



# The H.O.G. PEN

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## Updates from Your Activities Director

Hello Chapter Members:

We had our Winter event on February 22nd at Stumpy's Hatchett House. It was a fun event! A few of us had several bull's eye's including me. Riding season is coming pretty quick and I am working on our Riding Challenges, this year it will be a little different I am looking for some people to help collaborate with and get some new ideas if you are interested please reach out to Michele. Our next Event will be our Spring Splash Picnic sometime in May as time gets closer more info will follow.

Thank You,  
Michele



Twin Cities H.O.G. North®

Chapter #3918

Board of Directors

Proudly serving you:



## Need Patches?

Check with Wendall Schwenzfeier if you are in need of any patches, name badges or bike flags!



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# MARCH DEALER EVENTS

Sat. March 15th

## Shamrocks & Steel

Do you Feel Lucky?

**TWIN CITIES HARLEY-DAVIDSON NORTH**

Guess how many Shamrocks are in our pot to win:

An exclusive H-D Tank Clock  
A set of TCHDN Pint Glasses  
AND a \$300 TCHDN Gift Card

\*Gift cards cannot be used towards vehicle purchase

Irish Food & Drinks!  
Served by Route 65 Pub&Grub  
\*please drink responsibly. 11am-5pm

## Get your green on at TCHDN on March 15th, 2025!

From 11am to 5pm, we're serving up Irish grub, green beer, and good times. Come for the bikes, stay for the pints, and let's shamrock and roll!

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

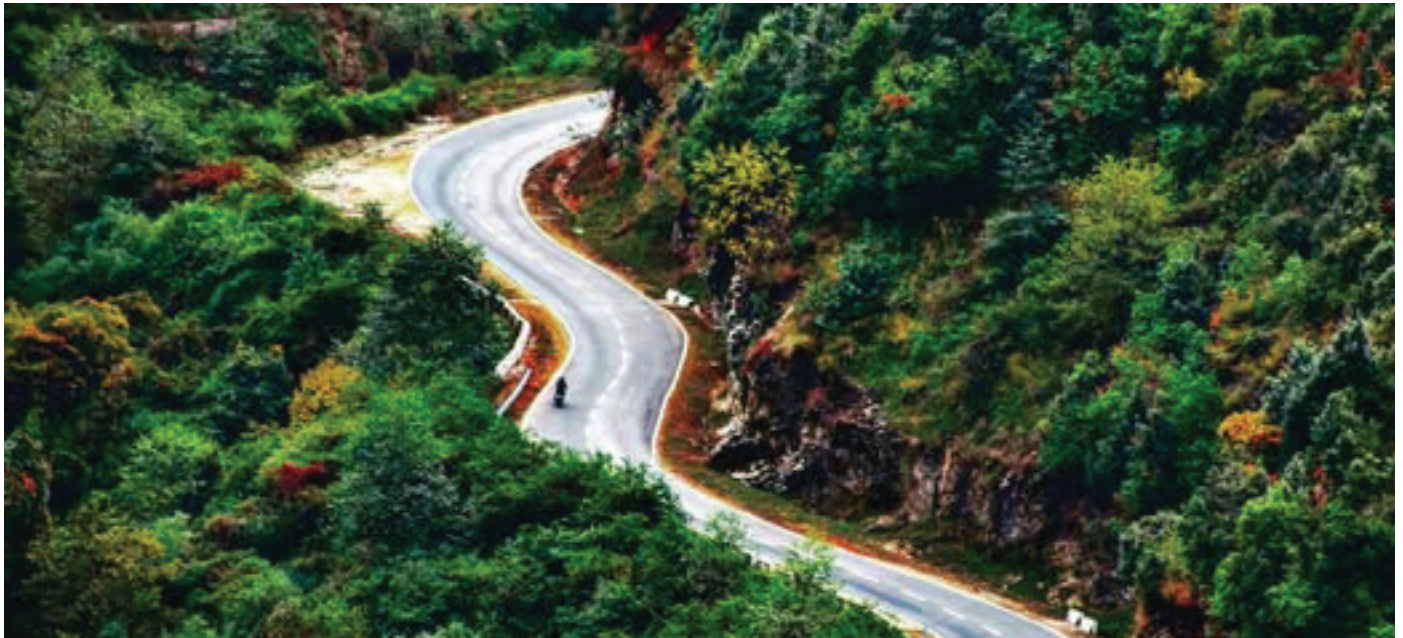
## READY. SET. RIDE.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

**Win a 2025 Road Glide, a VIP Rally Experience, a \$500 Shopping Spree, or RSVP on the website for a Limited Edition Prize Pack!**

No purchase Necessary. Stop By Twin Cities Harley Davidson North for more details and full rules!

