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Director's Report

Hi All,

Well here we are again. I can't believe the Apr-Jun quarter is well and truly behind us as the year flies bye and from a Director's perspective the Chapter is in great shape. The rides are well run and well supported; our Head Road Captain, Brook "Shieldsy" has all the road captains working well with good teamwork obvious on the rides. A well organised ride means happy members, increased ride numbers and healthy club meeting attendance.

HOG is all about the rides and destinations, day rides, weekend rides, social nights and car park parties on the longer trips. It all seems pretty simple really as all we have to do is ride and have fun.

It all looks easy, yet we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of Chapter officers who are putting in a great deal of time and energy to create the big picture for you the members to enjoy. We have our Membership Officer "Spielberg" who is always very busy at the Chapter meetings. There's our great character "Smiddy" our Safety Officer responsible for organising advanced skill rider courses and first aid courses with safety always underlying these events. Our Webmaster/Photographer Officer "Knock Knock" keeps us all informed with notifications, app messages and Facebook posts so we don't miss anything. Our Activities Officer Helena always taking care of accommodation bookings and registering of social events. L.O.H Officers Louise and "Wacky" Sammi doing a great job representing all the ladies in the Chapter, keeping them informed and organising L.O.H events. Our Quartermaster Officers "Roundy", "Handbag" & "Ninja" making sure that we all have access to some of the best Chapter stock available. With the new learner friendly Harleys available we are starting to attract younger members who may hopefully be our HOG Chapter officers of the future. So in keeping us in touch with the views and ideas of the young ones and what's important to them we have our Youth Rep Hayley "Babycino". When in need we have our Chapter Welfare Officer "Brick" and our Charity Co-ordinator "Cracker". Not forgetting "Cappa" our Historian/Editor responsible for putting this newsletter together and keeping us all up to date with how well our fantastic Chapter is travelling. Overall we have the recipe for success with hard working and dedicated officers backed by a very supportive Dealership. A very happy environment to be in!

I know many members come along to our monthly meetings and have a great night while others are happy just to attend our rides. Either way all are having a great time sharing amazing memories with friends which is what HOG membership is all about.

I would like to thank all those members who supported Frasers demo day at the dealership in June; it was a great day with all demo rides being well booked and well led by our members & road captains.

A big event coming up is the Harley Days at Wollongong in October 28th-30th and your support is needed. HOG needs you, your Chapter needs you and the brand needs you so register on line at **http://www.australianharleydays.com.au/.** It's only $49 for the best weekend you will have in a long while. After registering go to our NSW HOG website to register and book your accommodation (you won't want to miss the car park party of the year).

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Director's Report (Cont'd)

At our July meeting we had the pleasure of our NSW & ACT Regional Director Marie (Devil) Stavropoulos attending as guest speaker. This lady is an amazing motivator and captivated the room. I would like to thank Marie on behalf of the NSW HOG Chapter for putting in a huge effort to attend our meeting having come all the way from Canberra.

In true HOG spirit the members showed great support to "Cracker", our Charity Co-ordinator, for this year's Chapter charity, White Ribbon Australia, in raising $1,330 towards this great cause highlighting the need to erase violence against women. Through member's generosity in fund raising throughout the year and all the hard work by our dedicated ladies who tirelessly sell raffle tickets at meetings and rides, we are playing our part in making a difference to the lives of others.

Remember we ride to have fun and plenty of it.

Ride Safe

Trigger

Assistant Director's Report

Firstly, I would like to welcome everybody to the Apr-Jun newsletter for 2016 . Our Editor, "Cappa", sends his apologies for the late posting.

Brass Monkey Ride to Mudgee
What a great ride it was and both "Smiddy" & myself enjoyed seeing everybody having a great time. Just have a read of the Brass Monkey Ride report in this newsletter.

Tasmanian Ride
The Tasmanian Ride is going to be another great trip being put together by "Hammer", "Marcus "& "Smiddy" for the Chapter. The ride is over two weeks from 1st-14th February 2017 and so far a lot of people have signed up for the ride. Further information on the ride will be provided once we have finalised accommodation and the ride run. So mark these dates in your calendar, it's a ride you shouldn't miss.

