



## Vancouver Chapter Harley Owners Group Business Meeting Minutes November 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order by *Director, MARIA DITROLIO*, at 10:01 am.

**Who rode today?** Approximately 6-8 members present rode to the meeting.

Weather: Clear, sunny, dry roads, chilly 4 degrees but warmed up over the course of the day.

**New Members Present?** Andy Horka, who rides a 2018 Fat Bob, has recently joined TDMC in the Sales Dept. and is the newest member of our chapter. Welcome, Andy!

### **NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):**

Presented by:

#### **CHRIS WONG-MOON** *Operations Manager*

- The new LiveWire™ has gone through some intense testing to fix a glitch and delivery has resumed in USA. TDMC is hoping to receive their first bike soon.
- Introduced new Parts Department Supervisor, Dan Evans.

#### **HARMONY POISSON** *Manager, Marketing and Events*

3 community charity projects happening in-store (*donation boxes located at West reception*).

- **The Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau** - toy & donation drive, ongoing through Christmas. [www.lmcb.ca](http://www.lmcb.ca)
- **Purses of Hope** - collecting gently used purses & items to fill the purses for DTES women who are less fortunate & all too often forgotten. Meet Sat, November 16th 1:00 at TDMC boardroom to fill the purses with everything that's been collected. Distributed in DTES on Sun. November 17<sup>th</sup>. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/2466787480272850/> for a list of items you can donate.
- **Clothing Drive** – donate warm clothing, blankets, shoes & boots.

**IN-STORE EVENTS:**

- **Sun. Nov. 10** TDMC closing early at 3:30 for staff Holiday Party.
- **Mon. Nov 11 Remembrance Day** TDMC closed for stat holiday.
- **Sat. Nov. 16 Purses of Hope** TDMC Boardroom 1:00  
Come & help fill collected purses with donated items collected over the last few weeks. Bring snacks and drinks to share with everyone! TDMC will provide coffee & popcorn.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2466787480272850/>
- **Thur. Nov 28 Private Shopping Night** TDMC 6:00-8:00 (*must RSVP!*)  
TDMC's annual private shopping night to kick off your holiday shopping/Black Friday weekend. Shopping, drinks, appies, live music, & tons of door prize!s DOUBLE REWARDS POINTS too!  
*RSVP only. 19+ only please.*  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/587842341958890/>
- **Nov 29-31 TDMC Black Friday Weekend** Lots of in-store specials & Double Rewards!
- **Sat. Nov 30 PRORIDE Graduate Party** TDMC 12:00-3:00  
Everyone welcome! Meet instructors & sign up for a class. Featuring demo bikes, door prizes, & Black Friday Weekend in-store specials. Refreshments & snacks provided. *Please RSVP for this event!*  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/974414669616058/>
- **Dec. 7 & 8 Santa Photos on a Harley** TDMC 11:00-3:00  
TDMC Annual tradition of photos with Santa (HOG® member, Chris Greenwood) on a shiny new Harley! Photos will be by donation of either an un-wrapped toy, or cash/debit/credit donation with all proceeds going to the *Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau*. Free seasonal treats, freshly popped popcorn & hot coffee will be available to all. Bring down the kids, your pets, or that special someone to capture a beautiful Christmas photo!! Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast on both days from 10:00-2:00.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/833424680393298/>

## STAFFING

Please join us in welcoming new staff members:

- **Dan Evans** – Parts Supervisor (from Leeds UK, master in Parts from H-D U).
- **Andy Horka** – Motorcycle Sales (ask him about his recent Sturgis trip!).

