



## Vancouver Chapter Harley Owners Group Business Meeting Minutes September 7, 2019

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*The meeting was called to order by director, MARIA DITROLIO, at 10:03 am.*

**Who rode today:** Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members present rode to meeting.  
Weather: overcast, dry roads, 17 degrees.

**New Members Present:** No new members attending this meeting.

### **NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):**

*Presented by:*

**JEFF MARTINEZ** *Motorcycle Sales*

Jeff spoke to members about a new mobile phone APP called *H-D™ Connect*, available through Harley-Davidson™. *H-D™ Connect* service remotely connects you to your bike through the Harley-Davidson™ App on your smart phone. It uses built-in cellular connectivity and GPS to keep you in the know with bike status, notifications and alerts.

*Available for the 2020 LiveWire™ and select 2020 Touring models.*

The *H-D™ Connect* service is free for the first year with the purchase of a new *H-D™ Connect* equipped motorcycle. After the first year, plans start at \$200/yr, billed annually. Discounted rates are available with a multi-year purchase. For more info or to subscribe, go to

<https://www.harley-davidson.com/ca/en/owners/connect.html>

*Presented by:*

**CHRIS WONG-MOON** *Operations Manager*

Chris was recently in Milwaukee getting up to speed on the new LiveWire™ coming to TDMC soon. Charging station & dedicated work bay are set up in the shop, staff has been provided training, & they hope to see this new addition to the 2020 HD line-up in-store by end of Oct.

In the parts department, check out the new HD luggage with a 2 year warranty, now in stock. Also, Vanock riding pants & jackets for men & women is in store now and Rusty Butcher shirts to arrive in approx. 1 month.

*Presented by:*

**HARMONY POISSON** *Manager, Marketing and Events*

### **AUGUST EVENTS WITH TDMC**

- **Sat. Sept 14** **WOMEN RIDERS WORLD RELAY - WRWR Canada** TDMC 8:30-9:30  
Rain or shine! Our Vancouver HOG® Chapter is being asked to come help kick off the Cross-Canada portion of this amazing worldwide relay event! Cheer on the registered guardians and the official baton, escorted by RCMP, as they ride to Revelstoke to pass the baton on to the next leg of the relay.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/302787383719656/>
- **Sat. Sept 28** **TDMC Fall Open House** TDMC 10:00-4:00  
Meet the new 2020 models, in-store activities, BYOBike, prizes, food truck, & more!
- **Sun. Oct 6** **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Vancouver Toy Run** Coquitlam Centre  
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<https://www.facebook.com/events/488383258607965/>

## COMMENTS AND PRESENTATION by HOG Executive(s)

MARIA DITROLIO Director, Vancouver HOG® Chapter

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sat. Aug 10** **HOG® Ride & Lunch** TDMC 11:00 am following HOG® meeting.  
*The destination for the ride was changed following discussion at the meeting. Members agreed to show support by riding to a fundraising BBQ at Mountainview HD in Chilliwack for fellow Fraser Valley HOG® member, Bruce Duff, who was recently involved in a serious accident & had to have his left leg amputated above the knee. Despite wet weather, 10-12 Vancouver members made their way to Chilliwack & joined Bruce & his family, and dozens of supporters, including many members of other HOG® Chapters.*

*Mike Lariviere, Director of the Fraser Valley HOG® Chapter, writes: "Thanks to your members for supporting Bruce. The fundraiser was a great show of brotherhood and a morale booster for an amazing man. The total amount raised has not been finalized as some people have made pledges that are yet to be received. The actual amount raised is in the thousands and has been humbling to Bruce and his family. Thanks again to you and your chapter....Mike"*
- **Sat. Aug 10** **6th Annual Squamish Motorcycle Festival**  
 Downtown Squamish 10:00-7:00  
*A couple of members were in attendance.*
- **Wed. Aug 14** **HOG® Wednesday Evening TDMC RIDE**  
 Meet at TDMC, gas tanks full, 1875 Boundary Rd. 7:00 pm  
*10 bikes/riders rode through some Richmond back roads & stopped at the Buck and Ear Bar & Grill, 12111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Richmond. Food was decent, service attentive. Nice clear & warm evening, dry roads. Thanks to Dale Janzen for leading the ride!*
- **Aug 15-17** **2019 Prairie Regional HOG® Rally** Edmonton, Alta  
*Rob & Elaine Carroll attended; weather was 50/50, putting a damper on the weekend. New dates announced for next year, details in NEW BUSINESS!*

- **Sat. Aug 17** **HOG® Ride** TDMC 10:00 am  
*4 members rode to Squamish & lunched at the Shady Tree Pub.  
Thanks to Doug Miller for leading the ride!*
- **Wed. Aug 21** **HOG® Wednesday Evening LANGLEY RIDE** (Odd Wednesdays)  
Meet at TDMC, gas tanks full, 1875 Boundary Rd. 7:00 pm  
*This ride was cancelled due to rain.*
- **Sat. Aug 24** **HOG® Butt Buster Ride** TDMC 8:00 am/CHEVRON at 232<sup>ND</sup> 9:00 am  
Kettle Valley Station Pub, 1070 Eckhardt Ave W, Penticton  
*As only one member signed up for this ride, road captains Albert Schulz  
& Doug Miller had a short ride to Mission with no lunch stop.*
- **Wed. Aug 28** **HOG® Wednesday Evening TDMC RIDE** (Even Wednesdays)  
Meet at TDMC, gas tanks full, 1875 Boundary Rd. 7:00 pm  
*5 members went on a beautiful evening ride to The Trading Post Eatery  
in Langley. Thanks to Dale Janzen for leading the ride!*
- **Mon. Sept 2** **LABOUR DAY** TDMC Closed.
- **Wed. Sept 4** **HOG® Wednesday Evening TDMC RIDE** (Even Wednesdays)  
*7 bikes/8 riders rode through Iona Beach Regional Park in Richmond and  
stopped at the Flying Beaver Pub at 4760 Inglis Dr. to catch the sunset.  
Thanks to Dale Janzen who led the ride!*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Sat. Sept 7** **HOG® Ride Lunch & Langley Cruise-In**  
TDMC 11:00 am *following HOG meeting.*  
Artful Dodger Pub, 2364 200 St, Langley  
Langley Good Times Cruise-in Swap Meet & Car Corral  
3100 272nd St, Aldergrove  
*Following the meeting, 15 bikes/17 members rode to the Artful Dodger  
Pub in Langley, and 3 bikes headed to the Langley Good Times Cruise-in  
Swap Meet afterwards. Weather was overcast but dry, making for a  
pleasant ride. Thanks to Albert Schulz for leading!*

- **Sun. Sept 8** **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fraser Valley Toy Run** Mission & Chilliwack 9:00-1:00  
 Hosted by Fraser Valley CMA Messengers of Hope  
 Rain or shine, all bikes welcome. No entry fee, just bring a new, unwrapped toy for the kids. More details to come.  
[www.facebook.com/events/2495250377169621/?active\\_tab=about](http://www.facebook.com/events/2495250377169621/?active_tab=about)
- **Wed. Sept 11** **HOG® Wednesday Evening LANGLEY RIDE** (*Odd Wednesdays*)  
 Meet at Tim Horton's, 8590 200<sup>th</sup> St. Langley **NEW TIME 6:30 pm**  
*9 riders ventured on the evening ride & stopped at the Station House Pub In Aldergrove. Thanks to TDMC GM, Darwin Osarchuk, who led the ride!*
- **Sept 14-15** **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Port Alberni Toy Run** Port Alberni, BC  
 Lots of activities, Vendors, Beer Garden, Biker Games, Show & Shine, Kid's Carnival, Pig Roast, Live Music, Poker Run & more!  
[www.portalbernitoyrun.ca](http://www.portalbernitoyrun.ca) 604-580-0111  
 Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/patoyrun/>
- **Sat/Sun Sept 14-15**  
**HOG® Memorial Ride for Fallen Members**  
 TDMC 9:00 am/CHEVRON at 232<sup>ND</sup> 10:00 am  
*After some discussion, the Executive made the decision to postpone this ride to Sat. Oct 5, as our Season-Enders Ride.*
- **Sat. Sept 14** **Women Riders World Relay Breakfast Kick-off Party** TDMC 8:30 am  
 Rain or shine. TDMC is hosting the Baton and Guardian Riders for the Canadian launch of this epic event and is asking members to show support. RCMP will escort WRWR from TDMC.
- **Wed. Sept 18** **HOG® Wednesday Evening TDMC RIDE** (*Even Wednesdays*)  
 Meet at TDMC **7:00 pm**, gas tanks full, 1875 Boundary Rd.  
*Weather permitting. Destination TBD.*
- **Sat. Sept 21** **HOG® Ride** TDMC 10:00 am  
 Meet at TDMC, gas tanks full, 1875 Boundary Rd.  
*Weather permitting. Destination TBD. Discuss at meeting.*  
*A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting. If you didn't sign up but would like to attend, please contact Tammy Bade at [ommatammybade@yahoo.ca](mailto:ommatammybade@yahoo.ca) so she can reserve more space!*

- **Sun. Sept 22** **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Run** Anacortes, Washington 9:00-5:00  
Vendors, live music, Cossacks Drill Team. <http://oysterruninc.org/>  
*3 members plan to attend.*
- **Sept 25-29** **Street Vibrations® Fall Rally** Reno, Tahoe, Carson & Virginia City, Nevada  
A celebration of music, metal & motorcycles, poker runs, live entertainment, ride-in shows, stunt & bike shows and more.  
Go to [http://roadshowsreno.com/sv\\_fall.php](http://roadshowsreno.com/sv_fall.php) for registration & hotel info.
- **Wed. Sept 25** **HOG® Wednesday Evening LANGLEY RIDE** (*Odd Wednesdays*)  
Meet at Tim Horton's, 8590 200<sup>th</sup> St. Langley **NEW TIME 6:30 pm**  
*Weather permitting. Destination TBD.*
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- **Sat. Oct 5** **NEXT HOG® MEETING** TDMC 10:00 am
- **Sat. Oct 5** **HOG® Season-End Ride - Memorial Ride for Fallen Members**  
TDMC 11:00 am / *following HOG® meeting.*  
Rain or Shine. Open to other vehicles taking part as well.  
Destination: Stanley Park cruise, lunch venue TBD. *More details to come.*  
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- **Wed. Oct 16**    **HOG® Dinner/Pub Night** 7:00 pm  
*Destination TBD.*  
*A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting. If you didn't sign up but would like to attend, please contact Tammy Bade at ommatammybade@yahoo.ca so she can reserve more space!*
- **Sat. Oct 19**    **HOG® Day at the Racetrack** Hastings Racecourse 1:50 pm  
 PNE Gate 6 or 9. *More details to come.*  
*A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting. If you didn't sign up but would like to attend, please contact Tammy Bade at ommatammybade@yahoo.ca so she can reserve more space!*
- **Sat. Oct 26**    **HOG® Dinner/Pub Night** 7:00 pm  
 Frankie G's Pub, 305 Ewen Ave, New Westminster  
*A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting. If you didn't sign up but would like to attend, please contact Tammy Bade at ommatammybade@yahoo.ca so she can reserve more space!*
- **Sat. Nov 23**    **HOG® VANCOUVER CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 The Waldorf Hotel, 1489 E Hastings St. Vancouver  
 6:00 Cocktails / 7:00 Appetizers    Tix: \$45  
*(Available by next meeting for HOG® members. Open to public Nov 1<sup>st</sup>).*  
**Save the date!** Our annual Christmas Party will have a new venue and style at the historic Waldorf Hotel in their nostalgic Hideaway Room. Theme for this year's celebration will be "OLD HOLLYWOOD". Use your imagination, dress to impress, and mingle with all your HOG® friends. Enjoy cocktails and a HOG® Signature Drink at the cash bar. Appetizers and finger food served at 7:00 pm. One of our members, Luigi, has agreed to DJ.  
 A block of basic rooms are being reserved for members at The Waldorf until Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. Standard Qn \$95/nt + tax. King is \$105/nt + tax.  
*Atrium room info to come.*

### **OF INTEREST TO HOG® MEMBERS:**

**14<sup>th</sup> PRAIRIE REGIONAL HOG® RALLY** Aug. 27-29, 2020 Calgary, Alta

It was announced that the **14th Prairie Regional HOG® Rally** will be held Aug. 27-29, 2020 in Calgary, Alberta. Follow their Facebook Page for updates to this event:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/898193507183745/?tn-str=\\*F&fref=gs&dti=898193507183745&hc\\_location=group\\_dialog](https://www.facebook.com/groups/898193507183745/?tn-str=*F&fref=gs&dti=898193507183745&hc_location=group_dialog)

HOST HOTEL will be the *Sheraton Cavalier Calgary*, 2620 32nd Avenue NE.

