

# HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP OAKLAND CALIFORNIA

Established April 1989 revised June 2010  
(Sponsored by Oakland Harley Davidson)



## CHAPTER MEMBER HANDBOOK

### Index

Welcome Letter.....	page 2
Brief History of Fremont HOG.....	page 4
Brief History of Oakland HOG.....	page 8
General Chapter Information.....	page 11
National HOG Member Benefits and Services.....	page 13
How to Help Your Chapter.....	page 14
Oakland HOG Chapter Points.....	page 14
Group Riding.....	page 16
Chapter By-Laws.....	page 18

## WELCOME

**As a new member of the OAKLAND HARLEY OWNER'S GROUP we would like to say, WELCOME to our Chapter.**

Becoming a member of Oakland HOG provides you with the opportunity to meet new people, all with at least one common interest --Harley-Davidson motorcycles. As a member you have the chance to take advantage of the numerous group rides and events we schedule each year. It is also an opportunity to participate in the Chapter's efforts to collect funds, food, and clothing for charity.

On a monthly basis, we conduct two Chapter meetings (1st and 3rd Thursdays), an Officer's meeting (4th Thursday) and a Road Captain's meeting (2nd Thursday).

Our website ([www.oaklandhog.org](http://www.oaklandhog.org)) contains information about the Chapter, a calendar of events, the newsletter and a Yahoo Group for posting ride and activities information to Chapter members.

Our newsletter is published monthly and can be found on our website. It is distributed by email to the membership. For members who do not have access to a computer, we mail the newsletter **upon request only**. We also publish a list of major events for the year in January's newsletter.

We have a **HOG-Line (510-888-4557)** that you may also utilize to obtain information on upcoming events.

In addition, the Activities Chairperson discusses upcoming events in detail at each Chapter meeting.

At the first meeting you attend, you will be introduced to the members. We hold new member welcome orientation meetings several times a year. These meetings are usually conducted by the Assistant Director and other officers of the welcoming committee.

As you become more familiar with the Chapter and get to know the members better, we hope you will begin to participate in our Chapter meetings, rides, and events, and we sincerely hope you will enjoy and share in the enthusiasm we have for our Oakland HOG Chapter.

Thank you for joining the **Oakland Harley Owners Group**.

### Oakland HOG Officers for 2012

**Director:**.....Cynthia Roarty  
**Asst. Director.:**.....James Bell  
**Treasurer:** .....John Davis  
**Secretary:**.....Bunny Gundersen  
**Activities Officer:**.....Peter Stark  
**LOH Officer:**.....Jeanne Muylaret  
**Head Road Capt.:**.....Lonny Weissman  
**Safety Officer:**.....Bob Souza  
**Editor:**.....Marian Stevens  
**Photographer:**.....Jerry Lay  
**Historian:**.....Marian Stevens  
**Sergeant-At-Arms:**..... Dave Perez  
**Webmaster:**.....Marian Stevens  
**Hogspitality:**..... Victoria Murphy  
**Purchasing:**.....  
**Marathon Officer**.....Glenn Martin  
**LOH Asst.**.....Casey Zaragoza  
**Activities Asst.** .....Ron Meier  
**Special Event Coordinator**.....

### Road Captains for 2012

Reed Bagnes	Jim Bell	Dan “Droopy” Bustinduy	Ralph Creech
John “JD” Davis	Pat Devlin	Denise Kreuzer	Scott Machtmes
Glenn Martin	Russ McCallum	Pete Neves	Don “Pappy” Norris
Cindy Roarty	Tim Roarty	Bob Souza	Bill Van Ness
Lonny Weissman	Bob Wilson		
		John Mulcock(inactive)	Dianne Rocket(inactive)

**The Oakland Harley Owners Group (HOG) is a combination of the former Fremont HOG and the original Oakland HOG Chapters. What follows is the history of each Chapter.**

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF FORMER FREMONT HOG**

The Fremont Harley Owner's Group held their first meeting on April 20, 1989. The organization became official on June 21, 1989 with 55 charter members. The original Officers were Director Randy Morgan, Assistant Director Buzz Dare, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Bryan and Activities Chairperson Gary Perry. At the time, Fremont H-D dealership was located on Fremont Blvd., next to Round Table Pizza where the Chapter's first meeting was and still is being held. After Randy Morgan served as appointed Director for the first five years, the Chapter began electing their primary Officers.

The original Chapter newsletter, *RoadHog Rag*, had its first issue published in July 1989 with Tom Bryan as editor. The newsletter's name has since been changed to *Hog Lines*.

The Chapter held its first **Halloween Run** in Niles Canyon on October 15, 1989. Since then it has been an annual, well-publicized event as well as the main source of income for our charity programs.

National HOG has outlined a competition called the **ABC's of Touring**. The minimum requirement to qualify in the competition is to visit at least 26 cities, counties, states, each starting with different letters of the alphabet. In addition, visits to State and National parks, Harley-Davidson factories, other countries and HOG events and Rallies may be used to gain additional points. If you submit the minimum 26 photographs that qualify for 26 **ABC's of Touring** points, HOG will send you a pin and patch. See the first issue of *HOG Tales* (Jan-Feb) for more information on the program. The most current information about HOG events is always found on the HOG National website.

In 1991, Fremont HOG created the "**ABC's in a Day**," an event that requires a visit to 26 cities or towns, each one beginning with a different letter of the alphabet. Due to California not having a city or town beginning with the letter 'X', it is supplemented normally by a County name. As far as it is known, Fremont HOG was the only Chapter in the world that sponsored such an event and is thus regarded as the "**Home of ABC'S in a Day**". In 2011 the Chapter will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of this long-standing traditional event. Check out the annual calendar on this website for the date.

### **Past Fremont / Oakland HOG Primary Officers**

(Source: wall plaque at dealership):

#### **2011**

**Director:**.....John Mulcock  
**Asst. Director.:**.....Cindy Roarty  
**Treasurer:** .....John Becker  
**Secretary:**.....Marian Stevens  
**Activities Officer:**.....Denise Kreuzer  
**LOH Officer:**.....Cathy Sanchez

**2010**

**Director:**.....Barbara Paresa  
**Asst. Director.:**.....John Mulcock  
**Treasurer:** .....John Becker  
**Secretary:**.....Laurel Krebs  
**Activities Officer:**.....Bob Souza  
**LOH Officer:**.....Yvonne Andrade

**2009**

**Director** .....Don “Sauls” Saulsbury  
**Assistant Director**.....Barbara Paresa  
**Secretary** .....Laurel Krebs  
**Treasurer** .....Kris Zebratski

**2008**

**Director** .....Don “Pappy” Norris  
**Assistant Director**.....Don “Sauls” Saulsbury  
**Secretary** .....Dianne Rocket  
**Treasurer** .....Dale Burdick

**2007**

**Director** .....Barbara Paresa  
**Assistant Director**.....Don “Pappy” Norris  
**Secretary** .....Donna Wilson  
**Treasurer** .....Jill Russo

**2006**

**Director** .....Tom Townsend  
**Assistant Director**.....Barbara Paresa  
**Secretary** .....Donna Wilson  
**Treasurer** .....Denise Kruetzer

**2005**

**Director** .....Don Saulsbury  
**Assistant Director**.....Tom Townsend  
**Secretary** .....Dan Bustinduy  
**Treasurer** .....Denise Kreuzer

**2004**

**Director** .....John Davis  
**Assistant Director**.....Don Saulsbury  
**Secretary** .....Carla Chambers  
**Treasurer** .....Barbara Paresa

