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Membership Guide

2005

Welcome to SN H.O.G.® ...

To Our New Members from our Sponsoring Dealership...

On behalf of the owners, the more than 180 staff members, and myself, I want to welcome you to the “**World's Best H.O.G. Chapter!**” We are happy to have you as a part of SN H.O.G. and the Southern Nevada Harley-Davidson dealer network. You are now officially part of the family—the Harley-Davidson family. Now it's up to you to get to know us, and to get involved. It's as easy as participating in one of the variety of events that are briefly described in this booklet. There are many benefits to your membership. So take time to read through this booklet, and ask any questions that we've left unanswered. But make sure to enjoy the best benefit of all...**Ride Safe and Have Fun!**

Jeff Lewis

Director of Operations, Las Vegas Harley-Davidson

...And From Our Chapter Director...

Hello and Welcome! It's great to have you with us! You are now part of an approximately 1,000-Member family touting the Harley-Davidson **Gold Bar and Shield Chapter Award**. I know your going to have a great time, make lots of new friends, and ride some of the most beautiful country the West has to offer.

We are a group riding Chapter, which means we ride as one group wherever we go. It's an awesome sight, a rich tradition, and a proud heritage of our Chapter. We are also a very active Chapter and have an assortment of rides and events—some of which you can read about in this booklet—and we invite you to participate in all of them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or direct your questions to any of the Chapter Officers wearing a colored rope on the left shoulder. We have a lot of exciting plans for 2005, so we will see you on the road!

Johnny Thompson

Director, Southern Nevada H.O.G.

Road Captain's Page...

Road Captains are Discretionary Officers in the SN H.O.G.® Chapter. They are responsible for leading and maintaining the group in a safe procession, assisting in planning routes, and keeping H.O.G. Members informed of programs. A Road Captain provides a briefing prior to each ride so that all group participants are aware of the specifics of the day's ride. To apply to be a Road Captain, a Member must have at least 5 years of riding experience and should have attended and successfully completed the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Rider Safety Program** within the past 3 years, and should have knowledge of CPR.

In addition to leading and managing all Chapter rides, the Road Captains provide assistance to Members to improve their riding skills. This assistance is provided during our **Top Gun** competitions held quarterly for both single riders and two-up teams.

The **Top Gun Rider Program** emphasizes skill in riding a motorcycle for two reasons:

- **Increased survivability on the road through practice of defensive/evasive driving techniques in a controlled situation, and**
- **Fun of competition with fellow riders for a Top Gun designation.**

Top Gun is each Member's chance to learn/practice defensive driving and bike maneuvering techniques which may just provide the “edge” in a hazardous situation. It is also a chance to compete against other riders (even against yourself) and to actually test your skills on a competition course. There are also big “Harley Bucks” to be won...both quarterly and in the final competition. The single's course consists of: cone weave, stopping, offset alley, double U-turns, slow ride, 45-degree pullout, and the plank ride. The two-up course has a ball and shoot, ball and cones, tire toss, slow ride, plank ride, and “Road Kill” toss.

Before the competition begins, the Road Captains will introduce riders to the course and offer tips and different techniques to help riders improve their scores.

SN H.O.G.® Officer Positions...

All Officers assist the Sponsoring Dealer and the Chapter Director in upholding the “*Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters.*” To be eligible for any office, a Member must be active in both National H.O.G. and the local Chapter for at least six months and be able to accept the position for one calendar year. Candidates must also have attended at least six **General Membership Meetings** and participated in 50% of the **Chapter Activities** for the calendar year prior to submitting an Officer Application.

The Primary Officer positions are: **Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and Lead Road Captain.** There are also Discretionary Officer positions that include **Road Captain, Activities Officer, Editor, Ambassador, Photographer, Historian, and Webmaster.** Descriptions of the duties of each of these positions can be found in the **Chapter By-Laws.**

Officers can be identified by “ropes” that are worn on the left shoulder of their Chapter vests. Rope colors and their designations are: **White:** Director; **White and Royal Blue:** Assistant Director; **Royal Blue:** Primary Officer; **Red:** Lead Road Captain; **Red and Yellow:** Assistant Lead Road Captain; **Yellow:** Road Captain; and **Light Blue:** Discretionary Officer. Any Officer with a rope is a valuable source of Chapter information for Members.

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Benefits of Membership...

- Friendship with “Kindred Spirits”
- Wide variety of Organized Rides
- Newsletter and Website
- Door prizes and raffles at meetings
- Birthday gift certificates
- \$39.95 Oil Change (by appointment only)
- Riding Skills Competition
- Free Tire Mounting with tire purchase
- New Member orientation and Meet and Greet Rides
- Free Motorcycle Pickup and Delivery within the Las Vegas Valley
- 10% discount on parts, accessories, MotorClothes®, gifts and collectibles when purchase totals \$100 or more*
- Special pricing on motorcycles after 1 year of active membership
- Participation in SN H.O.G.® Member’s Only events
- Opportunity to become a Chapter Officer
- Special discount shopping events
- Chapter Member business ties

Events...

