



# CHAPTER CHATTER



## Anthem, AZ HOG Chapter 2376 Newsletter

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### From the Director: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

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As 2011 winds down I can't help but look back on my first year as Director of Anthem HOG 2376. In many ways it was a good year for the Chapter. However, the tragic death of Ken Wesolowski on one of our Chapter rides casts pallor over the year. He was a Charter member and our first Treasurer and a good friend to all who knew him. He is greatly missed.

At the beginning of this year I set 3 goals for what I wanted to accomplish as Director. However, I didn't share them with anyone in case all didn't go well. I would like to share them now with all of you and let you be the judges. First, I wanted to build up the membership to what it was at the end of 2009. Going out of that year we had over 150 members. By the end of January we were down in the 90's. I believe we ended up

this year with close to 150. I'm encouraged that we will have a good renewal rate this year. We had 33 members renew this weekend. That's a good start. Secondly, I wanted to increase the number of members attending our rides. I don't have any hard numbers to prove it but my sense is we have done that and I'm happy to see some new faces on our rides. If you haven't been on one of our rides I encourage you to come out. We have a group rider orientation ride coming up shortly and it would be a good opportunity to try a ride with the group. Keep an eye on the calendar for the exact date. And lastly I wanted to do better than third like we did in our first year in the St. Mary's Chapter Challenge. Well, I think we all know how that turned out. Honestly I never thought we would win, I was shooting for a strong second.

Looking ahead I would like to build on what we started. I believe we are the friendliest Chapter and I hear it all the time from our new members. Many of these people visited other Chapters before they decided to join ours. Keep up the good work. I would also like to hear from you, the membership, about what we are doing right and what we are doing wrong. Please don't hesitate to let me or any officer what you think. If you don't tell us what you want we can't do it.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Holiday season. Ride safe and I'll see you soon.

Pete Dutoit



### From the Assistant Director, Big D

I am looking forward to being your assistant director for 2012. Since all your officers are volunteers, I will need your help. One of my primary duties is the HOG Rally in Williams. It will be Thursday, June 7 through Saturday, June 9 this year. Those who went last year had a great time. I'd like each of you to participate in this rally and will need volunteers to help at the check-in tables. This year we will carry our new Anthem HOG flag in the pa-

rade. You'll be hearing more about it in the future. Right now I am researching hotels in Williams.

I am a strong supporter of riding and including everyone who wants to join our chapter. My goal is to make Anthem HOG the best riding club in the area. As you know, I bought my Harley to ride! You'll hear more about riding in the Road Captain section of this newsletter.

Our chapter has come a long way in three years. Membership continues to grow and we have lots of activity going on. Thanks to Dan Laubach for his work in building Anthem HOG!

Don Halford

# Anthem HOG Christmas Party—December 10, 2011

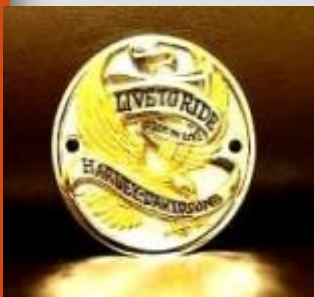
## Carefree Resort



-Pictures by Susan Dutoit



*“Actually, my first ‘motor bike’ was a 26 inch bicycle that Bobby Anderson and I fitted with a 4 cycle engine when I was fourteen years old.”*



## WOMEN RIDERS



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### From the Editor

Guess I was destined to ride a Harley. My Arcanum, Ohio high school colors were orange and black.

Actually, my first “motor bike” was a 26 inch bicycle that Bobby Anderson and I fitted with a 4 cycle engine when I was fourteen years old. As a senior in high school I moved up to a candy apple blue Triumph Tiger Cub. Took the Tiger Cub with me to college in Ft. Wayne, IN. I recall screaming down Rudisill Boulevard on my Triumph at five o’clock in the morning on the way to work at the Marsh Foods grocery store. Good thing there was no traffic in Ft. Wayne at that time of the morning. Sold my bike my sophomore year.