Vicki & Ian Alderton
I had the privilege of attending a farewell party for Ian & Vicki as they couldn't make the June Chapter meeting to say goodbye. On behalf of the Chapter I presented them with a farewell gift & wished them all the best in their new home at Tamworth. The gift was 4 x wine glasses engraved with "NSW HOG" and both Vicki and Ian passed on their thanks to all members for the gift. Vicki and Ian will continue being NSW HOG members and hope to be on some of our rides.

Ride Calendar 2016/17

In the roles of both Assistant Director and Road Captain I had the pleasure of attending the weekend Road Captain's Meeting at Neville. It was great to see all Road Captains & Trainee Road Captains involved in putting the new ride calendar together; thank you all. Our Head Road Captain, Brook, deserves special thanks for organising the weekend and for all the time & effort in developing the new ride calendar.

Christmas Party 2016
Before you know it the Christmas party will be upon us, so I hope you all have put the 9th November aside to be there. I will continue to remind you of this event which will be the greatest Christmas party yet to be staged.

Membership Renewal
It was great to see the amount of members who came to renew their Chapter membership. As a committee member it's great to see the club going so well and everyone upholding the Chapter's motto "Ride & Have Fun".

Don (Hammer) Christou

Safety Office's Report

Hi All,

Advanced Rider Course 2 Honda Australia Roadcraft Training (HART) Centre, St Ives

Our trainers for the day were Ken (nick named L PLATE) who is a Sydney HOG member and Lou who has many years riding experience both on and off the race track. Both these guys just love training HOGS to help deliver and improve their riding skills.

The course was attended and completed by the following Perfect Pillions and Riders and started with a wake up morning coffee to get the adrenalin going:

Firstly our **Perfect Pillions**:
Sandra Welsby;
Christine Baresic;
Samantha Lee;
Venesa Almgren; and
Linda Smith

Our **Riders:**
Stephen Millgate;
Robert Duncan;
Graham Morgan;
Stuart Plevey;
John Atkinson;
Navin Chand (Patrick);
Xuak Duc Bui (Tom);
Engelberto Buscato (Jimbu);
Glenn Turnbull;
Mark Baresic;
Dmitri Zorin;
Phill Almgren; and
Ian Smith.

Future Courses
I've had heaps of interest about the HART courses from Chapter members and I'm looking at organising further courses early and late 2017. A First Aid Course will also be organised for mid 2017.

If you have any questions, please catch up with me or one of your fellow members who have completed the courses as the feedback I have always received after 5 years of organising these courses is always really positive..

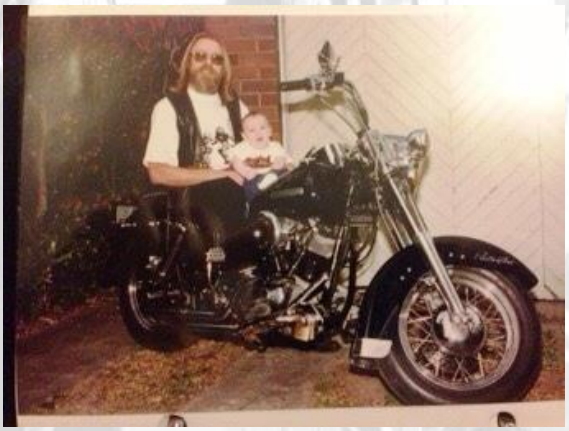
Cheers, Smiddy

Historian's Report

Justin (Ninja) Goodall's Bike

One of the oldest bikes in the club is owned and ridden by Justin "Ninja" Goodall with his youngest boy Johnny riding pillion. Once asked of Johnny as to what he would do if Dad ever sold the bike Johnny replied "I would no longer be Dad's riding buddy".

The bike is a 1975 FLH Electra Glide Classic, 4-speed, 80 cubic inch (1340cc) Shovelhead. The bike was bought by Justin's father back on the 23 August 1992 at St Marys. Here's some historical photos of the bike with the first photo being that of Justin's dad and Justin's eldest boy as a baby.