*Note from Harmony: Our staff here love our jobs and the people it brings. Our management team and staff act as H-D ambassadors and remember that you too are our brand ambassadors so we appreciate you remembering that when you share things online before sharing derogatory or negative potentially wrong facts about the brand.*

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## COMMENTS AND PRESENTATION by HOG Executive(s)

**MARIA DITROLIO** Director, Vancouver HOG® Chapter

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sat. Oct 5**     **HOG® Season-End Ride - Memorial Ride for Fallen Chapter Members**  
TDMC 11:00 am / *following HOG® meeting.*  
Rain or Shine. Open to all vehicles taking part as well. This year's ride was dedicated to Ralph McKnight.  
*Dale Janzen led 14 members/13 bikes to Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area near SFU. The group gathered around and remembered Ralph McKnight & other members who have passed. Bruce Monroe, a good friend of Ralph's, said a few words and there was a moment of silence. All agreed that this was a very fitting location for this & future Memorial Rides for the Chapter. Check the HOG® website & Facebook page for photos of the occasion.*
- **Sat. Oct 5**     **TDMC Fall Open House** TDMC 10:00-4:00  
Meet the new 2020 models, in-store activities, BYOBike, prizes, food truck, & more!  
*Following the Memorial Ride, members returned to TDMC to show support for our sponsor. TDMC had cake & a memorial corner set up with Ralph's photo in the lounge by the HOG® wall, thanks to HARMONY POISSON Marketing and Events Manager. The Open House event saw the public come & go over a few hours & finished up around 3:30 pm.*

- Sun. Oct 6**     **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Vancouver Toy Run** Coquitlam Centre  
*6 members met at TDMC at 8:15 am heading to Coquitlam Centre to join other Vancouver members for the ride. The Toy Run commenced at 9:30 am, winding through Coquitlam, Port Moody, Burnaby, & Vancouver, and ending at the PNE, where riders received a commemorative pin in exchange for their donation. Weather cooperated with sunny periods & just a few clouds, making for a pleasant day. BCCOM reports the event collected 82 large courier bags of toys, raised \$16,800, & had an estimated 1300 participants!*
- Sun. Oct 6**     **TDMC Vancouver Toy Run Afterburner Party** TDMC 11:00-2:00  
*Well-attended event by the public! Some HOG® members who participated in the Toy Run returned to TDMC to enjoy the festivities & a burger or free bowl of homemade chicken soup.*
- Wed. Oct 16**     **HOG® Dinner/Pub Night** 7:00 pm  
 Milltown Bar & Grill 9191 Bentley St. Vancouver  
*15 members enjoyed dinner at the Milltown Pub & gave the venue and the food a thumbs up.*
- Sat. Oct 19**     **HOG® Day at the Racetrack** Hastings Racecourse 1:50 pm  
 PNE Gate 6 or 9.  
*This event was washed out, no members attended.*
- Sat. Oct 26**     **HOG® Dinner/Pub Night** 7:00 pm  
 Frankie G's Pub, 305 Ewen Ave, New Westminster  
*13 members, along with a few family members, met up for a night of socializing.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Sat. Nov 2**     **HOG® Lunch** TDMC 11:00 am *Following HOG® meeting.*  
 Woody's Pub, 935 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam
- Wed. Nov 13**     **HOG® Dinner/Pub Night** 7:00 pm.  
 La Villeta Ristorante, 3901 Hastings St, Burnaby (Italian Menu)  
*A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting. Please contact Tammy Bade at [ommatammybade@yahoo.ca](mailto:ommatammybade@yahoo.ca) so she can reserve more space!*

- **Sat. Nov 16** **HOG® Officer & Ride Captain Meeting** TDMC 9:00-12:00  
ALL OFFICERS of our chapter are asked to attend to review calendar for 2020 HOG® Activities.
- **Sat. Nov 23** **HOG® VANCOUVER CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
The Waldorf Hotel, 1489 E Hastings St. Vancouver  
6:00 Cocktails / 7:00 Appetizers / Cash Bar  
Tix: \$45 Members / \$55 Non-members  
***TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW! See Kyoko at TDMC front desk.***

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our annual Christmas Party will have a new venue and style at the historic Waldorf Hotel in their nostalgic Hideaway Room.

Theme for this year's celebration will be "OLD HOLLYWOOD".  
Use your imagination, dress to impress, and mingle with all your HOG® friends. Enjoy cocktails and a *HOG® Signature Drink* at the cash bar. Appetizers and finger food served at 7:00 pm. HOG® member, Luigi Di Sabatino, has agreed to DJ.

*Rooms at The Waldorf:*

Standard Qn \$95/nt + tax. King is \$105/nt + tax.

