



# Harley Owners Group

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## Director's Report Cheryl Jorgensen

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### Poker Run

Don't forget our Poker Run to benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters, **June 3rd**, first bike out at 9:00 am, last bike out at 11:00 am, returning to the dealership with the last bike in at 2:00

Hello Harley Owners Group members,

I hope everyone is doing well and getting a lot of riding time in. We have some exciting things going on for the month of June and I hope you can join us for some of them. We have the poker run just around the corner. I can still use any volunteers that might be available to help, and if you can't volunteer, maybe you can ride in the event to help support our chapter. We have some great prizes and some nice raffle prizes donated by Wal-Mart in Inverness.

For those who were not at the last meeting, we discussed the Christmas party in more depth. We have a couple choices but need to make up our minds fast or we will miss out on both locations. The first choice is Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Bently's in Dunnellon. The second choice is Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Citrus Hills Banquet facility. We voted at the meeting and it was about 50/50, slightly in favor of December 9th, so unless some one has another suggestion, we thought Bently's would be better because it was not so close to Christmas. We will be selling tickets starting in July at the meeting and the cut off date is going to be the November meeting.

I have had some interest in the Ladies of Harley so we will have a dinner night for the Ladies of Harley on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Cracker's in Crystal River. Anyone is welcome to attend, you do not have to ride your own bike to be a Lady of Harley. If we have



enough interest in this we will start putting together some rides and activities for the Ladies of our group.

In June, we will have a new type of drawing for the t-shirts and pizzas. If you are wearing a chapter t-shirt, vest, or nametag you will receive a ticket for the drawing. If you have more than one item on you will get more than one ticket. If you have ordered and paid for your nametag, that will count until they come in. Anyone who wants to order nametags can do so by contacting me or coming to the meeting and ordering them there. The price is \$8.00 and we have to have at least 12 for an order.

I have had a suggestion for a ride and am wondering if anyone would be interested in it. The basics of the ride are just like a poker run but it is for just the chapter members and their guests. The cost would be \$5.00 a hand with half the money going to the chapter and the other half going to the winner. The ride would include a lunch stop. The rest of the stops would be either convenience stores or some place for a dessert depending on the ride length. If anyone is interested let me know. Ride Safe!

Cheryl

## From the Assistant Director Ralph Trowbridge

Well, since my last column, I have been doing what I said I needed to do. I have been riding! Riding should be a good excuse for not doing those chores around the house and other things that keep us all from riding, not vice versa.

I just arrived back from one of my scheduled rides. And a long ride it was. On Friday, the day after our monthly meeting, I headed out to the Myrtle Beach Spring Rally, by way of Savannah. Myrtle Beach was great. It's been a couple of years since I last made the trip. The Rally has grown much larger and has changed quite a bit. Unlike Daytona, there is no single concentration of activity. All of the major vendors are there including the Motor Company and H.O.G. The vendors and activities are spread out up and down Ocean Boulevard as well as US 17. The event extends over 20 miles from Surfside/Murrells Inlet on the south end to North Myrtle Beach on the far north end of the Rally. If you have never been there, you might consider



making the trip in the future. Plan a couple of extra days to travel the secondary roads through the Low Country and the Coastal areas of both South Carolina as well as North Carolina. It is a welcome relief from the congestion and confinement of crowds at Daytona Beach. It's never too early to plan a ride. The Myrtle Beach Fall Rally is scheduled for October 4-8, 2006 and next spring's Rally is scheduled for May 11-20, 2007. Check out their website for additional details <http://www.myrtlebeachbikeweek.com>.

Enough time spent reminiscing, its time to plan another ride. Anybody have any ideas? Give me a call or drop me an e-mail. Better yet, hope to see ya on the road.

Until then, Ride, Ride Safe, and Have Fun.  
Ralph

## Sign's of Our Times



True California Road Signs

## The Secretary's Report Deb Driskill

Our May meeting was held at ABC Pizza on May 18th at 7 pm. Cheryl welcomed everyone and introduced guests and new members. Mr. Edwin Lorenzo, Regional Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, spoke briefly about the organization and how much they appreciated our efforts. Bernice Hackman thanked those who attended Wayne's memorial ride.

Welcome and thank you to our newest member, Randy Fitzgerald. Up for renewal are Richard Phillips and Mike Ring.

Renewals are being pro-rated to the end of the year, so renewal and new member fees for June will be \$11.67. The Chapter presently has 82 members.

