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SEACOAST H.O.G.
CHAPTER #2805

Harley Owners Group®



New Member Packet

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Dear New Seacoast H.O.G. Member,

WELCOME! We hope you take the time to read through this packet. It includes general information about our chapter, our meetings, our rides, some chapter traditions and activities, as well as some of the benefits you'll receive from being a member. If you have questions after reading this, please feel free to contact any of the officers listed below or approach us during a chapter meeting.

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Chapter Meetings

Our Chapter Meetings are held January through December on the first Thursday of each month at our sponsoring dealership, Seacoast Harley-Davidson. The dealership is located at 17 Lafayette Rd., North Hampton, NH. The meeting begins promptly at 7 P.M. Many members come earlier to socialize, buy raffle tickets, learn about upcoming rides, and gawk at the latest Harley-Davidson models.

Chapter Meetings are held upstairs in the Dealership Lounge. The purpose of the Chapter Meeting is to review current and new chapter business, events, socials, rides, and every day business of the chapter. Your participation is KEY! Fundraisers are voted on, holiday parties are planned, events are announced, and volunteers for events are called upon. Don't miss out on the fun!

Signing In at Chapter Meetings

When you arrive at the dealership, follow the crowd up the main staircase and turn right. The Membership Table, manned by the Assistant Director and Membership Officer, respectively.

When you arrive, you'll record your attendance at that month's meeting. You'll also have the opportunity to partake in some additional fun and benefits of your membership as noted below.

Dollar Jug

When you check in, you have the opportunity to put a dollar into the Dollar Jug (this is optional, not required). The Dollar Jug is a drawing among all chapter members. Each month, each active member's name is entered into the jug. You pay to play: \$1 gets your name checked off on that month's entry list. At the end of the meeting, a name is drawn. If that person is present at the meeting AND has paid their dollar, s/he wins the pot! If the member is present, but didn't pay, the winnings are carried over to the next month. If the person is not present, the winnings are carried over to the next month. When the pot hits \$500, names are drawn until someone is present who paid to play. Winner Winner!

Motorcycle Value Program (MVP)

Are you an MVP member? Seacoast Harley-Davidson (our sponsoring dealership) partake in this national program. It's a one-time fee to join and membership is for life! Check out the dealerships or www.seacoastharleymvp.com for more details.

If you're an M.V.P. member, when you sign in check the appropriate box. You'll receive one M.V.P. point for every meeting you attend! Rack up those points and go for the Gold Membership!

Raffles

Before the meeting begins, you'll have the chance to purchase raffle tickets. Raffle prizes are purchased by the chapter, as well as donated by chapter members and by our sponsoring dealership, Seacoast Harley-Davidson. Each month, any chapter member can bring any items they want to be added to the raffle. Baked goodies, left over holiday presents you'd like to re-gift, Harley-Davidson gear or parts, etc. Raffle tickets are sold for one dollar for one ticket at the high top by the "purchase bell". Buying raffle tickets also automatically enters you into the 50/50 drawing. Raffles and the 50/50 are drawn at the end of the meeting.

Chapter Merchandise

Chapter T-shirts, patches, hats, name badges, and pins are available for purchase at the monthly meetings. A price list of available items is published monthly in the newsletter, as well as on our website.

Participation Raffle

The Participation Raffle is one way the Chapter thanks our members for taking an active role in chapter activities and events. At every ride, or event, there is a sign in sheet for participants, volunteers, and riders. The sign in sheets are given to the Membership Officer, who enters each name individually to be entered into the next month's Participation Raffle. The raffle is drawn monthly at the Chapter Meetings, April through November (a typical riding season for us). Events held between December and March are entered into the April drawing. Three names are selected. Winners receive a gift card. After the completion of that month's drawing, the names are discarded and the pool begins again.

The more rides or events you participate in during the month, the more entries you accumulate and the better your chances of winning the drawing!

H.O.G. Numbers at the Dealership

Don't forget during the month to check out Seacoast Harley-Davidson for your H.O.G. numbers before each Chapter Meeting. Each month, seven randomly selected H.O.G. numbers of chapter members are hidden at the dealership. Find your number to win a gift card that can be used at the dealership! Winners (those who found their number and claimed their prize) and losers (those who didn't find their number and claim their prize) are announced monthly at the Chapter Meetings.

I missed a meeting. How do I know what's going on?

If you are unable to attend a monthly meeting, there are a number of ways we communicate out events and stay in touch.

Newsletter

Our Chapter has an informative, fun, and up-to-date newsletter. It's sent out by email a week after the Chapter Business Meeting by our Chapter Editor. Each Chapter Officer reports relevant, important information about their area and responsibilities within the chapter. Content usually consists of news from the latest meeting; the upcoming month's ride schedule, member biking stories and member sponsored advertisements. You may also choose to read it on-line on our Chapter website (www.seacoasthog.org).

Our Bulletin Board

Located outside the service entrance of the North Hampton dealership, it serves as a location for member photos as well as information on upcoming rides and events. We also have a bulletin board at our sister dealership Harley-Davidson Shop of Rochester.

