



# Classic Legend Times

## Northern Chapter

Traverse City, Michigan #2360



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### Meetings

The Northern Chapter meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the VFW, Cherryland Post, 3400 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI. All are welcome.

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Another season of riding has come and almost gone. It was a busy season that started early and will end later than normal. Memories were made and plans for next year's adventures are already in the making. The Father Fred Ride was a huge focus point, being our primary fundraiser for the year. Despite incredible heat on Saturday and rain to start Sunday, the event was still a success. A LOT goes into pulling this event off. There is much planning to be done. Courses are set. People volunteer their time to work the stops on Saturday. Registration is set up and ran all day Saturday. This was all coordinated with feeding the riders on both Saturday and Sunday. And then there is the clean up and tear down. Thank you to all who helped in any way. A couple of extra pats on the back go to Julie for all of her work, Classic Motorsports for all of their support (and starting the event to begin with), the VFW, and the Traverse City Police Department for keeping us safe and rolling. Next year's event is the 25th anniversary so mark your calendars now for June 24 and 25, 2017! Many other events and rides were enjoyed as well. The year end picnic had beautiful weather and a great turnout. There were more than a few Challenge Rides where we rode for hours looking for fire stations, some which were more easily found than others. Many members participated in the ride to the Patriot Games to honor our Veterans. Quite a few members also participated in the ride for Breast Cancer awareness. The HOG rally was held at Boyne Highlands and many members participated despite the rain. The food drive for Father Fred was a great success with club members filling over 19 boxes of food plus quite a good bit of cash. Tickets for the Christmas Party are already being sold and there is still time to go on the Tour of the State Hospital. There are tons of events that I left out, and there will be a ton of new events next year. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful season and I hope to see you all back, as well as some new faces, next year!



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What's better than having a great Harley Davidson shop nearby? Having a Harley Davidson shop nearby that donates back to the community! See the next page for the ride for breast cancer awareness, put on by Classic Motor Sports. But also mark your calendar for an upcoming event.

### **Chili Cook-off!**

Mark your calendars for December 10th! That will be the date for this year's Chili Cook-off at Classic Motor Sports! This is still in the planning stages but here is the scoop so far. First off, grand prize is \$100. Second place gets \$50, and all 3rd place winners get \$25. And this isn't just about tasting some great chili. Donations received during this year's event will support "Blessings in a Backpack". This is a program that puts food in the backpacks of local children in need every Friday so that they can have food for the weekend. It takes \$140 to sponsor one child. Our goal is \$1400 (which would sponsor 10 children).

### **Toys for Tots**

Classic Motor Sports will again be a drop off site for Toys for Tots.





## Bras for a Cause Ride

Otherwise known as the “Ride for the Tatas”, the ride for breast cancer awareness took place on Friday evening October 14th. This ride must have started out as a fun idea to bring awareness to a disease that touches many people’s lives. Bras were obtained, and thank you to the Women’s Resource Center and Goodwill. I’m not sure if there is any video of them being died pink, but pink they were by event day– different shades of pink and different sizes to fit all. For a donation you could get a bra, which was then worn on the ride. Some of the gentlemen had to have a little encouragement to actually put the bras on, but as the pictures can attest, the effect was awesome. I am guesstimating that at least 20 people rode, maybe closer to 30. A wonderful ride was routed straight down 31 to 14th street, which was a tiny bit busy at 5:15 on a Friday afternoon. But then again, the idea was to raise awareness and as we sat in traffic waiting to turn, the response from passing motorists was great. They weren’t annoyed at a group of bikers making their Friday commute home more difficult, but rather were quite supportive (no pun intended) if not amused. We rode around the Grand Traverse Commons and past Munson before making our way through Leelanau County. We then rode back into Traverse City and straight through downtown. Remember, it is Friday evening at about 6 PM. Stopped at the lights, people took videos and pictures and applauded as we revved our engines. The ride ended at the actual Bras for a Cause event at Streeters, where one lucky bra wearer was awarded the “door” prize, having picked the lucky, pre-marked bra. Donations given for bras were matched by Classic Motor Sports and almost \$600 was raised for Bras for a Cause. Bras for a Cause donations go to the Munson Healthcare Breast Care Assistance Fund which helps pay for mammograms for patients who do not have insurance or the ability to pay for these important screenings. It was a great event that raised awareness for an important cause. Next year’s event will be even more bigger and better and funner so plan on joining in on the fun!



## **Upcoming H.O.G. Events and Information**

### **2016 Challenge Ride**

Hopefully you have already turned all of your pictures into Mike L. for the 2016 challenge ride as the deadline was November 3rd (November monthly meeting). All pictures should have been on a disc or flashdrive and the orange challenge sheet filled out with all of the Fire Stations you visited. All participants will receive a patch and/or a rocker for their efforts. Somehow now every time I see a fire truck sign I feel like I need to take a picture. Stay tuned for next year's challenge!

### **H.O.G. Rally**

The 2017 H.O.G. rally will be in Sault Saint Marie, Michigan at Kewadin Casino and Hotel. Now is the time to make your reservations! If you plan to stay at the Kewadin Casino Hotel, please get your name to Carl A. He is working with the hotel to have our Chapter in a block of rooms together. If you are unsure, make your reservations now and you can cancel if necessary. There is no deposit and cancellation policy is 4 PM day of the reservation.

