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DAYTONA BEACH HARLEY OWNERS GROUP NEWSLETTER H.O.G. Chapter #0652

DIRECTOR - Gregory Sieger

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Richard 'Stretch" Sawicki

Welcome to the New Year, 2018. Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy, safe, and prosperous year ahead of us all. With that, there's a new Editor for your Daytona Beach H.O.G. Chapter Newsletter "The HOG CALL", Richard 'Stretch' Sawicki.

Ms. Betsy Morrison, the previous Editor, who had completed an excellent job in keeping all of us 'Hog Members' informed as to articles, information and Chapter events of the past few years, has decided to step-down as Editor, and continue only as the Activities Director. I am hoping I have the ambition, drive and determination, as Betsy had, in keeping you informed, entertained and involved with this, YOUR Chapter member newsletter. With the support of Betsy, and the members of this H.O.G. Chapter in filtering-down information, news and tips for worthwhile reporting, we will continue to have the best Newsletter of any H.O.G. Chapter around . . .

Working with the newly elected Executive Board for the Chapter, Director-Greg Sieger, Assistant Director-Paul Gunness, Secretary-Susan Doolittle and Treasurer-Howard Robinson, in the coming months this newsletter will make a concerted effort to bring new, informative, interactive and entertaining articles about your Chapter activities, functions and events. As well as information on all of those H-D motorcycles [both new and used] riding tips, Parking Lot Practice [PLP] favorite rides, touring, journeys, destinations, equipment, services and most of all SAFETY to its membership.

To begin with, we are reinstituting the 'Hidden Number'. For all those 'seasoned' members, as well as all those new member in this chapter, the object of this undertaking is for that 'person' who is the 'owner' of that HOG (National) number, find it and know it is yours. To claim your 'Reward' you must come to the next H.O.G. monthly Chapter meeting, with your Membership Card, in person, to claim the 'Reward'. The number will be chosen randomly from all current active, associate and life members who have their dues paid up-to-date. As the year goes by, we hopefully will make it harder to find and identify this number. So here's wishing you luck in finding 'your' number and claiming your 'Reward'.

We want to make sure you, as a member, stay involved with your Chapter. We want you to know that any member can submit an article for this newsletter, whether it's a location, destination, favorite stop for riders, an eatery that's great, a tip on motorcycle maintenance, or any other newsworthy information you may want to submit. What we do not need are 'articles for sale', promoting or commenting on a business [other than those supporting this Chapter] and making sure it's non-political, non-religious or derogatory in nature to anyone person, place or business.

"<u>Education</u> is when you read the fine print: <u>Experience</u> is what you get when you don't"

"Pete Seeger – American Folk singer"





The Director's Message Greg Sieger - Chapter Director

WOW! Here it is already 2018 and it seems like only yesterday I had my first meeting as your Director. Many things have happened since then, both good and bad, but we all made it through. I'm hoping we can have a good year coming-up, so we all can have lots of fun, riding and entertainment as we go through 2018.

First, I would like to thank my trusted Executive Board staff from last year, as I could have not made it through 2017 without their help, guidance and support in my corner. Mitch Powell, as my Assistant Director for most of the year, Bev Lawrence doing an outstanding job as Secretary and Rich 'Stretch' Sawicki keeping me well informed as to the funds available, cost cutting techniques and making sure the H.O.G. Chapter is solvent going into 2018. This was a great team and a pleasure to serve with in 2017.

Looking forward to the newly elected Board members: Paul Gunness as Assistant Director, Susan Doolittle as Secretary and Howard Robinson, the Treasurer. This new executive Board has already started to layout the groundwork for 2018, which I know will be another great year for riding and having Fun with the Daytona Beach H.O.G. Chapter.

Well, it had to happen someday, and on New Year's Day the weather turned out to be downright awful. It was dreary, windy, cold and rainy to say the least. In 12 years, this has been only the second [2nd] time I had to cancel this yearly event. Well, lets' hope for better luck going into 2019.

