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Monthly HOG Chapter Meeting
7pm, Cowboy Jack's, Otsego

HOW TO PICK UP A MOTORCYCLE

Do not pick up the motorcycle if:

- Your bike is leaking any fluids. Rather, call an emergency contact.
- Your bike is on an incline or decline as it can roll away from you.
- You have any health issues, such as back problems.

Before you start the lifting process:

- Stop the engine using the engine cutoff switch.
- Put the motorcycle in gear to stabilize the bike and prevent from rolling.
- Place the side-stand down if the bike is on its right side.
- Scrape away gravel from underneath the tires and your feet to provide traction.

Lifting the Motorcycle:

1. **Squat** down with your back towards the bike's seat.
2. **Grip** underneath the back fender with one hand on the lower handlebar grip with the other. Your knuckles should be facing out.
3. **Place your bottom** between the center of the seat and the upper edge of the seat.
4. **Find your foot placement**, whether both feet together underneath you, or one foot forward.
5. **Keep trying new stances** and positioning your body differently if you don't get in on your first try.
6. **Use only the butt and leg muscles** for this lift. Do not use your back or arm.
7. Begin to **rock the bike** up to a 45-degree angle.
8. **Re-situate your body position**. Place your feet closer together and place your bottom in the middle of the seat.
9. Lean back and start taking **baby steps backwards**, walking the bike up to 90 degrees.
10. Simply rest the bike onto the kickstand.



Now, if your bike fell onto the side-stand side, you're going to follow the same steps, except you're not going to completely upright the bike because you take the chance of dropping it back down the other way. So, when the bike is almost upright, you can do one of two things:

1. Put the side-stand down using the heel of your boot and rest the bike down onto it.
2. Slowly and carefully turn your body around so you can grip both handgrips, face the motorcycle, and then put the side-stand down with the toe of your boot.

The key to our success is "To Ride; To Be Safe; and Have FUN!"

GROUP RIDING

Chapter members shall be familiar with the information provided below so all riders can enjoy the adventures of the open road safely. Ultimate responsibility for safety on each ride belongs to the individual rider. The proper hot/cold weather clothing, gloves, footwear, helmet and eye protection, and proper motorcycle maintenance will further enhance your safety.

Each member and/or guest is expected to practice the rules and procedures when participating in group riding events. There are a few common components to a safe and fun group ride for all.

1. **No alcohol or illegal drugs.** Simply stated, Elk River HOG does not allow chapter members or guests to participate in chapter rides under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Also some ride event destinations may have alcohol available or provided – while participating on a group ride, absolutely no alcohol consumption will be allowed. **DON'T drink and drive, and always get a safe ride home.**
2. **Safety Checklist.** Perform a personal pre-ride checklist to ensure your motorcycle is in safe operating condition and road worthy.
3. **Signs and signals.** Obey all traffic signs and signals. Yield to all emergency vehicles.
4. **Directions.** Follow the directions of the Road Captains (Lead & Sweep).
5. **"Ride Your Ride".** In other words, do not attempt to do things on a group ride that you do not feel comfortable doing. Things to consider for all riders are length and distance of a ride, day/night riding, weather conditions, and type of road conditions. Riders should be prepared for different situations and be ready to respond appropriately. Riders must be Aware/Alert/Vigilant at all times. The key to our success is "To Ride; To Be Safe; and Have FUN!"
6. **Preparation.** Show up early and be prepared for a pre-ride briefing so you do not miss important information. Have your gas tank full and restroom break completed. Check your motorcycle thoroughly beforehand. Proper maintenance is a pre-requisite for a day of safe riding together. Check your oil and tire pressure before you leave home. Pack what you may need for a ride - there is nothing more uncomfortable than being a long way from home without proper clothing and experiencing a major weather change. Having a few basic tools and supplies helps in case roadside repairs are needed.
7. **Pre-Ride Briefing.** Prior to departure, a Road Captain will give a pre-ride briefing to go over the route and review group riding communications (signals) and safety topics. This may not be your first group ride, but it could be the first group ride for the person riding in front or behind you. This pre-ride briefing is for safety. Ask questions and make certain you have all the information you need regarding the ride. This is also a good time to inform the Road Captains what they need to know about you and any riding limitations you may have. They will be happy to accommodate any special condition they can.
8. **Key Personnel.** The Head Road Captain is responsible for the pace, safety and direction of the group ride. The Sweep Road Captain(s) is positioned at the back of the group. They will watch over the group and provide assistance to any rider that may require help.
9. **Formation Riding.** The Road Captain or Ride Leader always leads the group from the left. The Sweep Road Captain will be positioned in the very back of the formation.
 - The standard group riding formation will be the staggered formation.
 - The single file formation is often used because of narrow or curvy roads, obstacles in or near roadway or shoulders, construction zones and other hazards areas. The hand signal is the left hand raised with the index finger pointing up.
10. **Communication Signals.** Riders will at times need to pass information to the riders behind them. Hand and foot signals are used for this purpose. Be alert and watch for these signals. When you see one, pass it back. Passengers may assist with signals if they wish.
 - Hand signals are used to communicate single or staggered riding formations, right and left turns, slowing down or stopping, needing fuel or rest breaks, and pointing out hazard on the left-right-sides of road surfaces.
 - Foot signals are used to communicate hazards to the other riders on or near the road surfaces. Hazards may include holes, uneven surfaces, bumps, trash or objects in roadway, loose gravel or sand, depressions or rises in pavement surfaces, oil-water-antifreeze residues on road surfaces, and shoulder or parking lot hazards.

