



## Harley Owners Group

## Chapter 3811

December 2015

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### CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

*Worcester HOG Chapter* meetings are held on the  
**FIRST Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm**

at *Halligan's Lounge*, directly across the street from  
[Sheldon's Harley-Davidson](#) in Auburn MA.

Come early and socialize! Typical agenda includes Officer reports, door prizes, 50-50 drawing, information on upcoming events, rides, get-togethers, guest speakers, and new member acknowledgments. *Please join us* and see why we have such a great following and have so much fun!



Donations were made and pies were had on the *Apple Pie Run* to Dummerston, VT. Sponsored by *Sheldon's HD!*





## From your Director

Hello to all Members,

It has been a great year for riding our Harleys, we have plenty of miles behind us. We have enjoyed many activities with our fellow members. Joanne and I have enjoyed spending time with you and we have many, many, happy memories.

At the beginning of the year I had a meeting with our sponsoring dealer Chad Clark & Bryan Castor to hear their vision of what our H.O.G. Chapter should be. As elected Director of the Chapter, I agreed to carry out the task of setting goals to meet their expectations and that of our members.

I've had meetings with the primary Officers Arthur Pond, Paulette McDonald, and Scott Johnson. We went over what we wanted to accomplish in the coming year. I promised that we would all be kept informed of everything going on within the Chapter and work together.

All of our Primary Officers and (3) other officers took the time (3 days) to go to Harley Davidson Officer Training in Providence R.I. We attended class after class, 8 hours a day learning how to operate a Chapter successfully. I must say it was a lot to learn in a short amount of time.

I met with Dave Eaton and Mark Zibel and listened to their ideas, and together we had a list of things to accomplish. We worked together and accomplished many tasks.

I met with Tammy West our L.O.H. Officer. We discussed getting more members active with the L.O.H. and I promised my full support. I went to the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the L.O.H. that Tammy organized. Members heard that I was going and wondered, *why*; "Isn't that for women only?". I got a chuckle when one lady asked me if she could bring *her* husband. Tammy had one of the largest turn outs for a L.O.H. meeting in a long while. The L.O.H. have been very active, once again by having leaders who work together and do the right thing.

I had a meeting with our Membership Officer Mark Zibel. Mark had a lot of good ideas to make the job easier and increase membership while saving some money in the process. Mark accomplished that goal of making things easier and getting the word out to join our chapter. Again, a job well done by listening and working together.

I enlisted help from our Treasurer Scott Johnson who also acts as Webmaster. We knew it was outdated and not working very well. We decided it was time to upgrade the web site. We enlisted help from Andy Foster and Dave Eaton who both have a good handle on the workings of a website. These members put in a lot of hours planning and executing the changes on our website and I watched the changes as they happened. Working together they accomplished getting the web page functional and interactive with maps and such. Just and incredible change by working together.

I've had many meetings with our officers and members. I listened to their thoughts, wishes and ideas. That gave me insight to what our members want and how to make it happen. I met with Head Road Captain Roy Mikkelsen and Asst. Head Road Captain Bill Zambarano. We talked about the how-to of getting our members out and riding safely with our Road Captains. We organized all of our major rides by working together.

I asked Richie Smith to organize a Chapter event, going to the famous Medieval Manor. Richie did all the work getting us to a lot of fun. Richie did us one better, by repeating this trip again this month. That's dedication to your chapter by a member who knows how to make us laugh and have fun.

And how about Bowling night, March Madness Party, St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, Ice Breaker Run, Ride to Minuteman Park, Boston Wounded Warrior's Ride, Zip Lining, Kimball Farms Golf Tournament, Davis Mega Maze, Rolling Thunder Ride, Americade (the fun at Roaring Brook Ranch), The Dealer Tour, the Sturbridge Rally, the Halloween Party, Ken and Karin Karey's Summer party, Ray & Marcia Roubideaux' Grey Ghost ride, the Yankee Run Party organized by George Gilligan, Wendy Murray, and Ray Remillard. How about the Heart to Heart Ride hosted by Dave & Janet Fiske, the Perfect Game on Wednesday nights, and numerous Wednesday & Friday night rides (led by our experienced Road Captain's). Never think that there's nothing going on in our Chapter for rides and fun, thanks to our volunteers. All we need is you, our members, to participate. I am sure I may have missed a few and if I did, I want to thank you as well. I didn't even scratch the surface and talk about our Dealership's events.