It wasn’t until forty five years later that I took up riding again. Yes, that is a picture of me to the right on my 2007 Sportster XL Custom 1200. Lots of extra chrome. Cam. High compression heads. Three inch pipes. The engine has “tude”. Quick release windshield. Sissy bar and luggage rack. Smooth chrome rims. Crash bars. Kuryakyn footrests and forward controls. I dream of trading up to a Dyna Wide Glide or Softail Deuce some day for the long road trips.

Speaking of the road, how do you keep warm in the wintry weather? I have the customary leather chaps and leather vest. Underneath my clothes I wear insulated socks, long underwear and a long sleeve t-shirt designed to block out the wind and

hold in the body’s heat. Good stuff. Wife keeps asking when I’ll stop buying all that “stuff”. Don’t know. However, staying



comfortable in the cold or the heat keeps fatigue to a minimum. And that is very important for the bike rider’s comfort *and* safety.

Take care. Safe riding, biker friends.

*Donovan Houdeshell*

### From the Head Road Captain, Big D

I enjoyed being your volunteer Head Road Captain this past year. With all your support, it was a lot of fun setting up rides. Thanks to all the active road captains for their participation in our rides. A special thanks to Rory Kraft for his help with the ride route maps and the rider survey given out at the last meeting. Results of this survey are in this newsletter.

This year I will be responsible for the Ride Calendar. You can now view the calendar on the Anthem web page. I will keep it updated as much as possible. Please remember to use the HOG line also. It is especially important to check this *line for last minute changes* due to weather. And, please forgive my spelling as it is not one of my strong suits (as you already know.)

The Laughlin River Run is Thursday, April 26 to Sunday, April 29. I will be heading to Laughlin on Wednesday, April 25 and will be staying at the Tropicana. Rates at that hotel are around \$130/night. I hope to see a lot of you there. I am not reserving rooms for the chapter so please make your reservations soon. Rooms book quickly.

## LADIES OF HARLEY

With Linda McFee as our new LOH officer for 2012, the ladies can look for opportunities to meet and ride together in the next year. Whether you ride your own, or ride on the back, all are invited (men are welcome too!). We have two upcoming events in January: • **Jan 21st:** Come to our first meeting on Saturday, January 21st at noon, during our Chili Cook Off at the Anthem Dealership. Meeting in the Hog room. Linda would like to introduce some ideas for rides and events and would love to get your feedback and ideas too. • **Jan 28th:** Let’s go SHOPPING! Our first LOH ride to the Mesa Swap Meet will be lead by Julie & Linda, meeting Saturday, January 28th at the Anthem dealership at 10:30am for sign in and safety briefing, ride at 11am.