**2003**

**Director** .....Bill Zebratski  
**Assistant Director**.....John Davis  
**Secretary** .....Carla Chambers  
**Treasurer** .....Fred Gutterman

**2002**

**Director** .....Frank Gaan  
**Assistant Director**.....Bill Zebratski  
**Secretary** .....Cynthia Valier  
**Treasurer** .....Fred Gutterman

**2001**

**Director** .....Jack Koopen  
**Assistant Director**.....Frank Gaan  
**Secretary** .....Bunny Gundersen  
**Treasurer** .....Margaret Mulcock

**2000**

**Director** .....Dave Loria  
**Assistant Director**.....Jack Koopen  
**Secretary** .....Bunny Gundersen  
**Treasurer** .....Rick Fey

**1999**

**Director** .....Dave Loria  
**Assistant Director**.....Shawn Saulsbury  
**Secretary** .....Bunny Gundersen  
**Treasurer** .....Gina Wright

**1998**

**Director** .....Ron Upson  
**Assistant Director**.....Dave Loria  
**Secretary** .....Jerry Morris  
**Treasurer** .....Gina Wright

**1997**

**Director** .....Ron Upson  
**Assistant Director**.....Robert Farrell  
**Secretary** .....Bunny Gundersen  
**Treasurer** .....Torie Fields

**1996**

**Director** .....Phyllis Solano  
**Assistant Director**.....Ron Upson  
**Secretary** .....Bunny Gundersen  
**Treasurer** .....Marian Wilde

**1995**

**Director** .....Jim Cormier  
**Assistant Director**.....Steve Jaroch  
**Secretary** .....Phyllis Solano  
**Treasurer** .....Marian Wilde

**1994**

**Director** .....Jim Cormier  
**Assistant Director**.....Dianne Capri  
**Secretary** .....Phyllis Lloyd  
**Treasurer** .....Diane Kevern

**1993**

**Director** .....Randy Morgan  
**Assistant Director**.....Ron Cappa  
**Secretary** .....Dave Kevern  
**Treasurer** .....Robert Farrell

**1992**

**Director** .....Randy Morgan  
**Assistant Director**.....Ron Cappa  
**Secretary** .....Dave Kevern  
**Treasurer** .....Diana Perry

**1991**

**Director** .....Randy Morgan  
**Assistant Director**.....Robert Farrell  
**Secretary** .....Dave Kevern  
**Treasurer** .....Diana Perry

**1990**

**Director** .....Randy Morgan  
**Assistant Director**.....Buzz Dare  
**Secretary** .....Tom Bryant  
**Treasurer** .....Diana Perry

**1989**

**Director** .....Randy Morgan  
**Assistant Director**.....Buzz Dare  
**Secretary** .....Tom Bryant  
**Treasurer** .....Tom Bryant

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF ORIGINAL OAKLAND HOG**

By Bob Gilbert (Former General Manager of Bob Dron and longtime Oakland HOG Member)

March 5, 1988 is the founding date of our H.O.G.® Chapter. It was the second Harley Owners Group Chapter to be chartered in the Bay Area, the first being San Jose which was chartered on January 26, 1987. Bob and Tracey Dron and the first board of directors selected the name California Bay Area H.O.G Chapter because members came from all over the Bay Area to belong to a H.O.G. Chapter. The name was changed to Oakland, California H.O.G. Chapter in 1990 by a vote of the members after several other H.O.G. Chapters were started in the area. A few of the old California Bay Area Chapter name rockers are still around.

Even though the name California Bay Area Chapter embraced a lot of Harley riders in the San Francisco Bay Area, the name was not recognizable to people who lived outside of the Bay Area.

For example a group of California Bay Area Chapter members rode together to Sturgis for the 50th Anniversary of the Rally and it seemed that wherever we went people asked, "Where are you from? Where is the California Bay Area? Is it Humboldt Bay, San Francisco Bay, Monterey Bay or San Diego's Mission Bay?" This and the advent of additional chapters in the Bay Area led to the selection of a new name, a name that left no doubt as to where we are from.

When the Chapter was formed in March 1988 Bob Dron selected John Allison as the founding Director. John was an employee of Bob Dron Harley-Davidson. This is when the dealership was located at 744 East 12th Street. Dan Rodham was the Assistant Director until September then Lee Wilson took his place. Nancy de Halas was the Secretary until September and Robin Wilson took over. The Treasurer was Jennifer Diaz, the first Road Captain was Dave Bishop, Craig Wendt the Sergeant of Arms, Aram Attarian and Mercy Erpen-Beck were Newsletter Editors and Dolores Allison was the LOH Rep.

The original plan was to have the Director / Assistant Director serve a term of two years. The Assistant Director automatically moved up to be the Director. However good this plan looked on paper it never worked out. Club members had other obligations and it was difficult to maintain this line of succession.

In 1989 Lee Wilson was elected Director and Craig Wendt was his assistant until June when Frank Mattos took over for Craig. Frank picked up the nick name "The Hammer" in 1995 while he served as the Sergeant of Arms. Big John Thiel served as the Director in the years 1990 and 1991 and the Assistant Director in 1997. Kenny Rogers lead the chapter first half of 1992 but was replaced by Assistant Director Mark Strausburg in July. R.C. Ellis was Director for the first half of 1993 but had to step down because of the death of his wife Donna and Assistant Director Reed Bagnes completed the year. Gary Costanzo was elected Director in 1994 and in 1995. Halfway through 1995 Gary relinquished the gavel to his Assistant Director Dave Asplin who was then elected to serve a full term in 1996. The 1997 Director was Roger McCleod. Chris Tyler served two full terms in '98 and '99. He was followed by Bob Weaver 2000, Bryce Randall 2001, Jerry Kroll 2002, Dan Stapleton 2003, Dan Mattingly 2004, Sam McCroskey 2005, Pete Neves 2006, Carl Ensor 2007, Had Thompson 2008, Steve Blankenship 2009, and Virgil Stanger was our last director in 2010.

The Chapter, under the leadership of Past Director John Thiel, established the first B.I.G. (Bikers Into Giving) Run in 1990. The name was the inspiration of Mike Felder. The Run pin was designed by Robby Padoang and his basic design has been used for all of the B.I.G. Runs.

The first Run was a benefit for the Alameda Food Bank. Entry into the event was a donation of canned food.

Run pins were sold for \$5.00. The run started at the 12th Street dealership location and consisted of a police escorted parade of bikes around Lake Merritt and then to the Warehouse Bar on 4th Street. The block of 4th Street in front of the Warehouse was closed down for the event festivities; bikes parked in the surrounding neighborhood. Participants bought their own BBQ from a street vendor, libations were sold in the Warehouse, a stage was set up on 4th Street for the band, participants dined and danced in the street, looked at the bikes and partied until the sun set.

During 1991 the Chapter sponsored a contest to name the Oakland California H.O.G. Chapter Newsletter. Yours truly won the contest with the entry H.O.G. CALL.

The second B.I.G. Run followed the same format that was used for the first. However in 1990, the helmet law was signed by Governor Pete Wilson and went into effect on January 1, 1991. The OPD informed all of the 1991 B.I.G. Run participants that they had to wear their helmets during the Run through the city streets. Several riders from the Modesto H.O.G. Chapter decided to turn the Run into their personal helmet law protest and refused to put on their helmets. During the parade around Lake Merritt an OPD officer instructed the protestors to comply with the new law. Unfortunately a couple of these miscreants decided to give the officer the digital salute, popped wheelies and rode away from the parade. Their actions put the kibosh on the B.I.G. Run as a parade around the lake. In 1992 the OPD refused to give the Chapter permission to have the parade around the lake and to shut down 4th street for the post B.I.G. Run party.