There are so many things that happened during the year within our Chapter, and so many members and volunteers that help make the events and rides happen, that I would be writing all week. Many, many, thanks to all who have helped make this a successful year.

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In the off season we need to stay connected with activities and continue getting together to have fun. I enlisted the help of Kevin Colbath to get us off the couch and set up Friday Night Dinner meetings at local restaurants. I've opened this activity to all chapter members and Kevin made this a huge Friday night event. I would elaborate more, but what happens at these meetings stays at the meeting. If you want to know what happens, come on out and find out. Kevin is busy working on a plan for after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

We have reached a turning point in this Chapter. We've had our Chapter number changed from #2148 to #3811. Our sponsoring dealer decided to take an active role in the Chapter and we no longer have to worry about elections. All of us on 'the panel' are now appointed. Any member can apply for a two year position. This will insure that the Chapter will have experienced leaders, keeping the Chapter fun. I can promise everyone that if we continue to work together in harmony we will have an even better Chapter moving forward. Indecently, we have openings for a Merchandise Officer and a Safety Officer.

Are you ready to have fun and do this all again in 2016?! See you at the **Holiday Party Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 2015**. Get your tickets **Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>** at the **chapter meeting** or email me at [director@worcestershog.com](mailto:director@worcestershog.com) and let me know you are coming.

Happy Holidays to all, "Let's Ride and Have Fun"

**Chet McDonald**

**Director Worcester HOG Chapter #3811**

## Worcester H.O.G Officers

<b>Director</b>	<i>Chet McDonald</i>
<b>Assistant Director</b>	<i>Arthur Pond</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Scott Johnson, Sr.</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Paulette McDonald</i>
<b>LOH Officer</b>	<i>Tammy Lee</i>
<b>Head Road Captain</b>	<i>Roy Mikkelsen</i>
<b>Editor</b>	<i>Andy Foster</i>
<b>Safety Officer</b>	<i>Open</i>
<b>Membership Officer</b>	<i>Mark Zibel</i>
<b>Event Coordinator</b>	<i>Dave Eaton</i>
<b>Historian</b>	<i>Paul Gunnerson</i>
<b>Merchandise Officer</b>	<i>Cindy Allen</i>
<b>Photographer</b>	<i>Jay George</i>

## Worcester H.O.G Road Captains

**Head Road Captain:** *Roy Mikkelsen*

<i>Alan Berthiaume</i>	<i>Mark Zibel</i>
<i>Alan Froslic</i>	<i>Mike Brown</i>
<i>Alan Shea</i>	<i>Mike Morency</i>
<i>Arthur Pond</i>	<i>Paul Gunnerson</i>
<i>Bill Zambarano</i>	<i>Paul Steen</i>
<i>Chet McDonald</i>	<i>Peter Bogren</i>
<i>Dave Eaton</i>	<i>Rich Saporetti</i>
<i>Ed McDonald</i>	<i>Richie Smith</i>
<i>Gary Wickman</i>	<i>Ronald Johnson</i>
<i>Jack Grzyb</i>	<i>Sadiyah Derawi</i>
<i>Ken Corey</i>	<i>Tammy Lee</i>
<i>Ken Karey</i>	<i>Wendy Murray</i>
<i>Kevin Colbath</i>	

## Yankee Run Committee

*George Gilligan, Ray Remillard, & Janice Fiske*



**Be a part of our newsletter!** Email your stories and pictures to [editor@worcestershog.com](mailto:editor@worcestershog.com) or mail them c/o **Sheldon's Harley-Davidson** on our **Contact Us** page.

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## Assistant Director

Greetings Fellow H.O.G. Members,

Another riding season is coming to a close but what a great year we've had! It's impossible for me to recount all your rides and adventures, but a few come to mind.

Roy, our Head Road Captain, led our Ice Breaker ride to the Village Haven restaurant where we had well over 100 bikes. Lots of chicken was eaten as well as *sticky buns*.

The officers of the chapter went to H.O.T. in April along with Membership, Events Coordinator, and LOH officers. Man we learned things that did have an effect on the chapter. Some visible and others behind the scenes that will be felt for years to come.

