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FROM THE DIRECTORS CHAIR

Can you believe that it's the middle of December? Even though most of us are probably done riding till spring, Duneland HOG never rests! We have our monthly social, 2 'nooner' get together a month, a dinner ride/ drive. the officers meet once a month to plan rides and events. We are planning and constantly updating the calendar for 2012 (<http://dunelandhog.com/html/events.html>). A lot goes on behind the scenes.



We beg any and all of you to give us suggestions. Tell us about a ride you would like to do, and outing you would like to attend, a new restaurant you would like to try. We may not be able to do everything but your input would give us some new and maybe exciting things to do.

Also, your offer of help will never be turned down. We can't make this club work with just a few members, we need to be a village.

Duneland HOG has a new assistant director, Les Liess, a new secretary, Sue Pierce and a new Ladies of Harley officer, Marsha Liess. I am very excited to have them on the 'team.

I am also very excited about our New Year's Day ride to Matie's in Michigan City. This is always a fun day, everyone is happy to see each other after the Christmas Holidays and compare what Santa brought and it's a great way to start the new year. We take a group photo so please try to be there if you can.

But the best is yet to come!!!! Our 2011 Duneland HOG End of Year Party is on Saturday, January 7th. No matter how many functions you were able to make in 2011 please try to make it to this party. You will not be disappointed

The shindig starts with a cash bar at 6 pm in the upstairs banquet room at Casa del Roma, in Valpo. A buffet style dinner starts at 7 pm.

Our photographer, Chris, will be taking individual or couples pictures which will be available for you to download and print, we have a great DJ and a nice floor for dancing. We have prizes!!!! Get your mileage to dunelandhog@hotmail.com for a chance to win ladies or men's high or low mileage. Sheila and Chris do an amazing job with table centerpieces which will be raffled off. Dress up or dress down. Just join us and be comfortable and have a really nice evening.

The cost of the evening is \$20 per person and you can also pay your 2012 dues at this time.

We still have a couple of Saturday morning Broadway Café breakfast's before Christmas so I will see some of you there. I wish each and every one of you, your family and friends a very Merry Christmas and I will see all of you New Year's Day. I personally can't think of a better way to start out my new year.

Life is good, Linda

FROM THE SECRETARIAL POOL

DUNELAND HOG MONTHLY MINUTES

December 7, 2011 – 7 p.m. – Casa del Roma, Valparaiso, Indiana

GUESTS: Ken Watkins 1st Lieutenant
Katie Licata RN

HOG PULL WINNER: Ray Wilcox

MINUTES BY: Sue Pierce

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Arlene raffled off a quilt she made with the proceeds going to the LOH.

Joe Cisarik gave the treasury report.

Les Liess was introduced as the new Assistant Director.

Ginny Driscoll has decided to resign as Membership Officer. We will not be filling that position.

Sue Pierce was introduced as the new Secretary.

We need a Head Road Captain so if you are interested in the position please let Linda know.

We also would like to update our Road Captain list,,, so if you would still like to be a Road Captain or have your name added to our Road Captain list please let Linda know.

2012 membership dues can be paid at the end of the year party (January 7th) or you can drop off a check at the Valparaiso Harley Dealer (attn: Joe) Dues should be paid before January 31, 2012.

We have included a membership renewal form in this newsletter and you can also pick one up at the dealer. Please be sure your National Dues are current.



Please send your end of the year mileage to Sue Pierce at DunelandHOG@hotmail.com ,,, We give prizes at the end of the year party (January 7th) for most and least mileage for men and women.

Dave Richards our Activity Director updated us on all the upcoming events. They are in calendar that is on our events page at www.DunelandHOG.com

Also on the website Chapter Rides, please check them out. If you would like to share a great ride that you have taken please let Dave know.

Chip our Safety Officer explained how to safely pick up your bike if it goes down after you forget to use your kickstand. Also with the cold weather be sure to check your air pressure because you may need to add more air in colder weather. Be sure to check the tire tread while you are adding air. Chip is also looking for an assistant if you are interested please let him know.