*Linda*

# January / February 2012

## Calendar of Events

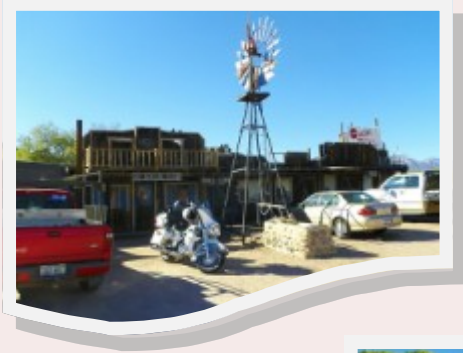
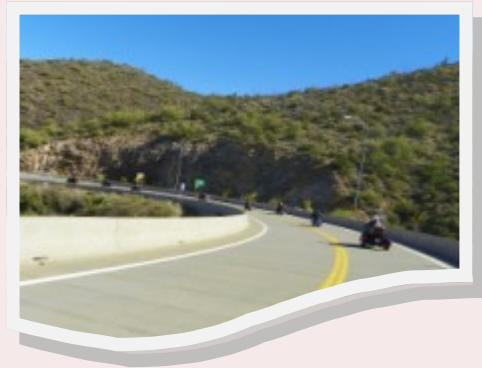
- Sun, Jan 1 *Happy New Year!* Ride to Big D's. Bike Blessing. Meet at 10:30 am at McD's, I-17 & Carefree Hgwy
- Sat, Jan 7 6 am Ride to Pavilion's Car Show. Meet at McD's I-17 & Carefree  
10 am Blessing of the Motorcycles. Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, 6502 E Cave Creek Rd
- Wed, Jan 11 Mystery Ride with Big D
- Sun, Jan 15 Ride to Gila Bend via Wickenburg. Meet 9:30 am at McD's, I-17 & Carefree Hgwy
- Wed, Jan 18 Ride to Barrett Jackson Auto Auction. Meet 9 am at Buddy Stubbs Anthem H-D dealership
- Sat, Jan 21 10 am Anthem Chapter Meeting at dealer. 11 am Hogs N Dogs
- Wed, Jan 25 Mystery Ride with Big D
- Sat, Jan 28 Ride to Mesa Swap Meet. Meet 10 am at dealership  
Ladies of Harley meet at 10:30 am, ride at 11 am
- Sat, Feb 4 Ride to Chili Cook-Off at Tin Top and Desert Rose. Meet 9:30 am at dealership
- Sun, Feb 5 New Riders Orientation. 10:30 am at Buddy Stubbs Anthem H-D
- Wed, Feb 8 Mystery Ride with Big D
- Sat, Feb 11 Arizona Centennial Ride. Contact [AZ100YEARS.org](http://AZ100YEARS.org)
- Sat, Feb 18 10 am Anthem Chapter Meeting at dealer. 11 am Hogs N Dogs
- Sun, Feb 19 Ride to Wickenburg Gold Rush Days. Meet at dealer at 10 am
- Wed, Feb 22 Mystery Ride with Big D
- Fri, Feb 24 Dinner Ride to Bonfire Grill in Old Scottsdale. Details later
- Sun, Feb 26 Ride to Lost Dutchman Park. Bring Box Lunch. Meet 10:30 am at Buddy Stubbs Anthem H-D

# BAD BIKES! St. Mary's Food Bank Ride— October 16, 2011



-Pictures by Don Houdeshell

# Roosevelt Loop Road Trip With Canadian Friends—November 30,2011



-Pictures by Rory Kraft

## Ride Survey

Well the results are in and you had plenty to say about when and where you would like to ride. Below are the results from the November Chapter meeting, now we as Road Captains can try to plan rides that you requested. The road captains will meet and come up with some new and exciting trips. Some like short rides and some like long rides, I am retired and can ride most anytime and I will do long or short rides. I do have things that I need to do from time to time but I am very flexible when it comes to riding.

The ride days varied so much that it was hard to pin down how many would ride on a particular day so if you can give a little advance notice when you would like to ride on a weekday I would be glad to try to accommodate you. If you aren't comfortable riding in a large group we will try a smaller group or just a couple of us. Talk to your friends or other members that you are in contact with and we will ride. That's what the club is all about "Riding our Harleys" and enjoying the company and our great Arizona weather. Email me if you would like to ride. [lmskier2@hotmail.com](mailto:lmskier2@hotmail.com)

Rory

Road captain



## Results of Ride Survey

November 19, 2011

We had 26 forms turned in at our monthly meeting in November, the following are the results that were gathered off the forms and if a member checked the boxes for multiple things they were recorded for each item. Example: If a member checked a box for 1-50 and 1-100 it meant to me that he or she would go on a ride that was either one of those options.

**Ride Miles**          1-50 = 5      1-100 = 6      1-200 = 15      1-300 = 13      More than 300 = 9

**Lunch Preference**      Picnic Lunch = 18      Restaurants = 24      (most that said Restaurants checked both)

**Days of Rides**          Mon = 13      Tue = 12      Wed = 16      Thu = 12      Fri = 15      Sat = 18      Sun = 23

**Time of Ride**          Day Rides = 23      Over Night = 12      Multi Day = 5      Moon Light rides = 6

**Ladies Rides**          Ladies rides = 5 (this was not on the form but these were written in)

The following were Locations suggested by the members: (as taken directly from the forms)

New places, Country roads, Destinations, Northern Arizona, Marble Canyon, Mystery Castle, Historic Places, Scenic Places, Lakes, Mountains, Anywhere, Out of the City, On the road, Fun & No Dirt, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Grand Canyon, Jerome, Prescott, Tombstone, Bisbee, Williams, Payson, Tucson, Show Low, Strawberry, Pine, Window Rock, Lake Havasu, Pinetop, Canyon De Chelly, Greer, Laughlin/Bullhead City, Page, Springerville, Grand Canyon Caverns.

