



Vancouver Chapter Harley Owners Group

Business Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order Director, Maria DiTrollo, at 10:02 am.

Who rode today? 1 member braved the rain & rode to meeting.

Weather: 7 degrees, light rain, & windy.

New Members: Welcome to Bon Brochu from Maple Ridge who rides a 2007 Ultra Classic!

NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):

CHRIS MOON, Operations Manager

- 30 recall kits just in. 74 names remain on list, 100 have been served.
- Service is now fully staffed with 12 technicians ready for the riding season.
- Shop rate going up to \$130 April 15th. Current work orders will be honoured to May 15th.
- One TDMC tech will be sent to Milwaukee in the spring for training on the new 2020 Harley-Davidson® LiveWire®.

DARWIN OSARCHUK, General Manager

HOG® MEMBER'S EXCLUSIVE LOYALTY OFFER!

- **Models:** Non-current model years only.
- **Audience:** Active HOG® members prior to December 2018 who have not purchased a bike after July 2018.
- **Offer:** \$1600 XL, \$2350 Softail, \$3200 Touring

LOYALTY OFFER Conditions:

- Purchased by June 30, 2019.
- Offer applies to a limited number of bikes & may terminate early.
- Limited to one bike per HOG® member.
- Cannot be combined with any other retail offer.
- Offer cannot be extended to non-HOG® members.

TARGETED TEST RIDE OFFER

- **Models:** Current MY19 Sportster, Softail, Touring Models (excludes FXDRS).
- **Audience:** Consumers who executed or booked a test ride within the last 24 months & did not buy.
- **Offer:** \$650 XL, \$950 Softail, \$1300 Touring

TEST RIDE OFFER Conditions:

- Purchased by June 30, 2019.
- Offer applies to a limited number of bikes & may terminate early.
- Limited to one bike per customer.
- Cannot be combined with any other retail offer.

Harley-Davidson® LiveWire®

TDMC will have a fast charging station set up in the parking area for customers.

HARMONY POISSON, Marketing & Promotions Coordinator

- April is HELMET MONTH! Double points on all helmets this month!
- Social media tag us or text/email Harmony to share on TDMC's social media.
IG: @trevdeeleyhd / TWITTER: @TrevDeeleyHD / FB: Trev Deeley Motorcycles
- Submit all Blogs, Postings, Stories, Events to Harmony & she'll get the word out!
- TDMC Boardroom now being offered as a community room. Call Harmony to book.
- Volunteers for any TDMC are welcome!

TDMC EVENTS

- **Sat. April 13** DEELEY HOUSE OF BUELL 20th Anniversary 11:00-2:00
- **Fri. April 19** GOOD FRIDAY Holiday Hours 10:00-4:30
- **Sat. April 20** EASTER FUN with BACA 11:00-3:00
- **Sun. April 21** TDMC CLOSED
- **Sat. April 27** DEELEY'S DAY FOR THE ANIMALS 11:00-3:00
- **Sat. May 4** PANCAKE BREAKFAST & VENDORS 9:00am
HOG Meeting & Season Opener Ride 10:00am
INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY Event & Ride 10:00-1:00
- **Sun. May 26** RIDE TO LIVE Registration & Send Off 8:00-9:30
SHUCK IT FORWARD Hosted by Bikers For Autism 12:00-6:00
- **Sun. July 7** TDMC SHOW & SHINE Save the date!

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Wed. Mar 13 HOG® Dinner** 7:00 pm
Roadhouse Grille, 1781 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC
14 members attended the brunch. Lots of fun, good food!
- **Wed. Mar 24 Monroe, Washington Swap Meet** - Abate of Washington
No members attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **HOG® Season Opener** scheduled for Sat. April 6th after the HOG meeting was cancelled due to poor weather & re-scheduled for Sat. May 4th following our next meeting, which will coincide with some other events.
- **Sat. Apr 13 Deeley's House of Buell 20th Anniversary** TDMC 11:00-2:00
Show up with your Buell Bikes, tattoos, clothing, or basically anything with the logo and you will be entered to win a killer gift basket.
- **Sun. Apr 14 HOG® Ride & Lunch** TDMC 10:00 am
Fort Pub, 9273 Glover Rd, Ft. Langley
- **April 25-28 37th Annual Laughlin River Run** Nevada, USA
For more information, go to
<https://troplaughlin.com/events/2019-laughlin-river-run/>
- **Sat. Apr 27 HOG® Bowling** Rev's Bowling Lanes 5:30 PM
5502 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby
If you haven't signed up but would still like to attend, please contact Tammy Bade to be added to the list.
- **Mon. Apr 29 27th Annual MLA Ride** Victoria, BC 9:00-2:00
British Columbia Coalition for Motorcyclists (BCCOM) will be hosting the 27th Annual MLA Ride to kick off MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in May. Island BMW will be hosting an after-ride BBQ.
Riders to assemble at Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal for 9:00 am sailing.
Register for a FREE BC Ferry pass here:
https://www.bccom-bc.com/2019-mla-ride-free-ferry-pass-registration/?fbclid=IwAR2fvnACUxwrDRHbxKWb7ztfM8_YwFcYwEH8L_j4NXggCIZEIK4_JzoLIak

