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Good Evening WinniHOG 2529 Members,

Spring is in the air, and riding season is here (for our members in the southern part of the state), and I should be able to get down my gravel access road by the end of the month. Several members have made upgrades to their bikes over the winter, and looking forward to seeing and hearing the changes.

We had our March Chapter meeting on 11 March at Hart's Turkey Farm, since Patrick's was shut down due to employee Covid-19 risks. We had a good turnout, and remote member participation via our Free Conference Call capability. The trivia questions were a bit harder this month, compared to last month. Many thanks to LHD for providing the trivia challenge prizes.

Please allow me to take a few minutes and bring you up to speed on some items of importance. Here goes;

1. Our Next Chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 22 April, 630pm, at Patrick's Pub in Gilford.

Please register for the Chapter Meeting on our website www.winnihog2529.org. If you are planning on eating at Patrick's, it is highly recommended that you eat before the meeting, since the kitchen closes at 8pm, and our meeting may not get done before then.

2. We have implemented remote participation for our meetings.

Recognizing that we are still in a Covid-19 environment and wanting to maximize member participation, we are using the Free Conference Call app. The dial-in number is (425)436-6319, access code 7556107. Further details can be found on our website, along with the meeting announcement and sign-up.

3. 2021 preliminary ride schedule is complete.

As planned, we provided a draft riding schedule for this season at our March Chapter meeting. The final riding schedule will be presented at our April Chapter meeting, and then will be posted on our website. Many thanks to the Ride Committee for pulling this all together. Attached is the draft riding schedule for your reading pleasure. (see Events Calendar page on the website)

4. Laconia Harley-Davidson Ride Programs 2021 (from our Chapter Manager, Meghan D)

You may enter both riding programs this year. And again, all programs/questions will be answered at reception, not our service department. Let me know if you have any questions.

- Resolution to Ride (OPEN TO PUBLIC)

Annual ride program. Simply visit reception desk before riding season and enter your starting mileage, VIN, and contact info. Signups are from March 20 – April 20. Ride all season. Then come back to reception at the end of riding season to enter your ending mileage before putting your bike in storage. Bike must be present for sign up and sign out. **Every 1000 miles = \$10 gift card.** All ending mileage must be entered before Oct 31, 2021 *weather dependent. Gift cards/credit will be available by Nov 20.

- Ride 365 (OPEN TO HOG)

HOG riding program. ALL HOG members that want to participate, please visit reception desk to enter your starting mileage. **This is a different form than Res to Ride.** Fill out the form at reception with VIN, mileage, National HOG #, and contact info. Feel free to stop in every so often to put updated mileage throughout the season, because our staff will be updating it monthly on the HOG program, for other HOG clubs to see how much we ride. And again at the end of riding season, come to reception and fill out ending mileage.

5. Chapter Overnight Ride, 4- 8 Jun, Thousand Islands NY (from Dave Broughton, Road Captain)

I need ANYONE THAT IS THINKING OF GOING ON THIS TRIP TO CONTACT ME ASAP AT 603-686-0803 OR MY EMAIL AT dbroughton@metrocast.net . I need to make finale plans by the end of April.

The amount of people going will determine a finale place to stay. Right now there are openings at each location for about 10 rooms at the prices below.

Trip Schedule:

- 1st day leave Laconia Harley Davidson 9am Friday June 4th. Riding to Lake George, NY. 155 miles 5 hrs with stops. Staying at either the Heritage or Admiral Motel. Nightly cost \$119.00. That night everyone is on their own to relax visit the area and have dinner.
- 2nd/3rd day(2 night stay) : leave 9am to ride to Alexandria Bay. 210 miles 5.5 hrs with stops. Staying at Rivers Edge Resort, cost per night with 11% tax is \$156.00 a night or we can stay at the Bonnie Castle Resort at \$136.00 a night includes 11% tax. 2nd and 3rd day schedule - 2nd day check in, relax, tour the area everyone can do their own thing plus dinner. - 3rd day take a boat trip on the water and tour Bold Castle/Heart island. Do a short bike trip if time allows. Optional dinner cruise that night cost is \$30.
- 4th day leave Alexandria Bay 9am to ride to Lake Placid, NY. Staying at Town & Country inn, cost \$111.00 including 11% tax / 140 miles /4.5 hrs with stops. tour the area. Dinner that evening at a local restaurant.
- 5th day leave 9am for home. 187 miles 5.5 hrs with stops.