*Rooms at The Atrium:*

\$119+taxes for HOG® members. To book, go online at [www.atriuminn.ca](http://www.atriuminn.ca) using HOG2019 or call directly at 604-254-1000.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU ITEMS**

Pizza

Beef Sliders

Italian Meatballs with Tomato Sauce

Crispy Chicken Wings

Smoked Cheddar Cacio Pepe

Mushroom & Truffle Oil Arancini

Bruschetta on House Made Focaccia

Garlic Marinated Chicken Skewers with Chili Aioli

Caprese Skewers, Bocconcini, Tomato, Basil

Vegetable Trays with Dips

- **Sun. Nov 24** **107th CFL Grey Cup** 3:00 PST from Calgary, Alta.
- **Sun. Nov 24** **Livewire™ Experience** TDMC  
Details and more info coming soon at [www.trevdeeley.com](http://www.trevdeeley.com)!
- **Sat. Dec 7** **NEXT HOG® MEETING** TDMC 10:00 am. Back room behind service dept.  
*Following the meeting, all HOG® members will gather for a group photo with Santa. Wear your best festive holiday leather!*
- **Sat. Dec 7** **Photos with SANTA** TDMC 11:00-3:00  
**Sun. Dec 8** Have your photo taken with Santa (HOG® member, Chris Greenwood) on a shiny new Harley! Photos will be by donation of either an un-wrapped toy, or cash/debit/credit donation with all proceeds going to the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. Free seasonal treats, freshly popped popcorn & hot coffee will be available to all. Bring down the kids, your pets, or that special someone to capture a beautiful Christmas photo!!  
Enjoy a Pancake Breakfast on both days from 10:00-2:00

### **SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS & RIDING COMMUNITY**

There have been a number of accidents in recent weeks. Your HOG® Chapter Executive reminds you to ride safely & responsibly at all times. If you'd like to show your support to injured or fallen brothers or sisters, donate to a couple of fundraising initiatives listed below or volunteer for organizations like the Association for Injured Motorcyclists (AIM), who reaches out to injured riders & their families to offer support.

- **Neil Tapley**

Neil is not a Vancouver HOG® member but many of us know him through TDMC & Bike Life Vancouver. Neil collided head-on with a pick-up truck in the Mission area on Sun. October 27<sup>th</sup>. Doctors tried to save his badly injured left leg but unfortunately, it had to be amputated just above the ankle. They also repaired his right shoulder. His other injuries included a broken collar bone, several broken ribs, fractures in his neck, and a moderate brain injury. On October 31st, he also suffered a stroke. His family have started a Go-Fund-Me page to help in his recovery:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/neil-tapley039s-recovery\\_fund?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cf%2Bshare-flow&fbclid=IwAR10RpKk2zcJs6vdMGxTykSS9nUSyX3DaMd5hEPknsWhXL19XzZgKbDZJS8](https://www.gofundme.com/f/neil-tapley039s-recovery_fund?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf%2Bshare-flow&fbclid=IwAR10RpKk2zcJs6vdMGxTykSS9nUSyX3DaMd5hEPknsWhXL19XzZgKbDZJS8)

- **Reza Darmono**

Reza worked for both TDMC & most recently, Barnes HD Langley. On Sat. October 26th, Reza was tragically involved in a serious motor vehicle accident causing a serious brain injury from which he died. This tragedy has been sudden and unexpected and has left his family with the unimaginable burden of planning and paying for their loved one's funeral and related service costs. Here's a link to his Go-Fund-Me page:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/reza-darmono?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR2tSz7Y1oudHGRso\\_P\\_JaaMh5XoMrcX00\\_nb6v0U32ff2Az2Iti1nAkbul](https://www.gofundme.com/f/reza-darmono?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&fbclid=IwAR2tSz7Y1oudHGRso_P_JaaMh5XoMrcX00_nb6v0U32ff2Az2Iti1nAkbul)

**Reza Darmono's Celebration of Life** Sat. December 7<sup>th</sup> Barnes HD Langley 6:00-9:00

If you would like to say a few words about Reza, please email [rsvp@barneshd.com](mailto:rsvp@barneshd.com).