Cheryl announced a new program starting in June, whereby those members wearing Chapter t-shirts and pins to meetings will be eligible for prizes, and said she is getting together a pin order, which requires a minimum of 12 pins.

Joey was given a round of applause for a great job on the newsletter. He said the majority of newsletters in the future will be e-mailed to members rather than mailed, and asked members to submit any photos they would like to see published.

## Membership Report-Deb Driskill

### New Members

**Randy Fitzgerald**

### Members Up for Renewal

**Richard S. Phillips**

**Michael Ring**



Cheryl said plans are being made for this year's Christmas Party, and asked for a show of hands for a preference between December 9 and December 23, the only two Saturday dates available. December 9 was chosen, and a reservation will be made at Bently's in Dunnellon.

Ken announced that the first "Hide and Seek" game was won by Deb Driskill, and a second game is being planned soon.

There was a brief discussion on training for both new riders and the advanced rider's course, and information will be posted on the bulletin board at the dealership for these courses.

The 50/50 was won by Harley Lawrence, and t-shirts and pizza coupons were won by Randy Fitzgerald and Bernice Hackman.



The gang arriving in Leesburg for Bike Fest 2006. A great day for a ride.

# JUNE ~ 2006

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY | TUESDAY                   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|---|--------|---------------------------|--|--|--------|---|
|   |        |                           |  | 1  | 2      | 3 POKER RUN 9:00<br>First bike out<br><br>CMA Free BREAK-FAST 9:00- 10:00 |
| 4   | 5      | 6 BOD Meeting at ABC 6:30 | 7 Mystery Dinner Ride ???<br><br>6:30 CRHD           | 8  | 9      | 10 <i>Midnight to Dawn Ride Meet at CRHD at 11:30 pm</i>                  |
| 11 Lunch Ride to Boston Cookery in Spring Hill 11:00 @ CRHD | 12     | 13                        | 14   | 15 Meeting ABC Pizza 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting                | 16     | 17 Dinner Ride meet at CRHD 3:30 Froggy's in Cedar Key                    |
| 18 Open Ride leave CRHD @ 10:00                             | 19     | 20                        | 21 Dinner Ride The Moon Room in Dunnellon 6:30 CRHD  | 22 Ladies of Harley Dinner @ Cracker's in Crystal River 6:30 | 23     | 24 Art of the Motorcycle in Orlando 9:00 CRHD                             |
| 25  | 26     | 27                        | 28 Dinner Ride Ruby Tuesday in Spring Hill 6:30 CRHD | 29   | 30     |   |

# JULY~2006

| SUNDAY                        | MONDAY | TUESDAY                             | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--------|---|
|                               |        |                                     |  |  |        | 1 CMA Free<br>BREAKFAST<br>9:00- 10:00                          |
| 2                             | 3      | 4                                   | 5 Mystery<br><br>Dinner Ride ???<br>6:30 CRHD          | 6  | 7      | 8 Breakfast<br>Ride meet @<br>CRHD 6:00am                       |
| 9                             | 10     | 11 BOD<br>Meeting at<br>ABC 6:30 pm | 12 Dinner Ride<br>Port Inglis<br>Restaurant<br>6:30 pm | 13   | 14     | 15 Dinner Ride<br>Quaker Steak<br>and Lube Leave<br>@ 3:30 CRHD |
| 16 Ride leave<br>@ CRHD 10:00 | 17     | 18                                  | 19 National Ride<br>to Work Day                        | 20 Meeting<br>ABC Pizza<br>6:00 dinner<br>7:00 Meeting | 21     | 22  |
| 23                            | 24     | 25                                  | 26 Dinner Ride<br>Stump Knockers<br>CRHD @ 6:30        | 27   | 28     | 29 Lunch Ride<br>Leave CRHD @<br>10:00 a.m.                     |
| 30 Ride leave<br>@ 10:00 CRHD | 31     |                                     |  |  |        |   |

## Safety Officer James Jorgensen

Each month, I want to try to cover some of the basics of motorcycles, why we ride, and issues such as safety. All too often we are reminded of the dangers of the road, and riding a motorcycle carries with it a set of challenges that driving an automobile does not. To be safe, one must understand the rules of the road. This month, I want to discuss the concept of positioning and space.

Maintaining the proper lane position is a crucial part of an effective street strategy. Maintain a space cushion on all sides of your motorcycle. This helps provide adequate reaction time if evasive maneuvers are necessary. It also helps create an "escape route."