H.O.G. Hotline

Our Chapter manages a phone hotline. Members may call into the line and listen to the current recording with the most updated ride/event information. It is updated regularly by the Activities Officer. The HOT LINE number is 603-658-4102. Always call the HOT LINE if you have any question of a ride/event being cancelled. Our Chapter also has a "closed group" that will often be the quickest way of seeing schedule changes. You should ask to join the FB Group "North Hampton NH Seacoast HOG Chapter". You must be an active National and Seacoast HOG member to join.

Chapter Website

A great one stop shop is our Chapter Website. Our ride/event schedule, the officer's information, the Ladies Of Harley page, our newsletters, photos, our rides and maps, and our safety section is all located on the page. Posts are made frequently with updated information or upcoming events or photos of recent rides, so make sure to check often. www.Seacoasthog.org

Facebook

Our Chapter is on Facebook! As a Chapter Member you can "join" our Group: [North Hampton NH Seacoast HOG](#). This Group is great for sharing our Seacoast Chapter adventures (posts and pictures). We also create Facebook Events in our Group for our chapter meetings, rides, and activities. RSVP that you're "Going" or "Interested" to the event and it will be saved to your Facebook calendar. In addition, you can "like" our Chapter's Facebook Organization page: [North Hampton, NH Seacoast HOG Chapter #2805](#). This page will post notices such as rides being added to the schedule, promotions for upcoming Chapter, L.O.H., and Dealership events.



Ladies of Harley (L.O.H.)

The Ladies of Harley is an additional free benefit of a Full or an Associate membership in the National Harley Owners Group. It is not a separate organization within a chapter. L.O.H. was established by H.O.G. to encourage women to become more active members of both the local Harley Owners Groups and motorcycling in general. Since its establishment, more women are getting involved in the world of motorcycling, both as riders and as passengers. The focus of North Hampton, NH Seacoast Chapter Ladies of Harley today has become one of volunteering and participating in Chapter events, organizing L.O.H. sponsored rides (which are open to all members), planning and hosting fundraisers to benefit the Chapter, encouraging more women to be involved with the Chapter, and creating a circle of friends with a common love of motorcycling. Membership is free, but not automatic. To join L.O.H., call the National H.O.G. Hotline (800-258-2464 (800-CLUB HOG)) and request to join L.O.H. When you join you will receive a pin and patch in recognition of your membership and it will also be reflected on your National H.O.G. membership card.

L.O.H. meetings are held on the Wednesday nights following our monthly business meetings. They are held at WHYM Craft Pub and Brewery, located at 853 Lafayette Rd. in Hampton, NH. The meetings officially start at 6:30, but many of the ladies come early to socialize and eat dinner. New members are always welcome! Spouses and significant others are welcome as well at the M.O.H (Men of Harley) table.

Some traditional L.O.H. rides/events include monthly ice cream rides, an annual Chili Contest, an annual multi stop, field day of riding. If you'd like to get more involved, help plan some events, or meet some of the ladies of the chapter, or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our Ladies of Harley Officer and she will be happy to help you!

Riding with the Chapter

As a Chapter, safety during our rides is paramount. We are a H.O.G. family, and we travel safely and intelligently.

Here is some information on how we organize and operate our rides.

Meeting Location, Arrival, Kick Stands Up (KSU)

All organized Chapter rides and events depart from Seacoast Harley-Davidson unless specifically noted. These rides and events depart promptly at the scheduled time listed on activities schedule. Please arrive at the departure point with a full tank of gas, the proper equipment, and ready to ride 30 minutes prior to departure time. Please allow enough time prior to take care of registrations, attend pre-ride briefings, meet the Road Captains, etc. We gather on the Route 1 side of the dealership, Road Captains will park along the roped area to make it easier to filter them into the ride in various positions. All others will park in the lined parking spaces.

Who Can Ride In Chapter Events?

Rides are designed for riders of all levels unless otherwise noted. New riders and inexperienced riders should introduce themselves to one of the Road Captains or Run Leader. Specific rides for new riders and those who might want to work with small groups prior to their initiation into a “large group ride” are listed throughout the schedule. Some events that are listed are for your information only and there may not be an organized ride or participation planned. Each ride is rated and reflected on our activity schedule to assist you with determining if you are comfortable with a particular ride. See our website for our ride ratings.

Event Descriptions:

- **Closed Events:** are those chapter events which are open to chapter members and One guest.
- **Member Events:** are events that are open to H.O.G. members.
- **Open Events:** are those chapter events, which are open to chapter members, National H.O.G. members and other guests as desired.

~ All EVENTS are CLOSED unless otherwise noted ~

Before a Ride

A rider briefing will be held by the lead Road Captain just prior to departure. The briefing will establish a schedule for gas and rest stops; tell the group the intended route; and, provide other pertinent information to maintain a safe and enjoyable ride. The Lead Road Captain will also review the group riding guidelines.

North Hampton, NH Seacoast H.O.G. Chapter uses standard hand signals on all rides – they will be reviewed at the pre-ride briefing. Our Road Captains communicate over CB radios, using channel 10.