## MARCH CHAPTER EVENT



### Road Captain's Planning Meeting #2

Twin Cities Harley-Davidson Blaine • Sat, March 8 at 9:30 AM

Help plan out the Chapter's rides for the season. All are welcome to attend.

We will be in the classroom upstairs at the dealer!

# A CRASH COURSE FOR THE MOTORCYCLIST™



A great opportunity to learn with **Brianna Meisinger**! What to do in the first minutes after an accident and before emergency help arrives.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/28572831248997567>

# 2025 HOG RALLIES & EVENTS

## 2025 H.O.G. Touring Rallies

- Run to Daytona H.O.G. Touring Rally, February 23-27, Sunrise, FL to Leesburg, FL
- Spring Heat in Arizona H.O.G. Touring Rally, March 28-April 1, Albuquerque, NM to Apache, AZ
- Texas Hill Country H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 7-10, Round Rock, TX to San Antonio, TX
- Great River Lower H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 19-23, New Orleans, LA to St. Louis, MO
- Roaming the Black Hills H.O.G. Touring Rally, June 4-9, Cody, WY to Deadwood, SD
- Great River Upper H.O.G. Touring Rally, August 25-30, Fargo, ND to St. Louis, MO
- Tour of Valor H.O.G. Touring Rally, October 14-20, Hughesville, MD to Dayton, OH

## 2025 H.O.G. Regional Rallies

- Gulf Coast H.O.G. Rally, May 1-3, Beaumont, TX
- Mid-America H.O.G. Rally, June 5-7, Springfield, MO
- Appalachian Thunder H.O.G. Rally, June 25-28, Cumberland, MD
- Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally, June 26-28, Marquette, MI (See below)
- Pacific Northwest H.O.G. Rally, July 17-19, Spokane, WA
- Valley to the Mountains H.O.G. Rally, August 14-16, Monticello, NY
- Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally, August 19-23, Bartlett, NH
- Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally, September 11-13, Pikes Peak, CO
- Golden State H.O.G. Rally, October 2-4, Fresno, CA

## 2025 H.O.G. Check-Ins

- Daytona Beach Bike Week, March 1-8, Daytona Beach, FL
- Laconia Motorcycle Week, June 14-21, Laconia, NH
- Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 1-8, Sturgis, SD



2025's first touring rally is the Run to Daytona on February 23-25!

## GREAT LAKES HOG RALLY - June 26-28

Welcome to Marquette, MI, where the spectacular landscapes of Michigan's Upper Peninsula come to life! Nestled against the majestic backdrop of Lake Superior, this event promises captivating scenic rides, including the iconic route to Copper Harbor. Experience the thrill of the open road as you cruise through lush forests, along rugged shorelines, and past charming small towns. Whether you're a seasoned Harley Owners Group member or a first-timer, this rally offers the perfect blend of adventure, camaraderie, and the unparalleled beauty of the Upper Peninsula.

The block of rooms had been set up at Comfort Suites Marquette. You can call (906) 936-7436 Option 2 to get the front desk. The block is reserved under Scott Ferch. All rooms are king beds with a pullout couch. If you wish to have two queen beds you may ask when you make your reservations. Please make reservations as soon as you know you are going. That way, if we fill up our block of rooms we can request more rooms.

