



**Vancouver Chapter
Harley Owners Group**

**Business Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Director, Marc V, at 9:59am

NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):



Trev Deeley Motorcycles info, events, and promotions.

From the Service Department:

Service department is currently booking only 1 week out but the schedule is filling up fast with bikes getting ready for the season.

As of April 1, 2024, the service labour rate has changed to \$155 an hour to help offset operating costs.

From the MotorClothes Department:

April is "Check your Helmet Month", and we are running a double points promotion on all regular priced helmet purchases until the end of April.

Our Spring Free Gift with Purchase is on now. While supplies last with a qualifying purchase of \$300 before tax (and excluding labour) you will receive a set of Packing Cubes. See us at the counter for details.

From the Parts Department:

Today we have a special guest appearance and presentation to our HOG members from Parts Manager Jeff Martinez. ** Jeff had been in China and had been gifted a HOG badge. He gave it away to the person who guessed which city it was 😊 Shanghai, and Tony F was the lucky recipient.

From the Motorcycle Sales and Financing Departments:

We are the best in the west. New model sales are picking up and now that the weather is getting sunnier, the sales dept is busy. The 2024 models are HERE and looking FINE. Finance promos on certain remaining 2022/2023 models. Low as 3.99% with ESP purchase.

The demo fleet is plated and up for rides now. See one of the sales associates to schedule a ride if you want a new 2024 but want to try one out first.

Other info, upcoming events, and promotions:

Saturday, April 13, the store is open later as we host the UFC 300 Fight Night and Shopping Event. Come watch UFC 300 with us in the Conference Centre, have a drink or two.

There will be spin-to-win prizes and Mr. Tubesteak will be serving up hot dogs.

Doors at 6pm – Card starts at 7pm – Showroom closes at 7:30pm – Last call is 10:30pm and we’re out the door by 11pm.

Please RSVP to me (Geoff Gauthier) or events@trevdeeley.com

Saturday, May 4 – International Female Ride Day – **the ride ends here at TDMC around noon. HOG will be BBQing and taking the funds for a donation to your activities.**

There will be music and hustle and bustle as the ladies come and join us after their ride.

This event will be led by Krista Verhiel – Harley Stunt Rider and Founder/Owner of the Della Crew clothing company.

Marc to Introduced our Guest Speakers:

- 1) Nicole Sirockman – Ride to Live spokesperson (& Harry Van Beest)

THE CAUSE

Despite prostate cancer being the #1, most prevalent, cancer in men, it is also one of the most underfunded.

Prostate cancer impacts thousands of men and their families each year. *1 in 8 men in Canada will be diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in their lifetime.*

Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada (formerly Prostate Cancer Foundation BC) represents many of Canada's prostate cancer patients, their families, and their communities. It is our goal to minimize the impact that prostate cancer has on these men, to provide hope for better outcomes, and to narrow the gender gap seen in cancer support in Canada.

The Foundation's fundraising provides the resources for programs throughout the province, allowing us to assist and maintain local support groups and to catalyze research projects and doctoral fellowships, so that the best medical researchers have the equipment and resources to search for better treatment and a cure for prostate cancer.

The recent name change reflects the work that the Foundation has been doing since 2021.

The Westcoast Ride to Live is one of our largest events and over the last 14 years, we have raised more than 1.9 million dollars for prostate cancer support, awareness, and research.

For more information on Prostate Cancer Foundation Canada, please visit our website: www.prostatecanada.ca



** Please sign up to be part of the VAN HOG team:

<https://www.gifttool.com/athon/OurTeamPage?ID=1852&AID=4318&TID=30092>

2) Steve Reed – Biker Down spokesperson <https://bikerdown.ca/>

- Biker Down is the UK Fire and Rescue Services' response to a safety concern they identified amongst Bikers, namely that as we (Bikers) often ride in company, the first person 'on scene' at a Motorcycle accident is often another Biker! One of the hardest issues trainers and safety advisors face is changing peoples' behaviour and our experience shows that motorcyclists and drivers are particularly difficult to influence in this area. Shock tactics may work for some,

but with the high number of fatalities and casualties involving motorcyclists on our roads, another approach is clearly needed.

