



# HOGwash

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Motorcycle riders don't just *kick* something off, we *kick-start* things (though many long-time riders are grateful for electric starters ...). As your Director, I want to *kick-start* the new year with a few personal commitments to you—to ensure:

- An exciting Chapter agenda this year with some new twists; and,
- Lots of opportunities for camaraderie and adventure.

I hope you'll also join me and the 2013 Board in making these 2013 New Year's Resolutions:

- Get out on our bikes on more Chapter rides;
- Get to know other members better—both new members and those who have been around longer; and,
- Ride (more) and have fun!

### Start now: Make good on your resolution to ride

Our first chapter meeting of the year is Tuesday, Jan. 15—and if you're reading this after Jan. 15 and missed the meeting, I hope to see you back at our *second* general meeting of the year, Tuesday Feb. 19.

But please don't wait until February to reconnect with the Chapter; as the National H.O.G. Office says, "Membership has its benefits—**Participation has its rewards.**" We have two upcoming opportunities for you to start participating—while also fulfilling your resolution to ride:

- Jan. 19: Annual Ride Planning Meeting
- Jan. 27: New Member Ride

Locations and times are posted on the Calendar on the Folsom H.O.G. Web site (<http://www.folsomhog.org>); more rides will be posted shortly after the Planning Meeting.

Wherever you choose to join us, the important thing is that we see you soon—on the highway, or at an upcoming meeting or event!

Carlos

## Renew your Chapter membership before Jan. 30

All Chapter memberships must be renewed by January 30 to remain current.

- **Renew in person:** Corinne Manley will have Membership Forms at the January General Meeting. Please bring your *National H.O.G. membership number*, plus \$20 (cash or check) for each renewal.
- **Renew by mail:** Download, complete, and mail a Membership Form from the Web site along with a check for \$20 (no cash, please) for each renewal to: Folsom HOG Chapter #1787, P.O. Box 1221, Folsom, CA 95763-122

### Know your National H.O.G. renewal date; keep your membership current

Don't let your National H.O.G. membership lapse during the year—*your Chapter membership will too.*





## Get revved up for the California State H.O.G. Rally!

*From Mike Barbour, Asst. Director*

One of my responsibilities as Asst. Director is to keep members informed about the annual California State H.O.G. Rally, and I'm pretty excited to share with you what we know now. The location will be San Diego, and while the Chapter doesn't have a defined role, the deck is stacked for a great party:

- Harley-Davidson's 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
- The Harley Owners Group's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary;
- San Diego Harley-Davidson's 20<sup>th</sup> year and move to a new location; and,
- All five H.O.G. Chapters in San Diego are hosting.



San Diego is home to the west coast's largest population of Sailors and Marines. The theme for the 2013 Rally, **HOGs and Heroes - A Salute to Freedom**, recognizes the heroes living here in California. The event is open to all current National and International H.O.G. Members and one guest; children are welcome at the family-friendly rally. The rally includes rides on some of most beautiful roads in Southern California, and plenty of entertainment, food and parties.

Registration is \$55.00 and includes:

- A pre-rally contest involving military memorials and monuments
- Admission to opening and closing parties (one of which features a "big name" band)
- Eight rides showcasing the favorite roads and scenery of the area H.O.G. Chapters
- Family-friendly games, activities, and Kid Zone
- Nightly drawings and prizes
- Motorcycle Show and Games

The rally headquarters will be downtown at what will then be the largest dealership in the nation: The brand-new San Diego Harley-Davidson.

Pre-registration will open soon. More details are available on the California State H.O.G. Rally site at <http://www.castatehogrally.com>. Let me or Rhonda know if you're going; we'll see if there's enough interest to make it a Chapter ride!

## Peace of mind in remote areas: California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CALSTAR)

*From Sharon Dervis, Treasurer and Merchandise Officer*

Receiving medical treatment within the first hour of a traumatic injury can lessen both the injury *and* your recovery time. Helicopter services, which sometimes provide the *only* emergency service in remote areas, can leave you with thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses not covered by most health insurance plans.

Air medical services coverage from CALSTAR and their reciprocal partners is available for \$40 per year per individual, or \$45 per household (including parents who live with you and dependents away at college).



**Price break:**  
**\$35**

With 15 paid memberships, the Folsom HOG CALSTAR membership price drops to \$35 per household.

Be sure to note your affiliation with Folsom HOG 1787 on your application.

**Current members** will receive renewal information directly from CALSTAR. Anyone interested in joining should visit the CALSTAR site online or see Sharon Dervis. Be sure to indicate your affiliation with the Folsom Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) so that we may maintain our 15 membership minimum to qualify for the reduced rate.





## Activities: What is a Chapter Ride?

From Rhonda Navarette,  
Activities Officer

The new year and new riding season always presents a good opportunity to answer the question, "what is a Chapter ride?"