The Run in 1992 was a parade of bikes escorted by the CHP from Bob Dron's on E. 12th Street South down the Nimitz Freeway to the V.F.W. Hall in San Lorenzo. This location was too small to handle the number of bikes and the caterer could not feed everyone in a timely manner. There was mutiny and many riders left the event vowing never to return.

The format in 1993 changed. Directors R.C. Ellis and Reed Bagness moved the event to Alameda. The Alameda County Food Bank was still the charity but this year there was a non-escorted ride to the Elks Club in Alameda where the Chapter hosted a ride-in bike show and a BBQ with a live band. \$1,300.00 was raised for the Food Bank.

In March 1993 the Oakland, California H.O.G. Chapter held a five year birthday dinner party at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant at the San Leandro Marina. In November of that year the Dron's moved the dealership to 200 Hegenberger Road. This location, when it opened, was the world's largest Harley-Davidson dealership. Willie G. Davidson and a host of factory executives flew to Oakland for the Grand Opening Party which was attended by the Chapter Board of Directors, community leaders, representatives of the press corps, and friends of Bob and Tracey. Craig Chaquico entertained the entourage with his guitar music.

The Board of Directors during the term of Director Gary Costanzo wanted to have a Harley Day at the A's Baseball game in '94. The run pins were even yellow and green that year. But the A's wanted the H.O.G. Chapter to donate \$42,000.00 to the A's Community Fund as the price for hosting the event. Needless to say this literally priced the Chapter out of the ballpark. The Teamster's Hall on Hegenberger Road became the start and end location for the B.I.G. Run in 1994 and 1995. In 1994 we had an observation run and in 1995 a poker run.

After the B.I.G. Run in 1995 Dave Asplin moved up from being the Assistant Director to become the Director. In December, Dave organized the first Oakland H.O.G. Toy Run. Participants rode from the dealership to City Hall and presented their toys to Mayor Harris. After the run we

cruised down to Arlen's in San Leandro and had a free burger at his annual Christmas party on East 14th Street.

It was several years later that the City of Oakland hosted the Holiday Parade and the Toy Run format changed to include participating in the parade as part of the Oakland California H.O.G. Chapter Toy Run. And this is when, through the efforts of Neil Goodhue, the OPD started to provide the police motorcycle escort from the dealership.

Under the leadership of Directors Dave Asplin, 1996, and Roger McLeod, 1997, they organized their B.I.G. Runs to end at the Byron Station in the town of Byron. These Runs were poker runs. It was a great destination and we had a lot of fun but the second year we were there it was very hot. So hot that it seemed as though we did not have to fire up the grills to cook the meat. The sun did the cooking for us. After two scorching Runs the Chapter Board of Directors were not sure it wanted Byron as the endpoint for the run and later that year a fire destroyed the Byron Station. Byron was out as a B.I.G. Run destination.

1996 Dave Asplin turned up the heat on the fund raising effort for Oakland Children's Hospital. The B.I.G. Run generated over \$10,000. This was the first time that the Chapter raised so much.

In the meantime the A's changed ownership and in 1998 Susan Bruss of the A's approached the Chapter to see if we wanted to have a Harley Day with the A's at no extravagant charge to the Chapter. Director Chris Tyler and I worked out the details with the A's and the 1998 B.I.G. Run became Oakland H.O.G.'s Harley Day at the A's to a benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of Oakland. Chris, not to be outdone by the fundraising efforts of Dave Asplin, also worked hard so the Chapter could donate \$10,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs.

We raised money by raffling off a chance to throw out the first pitch at a future A's game. Run fees included a run pin, game ticket, motorcycle parking and the opportunity to ride your bike onto the track that circles the field for the pre-game festivities. The parade of bikes was led by the Oakland A's mascot Stomper. We had enough participants to ring the entire field with Harleys. The color guard followed the bikes onto the field for the presentation of colors, the singing of the national anthem and the first pitch. This Run was such a hit with the participants and spectators that the A's invited us back in '99.

As they say, "Variety is the spice of life," and interest in the Harley Day with the A's waned after the event in 1999, so Director Bob Weaver and his Board of Directors change the 2000 B.I.G. Run format back to a poker run. This event started and ended at the dealership. The cool climate of Oakland was preferable to the heat of the inland areas such as Byron.

Bryce Randall and the 2001 Board of Directors selected the Road House at Mountain House as the Run destination. It was another scorching year in the valley so in 2002 Director Jerry Kroll and his crew developed a poker run that left the dealership, stopped at the Boys and Girls Clubs clubhouses in Oakland and ended at Fairyland at Lake Merritt. As luck would have it the sun never penetrated the fog that Saturday so the Board started thinking sun for a 2003 destination.

Road Captain Bill Singer suggested to Director Dan Stapleton that the 2003 B.I.G. Run be a Gizmo Run rather than a poker run. The Board of Directors liked the idea and a Gizmo Run was the basis for the 2003 B.I.G. Run to the Mountain House.

Dan Mattingly and his Board looked to create a twist to the B.I.G. Run. History buff and Chapter Membership Officer Ken Lindstrom found pictures of a motorcycle road race that ran between Oakland and Livermore in

1911 and 1912. The race was sponsored by the Oakland Motorcycle Club. Ken brought the pictures to an Officers' Meeting. After the meeting Mike Baird, Dave Almeida, Bob Gilbert and Ken discussed the photos over few glasses of Guinness and came up with the idea of having the 2004 B.I.G. Run follow the route of the 1911 – 12 road race which was basically the route of the old Lincoln Highway between the two cities.

The OPD Motor Patrol escorted the riders from Bob Dron Harley-Davidson up the Nimitz Freeway to the Lake Merritt Boat House. This was as close as we could get so many bikes to the 1911 location of the OMC Meeting Hall on Broadway and the original starting point for the races. Mike and his crew of Road Captains laid out a route that followed the Lincoln Highway from Lake Merritt to the Mountain House. The 1911 – 12 races had over 1,000 participants and ended at the flagpole in downtown Livermore. In 1913 the Livermore Police canceled the event and the race was moved to a closed race course at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Things haven't changed over the years. Some police don't like bikers. The 2004 B.I.G Run ended at the Mountain House, an original roadhouse on the Lincoln Highway but well beyond the end of the original road races.

In 2005 Director Sam McCroskey and the Board followed the Gizmo Run format for the B.I.G. Run from the dealership to the Mountain House. The Oakland Police Motorcycle Drill Team was the recipient of the proceeds from the run in a show of appreciation for all of the support they gave the Chapter over the years.

Director Pete Neves and his Board implemented the same formula for fun and success in 2006 when the Chapter sponsored the B.I.G. Run with a Gizmo Run to the Mountain House. Saint Mary's Family Center in West Oakland received the proceeds from the Run. However this year the Run started at the new Bob Dron Harley-Davidson facility located at 151 Hegenberger Road.

When the California Bay Area Chapter was founded on March 5, 1988 there were nearly 52,000 members of the Harley Owners Group. Today there are over 1,000,000. Bob Dron joined H.O.G. when there were 15,000 members and Chapter Charter Member and still active member Frank Mattos's membership number is close to 51,300. What is your membership number?