## Anthem HOG Members' Corner



Check out Mike Kavulich on his 2011 HD Streetglide 103 with a Merlot Sunglo paint job. He just loves the bike and the way it performs. He also gets lots of complements on it.



So who put Ozzy up to getting his ear pierced? These pictures show the progression of Ozzy into one bad biker dude. Now nobody will mess with him. He's got the do rag *and* the pierced ear.



**St. Mary's Food Bank Drive 2011 Winners: Anthem HOG Chapter 2376!  
October 16, 2011**



-Pictures by Don Houdeshell

# The Black Sheep

HOGS and Sheep and Bears, OH MY! OK, not so much the bears, unless you count Pete when he is hungry before one of our lunch or dinner rides! Seriously though, some of you may have noticed some Sheep wandering around amongst the HOGS and we would like to take a moment to explain who we are and why we are here with you.

The Black Sheep Harley Davidson's For Christ (BS-HDFC) is a Motorcycle Ministry (MM) made up of Christian bikers who ride American made v-twin motorcycles and share the love of Jesus Christ. Most of the Black Sheep are Harley riders and don't just hang out with HOG, but are actually active HOG members themselves.

BS-HFDC was founded in 1999 by Marty "Slow Dog" Edwards, a Pastor of 8 churches and a HOG member in California. His Heritage Softail had a flat tire and after a call to the local Harley dealer, a young man named Michael was soon dispatched with a truck to pick up the bike. As a Pastor, Marty wanted to share his heart for Christ with Michael as they rode back to the dealer, but felt intimidated by his new involvement with the motorcycle community, and unfortunately chose to remain silent.

A week later, Marty found out that Michael had been killed while white-lining on his own bike while traveling to work. Marty was hit hard by this tragic news and went to the dealership to see how he could be of service. With consent from the owner, he was given the freedom to speak with the employees who worked with Michael to offer comfort and to pray with them. No longer willing to be silent, Marty shared his heart this time and a Ministry was born!

There are a multitude of Christian motorcycle groups across the country that provide countless services, charity, and ministry functions to thousands of motorcycle clubs/riding groups but NONE were specifically reaching out to HOG, which is arguably the largest (and of course, the best) group of riders on the planet, with well over a million members.

Most large organizations have within their ranks a Chaplain to provide ministry duties when they arise. Just a couple of these groups are the PGA, NASCAR, Rodeo, Boy Scouts, U.S. Senate, and of course our U.S. Military. Our interest as Black Sheep is not to bring or force religion on HOG or their members by any means. We do believe, however, that everyone at some point in their lives will discover that they have a need for spiritual guidance and comfort, and we want only to be available to serve them when that need occurs.

As bikers, Harley riders, and actual HOG members, we find ourselves uniquely qualified to meet the spiritual needs of the HOG Chapters that we serve in ways such as: weddings, vow renewals, bike blessings, meal blessings, hospital or home visits for ill or downed riders, funerals, anointing and blessing of houses, and any other services or needs that our members could possibly need.

Black Sheep are not here to take anything over or change HOG. They aren't here to turn HOG into a religious organization and as stated before, will never force their faith on anyone. Christ modeled a life of service to others and that is what we are here to do in our HOG Chapters, to provide service. We are here to help in any way that the Chapter needs us to (set-up, tear-down, Hogs & Dogs, parking, fund raising, filling officer positions, trash pickup, etc...) Black Sheep are now found in the HOG Chapters of 40 different states and 5 countries where they lend a helping hand to their HOG brothers and sisters. They have been riding with you since the start of the Anthem Chapter and are working tirelessly in the background for you, to help Anthem rise above the rest!