With this past Saturday's event, the First [1st] Annual (Chapter) Celebration turned out to be a 'Royal Blast' Mardi Gras Themed event. The drinks were flowing, the food was great, and there was at least one song to sing along to, dance or enjoy for all of us. Those members that contributed to the music selection did an outstanding job in the variety of music chosen. An extra special 'Thank You' to Bev Lawrence for the coordination of the event, and all those other volunteers who helped make this event so successful.

Well, the OVER HANG Ride the following day did not garner as many riders as was expected, but a good time was had by all those riding that day out to the Blackwater Inn in Astor. Let's hope there will be a better, bigger riding group for next year's 2019 Over Hang event.

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The Director's Message (Continued)

We, the Chapter Executive Board, have almost completed the task of Administrative positions filled for the 2018 except for 'ONE' vital, critical position. We are still looking for a Lead Person to monitor, coordinate and direct the volunteers that work the ever important H.O.G. DOG STAND the Chapter operates at the H-D Dealership's SWAP MEET over at Destination Daytona. This operation brings together Chapter members to work the stand, but the results are enormous and rewarding. We are a major contributor to the operations of "CAMP BOGGY CREEK", the Camp for terminally ill and/or severely ill children where 'Kids can be Kids'.

A brief description of what the Camp does accomplish is seen in the lives it enriches by having an environment for these children where they can go and forget, or at least place it on 'hold', their health issues while they enjoy their time there with other children with same or like same illnesses. Both these children and their parents are given an opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy an atmosphere of having fun. IF you could see the parents, and all the children who attend this Camp you would know and understand why it is so important to keep the H.O.G. Dog Stand in operation.

PLEASE, take a moment and consider stepping-up and applying for this most worthwhile position. YOU will not be alone in this Endeavour, as there are many volunteers that will assist you in any way possible in this H.O.G. Dog Stand operation.

IF, you have any questions about taking over this "Lead Person" role, do not hesitate to contact myself, by E-mail (Greg Sieger) at plumper@yahoo.com, or (Woody Smith) at woodycr1@gmail.com

We have some great things planned for 2018. Suggestions have already come in for some Over Nighter Rides, Scavenger Hunt, Challenge Rides, and other functions and events. These are in the preliminary stages, but the 'Ride and have Fun' year is already started. If you have any suggestions as to events and/or RIDES you would like to see happen, please see myself or any of the other Executive Board members.

We are not the "Best Damn H.O.G. Chapter" for nothing, so here's to a great 2018 Riding year.

Be Safe and remember... `Dress for the RIDE...NOT the Slide' Greg





'Greetings fellow HOG Members'

I am writing to you, my first snippet, as your newly elected Daytona Beach Chapter, Assistant Director for 2018. For those members who do not know me I thought I would share some information about myself.

I retired from 35 years of Law Enforcement work in 2016, and moved the heck out of cold Wisconsin to sunny Florida. However, the last few weeks I am thinking I did not move far enough south!

I had been vacationing in Florida for the past 30 years and actually fell in love with the Ormond Beach and Daytona Beach area, and I am now happy to call it 'Home'.

Those of you that know me also know my lovely, beautiful fiance Michelle. Unfortunately, she actually has to continue to work and does not get to participate in Chapter activities as much as I do. She has reminded me many times that she has to work, especially when there is some sort of Chapter activity, Ride or other function going on at the same time. Like a great guy that I am, I just nod my head, smile and continue about my business.

Since moving to this area, it has provided many challenges in getting to know people and that is why we elected to join the BEST H.O.G. Chapter in America, being Daytona Beach H.O.G. Since joining this Chapter, we have met many wonderful people and have enjoyed learning about new places to Ride, places to dine for breakfast or lunch and other new areas to explorer. Sometimes I believe that the Chapter motto is "Live to Ride, Ride to Eat". I truly enjoy being associated with this Chapter and its members, gradually becoming more involved in the daily and yearly functions that they continue to work on and accomplish. AND . . YES, finally caving in to the 'wants' of, and the pressure of running for an elected position for the Daytona Beach H.O.G. Chapter. Perhaps a challenge to my sanity should have been taken prior to this, but we will see what the new year brings in keeping this, our Chapter, the best it can be.