For more info, call (604) 580-0111 or visit the BCCOM website: <https://www.bccom-bc.com/>

- **Sat. May 4** **Vancouver HOG® Chapter Season Opener Ride** 11:00 following meeting.
Lunch Ride following meeting to "Copper Grille" Squamish
Lady Riders Lead. All members riding in the Season Opener will be
entered to win a \$25 gas card from TDMC!

INTERNATIONAL FEMALE RIDE DAY Event & Ride 9:00-1:00
PANCAKE BREAKFAST & VENDORS 9:00am

- **Sat. May 11** **HOG® Mother's Day Ride & Lunch** TDMC 10:00 am
Lou's Grill, 2852 Gladys Ave, Abbotsford
A sign-up sheet will be passed around the meeting.
- A Ride Captain meeting was held on March 2, 2019 to review ride events & destinations planned for members. Despite last year's faltering attendance, it was decided to keep both Fraser Valley and Vancouver rides, but alternate them on even/odd Wednesday evenings.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RIDES *Even Days*

Meet at TDMC, 1875 Boundary Rd. 7:00 pm
Start Date: May 8, 2019

WEDNESDAY EVENING RIDES *Odd Days*

Meet at Tim Hortons, 8590 200th St. Langley 7:00 pm
Start Date: May 15, 2019

An email reminder will be sent out to members 2 days prior to a ride in hopes of boosting attendance.

- The Chapter received a thank you card and note from KidSafe thanking us for the donation made in Ralph McKnight's name. This was a favourite charity of Ralph's. For more information about KidsSafe, visit <https://www.kidsafe.ca/>.

OF INTEREST TO HOG® MEMBERS:

- **Vancouver HOG® Chapter Flags for your bike**
Minimum group order of 12 required. A sign-up sheet will be passed around the meeting for those interested in ordering one. There are 7 members signed up so far. Cost has been determined to be \$60 for a 15" x 11.5" flag. Mounts will vary depending on style of bike, recommended to purchase after-market, and metal mount for durability.
- **Coffee & Cones Event**
Not enough members have shown interest so it was decided to postpone this event.

2019 CANADIAN REGIONAL HOG® RALLIES

2019 Western Regional HOG® Rally Victoria, BC

July 4-6, 2019

- The Host Hotel is the Best Western Plus, Emerald Isle in Sidney, BC. The cost of the rooms is \$224.10/night. Regular rate is \$269.00/night. **ONLINE BOOKINGS ONLY!**
- No block of rooms have been reserved for members. You are responsible for booking your own accommodation. For further information about the rally:
<https://www.facebook.com/2019HOG.RALLY/>
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/2019-western-regional-hog-rally-18095356990>
- The Vancouver Chapter will be planning some activities for members while at the rally.

2019 Prairie Regional HOG® Rally, Edmonton, Alta

Aug 15-17, 2019

- Past Director, Chris Ferguson, has contacted the host hotel, Best Western Plus, and booked 10 rooms (5 – Deluxe Queen, and 5 – Deluxe King). If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris & she will have your name placed on the registration. Chris currently has 7 rooms left (2 King, 5 Dbl Queen). First come, first served. Cost is \$127/night.

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

LOWELL WADE, HOG® Safety Officer

Preparing for the Upcoming Motorcycle Season...Contingency Planning

Please see notes attached to minutes.

We are still looking for volunteers for the positions of Safety Officer, as well as Road Captain's. Please consider your participation as this is YOUR chapter.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

“MOTORCYCLES AS A SOLUTION” A global take on motorcycles as part of the transportation and environmental policy discussion.

May 1, 2019, Deeley Motorcycle and Exhibition Centre. 8:30 – 3:30.

Registration opens at 8:00 AM - Breakfast and Lunch Served.

The keynote presentation is a groundbreaking motorcycle safety and transportation policy project out of the UK, *“The Motorcycle Framework”*.