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Historian's Report (Cont'd)

Don's Previous Life

Here's a photograph of a hill climber taken early last century who, in my opinion, has an uncanny resemblance to someone we all know both in riding style, looks and motorcycle apparel. Maybe there's a change a coming to our Assistant Director's nickname from "Hammer" to ..."Hill Climb".

Cappa

Youth Representative Report

Hi All,

It's great to see our younger members actively engaged in the Chapter and enjoying their riding up front behind the handle bars or at rear steadying the ship as a pillion.

Alyce Birchall
Rides a FLD Dyna Switchback. Alyce is a travel agent and is currently offering her services to organise accommodation and help with the itinerary for the up and coming Tasmanian ride in February 2017.

Belle Mawson
Rides a Custom Street 500 and is our "little pocket rocket" up there with the rest of them.

Casper Wang
Rides a Street 500 daily to work and university and rides to Chapter meetings. Street wise inner city rider.

Travis Wilson
Rides a 2015 VRSCDX V-Rod Night Rod Special. Trainee Road Captain now fully patched Road Captain. Has an extremely smooth 10-pin bowling style.

Rob "Cracker/Radar" White
Rides a 2015 FLS Softail Slim. Trainee Road Captain now fully patched Road Captain. Charity Co-ordinator for this year's charity White Ribbon Australia.

Johnny Goodall
One of our younger members of the club. Rides pillion with Justin "Ninja", his dad, on one of the oldest bikes in the club; 1975 FLH Electra Glide Classic, 4-speed, 80 cubic inch (1340cc) Shovelhead (refer Historian's Report for some history and photos of Justin's bike).

Jake Hulbert
Another one of our younger members of the club. Rides pillion with Stuart "Roundy", his dad, on a 2014 FLHTK Ultra Limited. Was a flag bearer for the NSW Chapter at the Tamworth National Rally in 2015 riding pillion with Roy "Trigger" Rogers.

Hayley "Babycino" Gibson
Then there's me who rides a 2008 XL 1200C Custom Sportster. Currently taking on the role of Youth Representative and I'm also a Trainee Road Captain under the watchful and encouraging eyes of our Head Road Captain, Brook "Shieldsey" Hatherley and the other Road Captains.

Hayley "Babycino" Gibson

Poker Run Ride

Here we were, on Anzac Day, with our Poker Run ride starting at Gloria Jeans, Homebush.

With our card dealers, “Wacky Witch” and “Handbag” on site early they were all set and ready to serve our steady stream of arriving Hogs.

The members were led by “Smiddy”, “Sparkles” as shotgun, “Bollard” riding as sweep and “Hammer” as tail-end-Charlie, with our other road captains marking corners making for a easy ride. If you were looking for a Macca's break on the day you'd be dead out of luck this time !!

With the 1st cards dealt, we headed out to our first destination, Giulio's Corner Take Away at Kemps Creek for our 2nd card draw and a quick coffee break .

Heading off from Giulio's towards Bringelly, on through Greendale to Wallacia and into Mulgoa Reserve for our 3rd card draw, filling the car park with our 31 bikes and 46 members.

Our dealers quickly sorted the punters out before heading off to the next destination with a 10 minute head start again. The rest of the members started gearing up for the run along Mulgoa Rd, west onto the M4 through Emu Plains and then into Weir Reserve at Penrith where we pulled up next to our dealers for the 4th card draw.

“Wacky Witch” and “Handbag” once again headed off before the pack to our final destination, the Ori Cafe at Springwood. We went along via Castlereagh Rd to Yarramundi turning left onto Springwood Rd for the run along the river flats and the final windy climb up to Springwood .

On arrival at the Ori Cafe, we were greeted by “Handbag” who guided us into the hotel driveway where the security made way for the group to pass through the heaps of keen two up players to the car park which the Ori Café had blocked off for us.

With such a busy day at the hotel, we sat at our reserved tables with the card dealers close at hand for the members to draw the 5th card .

Therese and her Ori Cafe team rounded us up for our meal orders and given how busy a day it was for them, lunch was served quickly and how good the meals were!
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It was now time to call the poker run winners who were:

1st place - “Knock Knock”
2nd place - “Roundy”
3rd place - Glenn

I am very proud to announce that donations from "the pot" were made to Legacy and Queensland Careflight. To finish up I'd like to give a huge thanks to the card dealers, all our road captains, photographer and of course our members for making it the great day it was.

Cheers to all

Smiddy

Brass Monkey Ride, Mudgee

The ride to Mudgee was again another great Brass Monkey Weekend put together by the Chapter. We started off with absolutely great weather, leaving from McDonalds at Windsor. We had bikes and cars with a total of 51 people. The ride was led off by “Smiddy” & “Hammer” heading to the Tin Shed, Lithgow for morning tea.

When we arrived in Lithgow we were told that Glenn (Turnbull) had rear wheel bearing problems and many thanks to Helena & Jewels for going back to give Glenn & Sandy a lift for the rest of the ride. As for Glenn’s bike it was picked up by Harley Assist.

After morning tea we jumped back onto the highway heading to Rylstone for lunch. Lunch was at the local pub for some while others opted for dumplings at the “29 Nine 99 Yum Cha & Tea House”. It was a very relaxing stop & very hard to get everyone up and going again for the last leg of our journey to Mudgee.

We finally arrived in Mudgee and once the bikes & cars were unpacked it was off to the Courthouse Pub for a drink. Half the group had dinner at the Courthouse Pub & the other half at The Brewery. On Sunday night we all had dinner at the Red Heifer & then back to the Courthouse Pub for some drinks and challenging pool and darts with the locals.

It was great weather the following Sunday morning for the ride to Gulgong where the locals were having their annual Henry Lawson festival; once again small stalls in the main street with people everywhere and a variety of places to have a timely breakfast.

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Brass Monkey Ride, Mudgee (Cont'd)

After breakfast at Gulgong we all headed back to Mudgee. The bikes were put away for the day as the wine tour bus was on it's way for a scheduled pick up at 1.00pm. Before departing on the tour a BBQ lunch was put together by "Linny" and "Cracker" which included yummy local corn on the cob. Thanks guys, great effort.

Noel, our wine tour bus driver & tour guide arrived. Everyone jumped on board with Hugh "Knock Knock" on time this time. We visited a whiskey distillery and two wineries, Farmers Daughter & Pieter Van Gent. The tour concluded with a raffle at the last winery with lots of winners scoring bottles of wines, ports etc which were purchased during our visit to each winery. It was a great wine tour, again great to see everyone enjoying the company of each other without the bikes. We missed "Snork" who is our usual entertainer on the bus but never mind, until the next Brass Monkey ride "Snork".

On the last day of the Mudgee ride we had breakfast in town followed by a group photo in front of the Courthouse Hotel. We left Mudgee about 10.00am heading to "De Sal's" Service Station to say our goodbyes.

"Smiddy" & I would like to say thanks to all the Road Captains for helping on the ride, Helena for organizing all the accommodation and a special thanks to all the members for just having fun.

We would like to end by saying "what a bloody great Brass Monkey Ride it was".

Until the next one.

Smiddy & Hammer

LOH's Weekend Ride, Sussex Inlet

LOH Weekend Ride Sussex Inlet

It was great to see the inaugural LOH Ride to Sussex Inlet come to fruition with a well organised and easy ride to Sussex Inlet via the Southern Highlands and Kangaroo Valley.

The ride was led by "DeSal" followed by 10 lady riders and pillions accompanied by husbands and partners who towed along for the weekend. The ride took in morning tea at The Oaks followed by lunch at Kangaroo Valley and ended in an afternoon car park party at the Sussex Inlet Motel. Dinner was a quick walk to the Sussex Inlet RSL Club perfectly positioned alongside the river.

The following Sunday was an early start with a group photo along the riverside and a short ride to Berry for breakfast and a wander through the Berry Markets.

The Berry Markets also featured a display of Volkswagens where my dear husband "Cappa" immersed himself and was never to be seen again.

Many thanks for all who organised and participated in the ride and once again a special thanks to Helena & "Sparkles" for arranging and booking the accommodation.

