



Vancouver Chapter Harley Owners Group

Business Meeting – October 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Director Chris Ferguson at 10:02 a.m.

Who rode today? About ¾ of our members rode on this glorious, sunny day!

New Members or Guests? No new members or guests.

NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):

Darwin, Trev Deeley Motorcycles®

- The winner of the “most kilometers” contest is Lou Chilton at just over 22,000 km since April! Lou wins an oil/filter change and a rear tire installed.
- The winner of the “furthest point away” contest is Doug Miller, who rode to Buena Vista, California – 1,287 km away. Doug wins an 8,000 km service and bike wash.
- Darwin provided two tickets to the BC Lions/Calgary football game on Saturday, November 3rd, which was won by Karen Katz.

Harmony, Trev Deeley Motorcycles®

- TDMC won the Georgia Straight’s Best of Vancouver bike shop
- TDMC will be closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 8
- Service is now on winter hours –
 - Closed Sunday and Monday
 - Winter storage rate are the same (\$65) for bikes and increased to \$130 for trikes.

- Campbell's Soup has a promotion at three Save-On Foods stores to win a 2019 Sportster 1200NS
- American Crew has a promotion to win a 2019 Sportster 883 Iron

Upcoming Events

Oct 7 – 40th **Annual Toy Run and Afterburner Party**. Leaving Coquitlam Centre at 9:30 a.m. The TDMC Afterburner party will be from 11:00 – 2:00. Dave will be sweeping the ride with the truck and Darwin has volunteered at the end stop and will be watching for your donations for those toys! The Afterburner Party will have free gourmet organic chili (with your registration), and other BBQ items to purchase; BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) will be onsite and a contest for Nitro Circus ticket.

- On behalf of Trev Deeley Motorcycles staff, condolences to the family of Vancouver HOG member Ralph McKnight who was killed last week in a motorcycle accident. Ralph will be truly missed; he was a great citizen and a wonderful volunteer on the Deeley family. His name has been placed on the TDMC memorial plaque in the customer lounge.

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR CHRIS FERGUSON:

- Sadly, as most of you are aware, we recently lost another one of our HOG members. Ralph McKnight was an avid motorcyclist, a wonderful ambassador for motorcycling as well as a great volunteer for our HOG Chapter. We have provided a sympathy card for members to sign which was available at the meeting and at TDMC Reception afterwards. **On Friday, October 12, there will be a Celebration of Life** for Ralph, 1 PM, at the Ocean View Funeral Home, 4000 Imperial Street, Burnaby, BC.

Comments from member Larry Davidson: A message from a close friend of Ralph's family has advised that it would be **difficult for them to see a group of motorcycles and people wearing leathers at the service** and have requested that this be observed for the service. This is no disrespect to motorcyclists; it is just too much for the family to bear at this time, so we need to respect their wishes. Larry stated what we all know – that Ralph was a true gentleman and friend to so many. He will be sorely missed.

- We are still looking for volunteers for the positions of Treasurer and Road Captain's. Please consider your participation as this is YOUR chapter and talk with Darwin, or Chris Ferguson if you have any questions.
- On Sept 19, Darwin asked us to send an email to our Chapter members to see who would like a pair of tics to the BC Lions/Toronto Argonauts game on Saturday, Oct 6. The first member who replied back would win the pair of tickets, which was Karen Katz (new member this year). Congratulations Karen!

- An email was received from the Vancouver, WA HOG® Chapter regarding our Chapter trip to their region at the end of August. They are in the process of producing a “PATCH” in commemoration of the trip for those who participated. I replied that we would be interested in receiving this Patch. They would be produced each year that the chapters get together. A sample of the patch is below. They will be 3”x3” and will be approx \$8-\$10 each. We are waiting to hear from Brett as to where this project sits at the moment.



- Finally, a suggestion was made for a **Fall excursion to “Grandpa’s Antique Cars & Jukeboxes”** in Richmond. Tammy will contact them to try and secure a date, as this location is “by invitation only”. Admission is by donation, with proceeds going to Rosewood Manor, in support of persons with dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Further updates will be provided at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NOTE: For the month of September, all Wednesday evening rides left their starting locations at 6:30 p.m. (instead of 7:00 p.m.) due to early darkness.

