

# DUNELAND CHAPTER HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2011**  
**CASA DEL ROMA**  
**6 P.M. DINNER**  
**7 P.M. MEETING**

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# Director News from Landy



What awesome turnouts for the Polar Bear Run at Matey's and the Year End Celebration party. I want to thank all of you for a great 2010. A lot of awards and door prizes were given out at this year's party. Ginger and the Harley Dealer received an appreciation plaque for their support for our great chapter. Linda Esserman won the Directors award for most outstanding Duneland HOG Chapter member. Rick Massey won the Membership award for the most outstanding first year Duneland HOG Chapter member. Safety awards went out to Dave Richards, Charlie Sutter, and Landy Herndon for their attention to safety while riding. High Mileage awards went to Don Kiger and Jenny Stephan. Low mileage awards went to Mark Adkins and Marie Price along with a \$5.00 gas card to help on next year's mileage. We have one more special award to hand out at our February meeting. I would like to thank all the officers and members who helped make 2010 a success.

Indiana State HOG Rally will be here before you know it. Linda Esserman is heading up getting the information for you to attend. There are at least 6 people who already reserved spots camping. Motel, Cabin, & Inn information will be forthcoming.

Again the Rally is June 10th 11th & 12th at McCormick's Creek State Park in Spencer Indiana. Visit [www.instatehogrally.com](http://www.instatehogrally.com) for more information.

Check out our web site at [www.dunelandhog.com](http://www.dunelandhog.com) for 2011's Rally's, Dinner Rides, Events, Photo's, Membership info, and much more. The new 2011 Calendar is there; please print it out for further reference. If you haven't joined Facebook by now you're missing out on a great tool for communicating with other members and up to the minute info on chapter rides & events.

We have a nominee for Asst. Director. Sue Pierce has asked to fill that position. We will announce it at the next several meetings and if no one objects she will become our next Asst. Director.

Thanks Sue

We still need to fill the Head Road Captains position., whose duties include coordinating the group rides and making sure he or another road captain leads us on our journeys.

If any one is interested in becoming an officer or just want to know what goes on behind the scenes please attend one of the officer meetings.

Ok enough said almost. I wish everyone a great 2011. The weather will be great. The riding smooth and the bikes will shine. Happy new year everyone.

Landy

# Thoughts

by Eileen



Do you have friends and family who are teetering on the edge of riding? Is fear holding them back? Keep working with them, they'll come around. My non-riding friends and family who have known me for years are firmly convinced that I had/have lost my mind. At the ripe ol' age of 51 I decided to take a motorcycle safety course. My colleagues at work think I hang out with druggies and alkie (if they only knew that the only drugs we partake are blood pressure, cholesterol, hormone, and stool softeners). My church friends think I'm the coolest Eucharistic minister they have ever met, but still think I'm insane. I did NOT tell my mother until after I did the course (yes, I still respect my mother's wishes most of the time.....O.K. I'll be honest, maybe once in a while). She has forbidden me to get a tattoo even after she dies; she is not impressed with the fact that I would be the first member of the family to have one. So, when I get one, it will have to be some place that can be covered up when I visit. Forgive me Father for I am about to sin..... ☺

Well, I am digressing. What can I say? I was bitten by the bug of "freedom." The course not only taught me a lot, but I had just found a culture that was friendly, was willing to share knowledge, and exciting. Bingo! I had finally won a grand prize.

The course instructors strongly encouraged us not to run out and buy a brand new bike so, of course, I promptly went out and bought a new bike (and you thought my mother had the problem?). In my defense, used bikes weren't cheap and even at high prices were lacking wheels, motors, handlebars, kickstands, gas tanks...you name it. As well, when one is not mechanically inclined or educated even in the basics, the "call" of the warranty is very powerful.

Fast forward almost three years - I am now ready to brave the advanced motorcycle safety course. Why not? I can only learn more and get better, right? I will meet even more very cool people. My bike is adequately protected against the dropsies and I fully intend to protect the knees, elbows, head, butt, boobs, belly, fingernails, earlobes, back, feet, hair follicles, calluses, etc. I've already ordered my full-body armor and have requested strategically placed mattresses throughout the course. Though many would think I don't have a positive attitude about my abilities, I feel I'm just being realistic and somewhat cowardly. Asphalt hurts.