- Back in 2010, Jim Sanderson the Course's founder and an Operational Crew Manager with Kent Fire & Fire Service and member of the Kent Fire Bike Team, witnessed a Motorcycle accident whilst off duty and used his own training as a Fire-fighter to assist at the scene, on reflection he realised the skills and knowledge he had would be well shared with fellow Bikers, hence the Biker Down scheme was born.
- Consisting of 3 modules over a 3–4-hour session, the idea is to offer people the ability to train in essential life skills and the knowledge (based on operational Fire-fighters training) to help them cope should they encounter or be involved in a road traffic collision, rather than just give them information on the consequences.
- We believe this will bring about more of a sense of responsibility when out on the road and hopefully a change in attitude that will keep them safer, both in their riding technique and how they react at the roadside. The Course is FREE to all bikers of all ages and abilities so that there is no financial barrier to taking part. Specifically, the course includes the very latest advice surrounding the thorny issue of helmet removal. Explore each Module by clicking on the tabs at the top of this web page.
- Module One – Incident Scene Management; usually presented by Operationally experienced Firefighters focuses on how to ensure the safety of responders, the fallen rider and anyone else involved in offering first aid, as well as advice on alerting the emergency services.
- Module Two – Casualty care; delivered by qualified Life Support Instructors looks at dealing specifically with motorcycle-related first aid including typical trauma and mechanism of injury to legs, dealing with major bleeds and basic life support, CPR, managing spinal injuries and crash helmet removal.
- Module Three – The Thinking Biker, this input looks at the way the brain interprets data sent by the eye so that what's visible isn't always seen, examining phenomena such as motion camouflage, saccadic masking and looming, and offers some positive advice on how to make the most of our chances of being seen. It puts the point over quite clearly

that hi-vis clothing, day riding lights and retro-reflective materials don't guarantee we'll be seen by other road users!

- The course is highly interactive with plenty of lively discussion and questions, plus the hands-on experience of the first aid module. At the end of the day, participants receive a certificate of attendance as well as an 'aide memoire' to help remember the content of the course, a Medical Data Carrier 'Crash Card' for medical details to be carried attached to the Rider's helmet.
- Nationally we have 47 teams around the UK and one in Canada, (at the moment) mainly from Fire and Rescue Services but in some instances other Road Safety Practitioners and two Police forces have also started delivery in their own areas where Fire Services have not been recruited.
- In 2021 we launched Biker Down in North America, if you would like more information on this then please get in touch with either Biker Down UK or Biker Down North America.

<https://bikerdown.ca/>

- **When registering use Vancouver HOG as the 'club / organization'**
- **We are trying to get a dedicated group together to take the course. Once again it is FREE!**

EXECUTIVE COMMENTS AND PRESENTATION

Marc V Director, Vancouver HOG® Chapter

Are there any new members present? No

Any members present with a birthday this month? Happy Birthday to Wilko, Wendy and Gerry

Attending: 32

Any members ride to the meeting today? Yes, we are all hoping that the rain holds off!

PAST EVENTS

Sat. Mar 2 HOG® Monthly Meeting TDMC 10:00

Sat. Mar 2 HOG® Lunch following the meeting @ BP where 12 members had a happy time

Wed. Mar 13 Van HOG® Dinner @ Trocadero Pizza & Steak House 2411 Nanaimo Street, Vancouver.

5 members enjoyed a happy, delicious dinner together.

Sun. Mar 17 St Patrick's Day

Sun. Mar 24 Red's Garage Sale

Lyn, Marc & Teresa, Michael, and James had tables. It was a well while event. Clearing out of items that we no longer need, but money in the pocket made for a successful day. Thank you to Darwin for also sponsoring one of our tables, which was greatly appreciated.

Wed. Mar 27 Van HOG® LOH evening

A happy, last minute get together.

Fri. Mar 29 Good Friday

Sun. Mar 31 Easter Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. April 6 Van HOG® Monthly Chapter Meeting

Sat. April 6 Season Opener Ride

RC – Marc

** update KSU after the meeting, destination east, initially Sasquatch Inn in Harrsion Mills.

Heading out the rain clouds became very ominous, and rain became our companion. But fancy that, we found a pub for lunch & laughter, so it was a very short season opener ride.