- **Sept 1, 2018 – Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles. Following the meeting there was a Lunch Ride to the Jimmy Mack Pub in Langley. Was led by Albert – thank you!
- **Sept 5, 2018 – HOG® Wednesday Evening Ride** – Ride left from Tim Horton’s in Langley, led by Albert. There were 5 bikes who did back roads around Langley, arriving at the Murrayville Pub for dinner.
- **Sept 7-11, 2018 – Kootenay Loop Ride** – This was to be a 4-5 day ride through the East and West Kootenay’s, however there was little interest expressed, so it was **CANCELLED**. The membership was canvassed at our last meeting and it was suggested that a “mini” butt-buster ride (about 4 hours or so) be held on Saturday, September 8th, however this did not go due to rain.
- **Sept 8-9, 2018 – Langley Cruise-In – Aldergrove, BC** – This was not a scheduled ride/event, however about 7 members attended.

- **Sept 9, 2018 – Fraser Valley Toy Run** – www.bccom-bc.com This is a very worthwhile event as it supports the needy and less fortunate families in the Fraser Valley. All of the proceeds remain in the Fraser Valley communities. 4 of our members attended this.
- **Sept 12, 2018 – HOG® Wednesday Evening Ride** – This was the last Wednesday Evening Ride for 2018, leaving from McDonald's Restaurant, Boundary and Lougheed, however it was cancelled due to rain.
- **September 14 – East Van Social.** This was not a HOG event brought to our attention by Assistant Director, Maria DiTrollo. It took place at the Burnaby Lake Pavilion from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The Tickets were \$40 included a pig roast and live entertainment, a cash bar and 50/50 sales. Maria reported there were about 100 people in attendance.
- **September 15—TDMC Poker Run** – due to heavy rain, the ride (about 20 bikes) travelled as far as Squamish, not to Whistler as originally planned.
- **September 15 – TDMC Fall Open House**-celebrating the new 2019 model lineups info clinics all day, jump start, food truck, live music and a silent auction.
- **September 14-16 - Port Alberni Toy Run.** Members Hart and Carla attended this event and reported that the weather was good and the event a huge success.
- **Sept 23, 2018 – Oyster Run – Anacortes, WA** – www.oysterrun.org There was no scheduled ride to this event, however no members attended.
- **Sept 30, 2018 – Test Our Metal Demo Ride Day** – TDMC – 10am – 3pm – Unfortunately, due to weather, this event was cancelled. Thank you to Larry, Lou, Gary, Rick, Dale, Doug, Paul, Susan, Lynn, Karen, Terry, and John for offering to assist as Out-Riders, Traffic Control, and Registration.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Oct 6, 2018 -- Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles.
- **Oct 6, 2018 – Vancouver HOG® Season Ender Ride** – A ride was led by Albert, leaving TDMC at 11:15 a.m. There were 16 riders who rode to Dukes Pub in Chilliwack. A great ride, except for traffic at the cranberry festival in Langley!! LOL!
- **Oct 17, 2018 – HOG® Dinner** – 7 PM – Yan's, 9948 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby (on the south side of Lougheed, across from the Lougheed Mall). There was a sign-up sheet at the meeting. If you were not able to add, the deadline to sign-up is Oct 16. **RSVP is required.** Please contact Tammy Bade (ommatammybade@yahoo.ca) if you wish to attend.

