



Vancouver Chapter Harley Owners Group Business Meeting Agenda – March 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Director, Maria DiTrollo, at 9:59 am.

Who rode today? Six members rode today, roads were clear, sunny & 6 degrees.

New Members: 1 potential new member in attendance monitoring the meeting, Doug Reid, who rides a 1992 FLHX Police Special. Information on how to become a chapter member was passed on.

NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):

DARWIN OSARCHUK, General Manager

- **Battle of the Kings** – voting closes March 15, 2019. TDMC entry: URBAN ASSAULT. You can vote for as many bikes as you like, but only one vote per bike! Go to https://customkings.harley-davidson.com/en_CA/bike_detail/150.
- **Ultimate Biker Wedding Contest** – Enter for the chance to win #theultimatebikerwedding to happen on February 9, 2020! Be the first ever wedding held in TDMC's gorgeous Boundary Street showroom & officiated by a Vancouver HOG® Chapter member! Contest Closes August 1, 2019. For official rules & details, go to <https://www.trevdeeley.com/--UltimateBikerWeddingContest>.
- **Harley-Davidson® Spring Gift** – FREE with a qualifying purchase of \$300 before taxes! There are less than 40 of the gift pack coolers remaining!
- **Service Dept.** – Service says they are waiting for the 0173 Clutch Recall Kits for Touring Models to come in. If you're not on the list, call (604) 291-2453 to register. First come, first served!
- **Sales Dept.** – There are some excellent specials on the few remaining 2018 models. See in-store for details.

- **Harley-Davidson® Public Statement**

Please see Public Statement, dated February 28, 2019, regarding U.S. imposed tariffs attached to the minutes.

- **Sat. April 6 – Vancouver HOG® Chapter Season Opener Ride** (following meeting)

All members riding in the Season Opener will be entered to win a \$25 gas card from TDMC! Darwin guarantees good weather.

UPCOMING DEALERSHIP EVENTS

- **Sat. March 16th – New Rider 101 Bootcamp** TDMC 11:00 am- 3:00 pm

Free informative day for the new rider or those interested in getting riding. Door prizes, guaranteed seating and snacks for those registered. Staff available for Q&A and one-on-one consults between sessions. MUST RSVP! Register here:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eg30it9gec705c8b&oseq=&c=&ch=>

- **Sat. March 16th - Daytona 200 78th Running!**

TDMC owner, Darren James, will be participating in this exciting event! Come watch on the big screen in TDMC's conference room.

- **Sat. April 13th - Deeley's House of Buell 20th Anniversary Gathering** 11:00 am- 2:00 pm

Show up with your Buell Bikes, Tattoos, clothing, or basically anything with the logo, and you'll be entered to win a killer gift basket! Spread the word and let's get all Buell fans, groups and lovers out!

- **Sat. April 27 - Deeley's Day for the Animals** TDMC 11:00 am- 3:00 pm

2nd Annual day devoted to animals, rescues, education, services, products, and really anything to do with the animals we love to surround ourselves with. Animal-related Vendors & Exhibitors will be on-hand. Free coffee, water & popcorn for human guests :)

COMMENTS AND PRESENTATION DIRECTOR MARIA DITROLIO:

ICBC CHANGES COMING APRIL 1st 2019

An ICBC representative was unable to attend. Maria reviewed some of the main points of the upcoming changes, contained on the website.

- All drivers of a vehicle need to be listed.
- Blanket Fee starting at \$50/yr to cover unlisted drivers.
- Accidents follow driver, not the vehicle.

- One accident claim forgiveness.
- Two new discounts offered:
 1. Market-installed emergency brake system (ABS)
 2. Driving less than 5000k/yr.
- For more information, go to the ICBC websites:
 - <https://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/changing-auto-insurance-BC/Pages/Default.aspx>
 - <https://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/changing-auto-insurance-BC/Documents/Changes-to-auto-insurance-in-BC-factsheet.pdf>
- **September 1, 2019** - ICBC will be changing premiums that more fairly and accurately reflect risk drivers represent on the road.
 - <https://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/newsroom/Pages/2018-Aug09.aspx>
 - <https://www.icbc.com/about-icbc/changing-auto-insurance-BC/making-rates-more-fair/Pages/Default.aspx>
 - <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018AG0064-001561>
 - <https://604now.com/icbc-new-premiums-2018/>
 - <https://globalnews.ca/news/4379233/new-icbc-rates-who-will-pay-more/>

