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GREETINGS: A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

As your Director I am excited to see where our great chapter will be going this upcoming year. We are looking at some really cool overnight rides that will include some out of state venues. Of course your board is always looking for your input for some great rides. We have an overnight ride coming up in March during the HOG roundup in Tombstone. We will be staying at our favorite Sierra Suites Hotel in Sierra Vista and again will be competing against our favorite local HOG rivals, Buddy Stubbs HOG 93. This year they want to put together an area scavenger hunt that will all be conducted on our Harley –Davidson Motorcycles.

As you all know, we have never lost an event against HOG 93 and I would love to keep that streak going. February will be our cutoff for your membership dues. The twenty-four dollars per year charged to you goes for patches and other events that may come up for the year. Of course our Christmas party is still the most costly event we put on. So please make sure you get your dues in to a board our membership Officer Ted or to any board member with a receipt book. As some of you are aware we had some challenges getting our bank account turned over from the old board and old dealership ownership.

After several attempts and the completion of several reports due to the state, we now have an active bank account! I along with the rest of the board love a good learning curve. Our sponsoring dealership, Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, has been moving forward with making their dealership the best in the valley. If you have not noticed, there have been some management changes, but they are all for the good. I am asking all of our membership to support our dealership and to let me know any information that I can relay to them to ensure a positive experience for their customers. Until next month, ride safe, ride hard, ride a Harley-Davidson.

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SAFETY FIRST WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR SAFETY OFFICER

Hi" to all my Harley friends! I've been asked to pen something that will appeal to most, if not all, of my friends.

What better place to start the new year than with a few notes to make your riding as enjoyable as possible.

Your favorite ride needs some T.L.C. to keep it riding strong, more than just the periodic trip to the dealer to change the oil & filter and perform scheduled maintenance -it is important to check the air pressure, tire wear and be alert to changes in the operation of your iron horse from ride to ride. It is important to feel & listen for unusual vibration, looseness and noises during your rides.

Air pressure, condition of the tire (cracks, embedded foreign objects and gouges in the tread) and tread depth should be checked at least once a month if you only ride around town. If you are going out-of-town, you should pre-check your tires at least a week (check with your service department for their current work load) before starting the trip to ensure that there will be time to have the tires replaced if necessary.

Unless you have loud pipes, you may be able to hear the sounds your engine makes as you start it and before the oil pressure has built up to normal, as well as the sounds the engine makes as you rev it in neutral. listen and give you a professional opinion before the noises turn into major repairs.

Scraping noises from the engine are not to be ignored, and especially while braking.

Looseness in the steering is usually not noticed until it is seriously effecting how the bike handles while turning -to check this, while stopped, apply the front brake, not the rear, and let the clutch out, a little (not enough to load the engine very much or very long), then pull the clutch in again, while noting how the handlebars react to this little bit of pressure. If you can detect that the handlebars moved at all there is looseness in the bearings that hold the fork stem in place and should be immediately attended to by a qualified technician. Another maintenance item that is overlooked until repair for the damage is expensive is the brake fluid. Brake fluid should be replaced every two years and doing so keeps your brakes working at peak performance. Old brake fluid has absorbed moisture out of the air and contaminants that get past the seals and increase the compressibility of the fluid and reduce the boiling point of the fluid. This results in spongy brakes, dragging brake pads and corrosion inside the brake master cylinder and brake slave cylinders. If the corrosion is bad enough that it can't be honed smooth again, the cylinders will have to be replaced to prevent new seals from failing prematurely. This is the time of year to put in some insurance to keep your smile from turning into a frown, and I'll be looking for your smiling faces as we travel down the road together, my friends. Rascal

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Notes from the Secretary:

<p>Hello HOG Peeps! Let me share my most sincere thanks for trusting me as your Secretary for 2017. It is such a joy to be in this HOG Chapter, make good friends and meet so many HD enthusiasts! Having been in a few other Chapters over the past 17+ years, I can honestly say that YOU are a truly great group of people who are generous, fun and genuine! So again, thank you for welcoming me into the Chapter so warmly</p>	<p>and trusting me with this position to serve you. As we move forward this year, I hope you will feel free to come into the dealership and chat and just share your warm friendship. If you want Chapter patches for your vest, come on in and we'll get it done. I'd also like to encourage you to come to an Officer's meeting to see how we function in a "business" environment vs. the general meeting where we have more fun! There are positions like</p>	<p>next year or the one after that a mine that will need new blood and by coming to an Officer's meeting you will see how we structure our Chapter and have a greater insight into how hard we work for YOU! If you have any questions, please let me know, I'm here to serve you. Our Chapter is ALIVE and I promise you, if this is your first experience in a HOG Chapter, you need to know you're very fortunate to be in one as good as ours. Ride safe, see you soon. Jo</p>
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Treasurers Notes