LOH has been totally upgraded, what an excellent job Tammy West has done to involve not only the women in the chapter, but also the men, to rides that were memorable and enjoyable. A big thumbs up!

We had the Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally in June with some rides led by our members, and Sheldon's pulled out all the stops for a party to be remembered.

Many members took long rides and short ones. Some went cross-country, some went to other events, H.O.G. Rallies, Sturgis, and more.

Our evening rides started off a little sluggish but we were able to get back on track. The Wednesday Bike Night ride to the Perfect Game was generally led by Henry James and Sadiyah Derawi and sponsored by Sheldon's. A big success!

Most of our members took advantage of our famous Yankee Run Book to add to the destinations they chose. In some cases, the locations in the book are our favorite destinations! Keep up the good work YRC!!

I want to thank all of you for making this year an eventful year. Even though we had a little bump in the road at our October meeting, I think we have come to terms with One Golden Rule... RIDE and Have FUN! Don't you agree?!!

Our Director Chet McDonald has done an amazing job, changing and arranging and leading not only on Tuesday brunches, but he got behind the plow and made sure the H.O.G. Website and Newsletter were made to function usefully. Thank you! That's only a few things he did, most

things you will never really know about.

Andy Foster has done a completely beautiful effort in making our newsletter a work of art and readable. If only he could get information on time to make it even better. Do you have a story? Write it up and send it to him so we can all enjoy your travels.

With this article I am signing off as your Assistant Director to take on more responsibilities with the [Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge](#). But I will say our new A.D. has a lot to offer and will be riding into this New Year with the speed of a Road Glide!

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. But this is not the end of me. I am looking forward to riding with you this year and if you have any rides you would like to plan let me know. Until then, Let's Ride!

**Arthur Pond**  
**Assistant Director**



## Secretary

Happy December,

I don't know where all the time has gone, it has been a fun year. We completed the Dealer Tour Card, two Wine Trail books, all the stops in the Yankee Run Book, and a few ABC of Touring stops plus a lot of riding with the Chapter. What could be better than that?!

This being my last article as Secretary, I wanted to thank all of you for your support during my terms as Secretary and ask that you support our new Secretary Mark Zibel (please renew your memberships ASAP!).

It has been a lot of work but also memorable and fun. I will still be involved with the chapter supporting Mark and the officers, and look forward to sitting with you fun and crazy people.

So, let's just Ride and have Fun.

**Paulette McDonald**  
**Secretary**

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## From the Editor

### [Nine-O-Nine](#)



Photo by Kevin R. Keefe

***"I just found out about some of the roads we're taking, and I live around here"*** said Chet McDonald before the 9/26 ride to [Snow's Clam Box](#) in Ware. On that day, there was more to see than new roads.

Heading out from *Sheldon's* on 20W to 56N, Chet took a left after Leicester High School onto Whittemore Street (*new to me, and I live around here*). Passing an open field, the rider in front of me started pointing left. And there she was, an aircraft I had only seen in movies and on TV, a **B-17 Flying Fortress**, the [Nine-O-Nine](#).

I glued my eyes to her as much as I could but lost sight as we dipped through some corners... but not for long. As we maneuvered so did the *Nine-O-Nine*, and she flew right over us at low altitude! What an *awesome* sight and sound!! The 1-up hand signal found itself in dual-purpose mode as we were in a narrow stretch when she flew over.

*"Yes, they were around this weekend, as well as a twin-engine B-25 and a P-51D Mustang"* replied Kevin Keefe to my email inquiry, who I consult with on all things military. *"You saw Nine-O-Nine, a B-17G. Witchcraft, a B-24H, was also due in the area and both frequently travel together. All are beautifully restored aircraft, the B-24 is the only airworthy example remaining (one LB-30 transport version is flying as well). There are about six B-17's still flying. The B-24 far out-produced the B-17 during WWII"*.

Ride safe and watch for old planes!

**Andy Foster**  
Editor



## Historian's Article

Hello fellow H.O.G. Chapter members and friends,

We are now approaching the holiday season and soon our Harleys will be parked for the winter. If the snow holds off we will have a chance to ride on our final *official* chapter ride of the year, the **"Polar Bear Ride"** on **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. As I've mentioned previously, we're on our way to a Chapter milestone. In January 2016 our chapter will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let's celebrate it all year long during 2016.