- **Oct 27, 2018 – HOG® Dinner/Movie/Pub Night** – 6 PM - ??? It was suggested that dinner and a movie at the Hillside Drive-In Theatre in Langley be held. There was general interest in this and a sign up sheet was circulated. Deadline to sign-up will be on Oct 25. RSVP is required. Please contact Tammy Bade (ommatammybade@yahoo.ca) if you will wish to participate. Dinner information will be sent by email to those who are attending.
- **Oct 31, 2018 – Halloween** – Trev Deeley's and the HOG® Chapter will not be having an event for this occasion at the dealership, being it falls mid-week this year.
- **Nov 3, 2018 -- Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles. Bring your Vancouver HOG® Chapter membership card for great door prizes. Please join us following the meeting for Lunch at the Cedar Cottage Pub, 3728 Clark Drive (at Kingsway).
- **Nov 4, 2018 – HOG® Brunch** -- 11 AM – Starlight Casino, 350 Gifford St, New Westminster, BC. There will be a sign-up sheet again at the November meeting. Deadline to sign-up will be at the meeting on Nov 3. RSVP is required. Please contact Tammy Bade at (ommatammybade@yahoo.ca) if you wish to attend.
- **Nov 14, 2018 – HOG® Go-Carting** – 6 PM – Destination TBA – We need a commitment from the membership before we book the facility. A number of members were interested. There are two options that we will check into – Fast Track Go Carts in Surrey and Richmond Go-Carts in Richmond. Further details at the November meeting.
- **Nov 17, 2018 – HOG® Officer Meeting** – 9 AM to Noon – Trev Deeley Motorcycles Conference Room. The officers will be planning the Event Calendar for 2019, as well as completing the process of appointing replacement officers for the Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and additional Ride Leaders. We will be announcing your new Executive Officer Members at the December Meeting. All officers, including ride leaders, are asked to attend.
- **Nov 22, 2018 – Late Nite Shopping** – Trev Deeley Motorcycles – 6 – 9 PM. More details at the November meeting.
- **Nov 24, 2018 – HOG® Xmas Party** – Atrium Inn, 2889 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC. A block of rooms has been secured at \$106/night. Use code HOG2018 when either booking online or by calling the hotel. ***Reservations must be made by October 24th.*** After that date, any remaining rooms will be released. Free parking is available at the hotel.

Tickets are available starting today from the Executive or from TDMC Reception after the meeting. Cost is \$40/person for members and \$50/person for non-members AFTER Nov 1st. **The theme this year is 50's/60's and members are encouraged to wear outfits from this era.**

We are planning a number of fun activities at the evening, including

- **Wine raffle.** All attendees are asked to bring a bottle of wine. We will group them into baskets and draw names of all those who participated.
 - **Toonie toss**
 - **Secret Santa** – all members are asked to bring a wrapped gift valued between \$10-\$20, indicating if the gift is for a male, female or is neutral.
 - **Left/Right Game** - \$5 entry – rules to be provided at the venue.
 - 50/50 Draw
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- **Dec 1, 2018** -- **Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles. Bring your Vancouver HOG® Chapter membership card for great door prizes.
 - **Dec 1-2, 2018** – **Photos with Santa** – Trev Deeley Motorcycles. Details at our next meeting.
 - **Dec 25 – 26, 2018** – Christmas Day and Boxing Day
 - **Jan 1, 2019** – New Year's Day
 - **Jan 5, 2019** -- **Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting and Renewal Party**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles. Bring your Vancouver HOG® Chapter membership card for great door prizes. After the 10:00 am meeting, there will be light refreshment during the renewal party from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Also, the 2019 Calendar of Events will be available at this meeting. The Executive will be giving out **FIVE (5)** Memberships to anyone who renews between 11am and 1 pm.

2019 CANADIAN REGIONAL HOG® RALLIES

2019 Quebec Regional HOG Rally Amos, Que July 4-6, 2019

2019 Western Regional HOG Rally, Victoria, BC July 4-6, 2019

- I have been in touch with the Rally Committee. They have not decided on a Host Hotel at this time. When I receive notification from the committee, I will book a block of rooms and convey that information to you.

2019 Ontario Regional HOG Rally Barrie, Ont July 18-20, 2019

2019 Atlantic Regional HOG Rally Halifax, NS July 25-27, 2019

2019 Prairie Regional HOG Rally, Edmonton, Alta Aug 15-17, 2019

- I have contacted the HOST Hotel (Best Western Plus) and have booked 10 rooms (5 Deluxe Queen, 5 Deluxe King). If you are interested in attending this event, please contact me and I will have your name placed on the registration.

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Lowell Wade:

See attached sheet for information about riding safely in the Fall.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

- HOG Activities Officer, Tammy Bade, suggested that our **Chapter's 2018 charity donation** be made to **"Kid Safe" in memory of Ralph McNight**. Ralph was a huge supporter of this organization and members present agreed that this would be a wonderful way for us to honour his memory.
- Member Theresa Roth has offered to share her room with another female member at the Atrium Hotel for the HOG Christmas party on November 24th. If you are interested in sharing a room/costs with Theresa, please contact her directly at theresaroth@shaw.ca.

Door prizes, donated by the Chapter, were awarded to Albert, Paul and Wendy.