<https://www.facebook.com/events/655363214991356/>

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### **OF INTEREST TO HOG® MEMBERS:**

#### **2020 WESTERN REGIONAL HOG® RALLY** Aug. 6-8, 2020 Langley, BC

Next year's event will be hosted by the Langley HOG® Chapter.

Host hotel will be the Sheraton Guildford, 15269 104th Ave, Surrey BC V3R 1N5 604-582-9288

Details are still in the planning stages & will be announced soon. Follow their Facebook Page for updates to this event: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2408680472702995/>

*Vancouver HOG® Chapter is offering our assistance to the Langley HOG® Chapter & will be calling for volunteers in the upcoming months. **SEE EVENT UPDATE ON PAGE 9.***

#### **14<sup>th</sup> PRAIRIE REGIONAL HOG® RALLY** Aug. 27-29, 2020 Calgary, Alta

Early Bird Registration opening soon! Follow their Facebook Page for updates to this event:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/898193507183745/?tn-str=\\*F&fref=gs&dti=898193507183745&hc\\_location=group\\_dialog](https://www.facebook.com/groups/898193507183745/?tn-str=*F&fref=gs&dti=898193507183745&hc_location=group_dialog)

HOST HOTEL will be the Sheraton Cavalier Calgary, 2620 32nd Avenue NE.

Room rates: \$119/nt (plus taxes) & if you want to include breakfast for 2, they are \$139/nt (plus taxes). Reservations: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1565387607212&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call 1 (403) 291-0107.

### **HOG® MEMBER NAME TAGS**

We are starting another list for HOG® members interested in purchasing a name tag. Your Vancouver HOG® Chapter partially subsidizes the cost of name tags so that each member pays only \$10.00. A minimum order of 12 is required. If you'd like to order a name tag, please give \$10 cash to Kyoko at the front desk & she will put your name & info on the list.

### **TREV DEELEY & HOG® WEBSITE**

The HOG® website is now accessible through the newly revamped Trev Deeley website under the INFO menu, or by clicking the small HOG® logo at the top right of the page (desktop computers only). Harmony from TDMC manages the HOG® section on the site and HOG® Webmaster, Norm Hill, is responsible for selecting pictures that can be viewed.

You will find upcoming events & photos, meeting minutes, calendar of events, HOG® Canada and HOG® International links, and your chapter officer's names and contact info.

Note: Some links are now accessible on mobile devices.

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

### **VANCOUVER HOG® FACEBOOK PAGE**

This is also a good resource for news, events and contact with other members. Anyone can post photos, plans to meet for a ride, or use it to privately message other members.

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

**BUY & SELL PAGE** - Open to public to view but only HOG® members can post items.

***Members are encouraged to utilize these resources that are there for us!***

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### **SAFETY OFFICER REPORT**

**LOWELL WADE**, HOG® Safety Officer

#### **Winter Driving Tips**

(see notes attached to minutes).

***Reminder to members:*** We are looking for someone to take over the role of Safety Officer for 2020. If you're interested & would like more details, please contact Maria, Lyn, Lowell, or Chris. All applicants will be considered.



## **2020 WESTERN REGIONAL HOG® RALLY NEWS**

### **CHRIS FERGUSON** *Advisor, 2020 Western Regional HOG® Rally Committee*

The “Iron Horse Rally” is being sponsored by the Langley HOG® Chapter, and will be held on August 6-8, 2020 at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel, Surrey, BC. It was very difficult to find a venue in our area which would commit to giving us the number of rooms needed and which also had all the other requirements such as the ability to hold the banquet/dances/meet and greet, parking, as well as reasonable pricing.

The Sheraton was the host hotel for a previous motorcycle rally and their experience helped them check off all the boxes needed where every other location fell short. The great thing about this venue is that almost every aspect of our rally can occur either at the Sheraton or at Barnes.

There are three (3) other hotels (Holiday Inn Express, Sandman Guildford, and the Four Points Guildford) within walking distance of Host Hotel.