At lunch, 10 of us. Thank you to Doug and Dale for being our sweeps. 11 bikes, 12 people with 10 at lunch.

Sat. April 13 Sneaky Pete's Pool Tournament, 12:00.

424 McLean Drive, Vancouver, BC

\$25 fee includes table rental, snacks, and pizza.

E-transfer \$25 to lynhart@telus.net for confirmation of spot or pay today to Teresa.

**thanks to those who paid and signed up today.

Sun. April 14 Van HOG® Ride & Lunch

RC – Steve

KSU 10:00 from 232nd & Hwy 1, destination TBD

Weather dependant

Wed. April 17 Van HOG® Dinner**Burnaby Palace Restaurant, 3110 Boundary Rd, Burnaby, BC, 7:00 pm***** 8 signed up at the meeting. RSVP by emailing vanhogcommunication@gmail.com or through FB.****Sat. April 20** Van HOG® Ride & Lunch**RC – Marc****KSU 10:00 from 333 Seymour Blvd (Mobil gas station), North Vancouver, destination TBD
Weather dependant****Sun. April 28** Van HOG® Ride & Lunch**RC – Murray****KSU 10:00 from TDMC, destination Rose & Crown Pub, Tsawwassen
Weather dependant**

REMINDER: When you sign up for an event (on FB too), we make a reservation at that venue based on those numbers. If you sign up, including on FB, and you find you can't make it after all, please do us the courtesy of letting us know...

vanhogcommunication@gmail.com

Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?cid=cWdzdjlwYWVwbjJtaGRmb2U0aGloMGJzNGdAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>

OF INTEREST TO VANCOUVER HOG® MEMBERS**VANCOUVER HOG® CHAPTER "MILEAGE CHALLENGE"**Managed by Steve D., Asst Director steveda@shaw.ca.

If you have not submitted your opening mileage, with photograph and VIN #, please do so for 2024.

SUNSHINE COAST HOG® CHAPTER NEWSIf you would like to show your support & become a member of our sister chapter, **Coast Highway Chapter, BC Canada** (Chapter #10050), applications are available at the west desk of TDMC. Cost is \$20/year for active HOG® International members.**VANCOUVER HOG® WEBSITE**

See photos, events, & past meeting minutes.

<https://www.trevdeeley.com/check-out-our--HOGVancouver>

VANCOUVER HOG® FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vancouverhogchapter/?ref=bookmarks>

We are trying to make our Facebook page more informative and interactive for members and encourage those who haven't joined the page to do so.

Read about upcoming events, news from Trev Deeley, and news from other members.

Members can post photos, plans to meet for a ride or use it to privately message other members. *Please ask to join if you haven't already done so!*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vancouverhogchapter/>

VANCOUVER HOG® BUY & SELL PAGE – (through the Facebook page)

Open to public to view but only Vancouver HOG® members can post bike-related items.

VANCOUVER HOG® INSTAGRAM @vancouverhog

CANADA HARLEY HOG WEBSITE <https://www.harley-davidson.com/ca/en/content/hog.html>

VANCOUVER HOG® MEMBER NAME TAGS

If you are interested in purchasing a HOG® name tag, we can put an order in for a minimum of 12 names. Your Vancouver HOG® Chapter partially subsidizes the cost of name tags so that each member pays only \$10.00. *If you'd like to order a name tag, please give \$10 cash to Kyoko at the TDMC west desk & will put your name on the list.* **We need 4 more members to get a badge for the order to be placed please.**

HOG® CANADA RIDE 365

To see all the rules and how to register for this program go to the HOG® Canada Official site, follow the links to register on your own to become involved.

<https://www.harley-davidson.com/ca/en/content/hog.html>

OFFICER REPORTS**SAFETY REPORT**

Teresa V:

HOW TO PROPERLY USE MOTORCYCLE HAND SIGNALS WHEN RIDING

Effective communication with other vehicle operators is essential when riding your motorcycle!

Yes, motorcycles do come with turn signals.

However, you still need to learn basic hand signals, as there could be situations whereby the turn signals are insufficient or fail to function correctly. If this happens, you must know how to use hand signals effectively.

Using hand signals means you can communicate your intentions to drivers around you clearly

and efficiently, ensuring that they understand your next move.