Louise

Other Events & Activities

Hi there once again,

There's been so many rides, events and other things that happened over the Apr-Jun quarter it is difficult to capture and report on all of them but as highlighted in our Director's Report the club is full of energy with boundless activities for all. Some that come to mind both club and personal:

10-Pin Bowling
Organised by Helena but can't recall who were the eventual men's and women's champions but for sure Louise won the women's "Deliberately Last" trophy and Travis had the most stylish delivery.

Inter Chapter Lawn Bowls
Organised by "DeSal" and "Grum" on a sunny day just right for bowls with plenty of barefoot stylish action grippingly watched by all. *This event was reported in the Jan-Mar newsletter but worth mentioning again.*

Mal's Trike
The last time I saw Malcolm Dundas's XL 1200C Sportster was at the Tamworth National Rally in 2015. Since then Mal's bike has had a magnificent transformation and I can't wait to see it on the road. Good work Mal.

Cappa

Up and Coming Major Events & Activities

Bomaderry
October long weekend 01/10/2016 to 3/10/2016
Go to NSW HOG website to register and book your accommodation at
http://www.nswhog.com.au/#!events-page/c1qmr

Harley Days 2016
28-30 October 2016, Stuart Park, Wollongong.
Register your attendance on line at
http://www.australianharleydays.com.au/
and if wishing to stay overnight go to NSW HOG site to register and book your accommodation at
http://www.nswhog.com.au/#!events-page/c1qmr

NSW HOG Christmas Party 2016
Saturday 19 November 2016, 6:30pm
Mercure Hotel, Parramatta
Rock n Roll theme (dress up)
Go to NSW HOG website to register your attendance and to book your accommodation if wanting to stay overnight at
http://www.nswhog.com.au/#!events-page/c1qmr

QLD State Rally 2017
17th-19th March 2017, Gold Coast
Register your attendance on line at
http://www.qldstaterally2017.com/
and for accommodation go to NSW HOG site at
http://www.nswhog.com.au/#!events-page/c1qmr

Ride and Event Calendar 2016-17

Sat 2nd Jul	New Members Ride, Surfside Café Brookvale	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Sun 10th Jul	Swansea Ride	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Tues 12th Jul	Chapter Meeting	7.00pm	Dinner and catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sun 17th Jul	Newsletter Submissions Deadline		Submit to editor@nswhog.com.au
Sun 17th Jul	Entrance Ride	9.00am	Gloria Jeans
Sun 31st Jul	Palm Beach Ride	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 6th Aug	New Members Ride, Kurnell	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Tues 9th Aug	Chapter Meeting	7:00pm	Dinner and catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sun 21st Aug	Michel's Patisserie Camden (Hugh's Birthday)	9.00pm	Gloria Jeans
Sun 28th Aug	Gerringong Boat Fisherman's Club Ride	9.00pm	Gloria Jeans
Sat 3rd Sept	New Members Ride, Marina Café Bayview	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Tues 13th Sept	Chapter Meeting	7:00pm	Dinner and catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sun 18th Sept	Robinson Pie Shop Ride	9:00am	Gloria Jeans
Sat 1st Oct	Bomaderry Long Weekend Overnight Ride	9:00am	TBA
Sun 2nd Oct	Bomaderry		
Mon 3rd Oct	Bomaderry Return Ride	10:00am	
Tues 11th Oct	Chapter Meeting	7:00pm	Dinner and catch up at Torque/ info & prizes
Sat 15th Oct	New Members Ride, Kangaroo Pt Brooklyn	9:00am	Fraser Motorcycles, an easy ride to get acquainted
Mon 17th Oct	Newsletter Submissions Deadline		Submit to editor@nswhog.com.au

Additional Information

Please see ride flyer for ride departure information as event changes may be necessary due to unforseen circumstances.

All rides depart @ 0900am from Gloria Jean's , 9 George Street North Strathfield unless otherwise stated. All New Members Rides leave @ 0900am from FRASER'S car park at Concord.

Changes to rides and other events may occur due to poor weather or circumstances beyond our control. In the event of any changes a message will be sent via the **NSW HOG APP** prior to rides and events. **NSW HOG APP** can be downloaded from http://nswhog.mobapp.at/landing/Desktop#.VI-p1yuUcfU.