My next goal for 2011 is to ride more long-distance rides. My progress has been slow but sure. What's the hurry? I may be by myself or I may be with my friends. Whatever. Though I have many interests, my motorcycle has taken Position #1 in my priorities (except for the doggone job that pays all the bills) and I am very much looking forward to seeing what spring and summer will bring. I can already feel the sun on my arms and smell the fresh air as we motor down the highways. Do you want to come out and play with me? Say "Yes" to Life and Be Free!

# Safety News by Chip



## WEATHER REPORT FOR VALPARAISO, IN

Cloudy



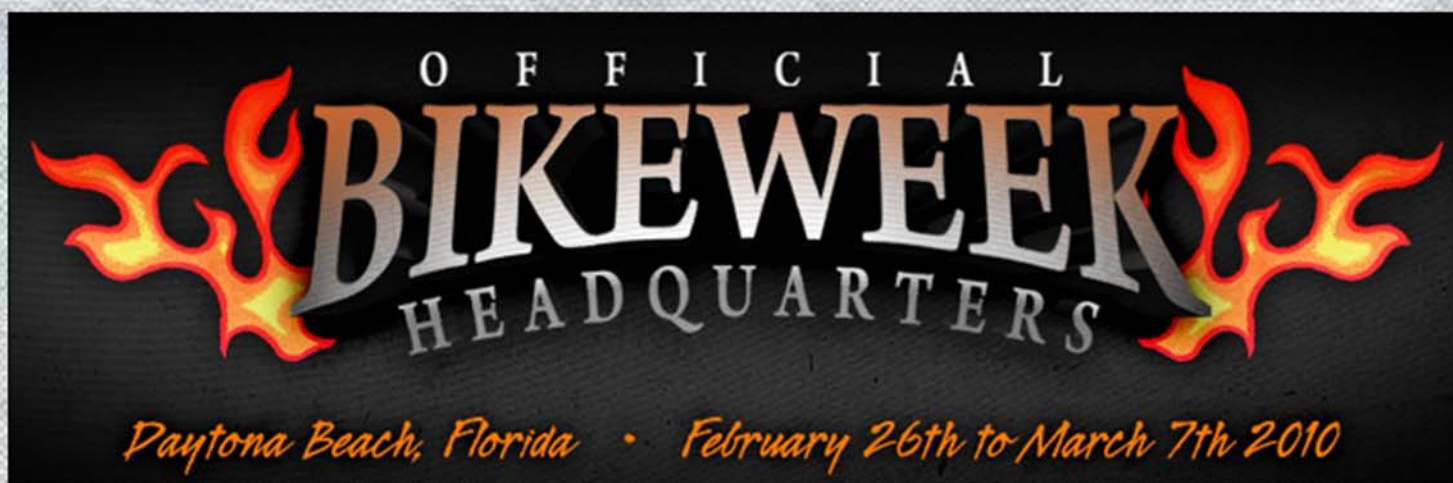
22°F

Feels Like: 14°

Wind: From S at 6mph

Perhaps I am getting old or just enjoy riding in a bit warmer weather. So, what does a Hardcore Biker do in weather like this? Well there are several things that come to mind:

- Plan the next ride.
- Go to a Bike Show.
- Go to a Bike Seminar, Perhaps at a local Harley Davidson Dealership.
- Or perhaps:



Keep your bike in good shape, with StaBil in the gas, and if you need new tires, now it a good time to get them. Think about doing any modifications now, rather than during riding season. Dealership mechanics often have more time now rather than later to add those custom, high performance, or just replacing worn out parts. Don't get caught on the road, far from a dealer. Plan now and ride safely.

# WORDS FROM GINNY

Happy 2011 My Duneland friends:

I certainly hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that the entry into 2011 has been equally as good.