<p>Greetings from a bus in Japan. As I write this I am facing a 1 hour bus ride up to work, so I guess I have the time to do something for the newsletter. First of all, I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your treasurer for This year. I will work hard to make this a successful year for us all. So, we started out the year in the bad graces of the State</p>	<p>because through no one's fault, the notifications to re-apply did not get to us and so, our corporation registration had lapsed. This meant that we were not able to get the Chapter bank accounts in order. Thanks must go to Troy who saved the day by Stepping in and sorting out the required paperwork and e-filing. I will make sure this is fixed for the</p>	<p>chapter going forward, so it does not happen again. ,The good news is that we now have working bank accounts with funds, and Signators.the balance sheets will be posted at every chapter meeting, and the 'books' will Also be available for anyone who wants to see. Well that's my \$0.02 for this newsletter (get it, Treasurer joke!!). Until next time ride safe and see you on the road.</p>
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ACTIVITIES CORNER

<p>We are heading into riding season!!! Wait we live in Arizona we can ride year round Yahoo!!! 📅 This year I plan to average between 10-12 rides a month. That may slow down a little over the summer months. We will have at least one ride on the weekends rotating days sometime 2 rides. We are going to continue the Member of the Month every month. Something new this year..... We are drawing a letter from a bag at every general meeting.</p>	<p>Whatever that letter is then I will pick restaurants, for our Wednesday ride, for the following month that start with that letter. Let's make it fun! It is all about riding our bikes and having fun!!!! Really want to incorporate all of your ideas. In March I am going to have a ride planning day where we get together for an hour and write down ride ideas. The whole chapter is welcome! This is our chapter and a lot of you have great ideas and I want to include those in our rides this year.</p>	<p>We are also going to have 2-3 overnight chapter rides throughout the year so watch for them to come available. We are also going to be having a chapter BBQ at the Holmberg's house sometime in April/May. Please keep an eye out for the date.</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS TO MAKE NOTE OF

<p>Highlighted rides coming up.....</p> <p>2/18- KSU 10am-Hideaway Custom Builder Showcase</p> <p>2/25-LOH whole club ride to the 14th Annual Polish Festival- Polish Festival-</p> <p>3/12- Renaissance Festival-</p>	<p>3/17-3/19- Tombstone Overnighter Ride</p> <p>3/25 Great American BBQ Festival Ride-</p>
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The Ladies of Harley

Welcome to the East Valley Chapter of Ladies of Harley (LOH) - a group of ladies that happen to be Harley Davidson enthusiasts! Any lady who is a current member of the East Valley HOG Chapter is, by virtue, a member of the East Valley LOH whether you ride solo or as a passenger (two up). The active members of East Valley LOH get together to enjoy each other's company while promoting activities, adventure and casual get-togethers where laughter is heard and memories are made. LOH has something to offer everyone.

As members of LOH we run our own meetings and sponsor activities in which both ladies and men can participate. Recent and upcoming showcase rides include lunch at Rawhide on Jan 15, Polish Festival on Feb 25 and Renaissance Festival on Mar 12. We are also actively coordinating events with our sponsoring dealership, Desert Wind Harley Davidson, to include Ladies Garage Parties (first one is targeted for the 4th weekend in April,

International Female Ride Day (May 6), Breast Cancer Awareness in October. LOH Sponsored rides and activities are posted on the Monthly Chapter Activity Calendar and are planned along with impromptu events at our LOH meetings. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:00pm in the Desert Wind HOG room, which precedes the General Chapter meeting held at 7pm. Come join the Fun with the Fabulous East Valley Ladies of Harley – I look forward to riding with you!....Sunny

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Historians Corner

The Harley Owners Group, HOG is a sponsored community marketing club, operated by Harley Davidson. The HG is “the granddaddy of all community building efforts” serving to promote not just a consumer product but a lifestyle.

The Harley Owners Group was created in 1983 as a way to build longer lasting and strong Relationships with Harley-Davidson’s customers by making ties between the company, its employees and consumers. HOG members typically spend 30% more than other Harley owners, on such items as clothing and Harley-Davidson sponsored events. Much of the intent of their branding effort is presenting Harley-Davidson as an American icon, with the

Focus on authenticity and pride in being American-made. All of this is credited with tuning flagging sales around and allowing the Harley-Davidson company to grow again. Each Harley Davidson dealership has the opportunity to sponsor a local HOG chapter. Some do not but no chapter exists without a sponsorship to an existing dealer’s. 2014 Harley Davidson expanded this to two Chapters per dealership. HOG Chapters exist both nationally and Internationally. HOG is supported by HOG out of Milwaukee Wisconsin. Chapters usually, but not always elect officers from within their membership, produce a newsletter and organize events throughout the year.

Most events are ride related. HOG Chapters are managed by volunteers that collect dues from members to HOG subsidize the costs of events and the administrative costs of running the chapter on the chapter level, most HOG events are member-only rides with guests required to sign waivers. Many chapters host annual rallies either individually or collectively cover a wider area (either states or countries) that are open to all HOG members regardless of chapter affiliation. HOG themselves host several large scale events and rallies that are open to all members

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