In moving forward, I encourage each and every member of this great Chapter to share your thoughts, ideas and opinions regarding Chapter overall activities with not only myself, but each and every person on the Executive Board. This is your H.O.G. Chapter, so bring forward your ideas and we will address them in a positive manner, each and everyone. One thing I do challenge you with is that IF you do not like something, don't just sit back and complain to others, make us aware of it as soon as possible. Bring this idea, plan, complaint or other issue to us. Even suggest an alternative and/or a possible solution too.

We will have some 'ups and downs', but if we all remain focused on the main purpose of our Chapter being "Ride and have Fun"! . . we can all enjoy this new year, and many more years to come.

Lastly, I leave you with this quote "There are two types of people in this world, People who RIDE motorcycles... And People who wish they could RIDE motorcycles"!

Be SAFE, and of course Ride and have Fun!

Paul Gunness - Chapter Assistant Director





2018 daytona beach hog chapter executive board & administrative staff



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secretary susan Doolittle



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assistant director paul gunness



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Newsletter editor Richard sawicki



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photographer john reid



activities director betsy Morrison



'Bike Stuff'

Authored By: John Devito Content Edited by: Editor

It's 2018 already, Holy Cow! I knew I'd get old, but never thought it would happen this fast.

Looking at '2017 Daytona H.O.G.' in the rearview mirror and I must say it was a pretty good year for the Chapter. Parking Lot Practice [PLP] had a good turnout every month and the comments from all those attending were in the positive. IF you are happy with how you ride, that's O.K. IF you want to get better at riding, then WE will see you the first Sunday of each month, out back at 'Destination Daytona', right next to the Pavilion at 9:00 a.m. and ending approximately 11:00 a.m. We're there not to teach you anything new, but we will remind you of riding skills you may have forgotten. It's really FUN, ask any of those that have attended.

As many of you well know, Roger had health issues last year, but he is on the mend and plans to be with all of us soon at that Sunday PLP, as long as he is able to. Until then, Dan Vasallo and myself will be out there doing what we do best 'Parking Lot Practice', working on standard drill procedures and anything you suggest we set the course for motorcycle riding.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation [MSF] has made several changes to their programs last year. The biggest change was the addition of a 'braking demonstration'. With the improvements just a few short years ago, the newer motorcycles are now equipped with ABS [Anti-skid braking] and one lever/one foot brake braking systems. I am hoping Dan and I get the chance to, and find the time to work on this evolution of braking techniques, and add it to the PLP schedule.

A '<u>cornering procedure</u>' was also noted as changed by the **MSF**. The majority of motorcycle crashes and fatalities are still happening as single vehicle accidents while riders are in the cornering mode of their ride. WHY? You ask, well, my guess is that the rider is too fast for the roadway condition, therefore losing control of their motorcycle. The decreasing radius exercise is about the best one we can plan. But! I'm sure we can 'step it up a notch' as desired, for those members, helping them hone their skills. This type practice will help all of us in the real world of riding.

In the movie 'Dirty Harry', actor Clint Eastwood noted "A man has got to know his limitations". That quote also goes for US mature riders [polite way to say 'US older riders'] This past year several of us went to lower and/or lighter motorcycles, and still other riders went so far as to keep riding by tradingin their two [2] wheels for three [3] wheels. After many years of Bagger riding, my wife Diane and myself stepped-down to lighter motorcycles.

So, don't be a stranger .. Please come out to **PLP** and sharpen your skills, make improvements to your techniques and practice with those you ride with .. Try it, you'll like it.

