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Upcoming Events

B-Day Dinner Jan 20
McGarry's Pub in Maple Plain
Meet at 7pm

H.O.G. Meeting Feb 3
Edie Mae's Eatery-Delano

Cycle World Motorcycle Show Feb 13-15
Minneapolis Conv Ctr

B-Day Dinner Feb 17
Place TBD
Meet at 7pm

H.O.G. Meeting Mar 2
Edie Mae's Eatery-Delano

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H.O.G. CALLS

Crow River H.O.G. Chapter 2381

Jan 2009

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TOM LANO

I want to thank all of you for the support and confidence to reelect me to the position of "Director" for 2009. I am honored and will work hard do my best for the Chapter.

I want to thank Sue Reed for her 2 years as Treasurer, she did a great job with the checkbook.

I want to thank Carl Horton for staying on to be the "Editor" for 2009. He did a great job in 2008 and look forward to him doing a great job with the newsletter in 2009. Hopefully before his term is done he will have a replacement trained in.

I want to thank Mary Husby and Lucian Strong for stepping forward to accept the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. It's good to have new people coming up to help lead the chapter. It brings fresh new ideas to the group and provides a smooth transition of leadership for the future.

And finally, thanks to the new Road Captains, Randy Willard (Head Road Captain), Wally Clark, Jesse Husby, and Barry Schuettepelz. It's great to have some newer members that regularly ride with the group leading our runs.

ASS'T DIRECTOR'S REPORT GREG PARK

There is something I have to get off my chest!

This is a personal statement from me and has nothing to do with my dealership relationship. I'm just surprised no one has stood up to tell you previously.

I was completely astonished by the

I am looking forward to more involvement from our sponsoring dealer with Greg Park serving as Assistant Director.

I believe we have a good group put together to lead our chapter in 2009.

Primary Officer Training is happening on March 20 & 21. Your officers are planning on attending. It's a great place to learn the rules of HOG as well as get ideas on how to make us a better and more involved Chapter.

Thanks for your support in helping to pay the way for your officers to attend P.O.T. I really believe all officers should attend this event. It's not just a party, it's leadership training.

The new officers will be meeting shortly with Rodney to set up a riding schedule for 2009. Get any requests or ideas you have to a officer A.S.A.P.

I am looking forward to warmer weather and some riding. Remember our motto "Ride and have Fun."

Crow River H.O.G. Chapter meeting on 01/06/09! It reminded me of the stories told by my friend's wife who happens to teach 3rd grade in an elementary school and how the kids whined and complained if they didn't get what they wanted. One of her favorite endings was "you should all be ashamed of yourself!"

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Imagine a brand new Crow River H.O.G. member at that last meeting. If it were you, would you go back?

1. If you've joined H.O.G. because by doing so you thought you would receive a discount, you're in the wrong club!
2. If you've joined H.O.G. because this was a place you thought you could come to let go your monthly whines, you've joined the wrong club!
3. If you're thinking that this is a place you could go to try to "stir the pot", get a life!

Some of the expectations I've heard over the last few meetings were quite surprising because I've also heard about all of the bad mouthing many of you are spreading about the dealership (our sponsor) throughout the area.

Then there is the part about dealership support. You might be surprised by the result of spending your dollars at your sponsoring dealership as opposed to the place that has a \$5.00 to \$10.00 cheaper deal somewhere else. You might be surprised by the result if you bragged about the club and the sponsoring dealership when possible to see how much more support you may receive from your sponsoring dealership as compared to your current philosophy. If you cannot say anything good, then keep it to yourself, or bring the

complaint to the person who needs to hear it.

When H.O.G. clubs, or any other types of clubs, do not have supportive advocates as members or their members choose to go a different direction from what is expected by the sponsor, the sponsor may choose not to do so any further. If that is the case the club would cease to exist.

FYI: when you have a group of any size, there is ALWAYS give and take. You can never do things your way, or the way you want to every single time since you're in a group.

The dealership is the sponsor, you make up the club. Without sponsorship, there is no club! Just so you are fully aware of the relationship, the dealership DOES NOT have a responsibility nor an obligation to give you a discount, a door prize, or pay for anything with regards to the club. It is totally and solely a generous act when given by the dealer.

The H.O.G. club is about riding motorcycles, having fun, camaraderie, and the friendships made. The knowledge you may gain is priceless! There are people from all walks of life that have joined the HOG club, from those who have tremendous amounts of riding/motorcycling experiences, to those whom have had very few. We all can benefit by learning from the entire club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In case you missed the announcement in last month's newsletter, we decided at the December meeting that the club would be changing the meeting location back to Edie Mae's in Delano effective January since Hwy 12 is now open. Meetings will be held at this location until further notice.

It's time to renew your membership with the club for 2009! With this newsletter is a copy of the application. Print it and fill it out, making sure to sign and date it. Return to Mary Husby at 5824 Sunset Rd, Mound, MN 55364, give it to an officer at the next meeting or turn it in at the dealership. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Make your checks payable to Crow River H.O.G. Note that you must be a National H.O.G. member to be a member of our club.

Tom and the rest of the officers are soliciting ideas for rides next season. They will be having a planning meeting with the dealership this month, so let them know ASAP.

During the January meeting, much discussion was had concerning Primary Officer's Training and the club's role in helping officers attend. A motion was passed by a majority of the members present that a total of \$400 would be made available to those attending to defray some of their expenses. This money would be divided among those attending the training at the officers' discretion.

GIVE YOUR DREAMS FLIGHT (HOG® FLY & RIDE)

There are so many benefits to take advantage of as a HOG® member, where could you possibly begin? How about picking an exotic location to explore on a Harley®, like ... Honolulu, Hawaii, or maybe Sydney, Australia. Sound like an impossible dream? Well, this is one dream the Harley Owners Group® can bring to life with the HOG Fly & Ride Program.

Full and full life HOG members (aged 25 and older) can choose from more than 40 great cities around the world and set out on an adventure of a lifetime. HOG Fly & Ride is easy and affordable. Check your *HOG Membership Manual* or visit members.hog.com for a complete list of participating locations and more details on how to turn this HOG benefit into a reality.