Bill Pierce our good looking and charming Editor said the monthly Newsletter would be distributed this weekend.

Duneland LOH has chosen to adopt a needy family.

BREAKING NEWS

FREE DINNER AT CASA DEL ROMA: Duneland HOG members...We are offering you a free dinner at Casa del Roma on a social night. In 2012, at two socials, the club will be picking up the tab for dinner. What's the catch you say? The catch is, no one will know when this will occur! At one social in the spring and at one social in the fall all who attend will be treated to dinner courtesy of the club. The only person who knows which day it will be is Joe, and trust me, Joe isn't telling anyone! So come to the meetings and you just may get a nice surprise.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 **Bushie Kulchawick**
Don Kigar
- 12/4 **Ann Pesh**
- 12/8 **Bill Sly**
- 12/16 **Paul Foley**
- 12/18 **Kelsie Duffy**
- 12/19 **Peggy Adkins**
- 12/21 **Derlene Olsen**
- 12/22 **Patsy Ross**
Tom Brunette
- 12/23 **Roseanne Dwyer**
- 12/28 **Ken Seelie**
- 12/30 **Landy Herndon**
- 12/31 **Kathy Cunningham**



SAFETY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

***FROM THE SAFETY
DEPARTMENT***



EDITOR

It's December and I'm sick and tired of winter already.

To Mrs. Pierce's dismay I have my maps spread out over the dining room table planning next years adventures.

Only 129 days until I leave for Nevada, but I'm not counting.

Just because we can't ride doesn't mean there is nothing to do with the chapter.

Tuesday Nooners on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, the 3rd Wednesday of the month is our dinner ride.

January 1 is the polar bear ride to Matie's in Michigan City and our red carpet end of the year party is January 7.

If you're looking for something to do this winter, sit down and write a few paragraphs about one of your rides this past year. Ray Ojeda sent one for this month letting us know of his winter travels through the southland.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

LADIES OF HARLEY

Duneland LOH has chosen to adopt a needy family. The family has seven children ages 1 ½ to 17. This family was given to LOH through Child protective services of Porter County.

Melissa Johnson is our case worker. Her phone number is 462-2112 Ext. 12388.

Mother is EX military and has just been released from the hospital.

Mother has given us a list of clothing needs and sizes. Winter is approaching and these children have nothing.

They are in need of a sofa and bed frames for twin beds linen and towels and wash cloths.

LOH is raising money for some of these gifts for Christmas and clothing for the children.

LOH is desperately needing any help you can give us.

We thank you in advance for any help you can give this family.

Please have donations in by Saturday December 17th. Any checks should be made out to Duneland Hog.

Thank you again,

Marsha Liess LOH Officer PH. # 219-942-9468
Duneland Chapter

PS: Please bring your monetary donations to Valpo Harley before December, 17. If you have other donations, give Marsha a call so we can arrange to pick them up.

Duneland Chapter



MID AMERICA BIKE WEEK

Rider notice,

Beginning January 1, 2012 and continuing to April 1, 2012, registration will be open for the 2012 Mid-America Bike Week.

This event is a major fundraiser for disabled Veterans and their families. Details about this event can be reviewed online at www.Mid-AmericaBikeWeek.org.



Registration forms and payment details can also be found there.

Bonuses;

- **The first 100 individuals to register will receive a free event t-shirt at check-in**
- **The first 500 individuals to register will receive a free event jacket patch**

Hotels in the area are on a first come, first serve basis. Some of our hotels have been designated for specific riders with a common interest. We have three hotels in Hot Springs designated for Harley riders. They can be found on our ACTIVITIES page online. If you have any questions feel free to ask at anytime. Thank you.