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Road Captain
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Road Captain
Jo O'Sullivan
(Little J)
Our first lady Road Captain

Road Captain
Tony Esposito
(Bandito)

Road Captain
Mark Baresic
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Who's Who in NSW HOG (Cont'd)

Road Captains (Cont'd)

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Road Captain
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(Travis)

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NSW Chapter HOG Ride Rules

Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness & concentration. It is stressed that these guidelines are provided for your information to enhance overall safety & ride enjoyment. Ultimately you are responsible for your own judgment & decisions whilst riding your Harley.

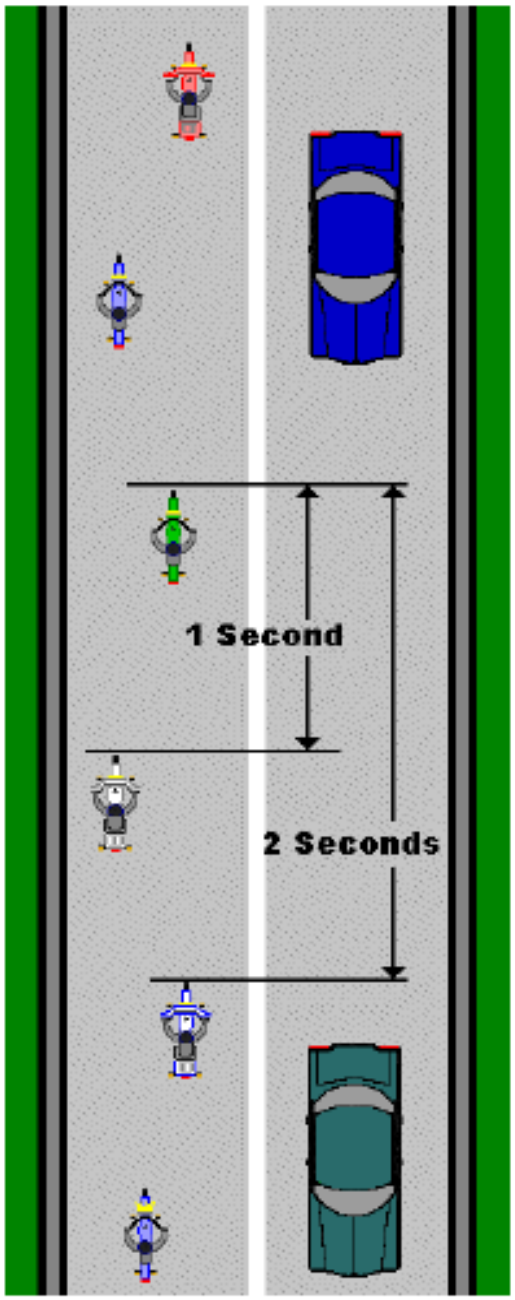
- Know your limits & ride within them; never ride above your abilities: Mental, Physical, Motorcycle, Environment, Experience level
- Make sure your bike is mechanically ready for a run. If you are experiencing any problems sort them out before the run. No bald tyres.
- Fuel up before the meeting place.
- Arrive at least twenty minutes before the posted leaving time.
- When asked to form up for departure please do so immediately, so that we can depart on time.
- Never ever pass the front Road Captain. They have been given the responsibility to set the pace & get you to the final destination as a group.
- Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the "rubber band" effect.
- Novices or riders that are new should ride at the rear or near the back.
- Always ride in a tight but courteous staggered formation or single file on winding or narrow roads.
- Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead.
- Riding side by side is very dangerous. The only time bikes are to be side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection.
- Never come up on the motorcycle in front of or beside you. The rider may need to swerve suddenly to avoid an obstacle in front.
- In a staggered or single line formation, do not pass the bike in front of you (see following page). If a rider leaves the group & a gap appears indicate then move forward & across to fill the position.
- When in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside & drop behind in single formation.
- If the group breaks up & you are the last bike in the front group that turns a corner, pull up safely at the intersection & direct the way to turn for the next group of bikes.
- Do not race to catch up as corners will be marked ahead for you.
- If you break down stay with your bike, in clear view of the back up vehicle or rear Road Captain.
- When stopping get off the road as soon as possible.