**As you can see many things have changed over the years but the premise of H.O.G. to "Ride and Have Fun" has not.**

## **GENERAL CHAPTER INFORMATION**

Oakland HOG is sponsored by Oakland Harley Davidson (referred to as the dealership) and is a local chapter of the Harley Owner's Group (HOG), a Harley Davidson Corporation-sponsored organization. We are a chartered chapter of the parent organization and membership is open to all Harley-Davidson motorcycle owners. Associate membership is also available. For National HOG benefits please refer to the "National HOG Membership Benefits and Services" section of this handbook. The most current information about HOG events is always found on the HOG National website.

**The purpose of Oakland HOG** - is to **RIDE AND HAVE FUN**, make new friends, and to RIDE your Harley-Davidson motorcycle with the HOG family. We offer support to selected charitable organizations both financially and materially,

**Chapter meetings** - are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Round Table Pizza, 37480 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, CA. Meetings commence at 7:30 PM and consist of new member introductions, presentation of

Chapter information and upcoming events, and finally a raffle. Meetings usually end around 9:00 PM or when the last member stops talking about riding his or her Harley-Davidson.

**Officers** – are responsible for promoting and running the Chapter to meet the needs of the chapter members and the dealership. See the list of officers in the “**Welcome**” section. Officer meetings are held every 4th Thursday of the month and are open to chapter members. Please contact one of the Officers for location and time if you would like to attend.

There are six elected officer positions (Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Officer and Ladies of Harley Officer). The Assistant Director automatically assumes the position of Director at the beginning of a year. Thus, when members elect an Assistant Director each year, they are also electing the following year’s Director. The Director, Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer positions are considered primary positions and attend National HOG Harley Officer Training (HOT) each year. The Head Road Captain, Chapter Editor, Safety Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, Webmaster and Photographer Hogspitality and Purchasing are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Director.

**A Board of Directors** – is formed by the dealership and oversees the operation of the Chapter. Members of the board are appointed by and serve at the discretion of the dealership. The current Director of the Chapter is a ‘member at large’ of the board of directors.

**Road Captains** – are appointed by the officers of the Chapter and volunteer to lead members and guests on runs. See the list of road captains in the ‘**Welcome**’ section. The Head Road Captain and Activities Chairperson hold a meeting every 2nd Thursday of the month to formulate plans for upcoming runs and events. The meetings are attended by the group of road captains and are open to chapter members and members may attend without prior notification.

**Ladies of Harley** – (LOH) groups are at the National HOG as well as local level. The LOH Officer attends officer meetings, is responsible for all LOH activities and is involved in the decision-making process.

**Charities** – The Chapter supports one or more charities each year, as decided and voted on by the membership officers.

This support takes on different forms, based on need. We may provide cash donations, purchase or ask members to donate food and/or clothing or simply ask members to spend time with hospital patients. The Chapter sponsors the **Halloween** run and a part of the proceeds are earmarked for charitable organizations.

**Raffles** – are conducted at every chapter meeting. Raffle tickets are on sale for various items purchased by the Chapter or donated by members. Half of the proceeds from the raffle are returned to the chapter general fund. A budget is established for purchasing prizes for the following raffle, and the other half is awarded, in a separate draw, to a member or guest whose raffle ticket is selected. Multiple winners in a single raffle are requested to donate a prize for the next raffle.

**Membership Dues** – are \$24 and are due no later than January 31st of each year. We accept new members throughout the year and dues remain \$24 for the current year and are not amortized.

Note: Membership in National HOG must be current to apply for or renew membership in Oakland HOG. However, due to certain circumstances, situations and to cover all exceptions, Oakland HOG will accept entry into the Chapter prior to attaining National HOG membership provided you have your National HOG membership verified by the Chapter no more than six weeks after you have signed up for Chapter membership.

**Newsletter** – (H.O.G. Lines) is available at the first meeting each month. The newsletter is also posted in the Chapter’s Web site [www.oaklandhog.org](http://www.oaklandhog.org), is delivered to an individual’s Email address and is available at the dealership while supplies last. Members who do not have access to the Internet and are not present at the meeting may receive the newsletter in the U.S. Mail by request.

**HOG-Line** – Call (510) 888-4557 for current information on upcoming runs and events. You may also leave messages for Chapter officers on this line.

**Participation Points** – are given to members for attendance to various runs and events. At the end of each quarter, prizes are awarded for top participation.

To find out how to earn points, see section on page 14,

### **Oakland Harley Owners Group**

#### **Mileage and Participation Award Guidelines**

**Mileage Contest** – will be based on chapter rides and mileage submitted by the road captain of each ride. Awards will be presented to members based on mileage at the end of the year.

**Runs** – are usually scheduled for weekends. During the winter or colder months, runs will be held on either Saturday or Sunday. During the summer or prime riding months, there will be for the most part, a run scheduled for both Saturday and Sunday. Occasionally dinner or dessert runs will be planned and held during a weekday. Members are encouraged to provide ideas for run destinations or to actually sponsor and assist with a run.

**Patches** – Oakland HOG patches may be purchased at the dealership. You may order personalized ‘name rockers’ through our purchasing agent.

## **NATIONAL HOG MEMBER BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

- ABC’s of Touring
- Mileage Merit
- Chapter Challenge
- Emergency Towing Service
- HOG Rallies and Receptions
- Fly & Ride Program
- HOG Tales Publication
- Travel Center
- Insurance
- Ladies of Harley (LOH)
- Local HOG Chapters
- Staff Photographer
- Theft Reward
- Touring Handbook
- Tuition Reimbursement for Motorcycle Safety Courses

Complete details on the many programs offered by the Harley Owners Group are available in the Membership Manual, the Touring Handbook or by contacting the HOG office at P.O. Box 453, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or (800) CLUB-HOG or visit [www.harley-davison.com](http://www.harley-davison.com) website

## **HOW TO HELP YOUR CHAPTER**

- ✓ Attend meetings. Arrive a little early or on time.
- ✓ While at the meeting, give your full attention to the business at hand. There will be time to socialize or conduct conversations prior to and after the meeting.
- ✓ Be appreciative of the volunteer work of the officers and other members.
- ✓ Volunteer to run for an elected officer position, accept an appointed officer position or agree to serve on a committee. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated and will help in the continuity of the Chapter.
- ✓ Make your ideas, suggestions and opinions known to chapter officers. This is one more way of contributing.
- ✓ Participate in Chapter runs, events and functions. Have loads of fun and show your support.
- ✓ Help recruit new members. One of them may become a lifetime friend of yours or of another member's.
- ✓ Pay your membership dues on time.
- ✓ Keep your National HOG membership current.
- ✓ Wear your Oakland HOG chapter insignia (patches) on runs and to events or functions.
- ✓ When wearing Oakland HOG chapter insignia, ride carefully and respectfully, and with pride. You represent your local chapter and HOG members across the country.
- ✓ Support our sponsoring dealership (Oakland Harley Davidson). Much of the expense of running Oakland HOG comes out of their pocket.
- ✓ Contribute to the chapter newsletter. Submit articles to the editor by the last Thursday of the month.
- ✓ Sponsor or recommend a run. Contact the activities-chairperson to assist you.
- ✓ Contribute pictures of your trips to the chapter WebMaster/Historian.
- ✓ Ride safely and have fun.

### **Oakland Harley Owners Group Mileage and Participation Award Guidelines**

#### **Purpose**

To encourage members of Oakland Harley Owners Group to participate in the group riding experience.