Any questions please call 603-686-0803. Schedule can change, depends on the group size. places to stay have not been book yet, need to know the total people going, this way i may be able to get us a group discount. (NO LAST MINUTE BOOKING) ALSO IF THE WEEKEND LOOKS LIKE RAIN MOST OF THE TIME THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELED TOO FAR TO RIDE EVERY DAY IN THE RAIN)

6. Ride Cancellations during Riding Season will be via a text message (from our Treasurer, Gerry F)

“ Hello members, the Officers are setting up a real time ride cancellation communication system utilizing the same texting software that Laconia Harley Davidson uses. You will receive a short text, similar to: “WinniHOG 2529 Ride Cancelation OPT IN notification.” Once, you receive this text, please reply with “Y” or “YES” to receive these ride cancelation texts. After the initial text, you will only receive a text if a ride is cancelled (hopefully we will not have to use this). These texts will be real time and also allow you to OPT OUT of receiving any future texts. Unfortunately, once you OPT OUT, you will have to request to be added to the text group for this type of communication and may miss out on an important cancellation. The texts will be short, e.g., “The April Fools ride on April 1, 2021 has been cancelled because it was a joke”

The officers will roll out this new communication application soon. You will be notified by email when the initial text will go out...B/R- Electra Glide Ultra pilot, IL Barbuto. ”

Reminder: Recruiting Road Captain Candidates, please consider volunteering. (A note from our Head Road Captain, Joe N)

Are you a leader? Do you always seem to be the person that your friends always come to and ask you to lead them on a ride? Do you have a list of interesting places that you like to take people to? Were you a Road Captain in the past with this or another chapter and would like to lead rides again? Well we may just have the job for you. Why not sign up and become a Road Captain with WinniHOG 2529!

A critical component of our Chapter Mission, Ride Safe & Have Fun, is Ride Safe. Your Road Captains are key to fulfilling this. For more information, please visit the link <https://www.winnihog2529.org/members-only> . Please contact our Head Road Captain, Joe N, if you are interested.

Reminder: Chapter Member Appreciation Event, 9-11 April (from our Chapter Manager, Meghan D)

*Hi all. I have some good news. I got the approval to have quarterly appreciation events for the HOG chapter and VIP members. We will plan to have catered food and in-store discounts for those members. Check in at reception will be required, but other than that, it will be a good event to have on behalf of the dealership. Promos are still being discussed. **Our first appreciation event is on April 9-11.** We are planning to do them Friday – Sunday. And yes, you can use the discounts each day you attend 😊*

Reminder: 70% Of our Chapter Members are signed-up for our Members Section on our webpage. If you are in the 30% that are not, please sign-up now.

This is how we will be communicating during our riding season. We are fortunate to have a very robust website, www.winnihog2529.org, and a truly energetic webmaster. Our website has a Members Section. In this Members Section, members will be able to sign up for future rides, future events, communicate with each other via messaging, etc. This is a private section for WinniHOG 2529 Chapter members only and will be a great tool to keep everyone notified of everything going on that may not be posted publicly. I am asking all of you to sign-into the Members Section.

The details on how to do this are provided below, from our Webmaster, Kristin;

Please go to our website at www.winnihog2529.org and click the Members Section. From there, a screen will pop up where you can “Sign up with email”. From there, you will put in your email address and whatever password you would like to use for that section, then click “Sign Up”. I will then be notified that you have requested access to the Members Section and I will approve you. If you have any trouble, you are more than welcome to email me at kthayer04@gmail.com or call or text me at 603-340-3001.

In closing, on behalf of Assistant Director Rob Clarke, Treasurer Gerry Fernandez, Secretary Chris Colbert, Chapter Manager Meghan Dodds, and myself, we look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Finally, please know that we are striving to increase transparency and committed to executing our Chapter Mission; “ Ride Safe & Have Fun.”

Ride Safe & Have Fun

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