In general, when riding alone on a straight road most people prefer to ride in the left third of the lane. It provides you the best line of sight for the road ahead, and makes you most visible to oncoming traffic. However, always be prepared to make adjustments based on road conditions and traffic patterns.

## Member Profile Ken & Robin Jones

Hi fellow members!

After Deb's autobiography last month, we sure have a tough act to follow. The kid's are grown and we are all alone. There are no grandchildren to spoil, (just pets), so we've adopted our baby "HARLEY".

Ken is a veteran to motorcycles, having built his first chopper in 1978 with a 1950 pan head engine and a lot of spare parts that he acquired. His first road trip was to Daytona from New York, which if you've ever ridden, is a feat in it's own self.

The chopper, needless to say, was not comfortable! Now we have a 2005 FLHT Electra Glide-some difference huh?

My love for motorcycles started to grow about 2 years ago when we purchased a used Honda (good on gas for work). We rode together a few times but Ken wasn't as excited as I thought he would be. He said



Always leave a minimum of two seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you. The ideal following distance will vary depending on road conditions and other factors.

## **RIDE SAFE, RIDE SMART, HAVE FUN.**



once you ride a Harley, nothing else compares. I now understand what he meant, and I'm hooked, can't ride enough.

We have been married for three years, (meeting at the bowling alley of all places), and are enjoying our weekends together. We are actually taking a vacation at the end of June for 10 days, heading North on the bike to Destination Nowhere.

See you on the road-Be safe.

Robin and Ken Jones

# A Motorcycle Family Legacy-Sue Ann Pelham's Family Photo's



Counting from the Right, #6 & #7, Uncle Harold & Aunt Jean, #9 & # 10, Grandfather Harold & Grandmother Lula



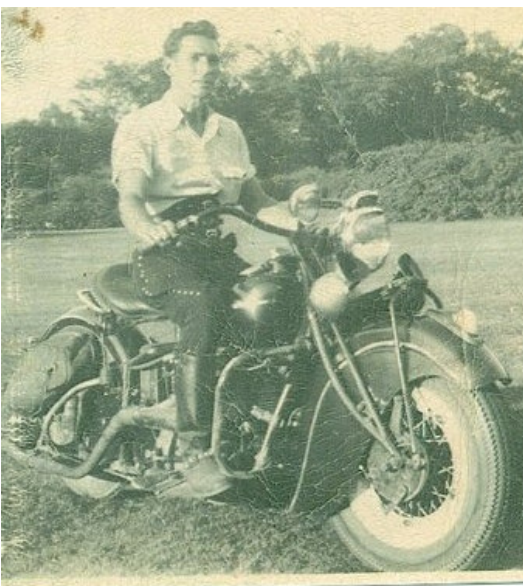
Grandma, Dad, & Sue Ann



Sue Ann and her Mom, Fran



Sue Ann, Granddaughter TJ, Daughter Joelle, Son Marcus



Grandfather Harold



Granddaughter Brianna



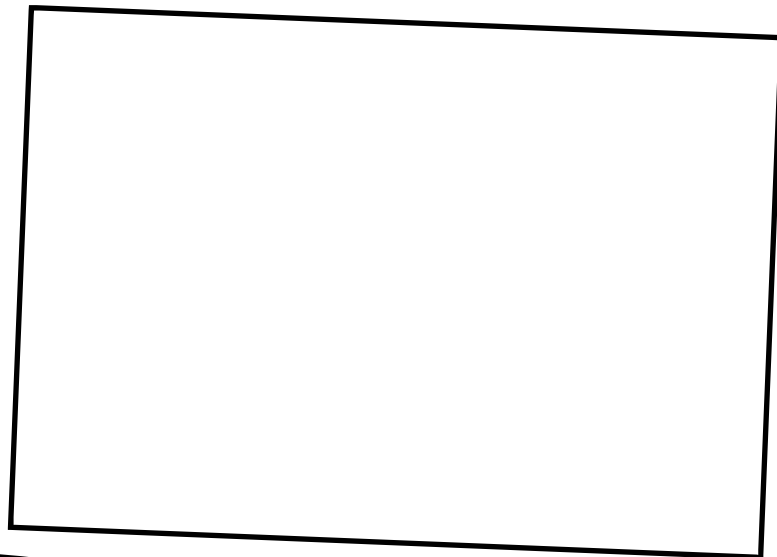
Sue Ann, Brianna, and Dad Bill

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