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sun. Feb 10** **HOG® Valentines Brunch** 11:00 am
Jolly Coachman, 19167 Ford Rd, Pitt Meadows, BC
16 members attended the brunch, enjoyed by all.
- **Sat. Feb 23** **HOG® Dinner/Pub Night** 7:00 pm
Frankie G's Boilerhouse Pub, 305 Ewen Ave. New Westminster, BC
11-12 members attended the brunch, food was alright, service lacking, some said.
- **Sun. Feb 24** **Red's Garage Sale Swap Meet** TDMC 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
The event was popular & many members attended. One member who rented a table sold \$400 of items & another member cleared his table.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Vancouver HOG® Chapter Flags**
Minimum order of 12 Chapter Flags required for TDMC to place and order with Norscot.
A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting to gauge interest.

One member suggested purchasing additional Chapter Flags to meet the minimum order requirement, if necessary. The additional Chapter Flags could be awarded as door prizes & be available for purchase by members. This was met approval by those attending the meeting. Cost was estimated at \$30 (mount not included), however, may be more. More details and updated pricing will be provided at the next meeting.

- **Coffee & Cones Event**

A rider refresher session for Chapter HOG® members this spring is being proposed. A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting to see if there is any interest.

- **Wed. Mar 13 HOG® Dinner 7:00 pm**

Roadhouse Grille, 1781 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC

A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting. Anyone wishing to attend who hasn't signed up, please contact Tammy Bade to be added to the list.

- **Fri. Mar 15 Fredrick Trevor Deeley's Birthday**

Born March 15th, 1920 and raised in Vancouver.

In 1917, Trev's grandfather, Fred Deeley Sr., began selling Harley-Davidson® motorcycles on Granville Street in Vancouver. At that time, Trev Deeley Motorcycles® was called Fred Deeley Ltd. Today, Trev Deeley Motorcycles® is one of the oldest Harley-Davidson® dealerships in North America.

For more about TDMC history:

- <https://www.trevdeeley.com/learn-more-about-us--xinfo>
- <https://deeleyexhibition.ca/>

Or walk through the Deeley Motorcycle Exhibition which houses the largest privately-owned collection of vintage and new motorcycles in Canada. Admission is now by donation.

- **Sun. Mar 24 Abate of WA – Motorcycle & Parts Swap Meet 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

For more information:

<https://waevergreenstatefairgrounds2.civicplus.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=1447&month=3&year=2019&day=3&calType=0>

- **April 3–7 Arizona Bike Week**

To be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. For more information visit www.azbikeweek.com.

- **Thurs. May 2 28th Annual MLA Ride** Victoria, BC 9:00-2:00
British Columbia Coalition for Motorcyclists (BCCOM) will be hosting the *28th Annual MLA Ride* to kick off MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in May. The BC Ferry Service may cover the cost of travel to Vancouver Island for those participating in the ride. More information will be forthcoming on the BCCOM website: <https://www.bccom-bc.com/>

2019 CANADIAN REGIONAL HOG® RALLIES

2019 Quebec Regional HOG Rally Amos, Que July 4-6, 2019

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!**
- Finding more reasonably-priced hotels was discussed. No block of rooms has been reserved for Vancouver Chapter members yet. A few people have already booked rooms at the Quality Inn, Waddling Dog (sold-out).
- 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 Ontario Regional HOG Rally Barrie, Ont July 18-20, 2019

2019 Atlantic Regional HOG Rally Halifax, NS July 25-27, 2019

2019 Prairie Regional HOG Rally, Edmonton, Alta Aug 15-17, 2019

- Past Director, Chris Ferguson, has contacted the host hotel, Best Western Plus, and reserved 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. UPDATE: 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

- *UPCOMING MOTORCYCLE SEASON...CONTINGENCY PLANNING*
See Safety Report attached to minutes.

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

Door prizes, donated by the Chapter, were awarded to **Paul Gill, Ronald Maas, & Chris Greenwood.**

The Birthday draw winner for the month of January was **Maria DiTrolio.**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, April 6th, 2019, 10:00 am at TDMC.

Season Opener Ride to follow.

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Preparing for the Upcoming Motorcycle Season

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

LOWELL WADE, *HOG® Safety Officer*

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/>