WHAT WE'RE DOING - - - - WHERE WE'VE BEEN



HEY! How about that December HOG DOG Stand Kitchen Crew. It was a bit chilly, but out they came making that effort to raise those funds for the kids out at Camp Boggy Creek. Thanks to director Greg Sieger, Mitch & Linda Powell, Woody & Gail Smith, John & Diane Devito and "Stretch"





John Devito demonstration at Parking Lot Practice - December 03 - Howard Robinson thru the course

WHAT WE'RE DOING WHERE WE'VE BEEN







Parking lot Practice – December 3rd





Daytona Beach H.O.G. in attendance at "Wreaths Across America" 16 DECEMBER 2017 Missing from photo – John Reid, Tony & Michelle Foltz







JR-ROTC Color Guard



Newly opened Cemetery Section

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery - Mims, Florida - Brevard County



Facts you may not know regarding the 'Wreaths Across America'

The founder of 'Wreaths Across America', Mr. Morrill Worchester of Maine, continues to manage the day to day operation of this project. This year his personal statement said a lot in the meaning of all those volunteers, friends and family members who come out on that Special Day [December 16, 2017] to place those donated wreaths on each and every veteran's grave site.

He notes "THIS YEAR, WHEN YOU PLACE A WREATH ON A VETERAN'S GRAVE, you will know it is just *NOT* a wreath. It is **your** personal gift to an American hero, and you will swell with pride and have a tear come to your eye knowing you have done something very, very special."

What is a VETERANS' WREATH?

A VETERANS' WREATH is a symbol of HONOR, RESPECT and VICTORY.

A Veterans' wreath is composed of 10 BALSAM BOUQUETS
Which are equal to:
10 SPECIAL QUALITIES of the WREATH

Starting at the top of the wreath [12 o'clock position] moving clockwise:

- 1. Their FAITH in GOD
- 2. Their LOVE for one another
- 3. Their STRENGTH in work ethics & character
- 4. Their *HONESTY* and integrity
- 5. Their *HUMILITY* in selflessness & modesty
- 6. Their AMBITION and aspirations
- 7. Their *OPTIMISM for* AMERICA
- 8. Their CONCERN for future generations
- 9. Their *PRIDE* in carrying out their duties

And lastly #10. Their HOPES and DREAMS

MANY that didn't always come true, BUT left them with NO regrets...

EVERGREEN = Longevity & Endurance RED BOW = Great Sacrifice

FOREST SCENT = Purity & Simplicity CIRCULAR SHAPE = Eternity

"Where we've been What we have been doing"

'MARDI GRAS' Theme HOG Celebration, January 2018

















And a Great Time was had by all who attended!





"Would you [stand there and..] just watch?"

Edited for content/Editor

A few months ago I wrote two articles entitled 'Accident Management Part One and Part Two'. This article could be considered an extension of that theme, but I would also say it applies to your everyday life beyond motorcycle riding.

Would you be prepared to render proper assistance to a fellow rider in need of 'First Aid, [CPR] Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation? Would you, OR are you prepared to render the same help or assistance to your parents, spouse, children, grandkids, friends or neighbors?

Beyond calling '9-1-1', Would you just stand there and watch?

The proper care in those first few minutes can drastically affect that victim's outcome and chances for survival. You can easily prepare yourself and gain the confidence necessary to confront an emergency situation. You can now receive First Aid Training and CPR on-line through the American Healthcare Academy, by logging-on to the site **cpraedcourse.com**. The First Aid course includes not only the basic, but also choking, nervous system failure, allergic reactions, bites and stings, heat and cold emergencies, wound care, muscle injuries, bone and joint emergencies, to include burns and poisoning response.

Their CPR/AED course includes adult, child and infant response. It also includes the use of an [AED] Automatic External Defibrillator, commonly found now in most places where the general public may congregate, eat, meet or reside temporarily [hotels, motels and large resorts] Also most public service area [i.e.: DMV, Tax and Judicial buildings] have them in place for emergency use. Doesn't that sound intimidating? The fact is, these devices are easy to use and offer the best chances of survival from a heart attack, and are designed for the common person to operate. It, the AED unit, will instruct you, thru a recorded voice application, how to set-up and use the automated process of the AED on the patient in need.