### **Northern Chapter H.O.G. Christmas Party**

Tickets are available now for the Northern Chapter H.O.G. Christmas Party. It will be on December 11th starting at 3PM at Boone's Long Lake. Price is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members and tickets are available at Classic Motor Sports. Anyone wanting to help with planning and day-of preparations please contact Julie K. Last year's event was great and we look forward to an even better one this year. There is great food, drinks, and prizes!

### **Officer Positions**

There are opening for officers for next year. If you are interested in being an officer please contact Mike L.

### **Tour of Grand Traverse Commons (State Hospital)**

If you have never toured the Old State Hospital now is your chance. Our H.O.G. Chapter is planning on doing the tour on November 19th at 12 noon. You will need to go to the "Village at Grand Traverse Commons" website under "Historic Tours" to get your tickets. Cost is \$25 (\$26.50 once they add the service fee). It is a great, informative, interesting 2 hours. Dress for the weather as the tour does go outdoors some and they do walk through the tunnels.

### **Father Fred Frostbite Food Drive**

Mark your calendar for January 28, 2017. That is the date that H.O.G. members will be working the Father Fred Frostbite Food Drive. We will be at Team Bob's. Information on shift sign ups will be on the Northern Chapter Facebook page, or contact Julie K.



The Ladies of Harley meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Regular meetings are held at the VFW on Veterans Drive. However, at times we may change the meeting place to a restaurant or other establishment. This is open to any lady H.O.G. members and it does not matter if you ride or go along for the ride. We plan events and activities for not only the riding season but more importantly for the "off" season. Events are open to all H.O.G. members and their guests. Our next meeting is (ironically) **Thursday** November 10th at the VFW. (With Tuesday being election day, we did not want that to be a conflict.) We welcome new members and fresh ideas.

**Upcoming Ladies of Harley events:**

**Saturday November 12th– Dinner at Brady's Bar, 5PM**

**Sunday November 13th– Crazy Bowling, 1PM to 3PM,** Lucky Jacks on Garfield Ave. Price is \$1.99 per game and \$2.50 shoe rental.

**Saturday November 19th– Tour of the Grand Traverse Commons** (also known as the State Hospital), **12 noon**. Sign up online by going to the Village at Grand Traverse Commons Website. Go to Historic Tours and select Nov. 19th at noon. Tickets are \$25 ((\$26.50 with the service fee).

**Sunday November 20th– Ale Trail.** This picks up where we left off in the spring. Several stops on the Traverse City Ale Trail Passport (a free card available at participating breweries) were completed on several occasions. My understanding is that there are only two left that we haven't been to. It does not matter if you didn't do the other ones or even if you don't drink beer. It is still a fun time. We will be going to Right Brain brewery first, where we can get a bite to eat, before finishing up at the Filling Station. The fun will start about 3PM but watch the chapter facebook page and email blasts for updates.

Mark your calendars now for the  
**25th Annual Ride for Father Fred**  
**June 24th and 25th, 2017**  
The 25th Anniversary promises to be Bigger and Better than  
Ever!!

## Why H.O.G. ?

Why should you join H.O.G.? Well, there is the cool booklet you get with your national registration and the card, and pins. And there are benefits for being a national member like roadside service. There are cool rallies to go to where you can meet other Harley enthusiasts. And the gear and clothing is cool. And then there is my answer:

I started riding about 4 years ago when I went from a 250cc scooter to an 883 Sportster. My first year was spent mostly riding to work and back. I think my longest ride was up Old Mission Peninsula and it was autumn by the time I did that. And I thought I had accomplished something pretty special. The next year I rode with some groups and did some longer rides, but I felt like I was looking for someone to help me. Then, in my third year, I had a turning point after a particularly difficult ride and I realized that only you can ride your ride. (yeah, I know some of you knew this all along, but some of us are slow learners.) About the same time I met some people who encouraged me to check out the H.O.G. chapter and I did. I did a few rides with them and felt comfortable. Whether it was the fact that I was prepared to ride my own ride or whether it was the group dynamics or a combination of the two, I felt comfortable riding with this group. (Having one of my former martial arts instructors behind me on my first ride with the group didn't hurt.) By the time I joined H.O.G. it was late in the season, plus I was using my newfound independence to do more longer rides on my own. So I didn't ride that much with the group. I did, however, start going to the non-riding events over the winter. Movie nights were probably my favorite, but the chili cook-off and some of the VFW events were pretty good as well. When I decided to purchase a new bike this year, however, I was certain that I wanted to do my first ride on it by myself. I wanted to take the time to figure stuff out and not be trying to keep up with a group. Fortunately, a group member gave me a ride to pick my bike up and they waited for more than a little bit while everything was finalized and I could ride. I still wanted to ride by myself, but off with the group I went. What a great decision that was. The guys helped me along the way. They patiently waited when I stalled it at intersections and showed me how to start it without trying to find neutral (what is it with trying to find neutral on a different bike?). The bottom line is I felt like I was riding with family and my older brothers were looking out for me. And that is why I am a H.O.G. member.



Heck no! We're not cold! It's a lovely day at the beach! Wind? What wind?