One of the original people who helped get this chapter started (Mark Ziemba) recently celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working at Sheldon's Harley-Davidson. Congratulations Mark on your great career! As one of the founding members of our chapter you have seen it all during its entire existence.

Since our chapter was sanctioned in January 1986, there are only 7 original members who have stayed active for the entire 30 years; Mark Ziemba, Orville & Carolyn Sheldon, Royce Brooks, Dan Curtis, Stephen Knight, and Scott Bigelow. If I have missed anyone my apologies, if so please let me know. These are the only names that show up on my membership report as being active members prior to January 1986 and all are still active today. Because of these 7 people we have the chapter we have today. Thank You!!

I have also previously mentioned that I believe we should acknowledge these 7 members with a special rocker, available only to them, as the "Worcester MA Originals". I would need someone to second this motion for me at our December meeting, and perhaps we could also make them a plaque or do something more meaningful for them.

**Sheldon's Amazing History.** Founded in 1920 in New London, CT it moved to Worcester in 1922, located on South Main St. across from Clark University. The business relocated again to 477 Southbridge St. in Worcester circa 1956. It operated there until 1997 and then moved to its current location at 914 Southbridge St. in Auburn, MA. This makes Sheldon's Harley-Davidson one of the oldest Harley-Davidson dealerships in the country, rich in family history and tradition.

A couple of years ago Orville Sheldon entered into an agreement to sell the family business to Chad Clark and Bryan Castor. The official transfer of the company took place earlier this year, and this changed the dealership and chapter numbers from #2148 to #3811.

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As we enter into 2016, we can all reflect on the rich history of our chapter and our sponsoring dealership, *Sheldon's Harley-Davidson*. That's a good reason to celebrate and to pay homage and express our thanks to the people who got us to where we are today. May you all have a happy and healthy Holiday Season, and may we all have a wonderful 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in 2016.

**Paul Gunnerson**  
**Historian**



## Ladies of Harley

Hello Worcester H.O.G.,

We have had a *fantastic* past few months! The LOH Corn Maze was a blast, we had 8 acres of maze to cover and I think we managed to cover the same 100 sq. feet about 8 times! But, we did make it out alive and are still friends. We also tackled the Zip line, can you "JARONOMO".

The *LOH Halloween Party* was another success, Sheldon's donated a lot of great prizes and a \$25.00 gift card for best costume which went to Frankenstein "Ken Kerry" and the *Best of the Worst* went to *tool time* man "Joseph Murphy". A big thank you to David & Janice Fisk for the use of their hall and helping with the decorations, and to all who came out with their best of the best interesting and creative costumes. I think LOH's personal bouncers Richie Smith and Kevin Colbath were disappointed that more people didn't come without costumes... or at least I was, I wanted to see what they would have done. Maybe next year?

I am pleased to say that 100% of the donations will be going to [Children's Friend Organization](#). They have six children in foster care ages 4-11; one little girl (four) and five boys. They came up with a very simple Christmas list that I think our donations will cover. I am looking forward to shopping for them on December 12<sup>th</sup> after the LOH Christmas Wrap at Sheldon's. Please consider joining me in shopping for them and dropping off the gifts at the organizations.

LOH is looking for volunteers for a few activities; donations for the snack table, Christmas wrap and organizing winter month activities. Have a place in mind? Great, let's hear about it and make it happen!

LOH would also like recruit a front door greeter. Do you have an outgoing personality? Do you like to meet new people? Then you would be perfect to greet people as they walk in. See a face you don't recognize? Chances are they are new and you can introduce them, hand out a New Member pamphlet, tell them about the fun our chapter has, let them know about the Yankee Run book, etc etc.

### ***Things coming up in the next few months:***

LOH Christmas Wrap – Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm

LOH Christmas shopping - Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 3 - ??

LOH BOWL – January (TBD)

LOH Murder Mystery dinner - February TBD

LOH Casino trip - TBD

The next LOH meeting is Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10am at Sheldon's.