These updated [no more multi-choice] on-line courses provide easy-to-read instructions and/or videos. Most people applying for and completing these course will do so in about one [1] to three [3] hours. In order to receive your certification card OR certificate, you must pass the final quiz with a score of 75% or greater.

You are not billed for this course until you pass the quiz [can be taken multiple times] and you receive your certification and/or certificates. The quiz can be taken over and over until you pass it.

The two [2] year certification has a 98% acceptance rate for those applications requiring it. You will be able to download your card/certificate to your computer for immediate printing.

The current cost for each course is listed at \$24.99, but with the coupons offered by the site, you will pay \$12.99 for each part of the course.

Many of you may not know that our <u>Road Captains</u> are required to take a SAFETY COURSE at least once every <u>two [2]</u> years to re-qualify as a <u>Road Captain</u>. Although there is no charge for a Safety Course offered by the Chapter, the fact is when training is planned, there is always someone who cannot make planned training dates. ONE of those courses mention above will be acceptable in meeting those requirements. So, think about it, *'Would you just stand there..or get involved'?*



The (H-D) APPROVED DESIGN for DAYTONA BEACH H.O.G.

Greetings and very Happy New Year to all fellow H.O.G. Members, from Michelle and myself. I am Tony Foltz the HOG Chapter Quartermaster. We are hoping everyone had a great Holiday Season and are looking forward to Riding in the 2018 season which is soon upon us here in sunny Florida.

We have some exciting news about the Official Daytona Beach 'T' shirts. H-D, H.O.G. has approved and allowed us to continue with our special **Beach Scene design** for the Chapter 'T' shirts, making sure the OFFICIAL Eagle design meets their criteria for those [registered ® H.O.G.] emblems. It has now changed with the Bar & Shield in the center of the 'O', to include the eagle now facing to the RIGHT, instead of the LEFT. This is a copyrighted [©] and protected emblem that is newly designed and accepted by H.O.G. Our new shirts with this design have now arrived and will be on sale come the January 27, 2018 meeting. I must say they look great, and now that H-D has approved this custom design, it really makes them stand-out against all those other Chapter shirts.

I know some people have been waiting patiently for this to arrive, we 'Thank you'. The current order includes those ordered, as well as extra amounts in both men & woman design. This order has now arrived just prior to the January HOG Chapter meeting. We also have in-stock our Daytona Beach Chapter breast and back emblem patches, rockers, as well as pins, cups, key chains, etc. AND . . IF we deplete our current inventory of any item, we will be making another order in the immediate future.

PLEASE . . Contact me, Tony and Michelle Foltz at: daytonahogquartermaster@aol.com





'The New Points System'

With this new year, there is going to be a change in the 'Points System' that has a lot to do with the RIDES for the Chapter, relationship to the 'Ride And Have Fun' Book, and your attendance at our yearly Celebration Event.

The members of the Rewards Committee, who put in many hours trying to resolve issues regarding the 'Points System', came back with the recommendations for the HOG Chapter to approve and follow:

- Keep a Daytona Beach HOG Chapter Rewards Program
- Keep the main Riding incentive Ride & participate in 20 Rides Receive a \$25.00 Bruce
 Rossmeyer H-D Gift Card
- Keep and maintain the 'Ride And Have Fun' Book BUT, this will be a separate item not to be considered for the attendance at the Annual Celebration Event. (Attendance at this Annual Party will be a separate cost/fee item)
 - 1. YOU will get the 'Reward Points' whether you attend the Party, or not (Points are separate from Party)
 - 2. Monthly drawings and rewards at monthly meeting will continue [RAHF Book 50/50 Door Prize Hidden #]
 - 3. There will be a charge of \$5.00 when you sign-up & receive the RAHF Book [nominal cost to cover printing]
 - 4. POINTS [ALL] count towards the participants Year End total
- REWARDS are for DB-HOG Chapter members who participate in RIDES, Chapter events,
 Volunteering (Both for Chapter & Dealership Events) and supporting our primary charity Camp Boggy Creek