#### **Mission Statement**

To provide the membership a FUN environment to participate in a fair, well-defined contest that rewards participation.

#### **Qualifying Events for Mileage and Participation**

The following types of event will be used for the accumulation of points and participation:

1. Rides which are properly posted as defined below
2. Seminars you attend
3. Ladies of Harley Meetings you attend
4. Chapter sponsored events which you attend or you volunteer to assist (i.e., Halloween, chapter picnic, etc.)
5. Dealership events which you attend or volunteer to assist.

### **Mileage Awards Guidelines**

- A. All rides which are duly scheduled by the Road Captains and put on the calendar and HOG Line would qualify for points and mileage unless otherwise stated. These scheduled rides must be put on Yahoo Groups reminder notices and all other forms of ride notification (i.e. HOG Hot Line). No informal rides put on without sufficient notice to give opportunity for all members to participate would qualify for mileage and points. Each ride would be treated as a day ride regardless of whether or not the ride may require an overnight stay. If a second day ride is scheduled for an overnight event, this ride must meet the same requirements for any other scheduled ride.
- B. Road Captains would have sole responsibility for determining the leave and pick-up location.
- C. It is the responsibility of the Road Captain to determine origination and report *exact* mileage on the sign in sheet and surrender this sheet to either the Head Road Captain or the responsible keeper of records as designated by the Chapter Director.
- D. The identical mileage for each ride would be awarded to each person (members in good standing or MIGS) attending the ride who participated from any leave location or pick-up location the lead road captain designated on the Yahoo Groups reminder notices and completed the ride to the designated destination or end of ride.
- E. If no ride is scheduled for either a second day ride (if overnight) or a second day local ride during the weekend, only the first ride in any weekend will be counted for that particular weekend. Example: an overnight ride is scheduled with a second day ride at the destination. If there is no second day ride scheduled locally for those at home, only the first day's mileage would be counted for the overnight attendees. Conversely, if a ride is planned locally for both Saturday and Sunday but an overnight event is planned for Saturday only then only the mileage for the Saturday ride would be counted for the local ride attendees.
- F. Only rides in which the participant is riding a motorcycle will qualify unless the ride is designated a rain or shine event, in which case driving a vehicle would also count.

Mileage award would be made annually on the basis of cumulative miles earned during the year by riding in accordance with award guidelines.

### **Participation points Guidelines**

Participation points would be awarded as follows:

- 1 point for each day ride, *if a second day ride is offered for both local and overnight events*
- 1 point for a Ladies of Harley meeting, seminar or work party or volunteer work
- 3 points for each Target ride as designated to be a B.A.D. ride sponsored by local Harley Owner Group Chapters
- 5 points for participation in the San Francisco Marathon

In the event of a tie, the member with the most punches in his/her membership card would be the winner. In the event this does not break the tie, the member with the highest mileage would win the participation point's award. Awards will be presented to those chapter members who demonstrate the most participation for the year. "Top 10%" rockers will be awarded to those members finishing in the top ten percent of the chapter.

Contest rules will apply from December 1 of the preceding year through November 30. Participation awards will be made at the end of each three month period.

## QUICK TIPS: MSF's Guide to Group Riding

Motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group -- whether with friends on a Sunday morning ride or with an organized motorcycle rally -- is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

**Arrive prepared.** Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

**Hold a riders' meeting.** Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals.

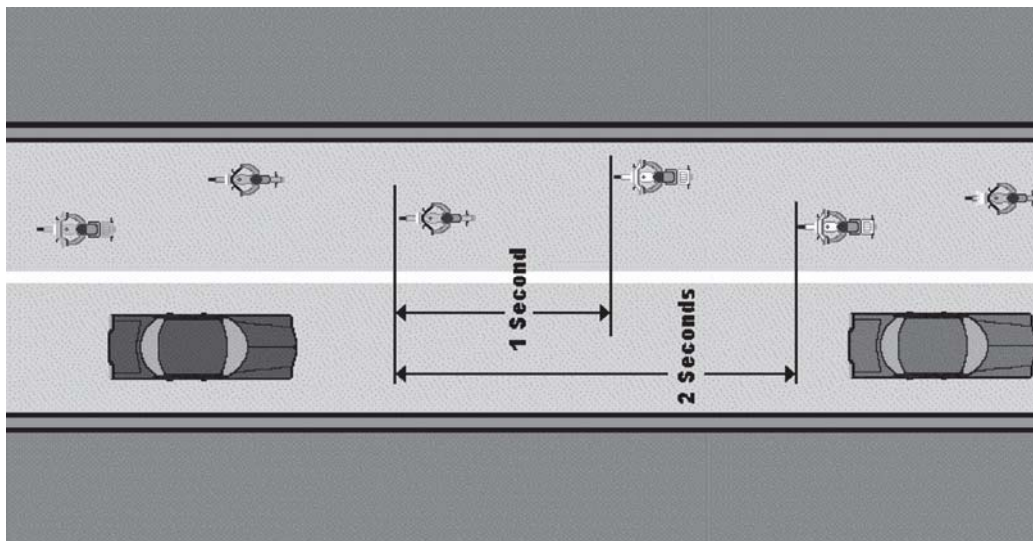


Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should assess everyone's riding skills and the group's riding style.

**Keep the group to a manageable size,** ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and sweep rider.

**Ride prepared.** At least one rider in each group should pack a cell phone, first-aid kit, and full tool kit, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

**Ride in formation.** The staggered riding formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.



**Avoid side-by-side formations**, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

**Periodically check the riders following in your rear view mirror.** If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this technique, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

**If you're separated from the group**, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

**For mechanical or medical problems**, use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.

### **MSF QUICK TIPS: General Guidelines For Riding A Motorcycle Safely**

#### **Be visible:**

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

#### **Dress for safety:**

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.
- Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

#### **Apply effective mental strategies:**

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (**SEE<sup>SM</sup>**) to increase time and space safety margins.
- Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.
- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

#### **Know your bike and how to use it:**

- Get formal training and take refresher courses.
- Call 800.446.9227 or visit [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) to locate the Motorcycle Safety Foundation hands-on *RiderCourse<sup>SM</sup>* nearest you.
- Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

*Remember: Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed.*

Chapter By-Laws

**BYLAWS OF  
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP®  
OAKLAND CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

**General**

Harley Owners Group® (hereafter referred to as H.O.G. ®) is an international organization founded and sponsored by Harley-Davidson, Inc. The organization was instituted to offer motorcycling benefits and services for the Harley-Davidson motorcycle owner or rider (owner/rider) enthusiasts and to develop a close relationship between the Harley-Davidson owner/rider, the Harley-Davidson dealer and Harley-Davidson, Inc. The purposes of H.O.G.® - Oakland California Chapter, Inc. (the "Corporation") shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation. These Bylaws specify various matters affecting the operations and governance of the Corporation. The Corporation shall abide by all rules, regulations and policies as may be determined from time to time by the H.O.G.® The "Corporation" is intended to be a family-oriented organization with a non-political philosophy.

**ARTICLE II**

**Members**

**Section I. Membership and Dues.**

- (a) Membership shall be open to any Harley-Davidson motorcycle owner/rider, who is a current member or associate in good standing with H.O.G.®
- (b) The Board of Directors shall determine members' dues; provided, however, that such dues shall not exceed such amount as may be set from time to time by H.O.G.®
- (c) Annual dues shall be paid by all active members. Payment of dues shall be made annually on the 1st of January to the Corporation's Secretary. An additional fee may be assessed for those members who wish to have the corporation newsletter mailed to their home address.
- (d) The Secretary shall post notice of membership renewal on or before October 1st of each year in the corporation newsletter.
- (e) A member who fails to pay his or her dues on or before the first day of each year shall be given a 30-day grace period. After this 30-day grace period he or she will cease to be a "member in good standing" until such time that the member's dues are paid in full.

