

# North Jersey Legends HOG



*Sponsoring Harley-Davidson Dealer – Glenn Glerum*

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## **Calendar at a Glance**

Chapter Meeting – Jan 21  
Polar Bear - Jan 6,13,20,27  
Ride Planning Meeting – Jan 11  
Road Captain Meeting – Jan 26  
Super Bowl – Feb 3  
Five Alarm Chili Cook Off – Feb 9  
Dinner – Portofino's – Feb 24  
Roller Derby – Mar 22

## *Directors Message*

At this time of year I like to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new one. A big part of my memories, other than my family, are about the great times I have had with the HOG Club. “Now I know I’m not normal, but than nobody is!” (lyrics from a Willie Nelson song – too much time listening to MP3 while riding the “Geezer Glide”). This short quote is probably the best way to describe HOG group members. We are a diverse group; however, we have one common interest, Harley Davidson Motorcycles. And, I must say, a better group of people can’t be found on this planet, maybe on another one, but not this one!

Think back for a moment to the activities and rides we have shared. The one common thing that made all of those activities so terrific was you, each and every member of our HOG family. Everyone in the club has their own personality and interests, but all tend to get along and have a great time together. Nature or nurture is the question posed by those who study human behavior. Are great folks attracted to our club because of the rides, activities and fellowship? Or, do we influence our members to behave in a way we all can enjoy? Well, on that question, I have no answer and would rather reflect on the future.

For the year 2008 we already have some fantastic events planned: Harley’s 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Memorial Day at Lake Placid, Polar Bear rides, Super Bowl party, Chili Cook Off, NJ State Rally, dinners, beef steak, rides,

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bike nights, “The BASH”, and parties. How about just hanging at the dealership and talking “bike” to the eclectic group there? Oh, don’t forget the HOG meetings which are also a big, monthly, social event. Diverse and different, nothing normal, there is something for everyone and that is the way we like it. There’s all this to look forward to and we haven’t even had our planning meeting!

Yeah, this is a great time of year to reflect, but, the roads are clear and the bike is calling. Have a great year with your buddies in the best motorcycle group ever, our North Jersey Legends HOG.

Ride Warm and Have Fun

Fred

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## December Safety Tip

By Al Engel

This month we have two safety tips that hopefully will help make your fall and winter riding safer. The first was actually suggested by our head road captain Bill Spaan after he observed a trailer with a loose tongue wheel scraping the road during the Saugerties Light house trip. This time of year a lot of people are taking their boats and jet ski’s out of the water and towing them to winter storage. Many people really don’t have experience driving with a trailer in tow and only do it once or twice a year. When we see a trailer wandering back and forth in it’s lane or there is something that could potentially come off and strike you or the others in the group we want to try to move away from that vehicle as soon as possible. The first thing to do whether or not you are in a group is to make sure that you have enough following distance between yourself and the vehicle especially if you are on a one lane road. If alone and on a multilane highway, wait for the opportunity to move out into the left lane and pass the vehicle moving to the furthest area of your lane to avoid any potential swerve or debris. If you are in a group and riding in staggered formation, allow the rider just ahead of you to pass the vehicle completely before you begin to pass, this will allow use of the entire lane if needed for maneuvers. When it is your turn to pass the vehicle move as quickly and safely as possible and if you are in the right side of the stagger move to the center of the lane to give yourself extra room to maneuver. Sometimes you don’t see these type of potential hazards before they occur, which is why it is so important for us as motorcyclists to remain alert and stay in our staggered formations when riding in a group.

The second tip that I want to go over with everyone is the proper way to pick up a fallen bike. No one likes to talk about this but it has happened to most of us or at least you have had a near miss. Once the embarrassment subsides, you have to be able to get your bike up and if you are alone that is not always such an easy task. Picking up your motorcycle when alone CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS, so if you are not in good physical condition, never attempt this. For the sake of this discussion we are going to assume the bike has fallen over by accident in the garage or at a ride stop. If it happens while riding, you are better off waiting for help to arrive since you may have injuries even if you feel OK.

First take few minutes to calm down, your going to be upset, evaluate the situation and if you can actually get the bike back up. If the bike is running, turn it off, and if it is right after a ride your going to have to wait until it cools down. If the bike is on the right side, extend the jiffy stand and make sure the bike is in gear. The last thing you want after spending the effort to get the bike righted is for it to fall over on the other side or roll away from you. There are two approaches to lifting the bike up, either facing the bike or having your back to it. If you have a bagger it is probably easier with your back to the bike, but in either position it is very important to keep your back as straight as possible. For a



bagger (back to the bike) turn the handlebars to full lock with the tire facing the ground. Place your butt around the middle of the bike (the seat area) and put one hand on the handlebar (or front engine guard if your arms are not long enough) and the other on the rear bag guard. Sit your butt down, keep your back straight, feet shoulder width apart

and begin lifting with your legs stepping closer to the bike as it rises. There will be a balance point between the engine guard, floorboards (foot pegs), tires and engine to where the bike will lift easy since it is on the side. From there on out the weight will be mostly transferred on you. Make small incremental lifts using your legs bring the bike more vertical until you reach the balance point on the tires. Don't keep going too far as you don't want to send it over on the other side. After you get the bike upright you should be able to balance it and get the side stand in place. At this point you can step back, rest and assess the damage if any.



**The front facing method works in much the same manner, except that you have to use the locked handlebars as the point to leverage the bike up and the weight of the bike is in your hands through the entire process since there really is no balance point. Make small incremental lifts keeping your feet shoulder width apart, moving closer to the bike as it begins to rise lifting with your legs and not your back. Eventually you will reach a point where you can get the bike balanced and use the side stand to support the bike. I have seen this used several times by drill teams at various Harley events and it really works. Remember this is a last resort if you are on your own and use your best judgment and leave the bike down if it is too strenuous for you. Hope this helps the next time you have a situation and remember to ride safe and have fun.**

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