Group riding information is to inform and educate, and provide general group riding guidelines. It is not intended to cover every possible situation a rider may encounter. Learning and practicing your hand and foot signals greatly improves your overall safety along with the other riders around you.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

Visit <http://www.elkriverhd.com/> for the most updated list of upcoming events

🏍️ **HOG CHAPTER and WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDES – see page 5 for details!** 🏍️

JUNE

- Jun 3, 9am New members/refresher monthly instructional class & ride - HOG*
This session is for those who would like a lesson or refresher in group riding with our HOG Chapter – meet at Zylstra.
- Jun 7,14,21,28 Wednesday Night Dinner Rides (see full schedule page 5)
- Jun 6, 6:30pm Road Captain's meeting, Denny's, Otsego
- Jun 13, 7:00pm Monthly HOG chapter meeting – **Cowboy Jack's, Otsego** – HOG*
** Service in the "HOG room" starts at 6pm (limited menu) - please remember to take care of our servers.*
- Jun 16-18 Mike's Concrete Cruise - Zylstra
- Jun 16, 4:30-7pm Smokin' Summer Nights – Zylstra
Grab some grub from Z's Smokin Bonez – live music: Addison Thein
- Jun 24, 11am-2pm Demo Days – Zylstra
** For more info/requirements or to register, click [here](http://www.elkriverhd.com) or go to <http://www.elkriverhd.com>*
- Jun 24, 9am Mystery Day Ride – 2 destinations - ending with 3rd for Ice Cream! - LOH*
*We'll have a wonderful tour at our first destination, followed by lunch at our 2nd destination and ending with kickstands down for ice cream - hint - it's on the ice cream road tour! **\$10 per person** (lunch/ice cream on your own)*

JULY

- Jul 1, 9am New members/refresher monthly instructional class & ride - HOG*
This session is for those who would like a lesson or refresher in group riding with our HOG Chapter – meet at Zylstra.
- Jul 4, 6:30pm Road Captain's meeting, Denny's Otsego
- Jul 5,12,19,26 Wednesday Night Dinner Rides (see full schedule page 5)
- Jul 11, 7:00pm Monthly HOG chapter meeting – **Cowboy Jack's, Otsego** – HOG*
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- Jul 21, 4:30-7pm Smokin' Summer Nights – Zylstra
Grab some grub from Z's Smokin Bonez – live music: Ben Miller and the Federals
- Jul 22, 11am-2pm Demo Days – Zylstra
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AUGUST

