

Spring Newsletter

May 2022

HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

Forest City Chapter #9009



A Message from our Director – Vision through the Handlebars

Hello everyone and welcome to the FC HOG 2022.

Welcome past and new members joining this year. I am Jim Young. A little about myself, I am one of those guys that went out and got my license when I turned 50! Always said I'd never get one because you can't trust the drivers on the road. Well as I aged, I thought I needed to try it out. So I booked the Fanshawe Rider Training course, passed my Motorcycle beginners, then went and bought a 1985 Honda Rebel 250 (so I would know something about riding). I had the bike delivered to my driveway while I was on a fishing trip up north without telling anyone. Needless to say, my wife was ecstatic to see it sitting in the driveway when she got home! Best to ask for forgiveness than permission...unfortunately for her a little thing I have practiced throughout our relationship.

I passed the course, received my license and rode that bike for 2 years. I learned more every time I rode. I thought it was pretty cool riding the open road, wind in your hair...but I soon realized that I needed more power, or to lose 100 pounds. So, a bigger bike it was....a 2008 883 Sportster. Bigger, heavier, and lots of nice shiny chrome and joined HOG in 2016. Lots of fun riding in groups with different destinations and meeting a lot of new friends. I helped out in the group where I could and became more involved, and had a lot fun.

As I grew out of the Sportster (AKA-got a lot older), in 2017 I wanted something more comfortable and got my current ride-the 2012 Street-glide. Comfortable, powerful, and the best radio!

My focus for the group this year is to try to get back to some normalcy of monthly meetings with agendas to follow, better communication between the executive and members, and more organized rides. Rides with meeting places, destination stops along the way, and return to home organized. With a schedule that everyone knows.

- Outings and events-planned events that we can gather to play darts, pool, bowling etc.



- Dinners out
- Rides through the week because not everyone is available on weekends
- Charity rides
- Community presence-who we are, what we do, community support
- Better communication between Rocky's and the Chapter
- Involvement with Rocky's
- Increase membership -I will be running a membership table at Rocky's one a month

The new Rocky's ownership would like us involved in some capacity in the Dealership operations such as helping at functions, new bike sales, and promoting HD.

I'll close by saying, "this is our group". We need to know what you want out of it so that we can keep focused on getting there.

Thanks, and keep the rubber to the road,
Jim Young
Director FC HOG

Executive Member Highlights

Steven Chute - Assistant Director

Yes, I am that dude that rides the Trike. The one that always likes to ride as SWEEP to ensure all members keep together and nobody gets left behind. Riding season is now upon us, come on out and RIDE. Keep your two wheels on the ground, be sure to keep in riding formation, be alert of your surroundings and, let us all be safe.

Dave Geddes – Secretary

Hi all, my name is Dave Geddes, and I am your new Secretary for Forest City HOG. My wife, Carolanne and I just moved into the area last June, but due to COVID, a knee replacement surgery and the rest of life's little problems we did not ride much at all. Over the winter we started checking out the local HOG Chapters and discovered Forest City. We have been HOG members since 2013 and have belonged to three other chapters, including Newfoundland, Durham and York region.

During the last 4 years, I served as Head Road Captain for the York Region. I guess I can blame my Dad for getting me into this "hobby" as he is the one that bought me my first motorcycle ... a Lil' Indian, at the ripe old age of 9. Since then, I have had many motorcycles in my life except for a brief period raising a family.

In my other life, I retired in 2011 from Seneca College, as the Program Coordinator for the Underwater Skills program. The program taught men and woman the skills to work in the underwater industry both inshore and offshore. I am still active in the industry.

I hope to meet you in person or on one of the rides. Be safe!



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Rides Coming Up

Sunday, May 1, 2022

For the first ride of the season we'll head to Andy's Diner in Langton.

<https://andysdrivein.com/>

We'll take a little over an hour to get to Andy's.

Andy's is CASH ONLY!

Make sure you've got cash on you.

Dave Bentley will be your Road Captain.



Safety Officer News

Check out the tips to get your bike ready for your ride.

**It's time...
to get your motorcycle
ready for spring.**



FUEL SYSTEM

Drain and replace old fuel if not stabilized before winter



AIR FILTER

Remove any debris and replace the filter if it is dirty



TIRES

Check tire pressure and tread wear



DRIVE TRAIN

Look over the sprockets and chain for any wear. Clean the chain and lubricate it



ENGINE FLUIDS

Change the oil and filter and check coolant levels



BRAKES

Check brake fluid levels and brake pad wear



BATTERY

Charge battery



LIGHTS, CABLES & FASTENERS

Test all lights: confirm the throttle, clutch and brake cables operate smoothly. Tighten any loose fasteners



Yes, the 2022 Ontario Rally is on!

The location: London, Ontario

The date: June 16-18, 2022

*Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.
The HOG rally site should be up very soon
so please watch for that and register.*

More details will follow, so please stay tuned...



Sponsoring Dealers:



MAY 2022

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SAT

01 Andy's
Diner in
Langton
10:30 am RC Dave

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03
Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

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06

07
International
Female Ride
Day
Julie RC @11:00

09
Pick Up Ride
10:30 am RC Dave

09

10
Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

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12

13
Dover Ride
RC-Dave Bentley
9:30am

14
Mark Wilson
Ride
9 am

15
Ride
10:30 am RC ----

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17
Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

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22
Pick Up Ride
10:30 am
RC Connor

23

24
Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

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28
General
Meeting
10 am

29
Ride for Dad

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31
Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

JUNE 2022

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Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

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Longwoods
Rally

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Rally

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Longwoods
Rally
10:30 am RC ----

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14
Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

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16
London HOG RALLY

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Registration Day

Day 1

Day 2

19
Rally Wrap Up
Father's Day Ride
10:30 am RC ----

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21
Two Wheel
Tuesday 6 pm

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17 Ride 10:30 am RC Bill G	18	19 Two Wheel Tuesday 6 pm	20	21	22	23 General Meeting 10 am
24 Ride 10:30 am RC ----	25	26 Two Wheel Tuesday 6 pm	27	28	29 HOGS for in	30 Hospice Leamington
31 HOGS for Hospice Ride 10:30						