<http://www.motorcycleframework.co.uk/>.

It is a different way of looking at motorcycles.

There are a few seats left for important discussion about the future of two wheels.

Visit <https://motorcyclesok.ca/symposium/>

- Before the meeting was adjourned, HOG® members held a moment of silence in memory of the one year anniversary of the Humboldt Broncos tragedy which took place on April 6, 2018.

Door prizes, donated by the Chapter, were awarded to **Karen Katz, Tracy Monts & Ken Burk.**

The Birthday draw winner for the month of April was **Wendy Calis.**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am

NEXT MEETING:

Sat. May 4, 2019, 10:00 am at TDMC.

International Female Ride Day - Lunch Ride to "Copper Grille" Squamish - Lady Riders Lead

Preparing for the Upcoming Motorcycle Season

...Contingency Planning

We all have a number of years of riding experience under our belts. So, we all have unique experiences which influences how we prepare for a motorcycle ride. What I am going to talk about may seem very fundamental, but I thought this would be a good topic to start preparing for the upcoming motorcycle season.

I am going to talk about contingency planning...notice I did not say emergency planning. Emergency planning is a whole different discussion which is a good idea but is not relevant here. I am just talking about the contingency planning and preparing for a motorcycle ride as well as reviewing and updating preparations made in past riding seasons. This includes fixing or replacing old or worn-out items. We all do this but may have never formalized the concept into an action plan. Your contingency plans will be different if you are going to ride across Canada, by yourself, or if you are going for a Sunday morning group ride to the neighbourhood Café for a Latté.

Like I said, we already do this to some degree. You look at the weather forecast to determine the type of riding gear to wear or bring along, if you should pack your rain gear, if you should pack extra layers of warm cloths, or if you will need sunglasses and sunscreen. You plan your route (maybe) as well as how long the ride should take. You think about potential fuel stops; potential rest stops; or road trip milestone hotels or campsites, for the night – maybe you will have to also plan for the contingency of spending the night at the side of the road. You think about communications options...either to 1) let people know you are OK; 2) let people know where you are and update them as to when you expect to return; 3) or you need to reach out for help.

You should also think about the safety of your motorcycle. This includes maintenance of fluid levels and tire pressures; as well as the overall condition to complete the ride without mechanical failure. Motorcycle repairs should also a contingency plan...where are the closest dealerships, if required or to just stop in and say Hi! Maybe it would be a good idea to have, on hand, tools and spare parts to be able to conduct maintenance tasks or repairs. Notice I did not specify the level of sophistication required to complete the maintenance tasks or repairs as this will be dependent on your abilities and skills.

Some other contingency plans include:

- Having an Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK)...again, the components of the IFAK will depend on personal abilities, skills, as well as the comfort level when dealing with trauma (either your own or someone else). I would like to suggest everyone should at least take a basic (i.e. Level 1) first aid training course and have some basic First Aid supplies on hand.

- Packing some food (i.e. high energy meal replacement bars, freeze dried camping meals, or military Meals Ready to Eat [aka MRE's]) as well as water or sports drinks.
- Carrying a spare set of keys.
- Carrying extra fuel.
- Bringing along personal comfort items...riding a motorcycle is the art of travelling light but that does not mean being uncomfortable (which can become a safety issue)...again personal comfort items are individual specific...like packing your woobie...

Everyone's contingency plans are decisions/choices based on personal experiences, abilities and skills, as well as their type of motorcycle (be it a Tri Glide® Ultra, Ultra Limited®, or Forty-Eight®).

Remember...everyone's decisions/choices are correct...if you find a contingency plan does not adequately cover the contingency, it can always be modified. That being said, I always enjoy listening to the advice of other riders as they may have experienced something I have not or may have a different point of view of a similar experience. Their suggestions could save me lot of frustration, headache, and the possibility of a very miserable ride...which I am sure we have all had at some point in the past.

If you want to make sure you have covered all the bases when contingency planning, there are several websites that offer good advice:

- <https://www.bikebandit.com/blog/how-to-plan-a-motorcycle-trip>
- <https://rideexpeditions.com/motorcycle-adventure-riding-safety-tips/>
- <https://www.esurance.com/info/motorcycle/24-tips-to-prepare-for-a-long-distance-ride>
- <https://www.thelostadventure.com/tips-for-solo-motorcycle-touring/>

Along with the Harley Owners Group Touring Handbook, the Harley-Davidson Motor Company has a ride planning website...<https://maps.harley-davidson.com/>