- Aug 1, 6:30pm Road Captain's meeting, Denny's Otsego
- Aug 2,9,16,23,30 Wednesday Night Dinner Rides (see full schedule page 5)
- Aug 5, 9am New members/refresher monthly instructional class & ride - HOG*
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- Aug 8, 7:00pm Monthly HOG chapter meeting – **Cowboy Jack's, Otsego** – HOG*
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- Aug 18, 4:30-7pm Smokin' Summer Nights – Zylstra
Grab some grub from Z's Smokin Bonez – live music: Roger Allen
- Aug 19, 10am-7pm 3rd Annual HOGS for Heroes – A ride to benefit Fold of Honor - Zylstra
- Aug 26, 11am-2pm Demo Days – Zylstra
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FIRST CHAPTER GROUP RIDE OF THE SEASON! - Apol's HOG Roast

May 6, 2017



Lake Pepin Ride

May 13, 2017



Denise & Steve's great adventure!

December 5 – April 3 – no particular destination... Thanks for the great information and slideshow on "how to retire"!



DAVE'S CORNER

MAY ATTENDANCE:

May HOG Chapter Meeting attendance = 55

- Apol's Ride - 40 Participants with 7 Guests
- LOH Event - Movie at AMC Arbor Lakes & Dinner Malones Bar & Grill - 5 Participants
- Lake Pepin Ride - 17 Participants
- Rochester American Legion Ride - (cancelled)

- Spring HOG Roast - 13 Volunteers

- We have a total of 107 Members

New Members:

- * Steve B.
- * Jeff C.
- * Roger L.

HOG patches/flags

See page 6 for items currently available, or contact Dave O.



Large Gold Chapter Patch \$38.00



Full-color HOG patch \$14.00



Small Reflective Chapter Patch \$33.00



Black HOG Heritage Flag w/Pole Sleeve \$35.00

2017 HOG CHAPTER RIDES*

Subject to change, check the several resources for updates - if anything changes, this list will get updated and sent again.

* HOG & LOH rides are exclusive, members may bring one guest.

Register on the Elk River HOG chapter web site: www.elkriverhog.com or sign-up sheets will be at HOG meetings

DATE	RIDE EVENT	Overnt	Day Ride	RIDE LEADER / SWEEP
Jun 3	Day ride (replacing the HOG picnic), 10:00am		X	
Jun 7	Perl Lake Lodge Inn (retiree ride), 9:30am		X	DK
June 10 - 11	Mystery Ride – meet at Old Main Eatery in Elk River, 8:00am	X		Terry V / Rob
June 16 - 18	Mike's Shop Ride - Lake Geneva	X		Tom W
June 24	LOH Mystery Day Ride – meet at Shell gas station Ham Lake, 9:00am		X	Brian / Rob
July 8 - 15	3rd Annual Week Long Chapter Ride: Black Hills	X		Road Captain Volunteers
July 8	Patriot Guard Ride		X	Place Holder - FYI
July 15	Open			Available for impromptu ride
July 22	Granite Falls Fagen Fighters		X	Open
July 29	Open			
August 5	Blue Bunny Ice Cream - Iowa		X	Tom J/John P
August 4 - 13	Sturgis	X		Various
August 11 - 13	Bemidji Air Museum & Itasca Headwaters	X		Gary / Jerry
August 19	Folds of Honor - HOGs for Hero's <i>Road Guards needed!</i>	Optional	X	Tom W. & Road Guards
August 26	Duluth/Superior Lunch		X	Ron/Tim
August 31 - September 4	Harley Flag Rally Milwaukee	X		Open / Various

2017 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER RIDES

RIDERS LEAVE ZYLSTRA HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 6:30pm - SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