Along those lines, John Valentine was recently promoted to Vice President of the Phoenix Black Sheep Chapter, but with the intention of creating and becoming President of a separate Anthem Chapter of Black Sheep. John will lead this new Chapter to ensure that Anthem HOG will always have a dedicated group of individuals that they can rely on for anything that may come up, or for any ministry needs that may arise.

If you have ever considered or have any questions about joining this Ministry to support HOG, be sure to let John know, as he would be happy to talk to you about becoming a charter member of a new Anthem Black Sheep Chapter!

So the next time you see a Black Sheep in the midst of the HOGS, be sure to say hello and know that we love you and pray for you, and are here for you if the need ever arises. Like Marty, we have to follow our hearts and share our love for Jesus and HOG, and for riding on two wheels, and are eager to discuss any of these subjects with anyone who asks!

May God bless the Anthem Harley Davidson dealership and all of their employees, HOG and all of its riders, and any of us who share the love for riding motorcycles. Father, we ask for You to bless our bikes and to keep us safe and secure in the protection of Your love and grace. Please watch over us as we head off on our rides in search of adventure while enjoying the fellowship of the great Anthem HOG members! -Amen.

John Valentine AKA Holy Harley ><>  
 Black Sheep Harley Davidson's for Christ †  
 Vice President - Phoenix Chapter  
 HOG 2376 - Anthem Membership Officer



Is your chili as hot as your Harley? Brew us a pot!

 **HOGS&DOGS**  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**

**SATURDAY**  
**JANUARY, 21**  
**11 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

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*Ride to Live. Live to Ride.*



**WHO WE ARE:** Anthem HOG Chapter 2376 is sponsored by Buddy Stubbs Anthem Harley Davidson. Anthem, AZ Chapter 2376 meets at 10 a.m. the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Buddy Stubbs Anthem dealership on 41715 N 41st Drive. It is close to the Interstate 17 and Anthem Way exit. Visitors are welcome. Currently there are about 150 members. The chapter, about three years old, is the newest in the Valley. One cause of the chapter is the St. Mary's Food Bank. Another passion is Children First Academy for homeless children in Phoenix. The chapter rides often. Friendships are formed. Knowledge and skills in safe motorcycling are gained. To reach Buddy Stubbs Anthem Harley-Davidson, call 623-465-1122.

**We're on the Web! Go to <http://anthemhog.com> for monthly events, calendars , past newsletters, info**

## Children First Academy

Five Harley-Davidsons and one SUV filled with toys and clothing left north Phoenix for a chilly trip downtown December 8,2011. The destination was Children First Academy on 6th Avenue. The Academy is a charter school serving 322 homeless children, K-8th grade, in central Phoenix. Darlene Sharp set up the trip for Anthem HOG to take additional Christmas gifts to the children in the school and investigate the program. Each child picks three gifts for each person in his or her family. The gifts are wrapped and taken home for Christmas.

The seven who went to Children First Academy were highly impressed with the school, children, teachers, and administrators. Assistant Principal, Dina Gerdon, explained the many ways the Anthem HOG Chapter members could be involved in supporting and participating in Children First Academy.

After the school's mission to the homeless was presented to the officers and members of Anthem HOG in December it was added to other causes the chapter supports like St. Mary's Food Bank.

A delightful, bright 8th grade girl gave the seven folk from the Anthem area a highly informative tour of the school and its programs. The school has on site medical care, a clothing room, a food pantry, for example. The school's library is in a room that is not heated or cooled but is abuzz with children. The kids were happy to pick out books to read on that cold winter day.

The seven Anthem HOG representatives were amazed with the foresight and vision of the founders of this charter school, Children First Academy. It is truly worthy of consideration.

Maybe you could see yourself tutoring a child in reading or math one or two hours a month? Or helping build the new school? Or giving food and clothing not just during the Christmas holidays? Think about it.