**Tammy Lee**  
**LOH**

## *Side Chatter...*

### **Don't forget your Holiday Party tickets!**

Pick them up at our December meeting on Tuesday 12/1 or email: [director@worcesterhog.com](mailto:director@worcesterhog.com)

**December 19, 2015**

Auburn Elks Lodge – 6 pm

**Members \$5.00 / Guests \$20.00**

## **Winter is coming...**

*If you store your bike for the winter, get it serviced before you tuck it under the cover so it'll be ready to roll next spring. Controlled storage is also an option for extra protection against corrosion.*

2004 Softail Night Train Tsunami Bike



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# Yankee Run Stop



## Sheldon's Corner

What a great time at the **Yankee Run Book Party**. Plenty of dancing, great food, terrific prizes (lots of cash prizes), but most of all, it was all the friends getting together.

The Elks Lodge in Auburn was the new setting for this year's October evening party. We celebrated the close of a great year of riding with games, food and dancing (some risqué displays of the art).

Below is a list of the winners for this year's party and some YR stats. We gave away \$2303 with prizes ranging from \$25 to \$300.

George for the Yankee Run Committee

### Party breakdown:

Winners by Chapter			
Worcester(\$1728)	31	Blackstone(\$175)	4
Ocean State(\$200)	7	Leominster(\$100)	3
Unaffiliated (\$100)	4		

### Attended party:

Worcester	67
Ocean State	16
Unaffiliated	15
Leominster	5
Blackstone	4

### The top 10 stops from the YR book:

92	Village Haven Restaurant	Forestdale	RI
61	Janine's Frostee	Ware	MA
59	Dresser Hill	Charlton	MA
46	Halligans Pub	Auburn	MA
44	West End Creamery & Family Fun	Whitinsville	MA
43	Carter & Stevens Farm Store	Barre	MA
41	Sweet Evalina's	Woodstock	CT
40	Best Bib & Tucker	Sturbridge	MA
40	Dad's Breakfast & Lunch	Charlton	MA
40	RaRa's Ice cream	Moosup	CT

### Books sold this year:

Total Books Sold	192
New customers gained this year	65
Repeat customers	127
Book Sold at Ice breaker	148
Team	2
Meeting	11
Sheldon's	31

Hello Everyone!

'Tis the Season!!! This year continues to be full of surprises for us. As I write this, the weather is holding up nicely and everyone is still enjoying many days of riding. Hopefully the weather holds up when you receive this newsletter. Nevertheless, the Holidays are upon us. It is the time for giving and thinking of others. As everyone already knows, we have the best selection of Harley-Davidson gifts for everyone. If you can't find what you need, then a gift card will definitely do the trick.

We are already preparing for next season and I promise you that it will be better than ever. We are committed to having MORE events that fit everyone's style. We will continue to promote "riding and having fun" as our foundation. I cannot believe that our 3<sup>rd</sup> year Anniversary is right around the corner. It is exciting to be able to fulfill everyone's dreams through the sport of motorcycling. In those three years, we have accomplished a lot. I know we offer one of the greatest Harley-Davidson buying experiences anywhere. We have secured a top spot as one of the top Harley-Davidson dealerships in New England. We were the only Harley-Davidson Bar & Shield winner in Massachusetts in 2014 and have been recognized as one of the Top 50 Powersports Dealers in North America by National Powersports Business Magazine. We are the only dealership in Central Massachusetts to offer the Dealer Demo Truck on an annual basis. Also, we are the only dealership to offer Authorized Rentals and the Harley-Davidson Riding Academy in the area. Our 5 Year Priority Maintenance Plan is one of the most popular products for riders. In 2016, we will continue to offer better customer experiences through events. We welcome everyone to come and join in the fun and excitement.

Lastly, I want to take a moment and personally recognize Paulette McDonald and Arthur Pond for their leadership and time devoted to the Worcester HOG Chapter in 2015. Both have been a valuable asset. Thank you both! I look forward to working closely with the new leadership panel in 2016. I know that Mark Zibel and Ken Karey will continue to build upon the tradition of "riding and having fun", which is what the Worcester HOG Chapter is all about!

**Chad & Bryan**

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## Tail Pipes

Candid pics from the **Tim Jackson Poker Run** on October 18<sup>th</sup>.



Candid pics from the Yankee Run party. As for the water bottles, well, you had to be there.



A pic from our last monthly meeting... oh wait, sorry, it's actually from the Halloween party!



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