So, let's look at some of the essential universal hand signals you need to know.

Left turn

Bring your left arm out from your side. Hold it straight, ensuring your arm is parallel to the ground. Your palm should be facing downward.

Right turn

Again, extend your arm out to the side.

This time when you extend your arm, bend it at the elbow, pointing your hand upward. This creates a 90-degree angle. Clench your fist.

Stop

As with any hand signal, you'll start by extending your left arm out to the side.

Bend your arm at the elbow, but point your hand and fingers downward this time, creating a 90-degree angle.

Your palm should face the rider behind, indicating the 'stop' sign.

Remember to hold each hand signal for enough time to ensure that other road users have a chance to see and understand your intentions.

Group Ride Hand Signals

Slow Down

Time to reduce speed?

If everyone is going too fast, let them know by extending your left arm to the side, with your palm facing downward.

You should then swing your arm down to your side so you're moving the palm of your hand inward toward your body. You can repeat this several times to make sure everyone sees it.

Single File

To inform the group to ride in a single-file formation, you should:

Again, bring your left arm straight up from your shoulder.

Point your left index finger straight up too.

Double File

When you want the group to ride in a double-file formation, you should:

Again, bring your left arm straight up from your shoulder.

Point your index finger and your middle finger straight up.

Pull Off

When you want to indicate that the group should pull off the road, use the following hand signal:

Position your arm as if you're going to make a right turn.

Swing your forearm toward your shoulder.

Roadway Hazard Right (Leg)

If there's a potential hazard on the right side of the road, alert the group by:

Extending your right leg out to the side, pointing towards the threat.

Roadway Hazard Left (Hand and Leg)

The following is advised for hazards on the left side of the road:

Extend your left arm out to the side, pointing toward the hazard.

Hand Signal Best Practices

- Use Clear, Obvious Arm Movements
- Keep your hand signals deliberate and distinct to ensure they are easily noticeable and recognizable, even from a distance.
- Avoid using ambiguous or confusing gestures that may lead to misinterpretation.
- Before Changing Lanes or Turning, Signal 100-200 Feet
- Signaling early allows drivers behind you to adjust their speed and position, promoting safer and smoother traffic flow.
- If you signal at the last moment it can lead to confusion and increase the risk of accidents.

Safety Should Always Be Your Priority

- Prioritize your safety and ensure you can maintain control of your motorcycle while using hand signals.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars whenever necessary, especially during critical maneuvers or when navigating challenging road conditions.

Bottom Line on Properly Using Hand Signals

- You cannot ignore the importance of using hand signals properly while riding a motorcycle.

Following best practices and guidelines for hand signal usage can enhance your visibility, reduce the risk of miscommunication, and promote safer riding experiences.

LADIES OF HARLEY REPORT

(nothing to report)



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Heather O:

Membership stands at 89. There were 14 chapter members that did not renew for 2024.

FINANCE REPORT

Heather O:

No changes to the HOG bank account this month

ROAD CAPTAIN REPORT

Murray T: Keep an eye on the minutes, FB and Google Calendar

Questions, comments, & discussion:

- **Ride to Live, Amazing Race 2.0** – May 26th, 2024 (we have entered a team), information on FB and has been sent out as an email (postcard info also available). Details available from vanhogcommunication@gmail.com
<https://www.gifttool.com/athon/OurTeamPage?ID=1852&AID=4318&TID=30092>
- **IFRD** – Volunteers needed for BBQ, 4th May 2024 – see TDMC notes, email vanhogcommunication@gmail.com to sign up please.

PRIZE DRAWS

TDMC \$25 Birthday Gift Certificate (1) for April 2024, donated by our Chapter, awarded to:

Wilko! Happy birthday again 😊

Membership Draw (x 2) winner for the month of April 2024 *wins a \$25 Gift Card of their choice from Tim Horton's or Starbucks:*

Murray – Starbucks

Dale – Tim Hortons

CASH DRAW:

\$90 to the lucky member!

NEXT MEETING: Sat. May 4th, 2024, 10:00 TDMC

Followed by

Vancouver HOG® International Female Ride Day ride ** reminder volunteers needed for TDMC BBQ (set-up after our May chapter meeting) more details to follow.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am