Road Captains will be present on every Chapter ride. They are staggered throughout the group in the front, the middle, and in the rear. Their job is to ensure the group's safety.

Road Captains are identified during the briefing. It is wise to familiarize yourself with the Road Captains of the ride. If you have any concerns prior to the departure, or during a stopping point, please speak with any of the Road Captains on the ride.

Formations

The standard formation is a double row, in staggered formation, utilizing one traffic lane.

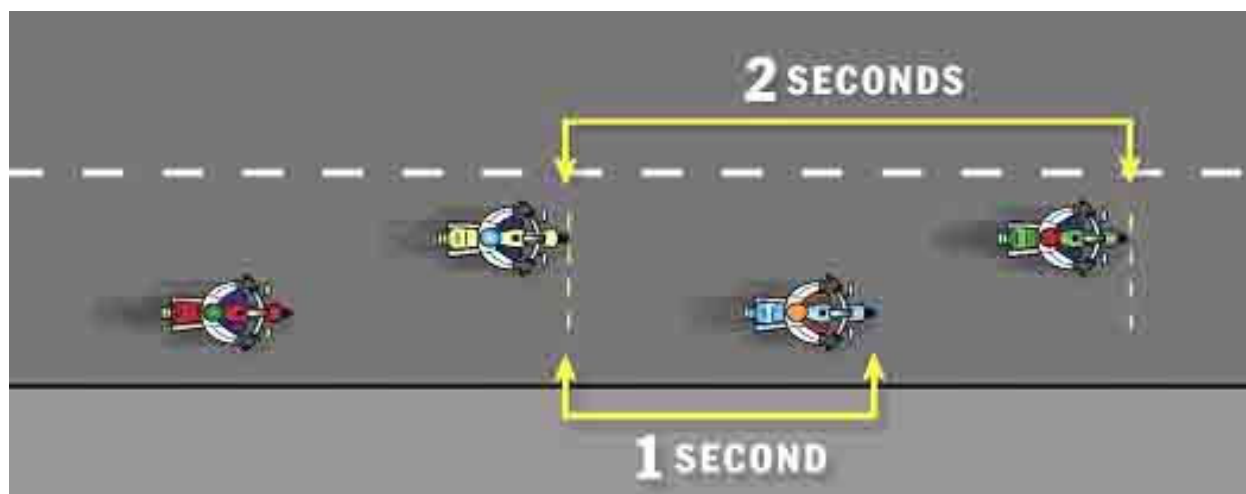
The Lead Road Captain will be at the head of the group. There will be other Road Captains within the group and at least one at the rear who is called the "Sweep".

Riders should try to maintain their starting position in the group for the entire ride. This will allow you to become comfortable with the riding styles of those riders around you.

Speed, Intervals and Distances

The Lead Road Captain will maintain a uniform speed consistent with the ability of the least experienced rider, the surrounding conditions, and safe riding practices. No one will be forced to ride outside his or her comfort range.

Within the group, a safe distance is defined as a **MINIMUM TWO SECONDS** between a rider directly in front of you and **ONE SECOND** from the rider off to the left or right of you. Please remember that as your speed increases, so should the distance from the rider in front of you. On winding roads, it may be necessary to utilize the entire width of the lane to negotiate the corners. Don't crowd riders in front of you. If you can't see their face in their mirror they can't see you.



Motorcycle Hand Signals



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Right Turn



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Left Turn



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Slow Down



**Left Hazard
In Roadway**

**Right Hazard
In Roadway**



Single File



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Double File

Unscheduled and Emergency Stops

Unscheduled stops for gas, restrooms, or rider fatigue can lead to confusion in the group, and confusion can lead to accidents!

Any rider within the group, who has an equipment problem that causes them to stop, should signal and pull off the road unless it is unsafe to do so. In the case of a soft shoulder, pull to the edge of the pavement. You will be assisted by the Sweep Road Captain. **NO OTHER RIDERS NEED STOP UNLESS THEY ARE RIDING BUDDIES.**

In the event of an accident or breakdown, the Lead Road Captain will take the rest of the group from the scene and stop the group at a safe location. This eliminates the possibility of another accident at the scene.

Through communication on their two-way radios Road Captains may go back and assist as needed.

Some of our rides have an event as a destination and some return to the dealership. While the event rides officially end when we reach our destination, many of the club members will return in a group. It's always helpful to carry a map covering the area of the ride in case you become separated in an unfamiliar area on the ride home!

Always remember: The aim of our chapter is to RIDE and HAVE FUN...SAFELY

North Hampton, NH Seacoast H.O.G. Chapter Alcohol Policy

Our Chapter adheres to the Harley Owners Group recommended alcohol policies and procedures:

- No alcohol before or during a ride or event
- Our Chapter will not furnish alcohol during a ride or event

Our Chapter rides and events are alcohol free. That information will be added to our sign in sheets for rides and events as a reminder.

- Alcohol before a ride - the rider will be unable to participate
- Alcohol during a ride – participant will be asked to leave the ride

This policy will apply to both Open and Closed Chapter events and rides.

NOTE: Liquor liability coverage is not provided by the Chapter general liability insurance policy.