Our banquet was held on January 8th. I can only speak for myself, but I had a fantastic time, and it sure looked and sounded like all those that attended, had a blast. I sure missed everyone that did not come for one reason or another. There will be another banquet next year, so I sure hope that you can come to that one. Our fantastic photographers (Linda, Dave, and Chris) have posted the pictures on our website: [www.dunelandhog.com](http://www.dunelandhog.com). Be sure to check them out. They are located in our 'Gallery'.

With the New Year is the renewal of our Duneland HOG membership. If you have already renewed your membership, thank you for doing so. If you still need to renew, please complete a membership application for 2011, and submit that along with your \$20.00 check made payable to Duneland H.O.G., and mail to:

Duneland HOG Chapter  
250 Woodlawn Avenue  
Porter, Indiana 46304

Membership forms can be downloaded via our website at: [www.dunelandhog.com](http://www.dunelandhog.com) or you can go to Valparaiso H-D dealership to get the form. If you want to save a stamp and some change, give the completed form and your \$20 dues to one of the staff members at the dealership and have them place it in the Chapter's mailbox.

Don't forget to check your membership with the National H.O.G. organization. In order to be a member of the Duneland H.O.G. Chapter, you must maintain a CURRENT (ACTIVE) membership in the National Harley Owners Group. If your national membership needs to be renewed, please renew directly with the Harley Davidson H.O.G. membership department via H-D's website: [www.harley-davidson.com](http://www.harley-davidson.com) or you can call 1-800-258-2464. If you are not sure, please contact me via email: [ginny.118@hotmail.com](mailto:ginny.118@hotmail.com) and I will check with the National H.O.G. on your behalf.

Duneland HOG Chapter #1316 is a wonderful family of Harley owners. We would not exist without having you as a member, so please renew your membership. We have some wonderful plans already made for upcoming events. Check our website for a listing of what is already on the calendar, i.e., upcoming dinner rides, a trip to the Rosemont Motorcycle Show, Crazy Bowl, and more.

The following members are celebrating their birth in the month of January:

Dan Paulsen January 4  
Mark Adkins January 7  
Don Ross January 16  
Edward Madonia January 17  
Lynette Karsten January 19  
Diane Nelson January 27  
Michele Shifley January 30

Happy Birthday to all!!

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Again, I thank you for this opportunity to serve all of you as the membership director, and hope to see you at all of the upcoming events. Without you, this Chapter would not exist.

If you know of anyone that would like to be part of this fantastic group of Harley Owners/riders, please refer them to me or any of our dedicated officers. We would love to meet them and have them join us as a fellow member of the Duneland H.O.G. Chapter! Our website: [www.dunelandhog.com](http://www.dunelandhog.com) is a good reference for anyone who is interested in learning about us!

See you at our next membership meeting, February 2, at 6:00 pm, Casa Del Roma.

**Ginny Driscoll**  
Membership Director



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wed. Jan. 19th Dinner ride to Buffalo Wild Wings  
in Valpo on Lincolnway: 6 pm.**

**Wed. Jan. 26th Dinner ride to Portello's  
in Merrillville on Hwy 30: 6 pm.**

**Wed. Feb. 2nd Duneland HOG Chapters Monthly Meeting  
Casa Del Roma Dinner at 6 pm Meeting at 7pm.**

**Sat. Feb. 5th Chicago Motorcycle show & Parts Expo  
McCormick Place Chicago.**

**Sun. Feb. 6th Superbowl.**

**Wed. Feb 9th Dinner ride to Semento's in Valparaiso  
across from the HD dealership on Hwy 30: 6 pm.**

**Sun. Feb. 13th International Motorcycle Show  
Rosemont Illinois – Car pool from dealership at 8 am.**

**Wed. Feb. 16th Santini's Pepper Pot Pizza in Portage,  
3293 Willowcreek Rd. 6 pm.**

**Mon. Feb. 21st Duneland HOG Chapter Officers Meeting**

**Wed. Feb. 23rd Dinner Ride to Abuelo's in Merrillville,  
8255 Georgia Street. 6 pm**



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