Room rates: \$119/nt (plus taxes) & if you want to include breakfast for 2, they are \$139/nt (plus taxes). *Reservations:* <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1565387607212&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call 1 (403) 291-0107.

### **HOG® MEMBER NAME TAGS**

We are starting another list for HOG® members interested in purchasing a name tag. Your Vancouver HOG® Chapter partially subsidizes the cost of name tags so that each member pays only \$10.00. *A minimum order of 12 is required. If you'd like to order a name tag, please give \$10 cash to Kyoko at the front desk & she will put your name & info on the list.*

### **HOG® MEMBER T-SHIRTS/HOODIES**

Are there HOG® members interested in purchasing a HOG® t-shirt?

These items are purchased from the U.S. and usually require a minimum order of 12 or 24.

The shirts would be printed with TDMC, our Chapter Sponsor's name.

*An email will be sent out to see who might want to order a t-shirt, along with the estimated cost. We should have an idea of costs in the next few weeks. Details to come!*

### **TREV DEELEY & HOG® WEBSITE**

The HOG® website is now accessible through the newly revamped Trev Deeley website under the INFO menu, or by clicking the small HOG® logo at the top right of the page (desktop computers only). Harmony from TDMC manages the HOG® section on the site and HOG® Webmaster, Norm Hill, is responsible for selecting pictures that can be viewed, many of which are supplied by HOG® Photographer, Gary Monts.

There are several albums of old photos. Norm Hill and Meg Andersen are beginning to scan them, and Doug Miller will help identify some of the members in the photos from years past.



You will find upcoming events & photos, meeting minutes, calendar of events, HOG® Canada and HOG® International links, and your chapter officer's names and contact info.

*Note: Some links are now accessible on mobile devices. TDMC diligently working on it!*

<https://www.trevdeley.com/check-out-our--HOGVancouver>

### **VANCOUVER HOG® FACEBOOK PAGE**

This is also a good resource for news, events and contact with other members. Anyone can post photos, plans to meet for a ride, or use it to privately message other members.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vancouverhogchapter/>

### **VANCOUVER HOG® BUY & SELL PAGE**

Now active and being fine-tuned! Accessible through the Vancouver HOG® Facebook Page. Open to public to view but only HOG® members can post items.

***Members are encouraged to utilize these resources that are there for us!***

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### **SAFETY OFFICER REPORT**

**LOWELL WADE**, HOG® Safety Officer

#### ***The Rainy Season***

*(see notes attached to minutes).*

### **SAFETY OFFER POSITION OPEN 2020**

*Lowell Wade has been pulling double duty as Assistant Director and Safety Officer, but is returning to his studies this fall and needs to pass on some responsibilities for next year. If you are interested in being Safety Officer for your chapter, please contact Darwin or Maria as soon as possible.*

### **DOOR PRIZES & DRAWS**

A Milwaukee HD Pin and Snap Wrist Band, donated by TDMC, were won by **Karen Katz**.

Three \$25 TDMC Gift Certificates, donated by the Chapter, were awarded to **Susan Walters, Rick Bade, and Meg Andersen**.

The Birthday draw winner for the month of September was **Larry Davidson**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Sat. October 5, 2019, TDMC 10:00 am**

**HOG® Season-End Ride - Memorial Ride for Fallen Members**

TDMC 11:00 am *following HOG® meeting.*

Rain or Shine. Open to other vehicles taking part as well.

Destination: Stanley Park cruise, lunch venue TBD. *More details to come.*

## ***The Rainy Season Will Soon Be Upon Us!***

Don't let this nice weather fool you. Pretty soon, we will be entering the rainy season. The Vancouver Lower Mainland lies within the Temperate Rain Forests, of the West Coast. So being prepared, for the rainy season, is not an option but a matter of survival both for yourself as well as your motorcycle. There are two important points to consider while thinking about the wet weather when preparing for riding in the rainy season: (1) how the rain and wet roads will affect your motorcycle's performance as well as handling; and (2) how the wet weather affects the rider and passenger.