May 3	Cowboy Jacks	9010 Quantrelle Ave., Ostego MN	Website
May 10	Clive's Roadhouse Rogers	21390 John Milless Dr., Rogers MN	Website
May 17	Outpost	6141 US-10, Ramsey MN	Website
May 24	Billy's	214 Jackson Street, Anoka MN	Website
May 31	Dehns Country Manor	11281 Fernbrook Lane N., Dayton MN	Website
June 7	Willy McCoys	13655 Martin Street NW, Andover MN	Website
June 14	The Lookout Bar & Grill	8672 Pineview Lane N., Maple Grove MN	Website
June 21	Dave's Town Club	136 River St. N., Delano MN	Website
June 28	Nelson Bros Restaurant & Bakery	950 MN 24, Clearwater MN	Website
July 5	Wild Bills Sports Saloon - Blaine	10950 Club W. Pkwy NE, Blaine MN	Website
July 12	Chico's Place	29992 US-169, Onamia MN	Website
July 19	Bailey Ray's Road House	2120 165th Ave. NE, Santiago MN	Website
July 26	Mill Creek Inn	891 County Rd. 35 W, Buffalo MN	Website
August 2	Cambridge Bar & Grill	216 Main Street S., Cambridge MN	Website
August 9	5-8 Club, Champlin	6251 Douglas Drive, Champlin MN	Website
August 16	Smokey's Pub N'Grill	552 Lincoln Drive, Wyoming MN	Website
August 23	Pine Brook Inn	34063 Roanoke St. NW, Cambridge MN	Website
August 30	Z's Smokin Bonez / Fudgin Delicious Ice Cream	450 Jefferson Blvd., Big Lake MN	Website

To keep up with the latest information or to sign up for events, be sure to visit elkriverhog.com

Dates, times, rides, and/or meeting places may change or be added to the calendar.

Whoever is in charge of an event needs to contact Gary P. know the details so that he can update the calendar as soon as possible!

HELPFUL LINKS

Zylstra Harley-Davidson: <http://www.elkriverhd.com/>

Elk River HOG Chapter web site – who we are, what we do, and register for events: www.elkriverhog.com

Learn to Ride! Classes are open at Zylstra Harley-Davidson – click [here](#) to check availability & to register!

SIXTY YEARS OF SPORTSTER – click [here](#) to read the story! (courtesy of HOG)

The Best Guide to Motorcycle Roads/Rides: http://www.motorcycleroads.com/Routes/Minnesota_99.html

Scenic Drives in Minnesota (courtesy MN Explorer) - [click here](#)

Where to go: <http://www.exploreminnesota.com/where-to-go/>

BW Rider: <http://www.bestwestern.com/rewards/benefits/ride-rewards.asp> **NEW**

Get the MN511 APP! Get road reports (for winter & construction), flooding, and traffic.



Harley-Davidson® Ride Planner:

http://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en_US/home/owners/plan-your-ride/hd-ride-planner-overview.html

Zylstra Harley-Davidson HOG Chapter Facebook page: [ZylstraHarleyDavidsonHOGChapter](#)

BW Rider: <http://www.bestwestern.com/rewards/benefits/ride-rewards.asp>

HOG® Magazine Digital Edition: You can now download HOG Magazine Click [here](#) for details. **NEW**

Harley Davidson HOG Member site (member sign-in required): <https://members.hog.com/>

Need a patch or a flag?



Here's a list of items Dave has on hand:

• HOG Flag	2	\$35.00
• Large Reflective Chapter Patch	0	\$45.00
• Large Heritage Tan Chapter Patch	0	\$38.00
• Large Gold Chapter Patch	4	\$38.00
• Large Full Color HOG Patch	4	\$14.00
• Small Reflective Chapter Patch	4	\$33.00
• Small Heritage Tan Chapter Patch	0	\$26.00
• Small Gold Chapter Patch	5	\$26.00
• Small Full Color HOG Patch	6	\$5.00
• Small HOG Decals	12	\$2.00
• Zylstra Chapter Pin	31	\$11.50
• Name Tags (special order)	0	\$13.00

Note: Members are asked to prepay for items prior to purchase. If members are interested in purchasing Zylstra HOG items, to contact Dave Otis at otis_fmly@msn.com.



Need a patch sewn on?

Contact Debbie G:
dgourley_1@msn.com