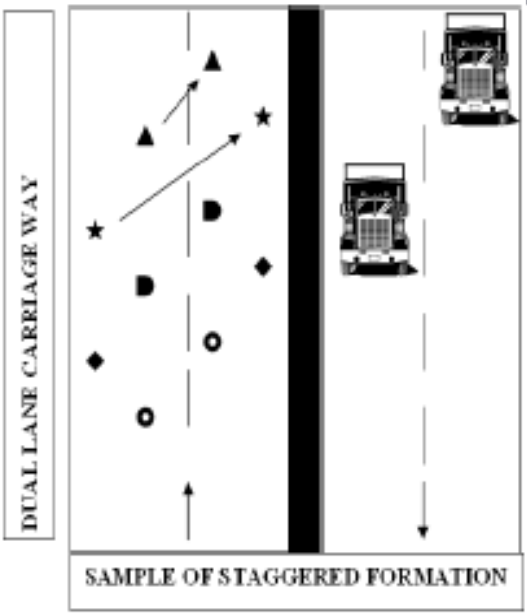
So we can all have a good time……..

Know your HOG Riding Rules!

1. Arrive with a full tank of fuel and an empty bladder. Fuel stops will be made as required along the way.
2. Have appropriate riding gear for expected conditions.
3. The nominated Ride Captain leads the group.
DO NOT OVERTAKE him or her.
4. A motor cycle requires a FULL LANE to operate safely. We ride in STAGGERED FORMATION and NOT SIDE BY SIDE.
STAGGERED FORMATION:
- One second rule: The bike to the left or right of you should not be less than one second ahead of you.
- Two second rule: Maintain two seconds between you and the bike in front of you.
- Four second rule: Your eyes should be watching a few bikes ahead of you, not fixed on the bike in front of you.

5. We only use one lane of a multi lane highway. That is the lane the Road Captain is using.
6. Maintain a constant speed, this helps prevent the "Rubber Band" effect. Always adhere to the speed limits.
7. A rider will be nominated to ride at the rear of the group. It is his or her responsibility to ensure that the riders DO NOT GET LOST and to render assistance if necessary.
8. The group as a whole must NOT stop for an individual as it can be dangerous to have the whole group stop on the side of the road. The nominated Tail End rider will stop and render assistance.
9. When we do stop as a group, be sure to park well off the road.
10. ALWAYS signal your intention to change lanes. Keep a safe distance behind the rider in front, CHECK YOUR MIRRORS often and concentrate on your riding.
11. If every rider can see the rider behind him or her in the mirrors, the group should not get split up. Adjust your speed to do so.
12. We ride as a GROUP to and from our destination until we split up to go home. KEEP THE GROUP TOGETHER, TRY NOT TO LAG BEHIND. Rides will be listed as HOG or NON-HOG. On a HOG ride, only HARLEYS may be ridden but friends or visitors may meet us at the destination. On a NON-HOG ride, members friends or visitors may ride NON-HARLEYS but at the rear of the group. In both cases any friends or visitors will be the responsibility of the member who invited them.
13. Riders in doubt about ANY aspect of the ride should ask the Road Captain or appointed Road Marshall for assistance.
14. Although it is a group, ride safety is a personal responsibility
15. Novices or riders new to the group should ride towards the back until they are comfortable
16. If it isn't safe to pass, go through an intersection or turn: **DON'T.**
17. In spite of what the group does, pass as if you were riding alone (within formation).
18. Stay within the bounds of your skill level. Don`t be influenced by the bike ahead of you diving into curves. Group riding is neither a race nor a competition.
19. If you don't feel comfortable riding in a group, ride on your own.





SAMPLE OF STAGGERED FORMATION

HAND SIGNALS

Start your engines

Stop

Go ahead and pass me

Bikers ready

Hazards on the road

Don't pass me

Stop your engines

Turn off your turn signals

Single riding

Left turn

Slow down

Staggered riding

Right turn

Speed up

Time for a pit stop