



New Bern Harley Owners Group 3528

## Eagles View

January 2020 Newsletter - 33rd Year

### Quick Events

#### HOG Meeting

January 7th

#### Taco Tuesday

Arturo's - NB  
January 14th

#### HOG Board Meeting

January 19th  
Jeff's House

#### Taco Tuesday

La Casa Del Patron- HAV  
January 21st

#### Taco Tuesday

El Cerro Grande - NB  
January 28th

### Speedy News

As Winter falls upon us the riding season is over. This newsletter is a little thin this time around. Pulling articles about riding and enjoying the freedoms of motorcycling are an afterthought with the cold weather and shorter days. Getting dark at 4:30 really puts a damper on the working fellows and we just cant seem to find the time to ride. I hope that everyones holidays were nice and as I am praying for warmer weather and two wheels beneath me I hope you are saying the same prayers too.

Please email me with any news or information you would like put in the newsletter. This is your newsletter and we want your input.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's been a busy end of 2019 year for the HOG Club and we should be thankful and proud of our accomplishments. There were four major events we participated in over the past six weeks that included the Toy Ride, The New Bern Christmas Parade, The Escort for Wreaths Across America, and The HOG Christmas Party. I'll focus this message on the biggest event that was months in the planning.

The 27th Annual Kennedy Home Toy Ride was a huge success thanks to those who came out to help support it. Despite that it was a cold and wet day, that Saturday after Thanksgiving, we had over 500 people participate, with some 400+ motorcycles, in the parade from the dealership to the Kennedy home. The HOG Chapter and the Dealership raised over \$19,000 for the orphanage.

The results of the ride were celebrated the next day at Temple Church, in New Bern, with our HOG Chapter members bikes on stage and in the lobby of the church. At the celebration service we learned that the Temple Church congregation contributed another \$24,000. The total amount raised for the Kennedy Home and the Baptist Children's Homes of Eastern North Carolina was in excess of \$43,000. That's not too shabby for a small club of sixty some members, eh?

These results were not accomplished without some herculean efforts from many of you. I won't mention names because I'm bound to miss someone. However, we collectively promoted the ride on TV, on the radio, on the internet, to other biker clubs, and on signs along the highway.

Some of us were at the dealership, at 6:00 AM, Wednesday before the ride, to promote the event with the local TV news. Others were out propping up signs that blew down during the Nor'easter that hit the day after we put them up. One member donated both of his beach houses for a weekend getaway in order to sweeten the door prize pot which also included a big screen TV. In preparation to feed the masses, 1,250 hotdogs and buns, plus 1,000 bags of chips, were delivered to the Kennedy home by our members.

Police agencies in 3 counties; 2 cities along with the NC State Highway Patrol were personally visited to ensure their supervision for a safe ride. I couldn't count the number of HOG members, friends of the Dealership, CMA members and Temple Church Volunteers who were helping with registration and the line-up while all the time getting soaked by the drizzling rain in barley 50-degree temperatures.

In the end the weather didn't matter. The most frequent comment I heard from some of the seasoned veterans was that "everything went smoothly". The lasting image I will have from my first event is the excited look on those kid's faces as the parade of motorcycles roared onto the Kennedy Home's grounds.

Jeff Hallquist  
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## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### DONT FOLLOW ME IM LOST



Fifty years ago, ("Wow that stings to say that") I was a Dreg Boat Welder and later promoted to first Mate. We ran into the worst fog I've ever seen. We didn't have instruments to guide us back then, they followed the stars, since of directions (experience). We were in the Albemarle Sound headed to Alligator River Bridge tolling a 120-foot barge and crane. Now if you are tolling a load and run in to something, the load runs over you, kind a like towing a motor cycle trailer. Ha! The Captain told me to open the windshield and keep the rain and wind on my right cheek, until he flags other wise. He climbed the crane boom, which allowed him to see over the fog.

When it clear up' he came into the wheelhouse talking with me. I ask him why were all those sail boats running a distance off my portside. He laughed and said they figured a workboat this size were running off instruments. I laughed and thought to my self in life you don't assume anything.

I came in last night on US 70 west, visibility was about fifty feet. I was expecting to hit a deer any minute, construction cone were every where in fog and rain. I slowed down to about thirty miles per hour, cut thru the cones at cove city exit. Several vehicles were following me and took the same exit. At the top of the ramp I turned right, rode slow watching them in my mirror the first car had to go straight across the road and get back on 70 wests. The second car just set there lost or confused, as I rode out of sight. I don't know maybe they thought I was running instruments.