The SN H.O.G. Chapter is a “group riding” Chapter...and our goal is to **Ride Safe and Have Fun!!** We publish a monthly calendar that is mailed to Members each month with scheduled upcoming events, along with the following month’s tentative events. The calendar is also available at the Dealership and on our website. The calendar is typically a full one with events taking place practically every weekend throughout the year, with some week day events. Some events are classified as “Pin Events.” Members can collect a series of blue, red, and white star pins during Pin Events to wear on their vests.

SN H.O.G. sponsors traditional events such as our **Annual Summer Picnic in the Park**, our **Annual Holiday Party**, and a handful of rides to popular destinations such as **Oatman, Death Valley, and Utah** in the summer. We also have a **Meet and Greet Ride**, a **Road Captain’s Choice Ride, Overnighters**, and several **Poker Runs** that occur about every six weeks. We also sponsor quarterly **Top Gun** competitions for both singles and two-up, and a final event to determine our Chapter **Top Guns** for the calendar year.

We also support our Dealership-sponsored events by volunteering to help with registration, parking, poker stops, or whatever else needs to be done to make the event a successful one for our Dealership.

*Discount is not valid on motorcycle purchases, services, or with any other sale, discount, or promotion.

Rules of the Road...

SN H.O.G.® provides all riders with information so that the Chapter can ride together safely as a group, and still have fun. This information is provided in greater detail prior to each **Meet and Greet Ride** (a ride specifically designed for those new to the Chapter or new to group riding in general), so if you are new to the Chapter or group riding, a **Meet and Greet Ride** should be one of your top priorities!!

Our riding guidelines are not intended to restrict any Member's freedom, rather they are to help ensure we all return home safely. Although our guidelines cannot encompass every possible set of circumstances, even when presented in greater detail, they are intended to serve as a basic guide for most situations.

Each rider is encouraged to participate in **Top Gun** (see more about **Top Gun** on Page 7), or take the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course** and/or the **Experienced Rider Course** taught at the Community College. The Dealership also sponsors **Riders Edge**® courses every weekend. Information can be obtained at the college or from the Dealership on any of these courses.

Please remember that each rider has the ultimate responsibility for their own safety, and that each rider should always ride within their own capabilities and the capabilities of their motorcycle.

To ensure everyone's safety, all group riders have the following responsibilities.

- To observe the Chapter guidelines to ensure the safety and welfare of every individual within the group, as well as any surrounding motorists or pedestrians.
- To follow the instructions of the Road Captains in all situations, unless those instructions place the rider in an unsafe position.
- To maintain a safe, legal, and mechanically sound motorcycle.
- To ride with your lights on at all times.
- To ride with a "Safety First" attitude.

How to Read Your SN H.O.G.® Calendar...

The monthly SN H.O.G. calendar provides information about events, including when and where the event will start (a departure location and time); the approximate mileage of the ride; the ride's general direction; the anticipated terrain (highway, in town, combination, etc.); the activity type (whether an Open Event, Member's Only Event, etc.), and if a meal is involved, a general idea of the cost of the meal. Our newsletter, the **Silver Eagle News**, also provides a brief description of each event in a section called "H.O.G. Call."

Hand Signals...



Parade
Left fist with forefinger and pinky finger up, hand not moving, ride side-by-side.



Staggered
Left fist with forefinger and pinky finger up, hand twisting...left rider moves up and right rider drops back.



Left Turn
Left arm straight out to the side, open palm with fingers straight out.



Right Turn
Left arm bent 90 degrees up with open palm and fingers straight out.



Single File
Left arm straight up with tight fist. Riders move into single file. Left rider in front of right rider.



Slow Down
Left arm down, palm open, riders slow down, preparing to stop.



Road Hazard
Left arm down, finger pointing indicates a road hazard.

At the left are the hand signals used most frequently by the SN H.O.G. Chapter. Please become familiar with them, as they are the group's most important form of communication while on the road.

The Road Captains are in constant communication with one another via CB radio. The Scout passes information back to the other Road Captains so that useful information can be communicated to the group...such information might be road construction or a hazard in the road. When the Road Captains display a new hand signal, please make sure you help get the message to the back of the group!! Pass it on!!

We also use a "Thumb's Up" or a "Thumb's Down." Use a "Thumb's Up" to indicate you are pulling out of the group and do not need assistance; a "Thumb's Down" if you need a Road Captain to stop and help you out.