**Section 2. Responsibilities and Voting Rights of Members.**

Each member shall have the right to one (1) vote on all matters brought before the membership, and must be present.

**Section 3. Meetings**

Meetings of the Chapter (Corporation), its committees and boards shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

- (a) Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of January of each year at 7:30 p.m. The prime objective of this meeting will be induction of new officers and to discuss the business and affairs of the Corporation over the last calendar year, as well as the plans for the next calendar year. Failure to hold the annual meeting shall not work for forfeiture or dissolution of the Corporation.

- b. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Executive Committee or upon written request of ten (10) or more members.
- c. Regular Meeting. Regular meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. thereafter.

**Section 4. Place of Meetings.**

Meetings of the members may be held at any place within or without the State of California.

**Section 5. Notices.**

Notice of any meeting of the members of the Corporation, in each case specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which it is called, shall be given to each member by delivering notice, orally or in writing, not more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting but at least seven (7) days before the time set for such meeting or, if notification is by mail, by mailing such notice at least fourteen (14) days before the time set for such meeting, unless a different time shall be prescribed for a particular action by the California Corporations Code. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation.

**Section 6. Waiver of Notice.**

The transactions of any meeting of the members of the Corporation, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though had at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present and if, either before or after the meeting, a written waiver of notice of the meeting, containing the same information as would have been required to be included in a proper notice of the meeting, is signed by the member or members entitled thereto. Such waiver shall contain the same information as would have been required to be included in such notice, except that the time and place of the meeting need not be stated. All such waivers shall be filed with and made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

**Section 7. Action Without Meeting.**

Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the members may be taken without a meeting if all the members shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the members.

**Section 8. Quorum: Action.**

A majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the members present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act or decision of the members, unless the law, the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation or these Bylaws require a greater proportion.

**Section 9. Adjournment.**

Any meeting of the members, whether annual or special, and whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of a majority of the members present. Notice of the time and place of an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent members if said time and place are fixed at the meeting adjourned.

**Section 10. Transfer: Termination: Expulsion.**

No member may transfer membership or any right or rights arising therefrom unless transfer is authorized by the Articles of Incorporation or, if the Articles of Incorporation so provide, these Bylaws. Unless

otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, membership shall be terminated by death, voluntary withdrawal, or expulsion, and thereafter all the rights of the member in the Corporation shall cease. A member may be expelled or his/her membership suspended by majority vote a quorum of the Board of Directors.

- (a) The Board of Directors will verbally notify the member of the cancellation of membership.
- (b) The member's Corporation dues for the year will be refunded.

Oakland Harley Owners Group intends to follow the spirit of the National Harley Owners Group guidelines. Illegal drug and or alcohol consumption laws are honored and will lead to suspension or expulsion. Verbal assaults or threats of bodily injury and or physical altercations at chapter-sponsored activities will not be tolerated and will lead to immediate expulsion.

### **Section 12. Organization.**

The President of the Corporation, or in the absence of the President, the assistant President shall act as chair at every meeting of the members. The Secretary of the Corporation, or in the absence of the Secretary any person appointed by the chair of the meeting, shall act as Secretary of the meeting. In the event of absence of the President and the Assistant President, the president will appoint a responsible person to chair prior to the meeting of the members.

## **ARTICLE III Directors**

**Section I. Powers.** Subject to the limitations of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, these Bylaws and the laws of the State of California, the Board of Directors shall have absolute authority over any decisions required in governing the corporation, regarding policy, nominations, disciplinary actions, and changes to these by Bylaws.

### **Section 2. Number; Election; Term.**

- (a) The number of Directors of this Corporation shall consist of a minimum of five (5). The initial Directors shall be selected by the incorporator except as otherwise provided herein. With respect to the terms of the initial directors, each Director shall hold office for a term, to be determined by Oakland Harley Davidson, or until such Director's successor shall have been duly appointed or until such Director's death, resignation or removal.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall be elected or appointed in the following manner:
  - (i) The Oakland Harley Davidson shall appoint a minimum of four (4) individuals to the Board of Directors;
  - (ii) The current elected President shall be one (1) individual to the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3. Resignation.**

A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors of such resignation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified, then upon receipt of the resignation by the Board of Directors and unless otherwise specified therein, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

### **Section 4. Removal.**

Any individual Director may be removed from office, with cause or for any reason provided in the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws or for no reason, by the action of two-thirds of the Directors at a special meeting duly called and held for such purpose; provided, however, that the Oakland Harley Davidson shall

have the exclusive right to remove the Director appointed by the Oakland Harley Davidson at any time and for any reason or no reason.

**Section 5. Vacancies.**

A vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Directors occurring for any reason, including an increase in the authorized number of Directors, may be filled by a majority of the Directors then in office, even though less than a quorum. Each Director so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired portion of the term such Director was appointed to fill or until such Director's successors is appointed and qualified, or until such Directors death, resignation or removal.

**Section 6. Meetings.**

(a) Annual Meetings. A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors with the Corporation Officers, shall be held each year during the month of January at such time and place as may be designated by the Chairperson of the Board, or by any Director if the Chairperson is unable to act. The purpose for the meeting is for strategic planning of Corporation's yearly agenda and reaffirm the Corporation's goals and expectations. In the event of failure, through oversight or otherwise, to hold the annual meeting of Directors in any year during the months herein provided therefore, the meeting, upon waiver of notice or upon due notice, may be held at a later date, and any election had or business transacted at such meeting shall be as valid and effectual as if had or transacted at the annual meeting during the months herein provided.

(b) Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be held with or without notice at such regularly recurring time and place as the Board of Directors may designate.

(c) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose or purposes shall be held whenever called by the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, or if the Chairperson is absent or is unable or refuses to act, by any majority of Directors.

**Section 7. Notices.**

With the exception of regular meetings as set forth in Section 6(b) above of this Article, notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors, in each case specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting, shall be given to each Director by delivering notice, orally or in writing, not more than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, but at least three (3) days before the time set for such meeting or, if notification is by mail, by mailing such notice at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, with postage prepaid, addressed to the Director at the Director's address as it appears on the records of the Corporation. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose, of any meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of such notice of such meeting.

**Section 8. Waiver of Notice.**

The transaction of any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed or wherever held, shall be as valid as though had at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present and if, either before or after the meeting, a written waiver of notice of the meeting, containing the same information as would have been required to be included in a proper notice of the meeting, is signed by (a) each Director not present at the meeting and (b) each Director present at the meeting who objected thereto to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. All such waivers shall be filed with and made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

**Section 9. Action Without Meetings.**

Any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all the Directors shall consent in writing to such action.

**Section 10. Quorum: Action of Directors.**

A majority of the number of Directors fixed pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The sponsoring Dealer, and two (2) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a Quorum, unless the act of a greater proportion is required by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

**Section 11. Adjournment.**

Any meeting of the Board of Directors, whether regular or special, and whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of a majority of the Directors present. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting adjourned. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the Directors.