Any ride that meets the following criteria will be considered a "Chapter ride:"

- It is listed as a ride on the calendar or message board for at least three days; and,
- There are at least five Folsom H.O.G. members on the ride including a Road Captain.

A sign-up sheet and release forms must be completed for each rider and passenger. Please note the departure time and designated meeting place; arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the departure time with a full tank of gas. The ride leader will review safety and route prior to departure.

Chapter rides and activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of Folsom Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) chapter members. There are four types of rides:

- **Closed event:** Open to chapter members and one guest per member.
- **Member event:** Open only to H.O.G. members.
- **Open event:** Open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members and other guests as desired.
- **OYO:** On your own.

### Ride Ratings:

- **1** – Route is less than 100 miles and the route is an easy ride.
- **2** – Route is either greater than 100 miles or the route is more difficult.
- **3** – Route is greater than 100 miles and the route is difficult.

The ride type and rating will be abbreviated on the calendar. Example: **Closed/2** would indicate a closed Chapter ride with a route that's over 100 miles or more difficult.

Please check the Activities Calendar and Message Board before leaving home if the weather looks questionable. And, remember to ride safe and have fun!

## Upcoming don't-miss events!

LOH t-shirt design and bling event

General Meeting

Ride-planning meeting

New Member Ride

January 2013						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## What's still on your wish list?

From Sharon Dervis, Merchandise Officer

The most-current Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) merchandise catalogue is always posted online; look for the "Merchandise" link under "Member Resources" on the Folsom H.O.G. site. Sharon also brings copies to the General and Board meetings.



Any merchandise imprinted "Folsom Chapter" (e.g. shirts) has a minimum quantity order requirement; please see Sharon for details and pricing. The catalogue offers new items regularly; unique items not available elsewhere. Check out the catalog and keep your H.O.G. wardrobe current!

### Chapter and Name Rockers

- Chapter rockers: Both sizes are in stock (\$9 small, and \$19 large) in both "classic" and reflective embroidery.
- Name rockers (\$10) must be special ordered and will generally be available at the meeting one month after placing your order.

## And now, a word from our Sponsor ...

Harley-Davidson is commemorating its 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, which means it's time to break out the party clothes for a celebration.

A unique variety of Motorclothes and Accessories emblazoned with an eye-catching logo make up the 110th Anniversary Commemorative collection. From shirts and tees, to caps, ride packs and buckles - you'll be well dressed for this celebration. Some special edition items are extraordinary special; men's and women's leather jackets in particular are limited to 1903 of each worldwide.



Limited quantities of Anniversary items are still available at Folsom Harley-Davidson, but don't wait: When they're gone ... they're gone!





## Safety is no Accident: When “chillin” *doesn’t* mean “relaxing”

From Rick Southern, Safety Officer

When the mercury drops, a lot of riders wash their bike, drain the gas tank, put the battery on a trickle charger, wipe their tears, and hang up the keys for the season. For those souls who--like me--brave the cold and ride year-round, this is a good time for a quick refresh on chillin’: Wind chill.



The cool breezes that feel so good when we head for the mountains on hot summer days have the same cooling effect in winter too. This effect is “wind chill”, which measures what the temperature *feels* like to a person. It does not impact objects, as objects don’t “feel.” When the ambient temperature is:

- Below your body’s temperature (98 F) the wind makes it seem colder
- Above your body’s temperature, the wind will make the temperature seem hotter.

How can you tell how cold it will feel when you are on your motorcycle? Use these two charts from the National Weather Service to figure it out:

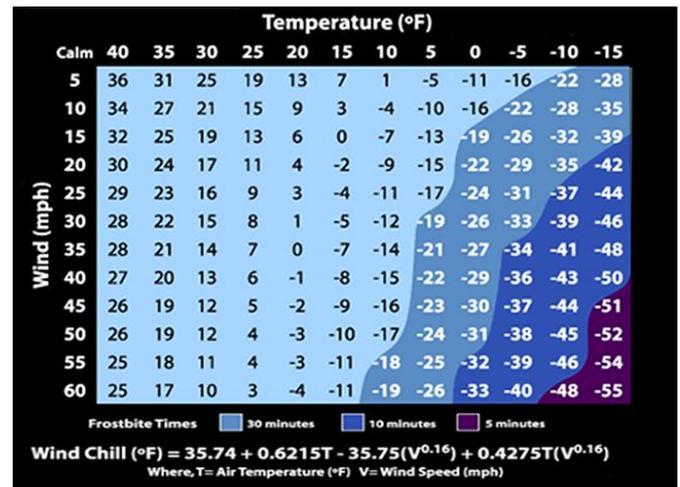
### Step 1:

Find out (or approximate) Mother Nature’s contribution:

### Step 2:

Add the approximate wind speed to your average riding speed, and factor in the temperature:

Observations	Wind (mph)
Steam or smoke rises straight up or drifts only slightly.	3
Feel wind on skin; leaves rustle; wind chimes begin to make noise.	5
Dust, leaves, & loose debris lift in the air; small tree branches move; small flags extend.	12
Small trees sway; larger branches move; wires whistle; large flags flap.	19
Large trees sway; large flags extend; feel resistance when walking.	32



### Are you smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> grader? Test yourself with this word problem!

At the time I’m writing this, the weather forecast for the Polar Bear Run in Jamestown on Jan. 9 is a high of 30 degrees, with breezes up to 10MPH. If we’re riding in these conditions at a consistent speed of 40MPH, what will the temperature feel like for this year’s Polar Bear riders? If your answer is “around 12 degrees”, you’re right--depending of course on the direction of the winds.

### Closing thoughts

When determining whether the temperature is within your riding comfort level, remember to take the wind chill factor into account. If you ride, take breaks more often, and warm up with a hot cup of coffee / tea / hot chocolate. Move around to get the blood flowing to your extremities—your brain, and hands and feet.

You can extend your motorcycling season if you know what temperatures to expect, how to prepare yourself for cold weather riding, and use your judgment.

Ride safe!



## Letter from the editor: *Chillin'--inside and out*

From Joan Hallstein

One of this month's HOGwash articles is on wind chill and, if you missed it, I'd suggest going back to read it. It clearly explains why it sometimes feels like, even though it's 40 degrees out, we're riding in sub-zero temperatures. With wind chill, we are!

I've been riding since ... well, let's just say I'm a long-time, year-round rider. Riding is "wind therapy", and I've been on a seemingly endless quest to stay warm while pursuing my therapy. I remember at times being so desperate to get warm that I put disposable hand warmers in my gloves, boots, and helmet, and shirt. I also used to know where all the restroom hand-dryers were in No. California, because I planned stops to use them to warm up my hands, gloves, feet and boots.

I've shopped locally, online, and in snow zones while traveling on business. I used to think that people who live in cold, windy places *must* know how to dress to stay warm—but if they do, they haven't sold the secret to me because, until recently, I had a closet full of clothes and accessories that don't work. I've tried it all, including several brands of battery and electric-powered clothes and accessories—which I gave up on after having to have my electrical system rebuilt (bad installation and repeated shorts).

Harley-Davidson Motorclothes have always been considerably higher priced than other motorcycle wear; it still is. There have been many times in my riding life when money was tight and buying a Harley-Davidson jacket just didn't seem practical when I could get a seemingly comparable one for one half or one third the price. And if I couldn't afford to pay cash for something, I didn't buy it; I didn't believe in credit cards.

Recently though, I found a must-have Harley-Davidson jacket—two jackets actually—at a time when I could afford a splurge. And, interestingly enough, my quest to stay warm seems to have ended successfully at the same time, thanks to the "right" jackets (I wear one at a time) and this seemingly perfect combination of H-D clothes and accessories:

- Super-warm gloves that Sharon promised were (and *still are* the warmest the Shop sells);
- A Pink Label (reversible) polar fleece neck gaiter;
- New lined chaps;
- Socks I bought in 2003 while drying-out from a summer downpour in Kenosha, Wis.; and,
- My ever-faithful and perennial favorite temperature-sensitive color-changing flame boots.

On really cold days, I sometimes add a H-D polar fleece vest under my jacket, but even in 40-degree riding temps (20 degrees or less with wind chill), I haven't been discouraged from my "wind therapy" this year, or as chilled to the bone as I remember being for most winters of my riding life.

I reclaimed my closet last week, donating all the motorcycle clothes that *don't* "work" to Goodwill, thrilling the donation station employees. I held onto a few things for sentimental reasons, with the realization that I out-spent by 4 or 5 times what I could have spent on a few pieces of (warmer) H-D Motorclothes.

A lot of people wear Harley-Davidson Motorclothes to "experience the full joy of riding", and/or to "be cool"—for the look and brand name. I've seen the light, but for the opposite reason: *because they keep me warm.*

The people who design H-D Motorclothes design them to wear in the wind. They, and *people like Sharon who know the stuff inside and out*, know what they're doing. H-D Motorclothes are worth every penny for their warmth alone. And when you add in the safety features and benefits—and even the H-D "cool" factor - they just *may* be worth their weight in gold.

Ride safe, *stay warm*, and see you on the road this winter!





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## Pork Chop and the Pork Chops



A New Year's "celebration"; the Chapter mascot next to a roasted pig, as captured by Eddi Gilstrap

**Board Meetings** - Open to the membership  
6:30 p.m. 1st Tuesday of each month

**General Membership Meetings**  
7 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of each month

Meetings held at Round Table Pizza  
9500 Greenback Lane, Folsom, CA 95630  
(facing Madison Ave. near the Madison/Greenback split)

**It may be cold outside *now*, but think of the warm times just ahead ...**



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