The following events will all take place at the Host Hotel:

- Thursday Evening will feature a “Meet and Greet on the Patio”
- Friday Evening there will be a BBQ Dinner followed by a Dance with a Live Band
- Saturday Evening will be the Banquet Dinner followed by the Awards Presentation & Closing Ceremony

In addition to the Evening events, during the day the following will be available:

- Self Guided Rides – on all three (3) days
- Bike Games and Show and Shine at Barnes Harley-Davidson on Saturday
- Registration at Barnes Harley-Davidson

The center-piece of our riding events will be the “*Amazing Race*”. Some of you participated in this in the past and remember how much fun you had. So we are planning an even better version for the rally this year.

Secure Free Covered Parking for bikes staying at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel

Shuttles will go between the hotels (Holiday Inn and Four Points only) on Friday and Saturday evening. The Sandman Guildford is within a block of the Sheraton Guildford, so no shuttles there.

We are going to need a ton of volunteers to assist with specific events, registration, security, photography, the Amazing Race etc. Your Executive has indicated to the Rally Committee that

the Vancouver HOG® Chapter is committed to assisting with this rally. So please contact the Rally Volunteer Coordinator, Theresa Roth, Vancouver HOG® Chapter member.

**THERESA ROTH** *Volunteer Coordinator, 2020 Western Regional HOG® Rally Committee*

Help support our friends at the Langley HOG® Chapter who are hosting the Iron Horse Rally 2020 Regional HOG® Rally next year! We need volunteers for the following:

Registration (Thursday, Friday & Saturday), Show & Shine game set-up, Bike Games registration, Amazing Race (submit your name & someone will contact you).

*If you are interested in any of the volunteer positions, please submit your name, email, phone/text number to Volunteer Coordinator, Theresa Roth, 604-355-4747, [theresaroth@shaw.ca](mailto:theresaroth@shaw.ca). Specific details will be available in the new year.*

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3 door prizes of TDMC \$25 Gift Certificates, donated by the Chapter, were awarded to: **Marc Varty, Ron Maas, and Tony Fallon.**

The Birthday draw winner for the month of November was **Ron Maas.**

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Sat. December 7, 2019, TDMC 10:00 am**

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## Winter Driving Tips

We have just experienced an early taste of winter, so it is now time to start thinking about winter driving. As most of us have put our Harley's to bed this safety talk pertains to our four-wheeled chariots.

I will preface this safety talk by mentioning I have provided a couple of links to transport Canada and the Canadian Safety Council that go into great detail about winter driving safety tips, so I encourage everyone to visit these websites.

So...here are the top ten (10) tips to prevent problems before they occur:

1. Get your vehicle ready for winter in the fall.
2. Install four matching winter tires. Winter tires have been designed for use in snow. They carry a pictograph on the sidewall of a peaked mountain with a snowflake. These tires meet high standards for winter traction performance and should not be confused with Mud + Snow (M+S) rated snow tires. Winter tires may be legally required where you live.
3. Pack an emergency kit.
4. Learn and practice winter driving techniques before you need them. If you feel that you would like to take either an online, video, or in person winter driving safety course, I would recommend Thinking Driver, <https://www.thinkingdriver.com/>.
5. Plan your trip, check road and weather conditions. It's a good idea to visit [www.weatheroffice.gc.ca](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca) for local weather reports, before you leave home. Environment Canada issues warnings when it expects blizzards, heavy snow, freezing rain or drizzle, cold snaps and winds.
6. Remove all snow from your vehicle before each trip.
7. Give yourself extra travel time in bad weather.
8. Avoid using cruise control on slippery roads. Ice and snow are more slippery at 0oC than <sup>1</sup>at -20oC. Watch for black ice at temperatures between +4oc and -4oc, where the road surface ahead looks black and shiny. It is often found on shaded areas of the road, bridges and overpasses long after the sun has come out.
9. Travel with a fully charged cell phone or a mobile radio if you are travelling in remote areas. CB radios do not require a license to operate. Operating a radio on licensed frequencies is not permitted in accordance with the Radio communications Act <https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/R-2/>.
10. SLOW DOWN and WEAR your seatbelt!




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<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/winter-driving-tips/>

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/motorvehiclesafety/safevehicles-safetyfeatures-winterdriving-index-693.htm>