**Section 12. Organization.**

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors, or in the absence of the Chairperson, a chairperson will be chosen by a majority of the Directors present, and shall act as chairperson at every meeting of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Board of Directors, or in the absence of the Secretary any person appointed by the chairperson of the meeting, shall act as Secretary of the meeting.

**Section 13. Telephonic Meetings.**

Directors may participate in any regular or special meeting or in any meeting of a committee of Directors by any means of communication by which either (1) all participating Directors may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting or (2) all communication during the meeting is immediately transmitted to each participating Director and each participating Director is able to immediately send messages to all other participating Directors. If a meeting is conducted through the use of one of the foregoing means, all participating Directors must be informed that a meeting is taking place at which official business may be transacted. A Director participating in such a meeting is deemed to be present in person at the meeting. If requested by any Director, minutes of the meeting shall be prepared and distributed to each Director. The identity of each Director participating in a meeting conducted by one of the means described in this section must be verified before the Directors vote on any of the following matters: a plan of merger or consolidation; the sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of property owned by the Corporation with a total fair market value greater than \$10,000 (which transaction shall be considered a disposition of substantial property or assets of the Corporation); voluntary dissolution or revocation of voluntary dissolution proceedings; filing for bankruptcy. A Director's identity shall be considered to be verified if the Director identifies himself orally at the time of the vote and provides his/her birth date.

**Section 14. Compensation.**

Directors shall not receive compensation for services rendered as Directors; provided, however, that Directors may be reimbursed with prior approval of the Board of Directors for reasonable expenses associated with their services as directors of the Corporation. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity, or receiving reasonable compensation therefore.

**Section 15. Committees: Standing or Temporary Advisory Committees Without Board Authority.**

The Board of Directors or the Chairperson may authorize, and appoint or remove members of (whether or not members of the Board of Directors), standing and/or temporary committees to consider appropriate

matters, make reports to the Board of Directors, and fulfill such temporary committees, and the members thereof, shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors.

**Section 16. Director Conflicts of Interest.**

No contract or other transaction between the Corporation and one or more of its Directors or any other corporation, firm, association, or entity in which one or more of its Directors are directors or officers or has a material financial interest, shall be either void or voidable because of such relationship or interest or because such Director or Directors are present at the meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof which authorizes, approves or ratifies such contract or transaction or because his or their votes are counted for such purpose, if:

- (a) fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the Board of Directors or committee which authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract of transaction by a vote or consent sufficient for the purpose without counting the votes or consents of such interested Directors; or
- (b) the fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed or known to the members entitled to vote and they authorize, approve or ratify such contract or transaction by vote or written consent; or
- (c) the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to the Corporation. Common or interested Directors may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, which authorizes, approves or ratifies. such contract or transaction.

**ARTICLE IV  
Officers**

**Section I. Primary Officers.**

The Corporation shall have a President, an Assistant President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and these Officers are considered Primary Officers.

(a) The Executive Committee shall consist of the Director/President, Assistant Director/Assistant President, Secretary, Treasurer, Activities Director, and Ladies of Harley Officer. Four members of this committee shall constitute a Quorum at Corporation Officers Meeting.

(b) The Executive Committee may appoint such additional committees as deemed necessary and fix their duties and responsibility. Both regular and associate members may be appointed to any committee.

The Corporation Director/President shall appoint a Senior Road Captain, an Editor, a Safety Officer, a Photographer, a Historian, a Sergeant at Arms, a Web Master, and such other officers or assistant officers as the Director/President may from time to time appoint. The same person may hold any two (2) or more of said offices, except that the offices of Director and Secretary and the offices of Director and Assistant Director may not be held by the same person.

**Section 2. Election.**

The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually at the last business meeting of each year (1st. Thursday meeting in December) by the General Membership. Each elected officer shall hold office for one (1) one-year term or until such officer's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until such officer's death, resignation or removal, and may seek re-election to that office for one (1) additional term, not to exceed a total of two (2) consecutive years, with the exception of Director and Assistant Director who will serve no more than one (1) year term. To maintain continuity in the Chapter/Corporation and the Executive Committee, the Assistant Director shall become the Director. Election or appointment as an officer shall not of itself create contract rights.

(a) All officers elected and appointed shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(b) Only members of the Oakland Corporation of H.O.G.® in good standing will be qualified for nomination to the executive committee and must remain a member during their entire term of their respective office.

(c) The retiring officers of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors shall act as the nominating committee for the Primary Officers needed for the succeeding year. Nominations from the floor shall be open on the 1st meeting in November only. All nominations shall be reviewed by the nominating committee and presented to the membership on the 2nd meeting in November. Only members in good standing will be eligible to vote on the election of Corporation Officers.

**Section 3. Resignation.**

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or the Secretary of the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if no time is specified, then upon receipt of the resignation by the President of the Corporation as the case may be, and, unless otherwise specified therein, acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**Section 4. Removal.**

Any officer may be removed from office by the action of the Board of Directors, whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Corporation will be served thereby, without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed.

**Section 5. Vacancies.**

A vacancy occurring in any office, for any reason, may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term of said office by the President. Any Primary Officer may assume the duties of any appointed officer when vacancy is not filled. Such appointment shall be subject to ratification by the Corporation Officers.

**Section 6. Compensation.**

Officers shall not receive compensation for services rendered as Officers; provided, however, that Officers may be reimbursed with prior approval of the President of the Corporation for reasonable expenses associated with their services as Officers of the Corporation. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Officer from serving the Corporation in any other capacity, or receiving reasonable compensation therefore.

**Section 7. President.**

The President shall:

(a) be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall oversee all Corporation meetings, shall perform such duties as delegated to the "Director" as such designation is used by H.O.G. ®, coordinate Corporation officer responsibilities and have such duties, responsibilities and powers as may be necessary to carry out the directions and policies of the Board of Directors or as are prescribed by these Bylaws or otherwise delegated by the Board of Directors and shall at all times be subject to the policies, control and direction of the Board of Directors. The Director may sign and execute, in the name of the Corporation, any instrument or document consistent with the foregoing general delegation of authority or any other instrument or document specifically authorized by the Board of Directors, except when the signing and execution thereof shall have been expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation; provided, that neither the President nor any other officer may sign any deed or instrument of conveyance or endorse any security or execute any checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, acceptances, or other evidence of indebtedness with the specific authority of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Article V below of these Bylaws dealing with such matters. The President shall, whenever it may in the President's opinion be necessary, prescribe the duties of other officers and employees of the Corporation, in a manner consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws, such rules, regulations and policies set forth by H.O.G.® for corporations, and the directions of the Board of Directors.

### **Section 8. Assistant President.**

The Assistant President shall:

- (a) Assist the President in carrying out his/her duties. In the absence or disability of the President, the Assistant President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on, the President and shall perform such duties as delegated to the "Assistant Director" as such designation is used by H.O.G.
- (b) Keep the membership informed of all H.O.G.® programs, and is responsible for promoting membership, membership orientation and retention, and have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed for him/her from time to time by the Corporation President, or these Bylaws.