### Rally Package Options

**Orange Package - \$40**

Includes Rally Wristband, commemorative rally T-Shirt, pin and patch. Registration closes 5/28/2025

**Black Package - \$30**

Black Package includes Rally Wristband, pin and patch. Registration closes 6/25/2025



## Great River Upper H.O.G. Touring Rally August 25-30

Fargo, ND to St. Louis, MO

Get ready for the second leg of our thrilling motorcycle touring rally as we embark on the scenic Upper Great River Road, following the majestic Mississippi River from Fargo, ND, to St. Louis, MO! As we traverse this picturesque route, you'll enjoy the camaraderie of fellow bikers and create unforgettable memories. Join us for an adventure that embodies the essence of the river and the spirit of the ride!

*The Rally will be making a Dealer Stop at our TCHDN dealership between 10:00 am and noon. We are invited to represent our local chapter, so try to stop by!*



## A 13-Step Guide to Preparing for Spring

Spring is almost here, and those of us stuck in the colder states are itching to take their bikes out for that first-ride-of-the-season. For those of you with your first bikes or if you haven't ridden for a while, here is a suggested checklist to follow these steps to make sure you are ready to go!

1. **Check the oil level.** It's something you should do any time your bike has been sitting a while.
2. **Start the motorcycle and bring it up to operating temperature.** This will help burn out any moisture built up inside.
3. **Change the oil and filter.** After the motorcycle has cooled down. It's a good idea to start the riding season off fresh.
4. **Check the air filter and replace it if necessary.** Depending on your situation, it may not need replacing – but always check to make sure.
5. **Check the air pressure in the tires.** Underinflated tires cause stability issues when riding.
6. **Inspect the tires for dry rot/cracking and wear and replace tires if needed.** Blowouts are dangerous and are a common cause of accidents. Tires with cracking on the sidewalls should also be replaced.
7. **Inspect all areas for leaking fluids.** Check drain plugs, engine covers, oil hoses, and radiator hoses.
8. **If you have a radiator, check the coolant level and top off if necessary.** Running hot can damage your engine.
9. **Adjust the tension of the chain or belt.** A chain or belt with the wrong tension can break and cause premature wear of the chain/belt and sprockets.  
For shaft-driven bikes, check the differential fluid and top off if necessary. You should check the level at least once a year. If your differential fluid is low, it could cause a failure.
10. **Check brake fluid level and top off.** Low brake fluid risks brake failure.
11. **Start out with a clean bike!** Wash, and wax all painted pieces.
12. **Polish any chrome.** Keeping the chrome polished helps maintain a good look and helps you avoid pitting and corrosion.
13. **If you changed your insurance to storage only,** make sure you change it back before hitting the road!

**Above all, enjoy the riding season!**

## Twin Cities North HOG Chapter Ride and Event Schedule

HOG Holiday Party	Saturday, January 11	5:00pm	VFW	Michele Handing	Chapter
Road Captain's Meeting #1	Saturday, February 8	9:30am	Dealership	Ryan Ellefson	Chapter
Road Captain's Meeting #2	Saturday, March 8	9:30am	Dealership	Ryan Ellefson	Chapter
Spring Splash Picnic	May - more to come	TBD	TBD	Michele Handing	Chapter

## Decorated Vehicle Parades

Memorial Day Parade	Monday, May 26th	10:00am	Dealership	Scott Ferch
Independence Day Parade	Saturday, July 5th	10:00am	Dealership	Scott Ferch
Veteran's Day Parade	Tuesday, November 11th	10:00am	Dealership	Scott Ferch
Christmas Parade	Saturday, December 21th	10:00am	Dealership	Scott Ferch

## Chapter Socials

January 5th	July 10th
February 6th	August 7th
March 6th	September 4th
April 3rd	October 2nd
May 1st	November 6th
June 5th	December 4th

All rides and events are  
subject to change.

See website or Facebook  
for the most up to date information.

## Interested in Volunteering?

Got ideas or just some extra time? Help out the board with events by serving on a Committee!  
Contact Michele Handing for more information on how you can help out the Chapter!

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The MISSION of the **Twin Cities Chapter** of the Harley Owners Group® (HOG®) is to promote *safe and responsible activities related to motorcycling* for HOG® members; **encouraging participation** in all HOG®-related events. Our goal is to **create an increased level of interest for the sport of motorcycling and riding Harley Davidson motorcycles**, while representing the Chapter positively on a local, state and national level. At its most basic level, our mission is to **"Ride Safely and Have Fun!"**