Ha! The Bible (KJV) says "1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:" What about it friend is your leader running instruments (Bible), or will they go down, down, down, some day.

See you in the wind  
Chaplain Webber

## JUST RIDING AROUND

The time between Christmas and New Years is the time I usually plan my rides for the upcoming year. As a club, we'll be doing the same with Howard's guidance.

Some events you might consider include:

- Weekly Ride to Eat
- Taco Tuesdays
- Wacky Wild Wing Wednesdays
- Burger, Cues and Brews Thursdays
- Daytona Bike Week
- Full Throttle Oyster Roast
- HOG Chapter Chili Cookoff
- Spring Harley Drags
- Outer Banks Bike Week
- H-D New Bern Spring Open House
- Spring Meltdown Vintage Motorcycle Show
- Laconia Bike Week
- Thunder in the Smokies
- Myrtle Beach Bike Week
- Down East Wood Ducks
- Charlotte HM Flat Track Race
- HOG Chapter Luaus
- Rolling to Remember
- HOG Chapter Pignic
- HOG National Rally
- 80th Black Hills Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
- Southeast Raider Rally
- Ocean City Bike Fest
- H-D New Bern Fall Open House
- Fall All Harley Nitro Drags
- Biketoberfest
- 28th Annual Kennedy Home Toy Ride
- Temple Church Toy Ride Celebration
- Wreaths Across America Escort
- New Bern Christmas Parade
- HOG Chapter Christmas Party

What are we missing? The HOG BOD will be meeting in January to further discuss the events we'll be participating in as a chapter. Let us know what you'd like to do.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTORS TAKE

Hello brothers and sisters. Well, I have not submitted an article recently but thought I would this month. We are in that time of the year where we are busy. The chapter has been busy as well. What a great turnout for the Kennedy Home ride. Not just in terms of bikes but the amount of money raised! Then we rolled into our HOG chapter Christmas party that was another wonderful success. I am proud to be with this organization and am thankful that the people we have in place worked hard to make these events a success. I do not want to list names as I am sure I will miss someone. But, and there is always a but, we had volunteers, old school club members and new club members blow these events out of the water

I wake up every morning and sit on this porcelain bowl and when I am done, I push down a handle and my waste just disappears. I then go to this big silver box and not only have fresh filtered water at my disposal, I too have the option of cubed or chipped ice. Anyone that knows me knows I take nothing for granted and am truly thankful for all I have.

Four years ago this Christmas Eve after 9 hours of surgery a doctor forever changed my life. He told me, the most precious thing in my world, my hero, my daughter, my Nicole, would not see another Christmas. If anyone of you have been there, I am truly sorry. I can't explain it nor could you imagine the pain of a Father with those few little worlds. It's made my cancer, my military battles, my fears, my pains, my nightmares, the pains in my body, the dark spots in my heart and all my worst moments pale in comparison. I can say that I have no idea why God allowed this. If he showed up at an event I would definitely throw the first punch at him and go after him hard. I'm mad, I am angry, I'm devastated, this has taught me no lesson, and this has not done a thing for me, my family or anyone that knows my daughter. My preacher always says "go on big boy, take that shot at God, you're a big boy but he is bigger than you and will laugh you off, but he understands".

I tell you all this not to push my beliefs on you, not to give you words of wisdom, just to tell you that the greatest Christmas I ever had is this one. She is here with me and my family and there is nothing more special. My life is perfect. I have no idea why I am so lucky. So if you don't believe in God or your one of our Chaplains, all I am saying that this isn't a season about all the shit we see. It's about realizing how nice we have it. About blessings or again if you do not believe, about all the stuff you have from luck or Karma or whatever you believe. It's about a man that paid my debt for all my shortcomings. It's about having food on your table, cloths on your back, the ability to believe and say what you want. It's about living in Easter North Carolina. It's about all the freedoms you enjoy, and the men and woman that have fought and served and died so that you may enjoy those freedoms. It's about our little pets like my dogs and cat that we may have, it's about the health care we have, the roads and highways, and that porcelain bowl and silver box I spoke of earlier. It's about my son who serves and I think of and miss terribly and that one special woman in my life that has put up with me for 42 years. Every one of your lists should go on and on.

Be thankful about the Harley Davidsons we all drive. Be thankful for our chapter and the people in it and our dealership that supports us. I am thankful for the dealership, the knowledge of tenured members, the enthusiasm of the newer members and the spirit of the wonderful volunteers. I humbly say, thank you all. Enjoy your life and be thankful even in hard times as it's easy to be thankful when it's all snowflakes and gifts. I am thankful for you.

Michael McGuinness