Birthday draw for those born in OCTOBER was won by Heather

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, November 3, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at TDMC.

A Few Fall Motorcycle Riding Tips

Riding in the fall can be very enjoyable. There are opportunities to ride on bright sunny days with cooler temperatures compared to riding during the heat of summer...not to mention, fewer bugs!!! But riding in the fall places more demands on the rider. Below is a *brief* list of a few tips for safe riding during the fall season:

- Distracted Drivers: Fall is the time school is back in session...so mind those school zones and pedestrian crossings (both for the sake of the children but for the sake of the speeding tickets). At this time of year, parents can become distracted as they try to multi-task while driving. I am sure we have all seen stressed and tired parents driving while dealing with work (texting, email, phone calls), and rushing around to run household errands, as well as take rambunctious children to after-school activities. This results in drivers not focusing to the task at hand, which is driving and paying attention to the road.
- Changing Temperatures: In the fall, temperatures can run the spectrum from warm to below freezing. In most cases, regardless of midday temperatures, the temperature will significantly drop once the sun starts to set. It's always a good idea to keep cold weather gear with you just in case you get detained or ride longer than you anticipated. Riding while extremely cold can cause several distractions. The rider will begin to shiver, get stiff, or ride in an unorthodox position trying to pick up some engine heat. All these distractions can reduce your ability to control the motorcycle safely, not to mention just being uncomfortable.
- Wet Weather: We live in a rain forest and they call this the Wet Coast for a reason. Carry your rain gear. Riding while dry will keep you more comfortable and is less distracting. Keep a pair of clear glasses or wear a clear helmet shield of some type. Keeping the rain out of your eyes is imperative. Adjust your riding speed for the conditions. Be sure to keep your distance from other vehicles. Keep in mind, when it rains for the first time after an extended dry period, there will be excessive amounts of oil on the road, making conditions extremely slick. Watch for standing water. Motorcycle tires by design are efficient at displacing water but are not exempt from hydroplaning. Water will pool in the normal vehicle tracks on the road and as most roadways are crowned water will be deeper on the right side of the road.
- Road Surface: Be aware of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours. Be sure to pay attention for frost on bridge decks or other higher surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the frost yet. Adjust your riding speed for the conditions.

- Falling Leaves: When fall begins to set in, the falling leaves can present an unassuming hazard. As the leaves begin to accumulate on the roadway they can be very slick. Whether wet or dry, driving through stacks of leaves can reduce traction, making it difficult to stop. A simple reduction of speed and awareness can make all the difference.
- Light Conditions: When the sun is shining, it is lower in the sky at this time of year and its glare can be an issue for much of the day, depending on the direction you're riding. Along with this, as trees become barren of leaves, the patterns of light and shade can be like riding in a strobe light. This can be distracting, confusing, and hide potential risks like the pedestrians crossing the street or vehicles coming out from a cross street. Good sun glasses or a tinted visor work best.

In Vancouver, we experience a significant number of grey overcast days. The ambient greyness reduces visual contrast (i.e. grey skies, grey asphalt, grey concrete buildings, pedestrians dressed in dark colours, even other vehicles which are predominantly grey, black, and dark in colour even white which turns grey when dirty). Consider wearing tinted glasses (e.g. yellow lenses) to improve visual contrast.

The number of daylight hours is getting shorter. It is a good idea to keep a pair of clear of glasses or a clear helmet shield for riding in low light conditions. Make sure all the motorcycle's lights and turn signals are functioning (to help increase the visibility, of the motorcycle, as well as illuminate the road); and consider wearing reflective clothing. **Remember: Be Seen...Be Safe!!!**

- **FINALLY, THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF FALL MOTORCYCLE RIDING TIPS!!!**

If in doubt, consider taking a refresher riding course or take advanced riding courses (See the ProRide Motorcycle Training display across from the Service Counter or go on-line at <http://www.proride.ca/>).

A *very brief* List of References:

- <https://www.isp.state.il.us/traffic/motorcyclefallsafety.cfm>
- <https://motorcycler.com/blogs/articles/fall-motorcycle-riding-tips>

<https://www.desjardinsgeneralinsurance.com/blog/-/fall-motorcycle-safety-what-you-need-to-know-about-riding-in-autumn>