### **Section 9. Secretary.**

The Secretary shall:

- (a) Certify and keep at the principal office of the Corporation (Oakland Harley Davidson) the original or a copy of its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended or otherwise altered to date.
- (b) Prepare and keep at the principal office of the Corporation (Oakland Harley Davidson), a book of minutes of all meetings of the members of the Corporation, Officer meetings, the Board of Directors Meetings and committees thereof, with the time and place of holding, whether regular or special and, if special, how authorized, the notice thereof given, and the names of those present at the meetings. The minutes of the Corporation/Chapter meetings shall be published in the Corporation/Chapter Newsletter.
- (c) See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.
- (d) Be custodian of the records and of the seal of the Corporation, if any, and see that it is engraved, lithographed, printed, stamped, impressed upon, or affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, which will be kept at the office of the Corporation (Oakland Harley Davidson)
- (e) See that the books, reports, statements and all other documents and records required by law are properly kept and filed, which will be kept at the office of the Corporation (Oakland Harley Davidson).
- (f) Exhibit for inspection upon request, the relevant books and records of the Corporation to any member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.
- (g) Ensure that all Corporation members are current H.O.G.® members, annually submit to H.O.G.® the Corporation Officer/Address Form, the Corporation Information Forms and any forms or reports that might be required from time to time by H.O.G. ®
- (h) In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Corporation President.

### **Section 10. Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall perform or have performed under the Treasurer's direction the following functions:

- (a) Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Corporation, and deposit all such funds in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the Corporation Officers.
- (b) Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the Corporation's properties and business transactions, including account of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains, losses, capital and surplus.
- (c) Exhibit for inspection upon request, the relevant books and records of the Corporation to any member for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.
- (d) Render monthly statements of the condition of the finances of the Corporation to the members.

- (e) Receive, and give receipt for, moneys due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever.
- (f) Submit the annual financial statement to H.O.G. ®
- (g) In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the Corporation President.

### **Section 11. Other Officers.**

- (a) **Activities Director.** The Activities Director shall oversee the administration and planning of Corporation events, publish an activities calendar in the Chapter Newsletter, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (b) **Ladies of Harley® Officer.** The Ladies of Harley® Officer shall maintain a program to encourage women to take an active part in Corporation activities and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (c) **Senior Road Captain.** Shall be responsible in organizing a group of Road Captains who will assist the Activities Director in planning routes for Corporation rides, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (d) **Newsletter Editor.** The Newsletter Editor shall organize written material for the Corporation's publications for approval by the Dealer prior to publication and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (e) **Safety Officer.** The Safety Officer shall be responsible for providing information relating to the availability of rider training to Corporation members and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (f) **Photographer.** The Photographer shall be responsible for the taking and organization of Corporation photographs for the newsletter, Corporation history albums, etc., and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (g) **Historian.** The Historian shall be responsible for the preparation and organization of a written account of Corporation activities, membership levels, maintaining a "scrap book" and "photo album", and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
- (h) **Sergeant at Arms.** Shall be responsible for maintaining order at the Corporation/Chapter meetings and may be asked to perform other duties from time to time by the President.
- (i) **Web Master.** Shall be responsible for maintaining the Corporation/Chapter web page, in accordance to HOG policies, and direction, and shall perform duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Instruments: Bank Accounts: Checks and Drafts: Loans: Securities**

**Section 1. Execution of Instruments.** Except provided otherwise herein, the Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances. Except as so authorized, or as in these Bylaws otherwise expressly provided, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose in any amount.

**Section 2. Bank Accounts.** The Corporation Officers from time to time may authorize the opening and keeping of general and/or special bank accounts with such banks, trust companies or other depositories as may be selected by any officer to whom such power may be delegated from time to time by the Corporation Officers. The Corporation Officers may make such rules and regulations with respect to said bank accounts, consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws as the officers may deem expedient.

**Section 3. Checks and Drafts.** All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes, acceptances, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by

the President, or Assistant President and by the Treasurer or by any other officers or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner, as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. Endorsements for deposit to the credit of the Corporation in any of its duly authorized depositories may be made without counter-signature, by the President or the Assistant President, by the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer, or by any other officer or agent of the Corporation to whom the Board of Directors, by resolution, shall have delegated such power, or by hand-stamped impression in the name of the Corporation.

**Section 4. Loans.** No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. No loans may be made to any officer or Director of the Corporation, directly or indirectly, except that reasonable advances of reimbursable expenses may be made in the discretion of the President or, in the case of the President, as determined by the Corporation Officers.

## **ARTICLE VI Miscellaneous**

**Section 1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be from January 1st. to end on December 31st.

**Section 2. Corporate Seal.** The seal of the Corporation, if the Board of Directors of the Corporation adopts one, shall contain the name of the Corporation and the word "California."

**Section 3. Publications.** The Corporation Newsletter shall not be used for solicitation of product and services.

**Section 4. Chapter Colors.** Members are encouraged to wear the "Chapter Colors" at meetings, Chapter Runs, and other H.O.G. ® Events. If any member holds dual membership in other Motorcycle Clubs or Organizations, he shall be requested to not wear those colors at a Oakland H.O.G.® Chapter meetings or events. The only exception will be to other H.O.G.® Chapters.

**Section 5. Property.** In the event an appointed or elected officer is removed from office due to death, expired term, resignation or expulsion, all property belonging to the Corporation shall upon request, be returned to Oakland Harley Davidson. This would include any tangible property, including all books of record.

## **ARTICLE VII Indemnification**

**Section I. Mandatory Indemnification.** The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted or required by the Statute, indemnify each Director and Officer against any and all Liabilities, and advance any and all reasonable Expenses as incurred by a Director or Officer, arising out of or in connection with any Proceeding to which such Director or Officer is a Party because he is a Director or Officer of the Corporation. The Corporation shall indemnify its employees and authorized agents, acting within the scope of their duties as such, to the same extent as Directors or Officers hereunder. The rights to indemnification granted hereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to indemnification against Liabilities or the advancement of Expenses to which such person may be entitled under any written agreement, board resolution, vote of members, the Statute or otherwise. The Corporation may, but shall not be required to, supplement the right to indemnification against Liability and advancement of Expenses under this Section 1 by the purchase of insurance on behalf of anyone or more of such persons, whether or not the Corporation would be obligated to indemnify such person under this Section 1. The term "Statute," as used in this Article, shall mean Sections 7110 through 7160 of the California Corporations Code and all amendments thereto which permit or require the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than prior to the

amendment. All other capitalized terms used in this Article and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in Sections 7150 through 7153 of the Statute.

**Section 2. Limited Liability of Volunteers.** Each individual (other than an employee of the Corporation) who provides services to or on behalf of the Corporation without compensation ("Volunteer") shall be immune from liability to any person for damages, settlement, fees, fines, penalties or other monetary liabilities arising from any act or omission as a Volunteer, to the fullest extent provided by Section 7231.5 of the California Corporation's Code or any similar successor provision thereto. For purposes of this section, it shall be conclusively presumed that any Volunteer who is licensed, certified, permitted or registered under state law and who is performing services to or on behalf of the Corporation without compensation is not acting within the scope of his or her professional practice under such license, certificate, permit or registration, unless otherwise expressly indicated to the Corporation in writing.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **H.O.G.® Rule. Regulations and Policies**

This Corporation shall follow all rules, regulations and policies that may be issued from time to time by H.O.G. ®

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Amendment**

**Section 1.** These Bylaws, including, except as provided in this Article, any provisions adopted by the members, may be amended by a quorum vote of the Directors at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose; provided, however, that any amendment to Articles I and II and Sections 2 or 4 of Article III must also be approved by a quorum of the Directors at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose. **Section 2.** These Bylaws may not replace, supersede or conflict with the H.O.G.® Charter and operating policies. Once these Bylaws are published, a copy must be sent to all current corporation members, any prospective members, the sponsoring dealer and the H.O.G. ® Office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.