Some people love riding in the rain, while others hate it. Here are some pointers for riding in wet weather. You might find that, with a few adjustments to your riding techniques and some tricks with your gear, motorcycling in the rain is not very intimidating.

1. **Be extra careful on the first rain.** During the long, hot, and dry summer, the asphalt roadways will have adsorbed all the oils and fluids that drip from vehicles. The first rain will bring these oils and fluids to the surface of the asphalt creating a very slippery surface. So, all pay extra attention to all the pointers mentioned below!
2. **Don't trust puddles.** That fun-looking mini-pond of splashable joy could be hiding a foot-deep pothole, or who knows what else. If you can't avoid riding through a puddle, hold the throttle steady, keep the bike upright, and don't touch the brakes.
3. **Avoid shiny-smooth surfaces.** Surfaces that are kind of slippery on dry days become perilously slippery in the rain. Stay off things like painted lines, manhole covers, metal plates, and even tar snakes. If you do find yourself caught on one of these, avoid hard braking or acceleration — just roll over it without any sudden inputs.
4. **Keep your cool.** Stay relaxed, and don't make any sudden moves. Harsh, abrupt acceleration, braking, or steering can quickly eat up your limited traction. Make all your inputs smooth and gentle. If you must brake hard, do it progressively: slowly squeeze the lever at first, to load the front tire and compress the suspension, then gradually increase force until you've slowed enough.
5. **Do one thing at a time.** In normal conditions, we often combine several actions at once, such as accelerating, shifting, or trail braking while turning. In the rain, focus on separating these actions (i.e., finish your deceleration before you turn into a corner). That will reduce the traction demands on your tires.
6. **Loosen up.** Clinging to the bars with a death grip will do three bad things: a) tire you out faster, b) exaggerate the effects of any movements you make, and c) keep your suspension from working as it should. Remember that your bike is designed to handle small bumps and wiggles, so let it do its job.

7. **Rainbows are not your friend.** Those magical, colourful swirls are just slippery oil pools of death. Do not aim for the rainbows. They tend to be worst at intersections, where vehicles sit for a while and leak oily puddles, so be extra careful when you're stopping at or crossing through intersections.
8. **Give yourself time and space.** Take it easy. Reduce your speed and put more space between you and the vehicle in front of you. Braking distances are much longer in the rain, and you can't count on having traction when you need it. Plus, you need time to scan the road ahead and choose your lines, so you can avoid all the wonderful things we mentioned above.
9. **Find a dry line.** When available, try riding in the tire tracks of vehicles in front of you. A car's wheel can act like a plow, pushing water on the road out of the way for a brief moment. Soak up that dry pavement while you can!
10. **Dry gear isn't enough.** Waterproof gear is great and all, but visible waterproof gear is even better. Remember that rain makes it even harder than usual for cars to see you. If your rain gear is all black, invest in a hi-vis vest or other reflective accessories.
11. **Orange is the new clear.** Well, orange and actually yellow. Try using a face shield in one of these colors to increase contrast in poor visibility conditions (lens tint was discussed in the Eye Safety topic on August 10th, 2019). An anti-fog or Pinlock shield is a plus. Some riders use the same wax they polish their bike with to keep water droplets off their visor.
12. **Consider wearing goggles.** Another way of avoiding a fogging face shield is to wear a dual-sport helmet with goggles (types of eye protection was also discussed in the Eye Safety topic on August 10th, 2019)
13. **Be handy with gloves.** A few key tips: If your gloves are wet, don't take them off unless you absolutely must. Wet gloves get cold very fast once they're removed. Also, have a towel to dry your hands in case they get wet, as wet hands do not slide easily into gloves.
14. **Stand up for yourself.** In heavy rain, water will often pool in your lap, and if left too long, it may seep past the zipper and / or stitching on even some top brands of rain gear. It's not a bad idea to stand up on the pegs now and then, to clear the pooled water from your lap.
15. **Gore-Tex socks are the best thing ever.** If you don't have the budget for Gore-Tex socks, try wool ones, especially Merino. Even if your feet get wet, wool socks will keep them warm. That goes for your base layers, too. Compression layers help even more, and heated gear is super cozy.
16. **Ziploc everything you care about!!!**