www.DaytonaHOG.com

### These are extra Awards

Over 50 rides \$100 each

Dave Sullivan Bill Schmidt Al Zibas

Volunteers of year \$100 each

Mike Piers Dawn Piers



### Super HOG Jan 2015

Gomes Jerry 16

Lessig Eugene 14

Piers Michael 14 Dawn

14

Piers

O'Malley Thomas 11

Williams John 11

Adamson Gavin 10

Bogard Norm 10

John DeVito 10

Schmidt Bill 10

### December 2014 MEETING MONEY RESULTS:

50/50 Chapter Drawing of \$150 won by: John Reid

50/50 Camp Boggy Creek Drawing of \$105.00 won by: James Burke

1st door prize won by: Mary Knopp 2nd door prize won by: Mike Piers 3rd door prize won by: Linda Seeley

Pig in a Poke: No winner \$286.00 D Wegmann

Ride book drawing for \$25.00 gift card won by: Mark Bartoli

### HOG Bucks Jan 2015

Gomes Jerry 116 Piers Michael 90 Zibas Αl 52 Remington Donald 50 Williams John 49 Dawn 48 Piers Sawicki Richard 48 Simek Jeffrey 48 DeVito John 47

Eugene 45

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### **ROAD CAPTAINS**

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE 6:30 P.M @ D B Pickles 400 South Nova Rd Ormond Beach, FL

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

**May 20** 

June 17

July 15

August 19

September 16

October 21

November 18

### Parking Lot Practice (free to Daytona Hog Members)



Drill Team Instructors

John DeVito Roger White Dan Vassallo

The Daytona Beach Drill Team is leading a parking lot practice course the first Sunday of each month from 9 -11AM (excluding Bike Week). Practice is at DESTINATION DAYTONA near the Coke Pavilion. PLP is a great tool to improve your riding skills at NO COST to you. All members welcome. Join us.

Click to check out our Drill Team in action during Bike Week! < HERE >

ACTIVE 2015 ROAD CAPTAINS to date: Jerry Gomes (Head Road Captain)
Rudy Castillo, Carl Costa, Ken Fox, Rick Gager, Donald Kaddy, Beverly Lawrence, Bill Lawrence, Tom McNair,
Lou and Robin Nardi, Mike Piers, Terry Potter, Don Remington, Tony Ricci, Richard Sawicki, Don and Linda
Seeley, Greg Sieger, Jeff Simek, Chuck Steele, Dave Sullivan, John Williams.
Trainers Roger White, John DeVito and Dan Vassallo.

### To Be A Road Captain You Must:

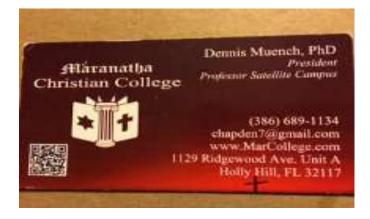
- Attend a Road Captain Training course at least every 2 two years.
- Lead AND tail at least 2 rides a year
- Active paid member of Daytona Beach HOG
- Be a current member of National H.O.G.

- Ride a Harley-Davidson motorcycle
- Attend 2 Road Capt planning meetings per year
- Must wear a helmet and vest when taking a ride
- Attend 2 PLPs per year

All Road Captains serve at the pleasure of the Head Road Captain

Rockers will be earned when the above is completed

INFO FROM OUR WEBMASTER: The www.DaytonaHOG.com website is in compliance the National H.O.G. web standards and has a certified rating. This allows our site to link directly from the National H.O.G. SITE. **Note:** Certain areas of DaytonaHOG.com are password protected; the "member" password is available from any of our club officers — just ask.

















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Robin Nardi	Ladies of Harley  Historian	I С Е	Linda & Bill Gilbert	Welcome Committee	
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# 2015 MEMBERSHIP **MEETINGS**

### Houligan's Sports Grille

At Destination Daytona 1643 North US Highway 1, Ormond Beach

The 4th Saturday of each month (Note changes in red)

January 24

February 28

March 28

April 25

May 23

June27

July 25

August 22

September 26

October 24

November 21

Meetings begin at 10:00 AM with a "Meet & Greet" at 9:30



### **Board Meetings only**

6:30 P.M @ D B Pickles 400 South Nova Rd Ormond Beach, FL

> January 21 March 25 May 20 June 24

September 23 November 18



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