



LIVE TO RIDE IN '25

THE BEST RIDES ARE STILL AHEAD

Dear Rose City HOG Members,

What a summer it has been! From the packed calendar of August rides to the energy of the Ride Hard, Pull Hard Arm Wrestling Tournament at Volcano Harley-Davidson, our chapter has been on fire. The arm wrestling participation was phenomenal, the competition fierce, and the laughs unforgettable. With such a strong response, plans are already in motion to bring this exciting event back next year, bigger and better!

We also capped off August with some awesome rides including Doug's Detroit Lake Ride, Randy and Allen's Casino Run, Lee and Valerie's Long Beach Ride and of course the Wednesday lunch rides led by Mitch and Mike. We enjoyed lots of great riding in August including the annual Sturgis Rally, which several of our chapter members attended.

August ended with a very successful Blood Drive, thank you very much Volcano Harley-Davidson for hosting. And, while September may mark a turning point of our summer, some of the best riding weather of the year is still ahead of us.



SEPTEMBER SAFETY TIPS

The truth is that clean, wet pavement has something like 80 percent of the friction of clean, dry pavement. Of course, the critical word is clean, and pavement rarely is clean. Passing vehicles drip all sorts of lubricants on the surface, including diesel oil, antifreeze, chassis grease, brake dust, and rubber particles....

That road debris doesn't simply evaporate. Most of it gets squished into particles and mashed into the pavement. A little moisture mixed with those particles can create a slippery goo that really reduces traction. That's why the road seems so treacherous after just a little mist or morning dew: it's the slippery goo, not just the water. Now, think about this: the only really good pavement cleaner is a steady downpour that lasts long enough to float that accumulated slimy stuff into the gutters. That offers us two lessons: First, the longer it's been since a good rainstorm, the slicker the pavement is likely to be when it finally does rain. If it's been dry for a while, you can actually see the slime floating away. Second, the pavement is slickest when it first starts to rain, before enough water has fallen to flush away the slippery stuff.

At the first patter of raindrops, the temptation is to crank up the gas and beat it out the other side of the cloud. That's a standard practice to get through desert thundershowers but not wise for riding around cities. Remember, the road is most slippery when it first starts to rain after a dry spell, especially in and around big cities where traffic is ever-present. So the smarter tactic in heavy traffic is to take a break for a few minutes and let those bumper-to-bumper drivers slip, slide, and bash into each other while the accumulated goo gradually washes away. A half-hour break is a wise precaution, giving you a good reason to warm up and put on serious rain gear if it looks like it's going to be more than a light shower.

Keep the Throttle Open!

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 12th -14th -Harley Demo Days at Volcano Harley Davidson
- Saturday September 13th - Valerie will lead a ride south to the Willamette Valley Pie Co
- Sunday, September 21st - Jon's ride to Carlton for ice cream (September social)
- Sunday, September 28th - Chad's ride to Hood River and Parkdale
- Wednesday Lunch Rides Continue!!

As the days get shorter and the leaves begin to turn, remember, September and October can offer some of the best riding conditions of the year. Cooler temps, crisp air, and fewer crowds make this the perfect season to log those miles, build memories and strengthen the friendships that make this chapter so special.

Finally, it is that time of year again so be sure to attend our September chapter meeting on Tuesday, September 16th, where we will open up the floor for officer nominations for all HOG officer positions for the upcoming year. This will set the stage for elections in October. We will discuss all of this and more at our chapter meeting on Tuesday September 16th, so don't miss it.

As always, a huge thank you to Volcano Harley-Davidson for being the partner that helps make it all possible. Their ongoing supports fuels our events, our energy, and our sense of community.

On behalf of the SGT Watts Veterans Foundation Board and especially myself and Valerie, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you that bought tickets for the 2025 motor cycle raffle. We sold out again this year and raised \$50,000 for veterans in the Pacific Northwest. We could not have done it without your generous support and for that we are eternally grateful.

So let's all gear up, mark our calendars, and get ready. Rose City HOG is the place to have fun and we are just getting started. And always remember, the best rides are those with your fellow chapter members.

See September events page, facebook and the website for more information.

Live to Ride in '25,

Lee McCarty
Director, Rose City HOG

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
RUSSELL & HEATHER
WINNER OF A \$25 GIFT CARD TO VHD
AND AN EXTRA \$20 BONUS VHD GIFT
CARD FOR BEING A FIRST TIME WINNER**



AUGUST PHOTO OF THE MONTH

September

EVENTS

WEDNESDAY LUNCH RIDES - SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 (WEATHER PERMITTING)

Depart from Volcano Harley-Davidson. Arrive at dealership at 10:30am, KSU at 11am. Every week we rollout from Volcano Harley-Davidson for midweek miles and midweek laughs. These rides are always a hit, so don't miss out.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH - CHAPTER BREAKFAST AND RIDE

Meet at *Stanley's Corner*, 19905 McLoughlin Blvd, Gladstone. Breakfast at 8:00am

Chapter Ride: Meet at VHD at 9:30am, KSU @ 10am. Chapter Ride to Willamette Valley Pie Co. Join your fellow riders for a scenic trek to the Pie Company, Led by Valerie

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

Volcano Harley-Davidson Demo Days - Thank you to all the Rose City HOG members that signed up to help. We are successful because of YOU!!!! This is a great opportunity for all of us to check out and ride a wide variety of motorcycles.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH - CHAPTER MEETING AT VOLCANO HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Social starts at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:00pm

We will review our September calendar, talk about upcoming events, and of course, prize drawings, enjoy each others company and lots of chapter fun! Nominations will be held for all chapter positions for the upcoming year. Elections at the End of the Season Party in October.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST - ICE CREAM RUN

September Social: Nothing says camaraderie like riding to Park and Main in Carlton for some delicious ice cream. Join Jon for this sweet stop and a whole lot of fun. KSU from VHD at 11am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH - CHAPTER RIDE TO HOOD RIVER/PARKDALE

Chapter Ride: Meet at VHD at 9:30am, KSU @ 10am. Road captain, Chad will lead a ride to Hood River and Parkdale. Winding roads, fruit valley views and a hearty meal at the Sawtooth Restaurant. It doesn't get much better!

SAVE THE DATE

Shaniko/Fossil Ride Overnighter-October 4th and 5th (Details at the September Chapter Meeting)

End of the Season Chapter Party and Elections-October 18th

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END OF THE SEASON PARTY

JOIN ROSE HOG
FOR AN EVENING
FILLED WITH
DINNER, DRINKS,
ENTERTAINMENT,
GAMES, PRIZES,
FRIENDS AND
FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

FREE

5:30PM APPETIZERS & DRINKS

6:30PM DINNER

7:30PM ENTERTAINMENT-TRIVIA

SWAP MEET

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