camp Boggy Creek	
EVENT	POINTS
PARTICIPATION	
Chapter Sponsored Rides	1 Point per Ride
Attending Chapter Meetings	1 point per Meeting
Attend a HOG Chapter Event	1 Point per Event
Participate in a Chapter Fund Raiser	1 Point per Event
VOLUNTEERING	
Road Captain – Lead a Ride	10 Points per Ride
Road Captain – Sweep/Tail a Ride	3 Points per Ride
Parking Lot Practice [PLP] Instructors	10 Points per PLP Class
Elected Board of Directors	5 Points per Month
Director/Asst. Director/Secretary/Treasurer	
NON-Elected Administrative Staff	5 Points per Month
 Quartermaster/Safety/LOH/Editor/Hosts 	

Ad-Hoc Committee Chairs	5 Points per Month
 Nomination/Picnic plans/Annual Party/etc. 	[when serving]
Chapter Event Volunteers	5 Points per Event
Picnic/Cooking/Games/Clean-Up/Check-in	
CAMP BOGGY CREEK	
HOG Dog Stand Volunteer [only 6 allowed]	15 Points per Event
Annual Camp Boggy Creek Ride Volunteer	15 Points per Event
Annual Camp Boggy Creek Rider	25 Points per Event
REMEMBER - YOU are responsible to sign-in for each	Lead Person/Chairperson will be responsible to make sure
Event/Charity/Duty/Position/Meeting/etc.	everyone has signed-in



SO, YOU WANT TO BE A H.O.G. CHAPTER MEMBER

To be a member of the Daytona Beach H.O.G. Chapter, you MUST have the following:

- 1. You must be an ACTIVE National Harley Owners Group member (Associate, Full or Life Member) with a current US#4618154 or International HOG number.
- 2. You MUST own and ride a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle.
- 3. You are required to pay local HOG chapter dues of \$20.00 yearly.
- 4. You get a MILITARY [Active Duty] discount on your dues by \$5.00 less.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are NOT an active National H.O.G. member, you can register at www.members.hog.com Once you have signed-up and have been issued a National H.O.G. membership US#, you can also join the Daytona Beach HOG Chapter. You are required to completely fill-out a Chapter membership application, one per person, sign it and submit it with a check for \$20.00 payable to DB-HOG [PLEASE- NO cash] Either bring it to a meeting, or mail it, with a dues check, to the following address:

DAYTONA BEACH HOG CHAPTER
C/O Membership Chairperson
Post Office Box #1441
Daytona Beach, Florida 32115-1441



YES We are all, patiently, awaiting the issue of our new, 2018 Ride and have Fun Book Jackie & Randy Port, with help and guidance from Lou Nardi, have a list of some regular supporters to include in the 2018 book, as well as a few NEW locations we can plan to ride to this coming year. I'm sure we will hear more by this months' Chapter meeting stand by...







Executive Board and Road Captain Meeting Dates





Tuesday Evenings 5-6 pm Dinner 6-8 pm meeting

January 09, 2018
February 13, 2018
March 13, 2018
April 10, 2018
May 08, 2018
June 12, 2018
July 10, 2018
August 14, 2018
September 11, 2018
October 09, 2018

November 13, 2018

4th Saturday Mornings 9 – 9:45 am Social Time 9:45-10:45 Meeting

JANUARY 28
FEBRUARY 24
MARCH 24
APRIL 28
MAY 19*
JUNE 23
JULY 28
AUGUST 25
SEPTEMBER 22
OCTOBER 27
NOVEMBER 17*
NO MEETING
IN DECEMBER

Chapter Dealership
Bruce Rossmeyer H-D
Mr. Will Rossmeyer
VICE PRESIDENT
(386) 671 - 7119

ALL meetings are open to any and all of the membership, participation is always encouraged.
Suggestions & ideas are accepted always.
Plan to attend.

All meetings are held at houligan's sports pub & grille at destination Daytona executive board and road captain's meetings will be held in the small room by bar general chapter membership meetings are held in the dining room area