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You Never See a
Motorcycle Parked
Outside a
Psychiatrist's
Office

CALENDAR



Reoccurring events:

Saturday: Breakfast at Broadway Café at 9 am Pickup ride from Dealer after.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DEC 13 TUESDAY NOONER, PEPINO'S RESTAURANT, 2410 ONTARIO ST. SCHERERVILLE. HWY 41 AND WEST 77TH AVE. SOUTH OF HWY 30

DEC 21 DINNER RIDE, SAN PEDRO, HOBART 6:00

DEC 25 AMERICA'S CUTEST COUPLE'S 8TH ANNIVERSARY.

DEC 27 TUESDAY NOONER (TBD)

JAN 1 - Polar Bear Ride to Matie's in Michigan City. Meet at Noon.

SAT JAN 7 - End of Year Celebration, Casa Del Roma.

January 7 - 8, 2012 Ft. Wayne, Indiana Ft. Wayne Cycle fest

Sponsored by Tradeshow Productions

The show will be held at the Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Avenue in Ft. Wayne. The gates open at 10:00 am. There is no charge to enter the ride-in bike show but participants must purchase a weekend pass for \$10.00. Bikes will be displayed in an 8 X 10 area. Bikes will be judged in custom, stock, vintage, and metric categories. Trophies and cash will be awarded to winners. The show will include custom bike builders, a ride-in bike show, swap meet, vendors and music. For more information call (937) 938-7237

MARCH 9 - 18 DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

MARCH 28 - APRIL 1 ARIZONA BIKE WEEK (SCOOTSDALE)

APRIL 25 - 29 LAUGHLIN (NV) RIVER RUN

MAY 2 - 6 THUNDER BEACH SPRING RALLY (PANAMA CITY, FL)

MAY 11 - 20 MYRTLE BEACH BIKE WEEK

AUGUST 6 -12 STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY

SEPTEMBER 27 - 30 LAS VEGAS BIKEFEST

OCTOBER 18 - 21 BIKETOBERFEST





RAY IS ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Ray Ojeda is now retired and traveling for the winter. He is sending updates on his travels that I thought everyone might like to read. The following is from Ray dated 12-5-2011



I left town around 12:30 on Thursday afternoon to head south to visit family in Texas. This is usually a day and a half drive but I was being held at gunpoint in Marion, IL. by a vicious stomach virus. I had dinner at the Hideout which is a decent steak house before returning to my hotel room where the porcelain throne became my best friend for the next 48 hours.

I decided to starve the wretched monster inside me no water, no food nada until the monster was dead. I stayed in bed until 10AM the next morning when I decided to venture back on the highway always on the lookout for rest areas. I only wanted to sleep which I did three times before getting another room in Mt. Pleasant, TX. I traveled only 600 miles on that Friday.

I was up at 5AM on Saturday feeling quite a bit better so I was now on the home stretch to Dallas. I had a 10AM tee time in Dallas for a Charity outing, I got there at 9:20AM. Just in time to a windy and occasional rainy day. We had a great time and finished at 12 under which seemed respectable but only good enough for 4th place.

I didn't know when I left home that Mother Nature had assigned me to carry the much needed rain to the drought stricken state of Texas. It rained from Saturday into Monday morning with thunder and lightning at times.

I arrived at my cousin Naomi's on Sunday afternoon. Steve and I had the plans on the table to begin building the Ark if needed.

I will likely be in Houston on Tuesday mid-day to visit with Donna, Kevin and my two granddaughters. The weather forecast is not looking favorable until Thursday and perhaps sooner if I head to Florida sooner.

My overall plan is to get to Florida and spend the winter months there, which qualifies me as a snowbird. I should be in Key West on New Year's Eve. Along the way, I will stop to camp, fish, play golf and ride the bike and bicycle whenever the weather permits. I have friends and family to visit while in Fla. also. I am looking forward to the next few months as long as I don't get homesick sooner than I expected.

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE

CHAPTER NAME: **DUNELAND CHAPTER, VALPARAISO INDIANA # 1316**

MEMBER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ BIRTH DATE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP _____

ENTER IN CHAPTER DATABASE? YES NO

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

MEMBER SIGNATURE _____

WITNESS _____ DATE _____

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER