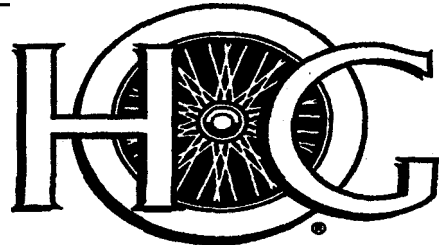


**BLACK MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
HENDERSON, NV**



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POLICY

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ANNUAL CHARTER FOR H.O.G.® CHAPTERS

Preamble

The Harley Owners Group® (H.O.G.) is an organization founded and sponsored by Harley-Davidson® Motor Company. The group was established to offer motorcycling benefits and services to Harley-Davidson enthusiasts throughout the world, and to develop a close relationship between the Harley-Davidson rider, the Harley-Davidson dealer and Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

The opportunity to start an independent chapter affiliated with the Harley Owners Group is offered to bring members together for the common interest of promoting motorcycling activities. The goal of each chapter is to generate an increased level of enthusiasm for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. The chapter shall be a family-oriented and a nonpolitical organization.

Article 1 - Purpose

1. The purpose of the local chapter shall be to promote responsible motorcycling activities for Harley Owners Group members by conducting chapter activities and encouraging participation in other H.O.G. events.
2. Chapter activities and operations shall be conducted in a manner consistent with a family oriented, nonpolitical philosophy.

Article II - Sponsorship

1. Each chapter must be sponsored by an authorized Harley-Davidson dealer. The decision to sponsor a chapter shall be undertaken solely at the dealer's discretion.
2. An authorized Harley-Davidson dealer may sponsor only one H.O.G. chapter.
3. The sponsoring dealer shall have absolute authority to require that the sponsored chapter conducts its operations and activities in accordance with the sponsoring dealer's standards. The sponsoring dealer shall require the chapter to operate and conduct activities in accordance with this charter and H.O.G. operating policies.

4. The sponsoring dealer shall have authority over, and approval rights regarding, the content of all chapter publications.
5. The sponsoring dealer shall have authority over any and all matters pertaining to chapter membership.
6. The sponsoring dealer may establish chapter dues, which dues shall be used solely to pay or defray the cost of chapter administration.

Article III -Application and Term of Relationship

Chapter affiliation with H.O.G. shall be for a one-year term and shall be subject to annual application and acceptance by H.O.G.

Article IV - Name and Affiliation

1. The Harley Owners Group, a division of Harley-Davidson Motor Company, is the governing body for all H.O.G. chapters. Each chapter affiliated with the Harley Owners Group shall be a separate and independent organization providing services to its chapter members on a "not-for profit" basis.
2. Each affiliated chapter must adhere to this charter and to H.O.G. Operating Policies.
3. Affiliated chapters shall be named after the respective city or locale of the sponsoring dealer. H.O.G. shall have the right to approve chapter names.
4. Should H.O.G. determine, in its sole discretion, that a chapter is not adhering to this Charter, H.O.G. may rescind its recognition of the chapter as a H.O.G. affiliated organization. Dealers may likewise rescind sponsorship of their chapter at any time, at which time the chapter's H.O.G. affiliation shall also cease.

Article V - Officers

1. Affiliated chapters shall have the following primary officers: Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary. Other discretionary officers may be appointed as needed.

2. The sponsoring dealer may assume any, or all, officer position(s) including their respective responsibilities and may remove any officer from office in the dealers sole discretion.
The sponsoring dealer may determine how chapter officers are selected and the length of their terms in office.
3. The sponsoring dealer has the authority to require the chapter to perform to the sponsoring dealers standards and is to assure H.O.G. that the chapter abides by this Charter and the Operating Policies.
4. The duties and responsibilities of the primary chapter officers shall be as follows:
 - A. **Director:** The Director shall uphold this Charter and the chapter by-laws, conduct chapter meetings and coordinate chapter officer responsibilities.
 - B. **Assistant Director:** The Assistant Director shall assist the Director in carrying out the Directors duties. The Assistant Director shall also be responsible for promoting membership, membership orientation and keeping the chapter members informed of H.O.G. programs.
 - C. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of chapter funds, reporting the financial transactions to the membership on a monthly basis, submitting an annual financial report to H.O.G., compliance with all revenue recording and reporting requirements.
 - D. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative needs of the chapter, keeping the minutes of chapter annual business meetings and general meetings, ensuring that all chapter members are current H.O.G. members, having on file a signed copy of the Annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release of each member as signed on an annual basis, and submitting to H.O.G. the H.O.G. Chapter Charter Application and any other reports as required by H.O.G. Further, the Secretary shall ensure that all insurance requirements are met (including participant signatures to required release forms), shall ensure preparation of injury report forms, timely submission of injury report forms to the appropriate insurance company and shall be responsible for the maintenance and storage of release forms and injury reports.
5. The duties and responsibilities of the discretionary chapter officers shall be:

- A. **Activities Officer:** The Activities Officer shall be responsible for the administration of chapter events.
- B. **Ladies of Harley Officer:** The LOH Officer shall be responsible for encouraging women members to take an active part in chapter activities.
- C. **Road Captain:** The Road captain(s) shall be responsible for assisting in the planning of routes for chapter rides and keeping the chapter informed of all H.O.G. programs.
- D. **Editor:** The Editor shall be responsible for assembling and organizing written, oral (broadcast) and electronic material for chapter publications, e.g., newsletters, press releases. All chapter publications, whether written, oral (broadcast) or electronic, shall be subject to approval by the sponsoring dealer prior to publication.
- E. **Safety Officer:** The Safety Officer shall be responsible for providing chapter members with information relating to the availability of rider training.
- F. **Photographer:** The Photographer shall be responsible for obtaining and organizing chapter photographs for use in chapter publications and chapter history albums.
- G. **Historian:** The Historian shall be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of a written account of the history of the chapter, to include officer positions, chapter activities and membership levels.
- H. **Membership Officer:** The Membership Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that all chapter members are current H.O.G. members, having on file a signed copy of the Annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form & Release of each member as signed on an annual basis; maintains chapter membership report, providing quarterly updates to the H.O.G. office or maintaining on the Chapter Business site of members.hog.com.
- I. **Web Master:** The Webmaster shall be responsible for assembling and organizing material for the Chapter Website and seeking approval from the sponsoring dealer prior to publication.

Article VI - Membership

1. All Harley Owners Group members may join any affiliated chapter. An expired membership in H.O.G. automatically terminates local chapter membership and any associated memberships. It

shall be the responsibility of each local chapter to ensure that chapter members are current H.O.G. members and to maintain on file in the chapter records a signed copy of the annual chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release of each chapter member. It shall be the responsibility of any person applying for, or renewing, membership in a local chapter to provide proof of his or her National membership as a condition of eligibility for membership.

2. The sponsoring dealer may suspend or terminate a person's membership in the sponsored chapter if the sponsoring dealer, in the sponsoring dealer's sole discretion, determines that a member's conduct is undesirable or contrary to the sponsoring dealer's interests.

Article VII - Dues

1. Chapters are to be not-for-profit organizations. The sponsoring dealer may, in the sponsoring dealer's sole discretion, establish chapter dues to be utilized solely to pay for chapter administration.
2. Chapters may conduct legitimate fund-raising activities to assist in paying or defraying chapter operating expenses or to raise funds for charitable purposes. All such fund-raising activity shall be subject to approval by the sponsoring dealer.

Article VIII - Activities

Chapter events and activities are the sole responsibility of the local chapter. These events and activities may include any family-oriented, safe activities that promote a positive image of the sport of motorcycling and that appeal to the chapter membership.

Article IX - Chapter Publications

All material published by the chapter must include the official chapter name and number. All chapter publications, whether written, oral (broadcast), or electronic must be approved by the sponsoring dealer. If, at any time, H.O.G. determines in its sole discretion that a chapter publication is incompatible with the family-oriented, nonpolitical philosophies and/or objectives of H.O.G., the chapter recognition as a H.O.G. affiliated organization may be terminated. A copy of all chapter publications of any type must be sent to the H.O.G. office.

Article X - Trademark License

1. The trademarks H.O.G., HOGS, HARLEY OWNERS GROUP, L.O.H., LADIES OF HARLEY and the following H.O.G. logos (the **H.O.G. Trademarks**) are among the many trademarks of Harley-Davidson Motor Company. These **H.O.G. Trademarks** may not be altered in any way and cannot be used in combination with any other words or graphics.
2. The issuance or renewal of this Annual charter for H.O.G. chapters shall constitute a limited license to use the **H.O.G. Trademarks** for the term of this Annual charter for H.O.G. chapters.
3. The chartered H.O.G. chapter's license to use the H.O.G. Trademarks is limited to use in conjunction with the official chapter name and used in conjunction with material relating to chapter activities.
4. Chapter use of the H.O.G. Trademarks may continue only so long as this Annual charter is in effect between H.O.G. and the chartered chapter and the chapter operates in accordance with this Annual charter and H.O.G. Operating Policies. H.O.G. may, at its sole discretion, terminate the chapter's limited license to use the H.O.G. Trademarks at any time upon thirty (30) days' notice in writing, and the chapter will immediately terminate all use of the marks when the notice becomes effective.
5. The chapter shall provide such assistance as may reasonably be requested by Harley-Davidson Motor company to protect the H.O.G. Trademarks in the locality of the chapter's operations.

Article XI - By-Laws

1. This charter shall be adopted and serve as operating policy for H.O.G. chapters and must be available to all chapter members.
2. Chapter by-laws, if needed, may not replace, supersede or conflict with this Charter and H.O.G. Operating Policies. The sponsoring dealer and the H.O.G. office must approve chapter by-laws prior to publication or implementation. Once adopted, a copy of the chapter by-laws must be furnished to the sponsoring dealer and H.O.G. office and must be available to all chapter members.

Article XII - Amendments

H.O.G. may amend this Charter at any time at its sole discretion based upon H.O.G.'s review of chapter developments and needs or because of conflicts with national, state, or local laws.

Article XIII - Disbursement of Funds

In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Chapter, all of the remaining funds and property of the Chapter shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities and obligations of the Chapter and for necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organization or organizations as are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any director, officer or private individual.

Article XIV - Disclaimer

While the chapter may be affiliated with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity responsible for its actions. All Harley Owners Group members and their guest(s) participate voluntarily and at their own risk in H.O.G. and H.O.G. chapter activities. The sponsoring dealer, H.O.G. and Harley-Davidson Motor Company, its subsidiaries and distributors and local chapter officers are and shall be released and held harmless by the member/guest for any injury or loss to the member/guest or to his or her property which may result from participation in H.O.G. and H.O.G. chapter activities. This means that each and every member of the local chapter and their guest(s) have no ground for legal action against the sponsoring dealer, H.O.G., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, its distributors and its subsidiaries, the local chapters and their respective agents and employees for any injury resulting to them or their property.

Article XV - National, State, Local Laws

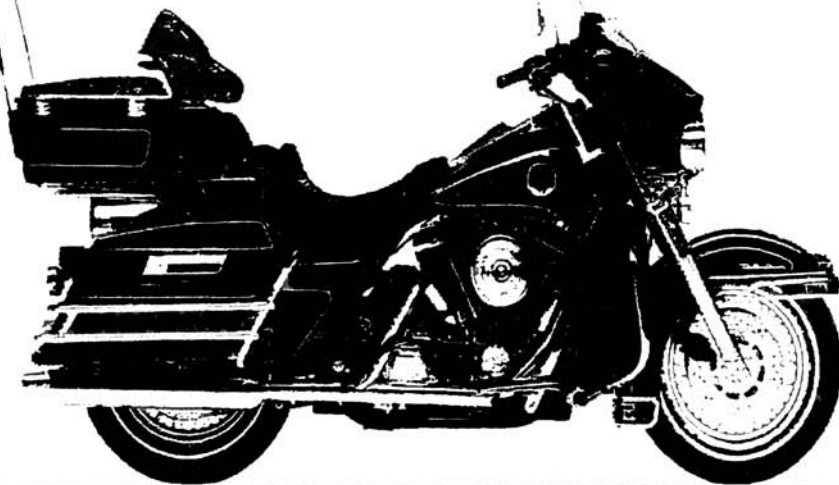
If any part of this Charter should be invalid for any reason whatsoever under any national, state or local laws having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Charter, then that part shall be considered deleted from this Charter and the rest of this Charter shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Article - XVI - Operating Policies (U.S. Chapters Only)

1. **Rescission and Termination of Sponsorship:** In the event a sponsoring dealer decides to terminate or rescind sponsorship of a chartered chapter:
 - A. The sponsoring dealer shall inform the appropriate H.O.G. Regional Manager of the sponsoring dealer's intent to cancel or terminate sponsorship fifteen days prior to providing the chapter with written notice of termination or rescission of sponsorship. Such notice shall be afforded by telephone or facsimile transmission.
 - B. The sponsoring dealer shall provide the chapter with written notice that sponsorship is terminated or rescinded, setting forth the reasons for termination or cancellation. Said notice shall be effective fifteen days subsequent to date of delivery of the notice. A copy of the sponsoring dealer's written notice to the chapter membership shall be sent to the Regional Manager.
 - C. Any subsequent application for charter by a group proposed to be sponsored by the former sponsoring dealer shall not be considered for acceptance for a minimum period of three months following the sponsoring dealer's termination or rescission of the dealer's sponsorship of the former chartered chapter.
2. **Assistant Director Duties:** The assistant director shall also act as H.O.G. State Rally liaison and shall ensure that information regarding H.O.G. State Rallies is communicated to the chapter membership.
3. **Treasurer's Duties:** The chapter treasurer shall also be responsible for administering any and all federal, state and local revenue reporting and taxation requirements.
4. **Dues:** Annual chapter membership dues may not exceed twenty four dollars (\$24.00).
5. **Chapter Activities:**
 - A. Chapters must hold a minimum of four closed events per year.
 - B. **Closed events** are those chapter events which are open to chapter members and one guest per member.
 - C. **Member events** are events that are open only to H.O.G. members.
 - D. **Open events** are those chapter events which are open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members and other guests as desired.

6. **Membership:** In order to suspend or revoke a membership in the chapter, the sponsoring dealer must do the following:
 - A. Notify the member in writing of the cancellation of his chapter membership.
Give the reason for the cancellation in clear, concise terms.
 - B. Refund the members chapter dues for the year.
 - C. Send a copy of the cancellation letter to the appropriate Regional Manager.
7. **Newsletters:** Chapters must publish a minimum of six newsletters per year to be eligible to maintain H.O.G. affiliation. Newsletters can consist of any printed material informing the membership of activities, i.e. post cards, flyers, multi-page publications, etc. Activities listed in the newsletter must indicate whether it's an open event, H.O.G. member event or closed event.
8. **Chapter Status:** Any chapter which fails to conduct any events or fails to publish six newsletters in one year, shall have their chapter recognition as a H.O.G. affiliated organization rescinded.

**BLACK MOUNTAIN CHAPTER
HENDERSON, NV**



CHAPTER BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I ■ NAME

The name of this organization shall be the "Black Mountain Chapter Inc #1418" (herein-after referred to as the Chapter), sanctioned by the Harley Owners Group® Division of Harley-Davidson, Inc., (herein-after referred to as H. O. G®), and sponsored by Henderson Harley-Davidson/Buell®, (herein-after referred to as the Sponsoring Dealer). The Chapter address shall be 1010 W. Warm Springs Rd., Henderson, Nevada 89014.

ARTICLE II ■ OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be:

1. *To have fun and foster friendships.*
2. *To promote local motorcycling activities for members.*
3. *To increase motorcycle safety awareness during all motorcycling activities.*
4. *To offer a family oriented organization for all H. O. G. ® members and their families.*
5. *To emphasize a balanced combination of riding, rider safety, and family participation.*
6. *To encourage participation in events sponsored by the Harley Owners Group® and the Sponsoring Dealer.*
7. *To promote the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, its products, the authorized dealers, and programs through peaceful, lawful, and positive means.*
8. *To develop a close relationship between Harley-Davidson Motorcycle riders and the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, H. O. G® and the Sponsoring Dealer.*
9. *To promote the name Harley-Davidson, H. O. G.®, and the Chapter within the community, not as just another "biker club," but as a clean, safe, family oriented organization.*

ARTICLE III ■ POLICIES

1. *The policies, rules, and procedures of the Chapter shall coincide with the H. O. G.® Charter and operating policies of H.O.G.® (see Attachment I), the Harley-Davidson Motor Company and the Sponsoring Dealer.*
2. *This Chapter shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan, and "not-for-profit."*
3. *This Chapter shall not lend its name to, or endorse political candidates or parties. Members are encouraged to, as individuals, support motorcycling rights through the political process and elections.*
4. *This Chapter, its Officers and members are not agents of H. O. G®, the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, or the Sponsoring Dealer, and the aforementioned are not liable or responsible for the autonomous acts of the Chapter, its Officers or its members.*
5. *The Chapter shall develop incentives for members to learn safe riding techniques through Motorcycle Safety Foundation classes and, to encourage the Sponsoring Dealer to conduct clinics on how to maintain Harley-Davidson motorcycles in a safe operating condition.*
6. *Alcohol consumption shall be discouraged on rides, and any social activity which may include alcohol consumption shall be conducted after the motorcycles are parked at the end of the day's destination.*
7. *All policies shall be approved by the Sponsoring Dealer.*
8. *All members that ride with the chapter shall ride Harley-Davidson motorcycles unless a special waiver from the chapter Director has been received. Waivers may be granted for the following reasons:*
 - a. *The operator has owned a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and for medical/age reasons can no longer handle a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.*
 - b. *The operator is a new rider with the intention of purchasing a Harley-Davidson motorcycle within the next year, and has a family member that owns and rides a Harley-Davidson product with the chapter.*
 - c. *Waivers can be rescinded by action of the board of directors.*

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ARTICLE IV ■ MEMBERSHIP

1. *All members in good standing (paid current) of National H. O. G.® are eligible for membership in the local Chapter.*
2. *An expired membership with "National" H.O.G⁶ automatically terminates that member's membership in the local Chapter, even if that member's local Chapter dues are paid current.*
3. *A member in good standing (paid current) of H. O. G.® shall not be denied membership in the Chapter because of sex, race, color, creed, religious or political affiliation or national origin.*
4. *Proof of either Full or Associate HOG membership will be required to join or renew with the local HOG Chapter.*
5. ***It shall be the responsibility of each member to:***
 - a) *Refrain from conduct which would interfere with Chapter activities and organization business.*
 - b) *At no time use vulgar, sexist, or profane language, or make any slanderous statements or accusations towards a Chapter member, officer, or Sponsoring Dealer.*
 - c) *Refrain from circulating false reports or misrepresentations of Chapter Officers, members, or the Sponsoring Dealer, and from advocating any division of the Chapter.*
 - d) *Refrain from committing or inspiring an act or acts which would not be in the best interest of the Chapter, H. O. G.® the Harley- Davidson Motor Company, or the Sponsoring Dealer.*
 - e) *Operate their motorcycle in a safe manner and be responsible for keeping their motorcycle in proper operating condition for the safety of themselves and members who will be sharing the road with them.*
 - f) *All Chapter members' motorcycles must be legal and meet all state requirements, i. e., licensing, registration, insurance etc.*
 - g) *Members not abiding by the aforementioned responsibilities, but not limited to the aforementioned responsibilities, will be subject to their membership being revoked, as outlined by the National H.O. G.® Charter For Local Chapters ARTICLE VI-#2.*

ARTICLE V ■ ACTIVITIES

1. *Chapter events may include activities that appeal to the Chapter membership, in keeping with the constitution, by-laws, and rules of the Chapter as set forth by H. O. G.®, including, but not limited to, open houses, poker runs, organized rides, field meets, meetings, fund-raisers, hill climbs, State Rallies, etc.*
2. *It is not mandatory that all Chapter events have **to all be motorcycle** related.*
3. *The Sponsoring Dealer, will assist officers with events planning, promotion, and advertising.*
4. *The Chapter shall make a concentrated effort to offer a balance of activities, including events aimed at family participation, with the understanding that any Chapter member inviting a family member or other guest to a Chapter activity must counsel such guest as to the nature of the event, the nature of motorcycling in general, and of the safety aspects of the event, and also with the understanding that the Chapter member must assume the responsibility to ensure that their guest's presence at the event does not interfere with the enjoyment of other Chapter members or guests.*
5. *Although the Chapter does now, and forever shall, focus on the interests and needs of Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders, any active Chapter member may invite a guest rider or passenger to ride along on a scheduled event provided that such guest/minor signs a release form, and agrees to abide by the Chapter's Constitution, By-Laws, and rules of the road. In addition, provided that the event is not listed as a "H. O. G.® Members Only" event on the published events schedule, invited guests are welcome to participate as a guest no more than **(3) three times per calendar year**. It is viewed that a guest has had an ample opportunity after (3) three events, to decide whether to become a member of National H.O.G® and the local Chapter.*
6. *Invited guests may ride with the chapter even if they do not own a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.*

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ARTICLE VI ■ DUES

1. *In accordance with the National H.O.G.[®] Charter Chapter membership dues shall be established to defray the cost of Chapter administration. Dues shall be non-transferable.*
2. *Dues are payable upon acceptance of membership, and thereafter on January 1st of each succeeding year. **Dues will not be prorated.** New member administration costs are the same regardless of the join date. The baseline of \$18.00 for local dues was established in 1998, and the Chapter local membership dues may be adjusted on an annual basis not to exceed an annual increase of 25% over the previous year.*
3. *Dues may be used for, but not limited to, the Chapters administration, newsletter and activity expenses.*
4. *Members should expect to pay additional fees for participation in events and fund-raisers; such fees may include registration, refreshments, souvenirs, lodging, etc.*
5. *Members whose Chapter dues are not paid within 30 days after December 31st each year are automatically purged from the Chapter membership, member board & newsletter mailing list.*
6. *Chapter income from events, fund-raisers, etc., shall be from proper moral, and legal sources.*
7. *All authorized, proper and lawful expenditures shall be paid from the funds of this organization through checks drawn and signed by the Chapter Director, Treasurer and/or the Sponsoring Dealer.*
8. *Personal expenses incurred by officers, committees and/or members while conducting the business of this organization shall be paid by this organization i.e., travel expenses, meals, etc. Work performed on behalf of this organization is voluntary. Time spent is donated. Expenses for Chapter business materials will be reimbursed by this organization upon presentation of bonafide receipts; i.e., stamps, long distance phone calls etc.*
9. *Only expenses receiving prior approval of the Chapter Director and/or Sponsoring Dealer shall be reimbursed.*

ARTICLE VII ■ NEWSLETTER

1. *All advertising and information printed in the newsletter must be approved by the Chapter Director and Sponsoring Dealer.
The name of the newsletter shall be "**The Black Mountain Review**" This name is the sole property of the Sponsoring Dealer and is intended for Chapter use only.*
2. *If, at any time, H.O.G.[®] or the Sponsoring Dealer determines that the Chapter newsletter is incompatible with the family oriented philosophies or the objectives of H.O.G.[®] Harley-Davidson, Henderson Harley-Davidson/Buell[®], the right to produce a newsletter may be rescinded by any of the aforementioned entities in this section.*
3. *Advertising in "The Black Mountain Review" shall be open to individuals for a minimal fee. Under **NO** circumstances will advertising be permitted from any individual that is in direct competition with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, their suppliers, H.O.G.[®] or the Sponsoring Dealer.*

ARTICLE VIII ■ LOGO

1. *The official Chapter identification shall be a **Black Mountain** Chapter chevron located directly above the official Harley Owners Group[®] eagle logo, as created by H.O.G.[®]*
2. *Harley Owners Group[®] apparel/patches will be purchased by the Chapter through H.O.G.[®] or the Sponsoring Dealer and are for sale to members only through the Chapter. The wearing of the apparel and/or patches is strongly encouraged but, is not mandatory.*
3. *Official H. O. G.[®]/Chapter merchandise and patches are available to Life, Full, and Associate members.*

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VIII ■ LOGO (continued)

4. The official Chapter identification logo incorporates the eagle H.O.G.® patch which is a registered Trademark of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company for the official use by its authorized franchised dealers who sponsor, local H.O. G.° Chapters. Therefore, letterheads, envelopes, checks, newsletters, etc., that bear this logo are the sole property of the authorized Harley-Davidson Sponsoring Dealer (except for the H. O. G.® and Chapter patches purchased by the membership for their private use), and the Sponsoring Dealer shall control the usage thereof as stated in the "General Conditions" of the Company and their dealers. **Any unauthorized use of this logo and/or any other National registered H.O.G.® or the licensed dealer bar & shield, constitutes trademark infringement of Harley-Davidson, Inc., and will be dealt with by the Trademark Enforcement Division of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company and National H.O.G.®**

ARTICLE IX ■ OFFICERS

1. The **Primary** Chapter Officers shall be a Chapter Director, an Assistant Director(s), Secretary, Treasurer, and a Sponsoring Dealer Representative (if so desired by the Sponsoring Dealer). The following positions are appointed as follows:
 - a) **Chapter Director** Shall be appointed by the Sponsoring Dealer.
 - b) **Primary Officers** Assistant Director, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be appointed by the Chapter Director. Nominations for these Primary Officer positions shall be approved by the Sponsoring Dealer prior to the appointment.
 - c) **Discretionary Officers** Safety Officer, Lead Road Captain, Editor, Activities Officer, Road Captains, Ambassadors, etc., may be appointed by the Chapter Director when deemed necessary and/or these positions may be open to a Chapter election after Sponsoring Dealer approval.
2. **Citation Ropes** shall be used to assist members in identifying Chapter officers:
 - a) **White** Chapter Director
 - b) **Royal Blue** Primary officers Assistant Director(s), Secretary, Treasurer
 - c) **Light Blue** Discretionary Officers Editor, Activities Officer, Ambassadors, Safety Officer, Historian, Photographer.
 - d) **Red** Lead Road Captain
 - e) **Yellow** Road Captain
 - f) **Gold** Deputy Lead Road Captain
3. The Sponsoring Dealer may assume any, or all, Officer position(s) including their respective responsibilities and may remove any Officer from office at the Dealer's sole discretion. The Sponsoring Dealer may determine how Chapter Officers are selected, and the length of their terms in office.
4. Officer vacancies shall be handled as follows: in the event of death, resignation, or incapacitation of any Officer, that Officer's replacement shall be appointed by the Chapter Director with Sponsoring Dealer approval and/or by the Sponsoring Dealer if necessary.

General qualifications for a n Officer nomination or committee leader appointment, a member must:

 - a) Be active in both National H. O. G.® and the local Chapter for a period of no less than 6 months prior to the nomination, and be able to accept the position responsibilities for at least one calendar year.
 - b) Have a good record of attendance at general membership meetings, with a minimum of at least (6) meetings and (50%) participation in Chapter events per calendar year, and attend additional monthly Officer meetings.
 - c) Attend CPR and First Aid Training courses.
 - d) **Not be an owner, partner, silent partner, or an employee of a business in direct competition with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, its suppliers, or the Sponsoring Dealer.**
 - e) **Not hold an office or administrative position in any rival organization or other club and must be a citizen in good standing in the local community.**

ARTICLE X (A) ■ DUTIES OF PRIMARY OFFICERS

1. The **CHAPTER DIRECTOR** shall be the principal Officer of the Chapter and shall:

- a) *Oversee Chapter administration, operations, meetings, and Chapter activities.*
- b) *Appoint the Primary, Discretionary Officers, and committee leaders.*
- c) *Have proven experience in business/financial management, and administration.*
- d) *Bring to the attention of the Chapter all pertinent information from the Sponsoring Dealer and H.O. G[®]*
- e) *Sign checks in conjunction with the Sponsoring Dealer for disbursement of Chapter funds. Prepare the agenda for scheduled General Membership, Board of Directors, and Officer/Committee meetings.*
- g) *Uphold the National Charter of H. O. G.[®] and the Chapter By-Laws, and rules, including the control and distribution of all registered trademark artwork.*
- h) *Supervise the coordination and scheduling of all Chapter events.,*
- i) *Foster the positive atmosphere required to promote Chapter growth, Harley-Davidson, H. O. G.[®] and the Sponsoring Dealer.*
- j) *Assign duties and responsibilities to members as necessary, to further the interests and growth of the Chapter.*
- k) *Oversee the risk management and incorporation filing requirements.*

2. The **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR(S)** shall.

- a) *Perform the duties of the Chapter Director in the Director's absence.*
- b) *Serve in such capacities as assigned by the Chapter Director.*
- c) *Assist the Chapter Director in whatever duties as needed.*
- d) *Carry out duties as directed by H. O. G. [®] and the Chapter Director*
- e) *Uphold the By-Laws and National H.O.G.[®] Charter.*
- f) *Have proven experience in business management and administration.*

3. The **SECRETARY** shall.

- a) *Take and record accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the Chapter, and preserve in a permanent file all records and literature of value.*
- b) *Maintain on file the names, addresses, and telephone numbers, of all active members, and review membership records for expiration in National H. O. G. ¹¹*
- c) *Mail or otherwise distribute the newsletter to all members in good standing, disperse local membership cards, By-Laws, and National H. O. G.⁰ Charter.*
- d) *Uphold the By-Laws and National H.O.G.[®] Charter*
- e) *Ensure that all insurance, release, and injury report forms are maintained, and properly Ned. Submit all forms/reports required by H.O.G⁰; Chapter Charter Application, insurance forms, membership roster, and other reports forms as requested.*
- g) *Initiate programs to promote the Chapter to assist with Chapter growth.*
- h) *Carry out duties as directed by H.O.G.[®] and the Chapter Director.*
- i) *Have proven experience in business administration.*

4. The **TREASURER** shall.

- a) *Keep an accurate monthly record/accounting of all monies of the Chapter, and provide reports monthly to the Chapter Director and Sponsoring Dealer.*
- b) *Collect monies from members, issuing them proper receipts.*
- c) *Prepare all bills for payment upon authorization from the Chapter Director as required, and keep an itemized record of all receipts and expenditures.*
- d) *Deliver to their successor, within (30) thirty-days after expiration of their term of office, all books, records, and materials for which the Treasurer is responsible.*
- e) *Collect dues in conjunction with the Secretary, from continuing members at the time of membership renewal.*

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ARTICLE X (A) ■ DUTIES OF PRIMARY OFFICERS

4. The TREASURER shall: (Continued)

- f) Provide an annual financial report of the previous year in writing to National H. O. G.®, the Chapter Director, and the Sponsoring Dealer by January 31st of the new calendar year.
- g) Responsible for preparing and submitting all tax forms for the calendar year.
- h) Prepare a yearly operating budget in conjunction with the Chapter Director.
- i) Oversee all Chapter committees' treasury reporting.
- j) Carry out duties as directed by H. O. G.° and the Chapter Director.
- k) Have proven experience in accounting and budget administration.

ARTICLE X (B) ■ DUTIES OF DISCRETIONARY OFFICERS

- **Activities Officer:** In conjunction with the Chapter Director shall, be responsible for the planning and administration of Chapter events and activities, coordinate with other area organizations to avoid conflicts in event scheduling, assign and oversee volunteers for Chapter activities, and oversee Chapter committees as designated by the Chapter Director. Shall have proven experience in public relations and fund-raising activities. Shall carry out duties as directed by H.O.G.® and the Chapter Director, and uphold the National Charter and By-Laws.
- **Editor:** Shall be responsible for the production/writing of the monthly newsletter, press releases, Chapter advertising and promotional materials, forms, certificates, and the Member Business Directory, after approval from the Chapter Director and the Sponsoring Dealer. is also responsible for utilizing and safeguarding all National H.O.G.® and Dealer proprietary bar & shield trademark artwork. Shall have proven experience in desktop publishing, editing, copywriting, print costing, and resources for print production. Shall carry out duties as directed by H.O.G.® and the Chapter Director, and uphold the National Charter and By-Laws.
- **Safety Officer:** Shall be responsible for providing motorcycle safety information to members, conduct and arrange MSF riding classes, investigate and take corrective action in unsafe incidents, maintain safety records and incident reports, and assist with the direction of the Road Captains in conjunction with the Chapter Director and Lead Road Captain. Shall have experience in safety instruction and administration and has attended the MSF Experienced Rider Safety Program within the past 3 years. Shall carry out duties as directed by H.O.G.° and the Chapter Director, and uphold the National Charter and By-Laws.
- **Lead Road Captain:** Shall be responsible for assigning Road Captains to their positions on Chapter activities in conjunction with the Chapter Director, coordinate the Road Captains into a working unit, conduct in conjunction with the Chapter Director and the Safety Officer, monthly Road Captain meetings, and ensure that all members are knowledgeable of the Chapter's Group Riding Standards. Shall have at least 5 years of riding experience and has attended the MSF Experience Rider Safety Program within the past 3 years. Shall carry out duties as directed by the Chapter Director, and uphold the National Charter and By-Laws.
- **Road Captains:** Shall be responsible for leading and maintaining the group in a safe procession, assist the Lead Road Captain with inexperienced riders and attend monthly Road Captain and Officer meetings. Shall have at least 5 years of riding experience and has attended the MSF Experienced Rider Safety Program within the past 3 years. Shall carry out duties as directed by H.O.G.® and the Chapter Director, Lead Road Captain, and Safety Officer, and uphold the National Charter and By-Laws.
- **Photographer:** Shall be responsible for photographing Chapter events and activities, maintain photos for the newsletter, Chapter history photo album, etc., in conjunction with the Historian. Shall have proven experience in photography, camera equipment, and resources for cost-effective film processing. Shall carry out duties as directed by H.O.G.® and the Chapter Director, and uphold the National Charter and By-Laws.
- **Historian:** Shall be responsible for maintaining a written account of Chapter activities and events, membership levels, Chapter archiving, and keeping members informed of National H.O.G.® and Harley-Davidson historical events, sites, etc., with Chapter Director approval. Shall have proven experience in research, writing, and have been a Chapter member for a least one year.
- **Chapter Ambassadors:** Shall carry out duties as directed by H.O.G.® and the Chapter Director uphold the National Charter and By-Laws.
- **Membership Officer:** The Membership Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that all chapter members are current H.O.G. members, having on file a signed copy of the Annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form & Release of each member as signed on an annual basis; maintains chapter membership report, providing quarterly updates to the H.O.G. office or maintaining on the Chapter Business site of members.hog.com.
- **Web Master.** The Webmaster shall be responsible for assembling and organizing material for the Chapter Website and seeking approval from the sponsoring dealer prior to publication.

ARTICLE X (C) ■ SUPPORT POSITIONS & COMMITTEES

- *Chapter Ambassadors: Shall be appointed as the welcoming committee for new members.*
- *Assistant Treasurer: May be appointed by the Chapter Director to assist the Treasurer If necessary.*
- *Administrative Assistant: May be appointed by the Chapter Director to assist the Secretary If necessary.*
- *Member Volunteers: Members will be put on a master rotating list and shall be asked to assist in all aspects of Chapter activities, events, committees, and at monthly meetings.*
- *Chapter Fund-Raising Committee: Shall arrange and coordinate at least 2 events for activities per year that assists in raising funds for the Chapter operating budget, upon approval of the Chapter Director and the Board of Directors.*
- *Charity Fund-Raising Committee: Shall arrange and coordinate activities and events for the Chapter's chosen charitable organization in conjunction with member volunteers, upon approval of the Chapter Director and the Board of Directors.*

ARTICLE XI ■ MEETINGS

1. *In order to promote membership camaraderie, regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held monthly. Special meetings may be called by the Chapter Director or the Sponsoring Dealer, provided that an attempt is made to notify all members concerned, of the time, location, and purpose of the meeting.*
2. *General membership meetings shall be conducted at a convenient location whenever possible.*
3. *All members at a regularly scheduled or special meeting shall be considered a quorum.*
4. *75% of the quorum will be required to carry any election or voting on Chapter issues.*
5. *All proposals, motions or, information, to be presented to the members, must be reviewed by the Chapter Director for approval 24-hours prior to the meeting.*
6. *Any proposal or motion to change the Constitution, the By-Laws and/or Chapter rules, must be proposed at least two months in advance of the January general membership meeting, and requires 75% of the quorum to carry the vote.*
7. *All motions, proposals, and changes to the Constitution or By-Laws, and/or Rules, are subject to the approval and shall not conflict with the Sponsoring Dealer, Incorporation Officers, Chapter Board of Directors, and H. O. G.[®]*

ARTICLE XII ■ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. *The Chapter Director, Assistant Director(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Sponsoring Dealer and/or Sponsoring Dealer Representative, Activities Chairperson, and the Lead Road Captain, shall constitute the Chapter's Board of Directors. Attendance of (5) five Board members will constitute a quorum.*
2. *The Chapter Director shall be the meeting Chairperson.*
3. *The Board shall:*
 - a) *supervise the affairs of the Chapter*
 - b) *make recommendations for the growth of the Chapter.*
 - c) *transact any business between general meetings of the Chapter.*
4. *Meetings for the Board may be called by the Chapter Director and/or the Sponsoring Dealer.*
5. *Discretionary Officers (i.e., Safety Officer, Road Captains, etc.) and/or Committee Chairpersons may attend meetings of the Board upon invitation by the Chapter Director.*
6. *The Board of Directors shall approve all expenditures above \$500.00 of the Chapter treasury.*

ARTICLE XIII ■ DISCLAIMER

While the Black Mountain Chapter, Inc., may be affiliated with H.O.G.[®], it remains a separate, independent entity responsible for its actions. All H. O. G.[®] members and their guest(s) participate voluntarily and at their own risk in H.O.G.[®] and H.O.G.[®] Chapter activities. The Sponsoring Dealer, H.O.G.¹, and Harley-Davidson Motor Company, its subsidiaries, distributors, and local Chapter Officers, are and shall be released and held harmless by the member/guest for any injury for loss to the member/guest or to his or her property, which may result from participation in H. O. G.[®] and H. O. G.[®] Chapter activities. This means that each and every member of the local Chapter and their guest(s) have no grounds for legal action against the Sponsoring Dealer, H. O. G. , Harley-Davidson Motor Company, its distributors, its subsidiaries, the local Chapter and their respective agents and employees for any injury resulting to them or their property.

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ARTICLE XIV ■ AMENDMENTS

*The final adoption of Chapter approved amendments to, or revisions of these **BY-LAWS** shall be contingent upon approval by H. O. G.[®], the Sponsoring Dealer, and the Incorporation Officers.*

ARTICLE XV ■ DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

1. In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Chapter, all of the remaining funds and property of the Chapter shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities and obligations of the Chapter, and for necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organization or organizations as are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRS). In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any Chapter Director, Officer, or private individual.

ARTICLE XVI ■ SPONSOR

1. The Sponsoring Dealer is the only duly authorized licensed Harley-Davidson Dealer in Henderson and Black Mountain, and is recognized by the Harley-Davidson Motor Company and H.O.G.[®], as the Sponsor of the Chapter. No other organization, business, individual(s), or group, shall sponsor or, co-sponsor the Black Mountain Chapter, Inc., unless approved by the Sponsoring Dealer, H.O.G.[®] and the Harley-Davidson Motor Company.

ARTICLE XVII ■ LADIES OF HARLEY (LOH)

1. Ladies of Harley is another benefit of membership, **not** a separate organization within H. O. G.[®], or local Chapters. Ladies of Harley was established to help women become more active members of H.O.G.[®] and their existing local Chapter. **We cannot** open a separate Ladies of Harley Chapter nor, offer activities exclusive to LOH members. We can, of course, organize events that maybe more appealing to the LOH members but, **all members must be welcome.**

ARTICLE XVIII ■ CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

1. The Chapter membership roster with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the individual members, is for the **SOLE** purpose of communication between the Chapter management and its members. The roster **IS NOT** to be given out to anyone for any purpose whatsoever, and is **NOT FOR SALE**. In addition, Chapter management will not give out any members phone number to another member without prior authorization from that member. Any unauthorized use of this roster by any member, shall be reason for dismissal from the Chapter.

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ARTICLE XIX ■ GENERAL RULES OF THE CHAPTER

1. Each member must be paid current in H. O. G.®
2. Each member must be paid current in the local Chapter.
3. Each member must know and respect the Chapter adopted "Rules of the Road.
4. Each member must abide by state and local laws.
5. Each member must ride safely. Reckless riding is prohibited.
6. Advertising, promoting or soliciting of any kind for any business, professional group, or other club, etc., not directly associated with the Harley-Davidson Motor company, its dealer network, or H. O. G.®, is strictly prohibited, except as approved advertising for "The Black Mountain Review" or, the membership Business Directory.
7. Each member must strive to project a positive image of H.O.G.® the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, the Sponsoring Dealer, and the Chapter.
8. In the interest of safety and insurance requirements, members are to maintain a safe, legal and mechanically sound motorcycle. Unsafe motorcycles will not be permitted on rides.
9. No member shall volunteer for a committee or accept a nomination to a Chapter Officer position, if unable to fulfill that obligation for at least an entire calendar year.
10. Each Chapter member and all passengers shall abide by, and pass along, the Chapter adopted hand signals and riding standards in the interest of safety during Chapter events, as issued by the Lead Road Captain, Road Captains and/or Chapter Director and other designated officers.

ARTICLE XX ■ CHAPTER BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Through numerous conversations with the Sponsoring Dealership and the results of the member surveys, we believe that the Chapter programs will meet the needs of all concerned. The owner and management of the Sponsoring Dealership is committed to customer service and we are assured that you will find the programs beneficial and "user friendly" for you.

■ MEMBER BIRTHDAY PROGRAM:

The member "Birthday Program," is where every member will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Sponsoring Dealership in the mail within the first week of their birthday month. This certificate will be good for one year from the issue month. Birthday certificates are non-transferable, and are not retroactive for new members joining after their birthday month.

ARTICLE XXI ■ GIFTS

At some point, all Chapters are confronted with the injury to or, loss of a Chapter member or friend of the Chapter. If the Chapter wishes to provide a financial gift to the family of that member or friend, a one-time collection in the order of a "pass the hat" at a Chapter meeting can be conducted to provide a gift to the family. In no event shall any Chapter assets or property be distributed to any Chapter Director, Officer, or private individual, as dictated by the (IRS) Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XXII ■ STATE RALLY

State rallies are one of the most popular benefits of H.O.G.® membership. Rallies are fun, non-profit gatherings. National H.O.G.® controls and incorporates each State Rally Committee. All State Rally funds and expenses are kept separate from the Chapters funds. The funds raised from the State Rally Committee are dispersed or retained per Regional Manager discretion and approval.

ARTICLE XXIII ■ ADOPTED RIDING STANDARDS/HAND SIGNALS

INTRODUCTION:

1. WELCOME!

The Black Mountain Chapter, Inc., of the Harley Owners Group's® intent in this section is to give everyone the information required to ride together safely, and still have fun. Please keep in mind that these guidelines are not intended to restrict your freedom, but instead, to help ensure that we all return home safely.

These guidelines cannot encompass every possible set of circumstances, and they are intended to serve as a basic guide for most situations. Every member is therefore encouraged and expected to read, understand, and apply these guidelines, by using their best judgment.

Please remember that YOU have the ultimate responsibility for YOUR safety, and that you should always ride within your capabilities and that of your motorcycle's abilities also.

2. ALL GROUP RIDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL BE:

- a. To observe the objectives and guidelines in order to ensure the safety and the welfare of every individual within the group, in addition to any surrounding motorists or pedestrians.
- b. To follow the instructions of the group Leader, Lead Road Captain, and/or Road Captains in all situations, unless those instructions place the rider or any other individual in an unsafe situation.
- c. To maintain a safe, legal, and mechanically sound motorcycle and equipment for riding conditions. Mechanically and/or unsafe motorcycles will not be permitted on rides.
- d. To ride with their lights on at all times.
- e. To ride with a "safety first" attitude. The safety of all individuals, whether or not they are part of the group, is of paramount importance.

3. MEETING PLACE AND DEPARTURE TIMES

- a. The meeting place and departure times will be reviewed at the monthly general membership meetings preceding the scheduled event but, always remember that the monthly newsletter is the "bible" from which you should check for schedule changes.
- b. A group briefing will be held just prior to departure, to establish a schedule for gas and rest stops, inform the group of the intended route, and to provide other pertinent information. Group riding guidelines, including hand signals and procedures will be reviewed as outlined in the member reference cards of which all members are to carry with them on their motorcycles.
- c. All times listed are fully fueled leave times. Members should make every effort to arrive before the scheduled time and be prepared for departure.
- d. Members who are carrying a "minor" passenger or a non-member guest, must have them sign the proper release forms **BEFORE** the scheduled leave time. The Chapter Director, Officer and/or Road Captain in charge, will have these forms available at every run, event, and general membership meetings for pre-run pickup.

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4. RIDING FORMATION AND INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS

- a. The standard formation, under good conditions of road, traffic, and weather, will be a double row, staggered, in one traffic lane. The interval will be no less than one second between staggered riders.
- b. The Lead Road Captain will supervise the group, and typically will ride in a position to observe the group. Other Road Captains will be assigned positions within the group, which will be followed by the "rear" Road Captains, called "sweep."
- c. New members, guests, 3-wheel trikes, and/or any riders with little experience in group riding will be positioned at the rear of the group, just in front of the "rear" Road Captains.
- d. Each rider should maintain his/her starting line up position in the group until arrival at the destination and/or a fuel stop. This allows each rider to become more familiar with the riding style and habits of those nearest him/her in the group, and is particularly important for the new or inexperienced riders.
- e. Under certain conditions, the "Group Leader" will signal the group to form a single file formation. The hand signal for single file is the left arm held overhead with a closed fist. The right side rider drops back to a safe distance from the rider in front of them allowing them room to move into the single file formation.
- f. It may become necessary to form smaller groups for safety reasons due to surrounding conditions or, local ordinances. The "middle" Road Captains may be authorized to slow down their part of the group, thus taking the "lead" positions of the new group.
- g. When this occurs, it may mean that the last riders of each group would become the "rear" Road Captains for that group. If possible, the two riders should be recognized Road Captains. If Road Captains are not available, the riders should be briefed prior to the run as to his/her responsibilities in the event this situation should occur. The "new" Rear Road Captains are NOT to take on the responsibilities of "sweep," unless authorized by the "Lead Road Captain or, Group Leader, to do so.
- h. The Lead Road Captain or Group Leader, can instruct any rider to ride in a specific position within the group or, instruct them to leave the group entirely for reasons of, but not limited to, misconduct, disorderly or unsafe riding, or faulty/unsafe equipment.

5. SPEED, INTERVALS, AND DISTANCES:

- a. The Lead Road Captain or Group Leader will attempt to establish and maintain a uniform speed, consistent with the abilities of the riders, surrounding conditions, and safe riding practices.
- b. The Road Captains may choose to separate the group of inexperienced riders into a group of their own, consistent with expected or actual conditions.
- c. All riders will make an effort to maintain the same speed to minimize the effect of irregular speeds (rubber band effect) on riders at the rear of the group.
- d. All riders will maintain a safe distance and lane position between themselves and the rider directly ahead, to be consistent with existing road, traffic, and weather conditions.
- e. Prepare to stop at YELLOW lights, and anticipate STOPPING at all red lights unless directed by a police officer.
- f. Touring speeds will normally be at the posted speed limit, unless the posted limit is 75 MPH. On highways where the posted limit is 75, a touring speed of 70-75 MPH will be maintained.

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6. MINIMUM SAFE FOLLOWING DISTANCES:

- a. It is important to keep in mind that a 2 second interval is a **MINIMUM** safe requirement in order to react in the event of a potentially hazardous condition, **NOT TO STOP**.

In group riding, a 1 second interval between **STAGGERED** riders *is* a policy consistent with the recommendations of most traffic and safety agencies. **STAGGERED** motorcycles are considered to be in a "virtual" land of their own, in that there is a 2 second interval between motorcycles in a direct line. This group riding technique requires all participants to constantly **ANTICIPATE** and **EXECUTE** should an emergency occur.

- b. *With respect to vehicles, a safe distance is defined as a **MINIMUM** of a 3 **SECOND DELAY** between any vehicle directly ahead of the group.*
- c. *A safe lane position is defined as riding immediately to the right or left of center lane. This will keep the riders just off the center oil stain, while maintaining the staggered formation, distance between riders and other obstacles, and providing necessary lane protection. (NOTE: Riders who regularly ride on the outside edge of a lane are often subject to our four-wheeled friends sharing the lane at speed while passing).*

7. TRAFFIC LANES:

- a. *The Lead Road Captain or Group Leader will attempt to lead the group in a single lane where the traffic flow appears to be most consistent with the speed of the group. Lane changes will be used only when necessary to pass slower traffic or, to avoid a hazardous condition, and also to avoid blocking faster surrounding traffic.*

Traffic lanes are counted from left to right. The left lane is often referred to as the "FAST" or "PASSING" lane, and is counted as lane number one. Remaining traffic lanes are then counted up until the right most, or "SLOW" lane is counted.

- b. *On highways with two travel lanes in each direction, the group will normally travel in the number two lane (also known as the "SLOW" lane), allowing faster traffic to pass on the left, exception being when the group has to pass slower traffic in the right lane.*
- c. *On highways with three or more travel lanes in each direction, the group will normally travel in the number two lane, keeping the right lane open for other vehicles entering and exiting the highway, and the left lane(s) open for faster moving traffic to pass.*

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8. LANE CHANGES AND PASSING:

- a. *On a multi-lane highway, the double row staggered formation will normally be maintained. The Lead Road Captain or Group Leader will hold their position and signal for a lane change. All riders will hold their positions and pass the signal to the rear.*
- b. *The "Rear" Road Captains will then change lanes at the first safe opportunity, thus, protecting the lane for the group, and allowing the Group Leader to see that the lane is clear and protected.*

NOBODY, except the "Rear or Sweep" Road Captains are to change lanes before the Group Leader. ALWAYS make a HEAD CHECK before you begin a lane change, and always maintain safe distances.

- c. *The group will then change lanes using, the "follow the leader" approach. The Lead Road Captain or Group Leader will change lanes first followed by the rest of the riders moving from the front to the rear of the group.*
- d. *There are times when it will not be possible for the entire group to change lanes as outlined in 8(e). The Group Leader will then change lanes when safe to do so. All riders are to then signal, do a head check, and change lanes starting from front to back as individuals when it is safe to do so. Should the group become separated, regroup when it is safe to do so. Please use known good safety practices, including head checks.*

Always be certain the road is clear, and always make a "head check" immediately prior to initiating any maneuver which may cause you to cross other road users. The Road Captains, your mirror, or what you saw just a second ago are NO substitutes for your own eyes and good judgment! PLEASE remember that YOU, and ONLY YOU, are RESPONSIBLE for YOUR SAFETY. In addition, when dealing with our four wheeled friends, you will never win a contest against them. It won't do you any good to be "Dead Right."

- e. *On a two lane road with two-way traffic (one lane each way), a single file formation should be used when passing other vehicles. On occasion, a Road Captain may continue to travel in the passing lane, while safe to do so, to indicate to the other riders that the way is clear for them to continue the group passing maneuver. When oncoming traffic is imminent, a hand signal will be given for riders to safely merge back into the travel lane and discontinue passing procedures.*
- f. *If for any reason the group becomes separated, merge safely back into the pack, returning to your original position, using known good safety practices. Don't feel it is necessary to break the world land speed record in trying to catch up. The Group Leader will be aware of the separation and adjust accordingly.*

9. GAS, FOOD, REST STOPS, AND TOLLS:

- a. *If necessary, due to the length of the trip, gas, food, and rest stops will be discussed and scheduled, prior to group departure. These scheduled stops should be adhered to as much as possible, depending on varying conditions as the trip progresses.*

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9. GAS, FOOD, REST STOPS, AND TOLLS: (Continued)

- b. *Deviation from the scheduled stops may be required due to varying weather, traffic, and bladder conditions (availability of gas, rider fatigue, and other unforeseen circumstances).*
- c. *Gas and rest stops should be limited to no more than ten to fifteen minutes, depending on the size of the group. Remember, the last rider in the group waits the longest, therefore, having the shortest rest period.*
- d. *Meal stops will vary in length due to the size of the group, but should be held to a reasonable minimum.*
- e. *If toll stops are necessary, money should be collected from all riders in advance. If available, a riding couple should be positioned at the front of the group. As the group approaches the toll booth, the Group Leader will allow this bike to assume the "lead" position in order to exchange the toll. The Group Leader will assume the "lead" position as soon as it is safe to do so. If a riding couple is not available, it then becomes the Group Leaders responsibility to exchange the toll.*

Always avoid the center of the lane when nearing or passing through a toll booth. They are usually extremely slick with oil, etc.

10. UNSCHEDULED OR EMERGENCY STOPS:

- a. *Unscheduled stops for gas, restrooms, or rider fatigue can lead to confusion in the group, and confusion can lead to accidents. A Road Captain should inform the Group Leader that a stop is necessary in order to lead the group in an organized fashion to the next convenient and safe place to stop.*
- b. *Any rider with an equipment problem should inform one of the Road Captains as quickly, and as safely as possible.*
- c. *The Road Captain will inform the Group Leader and then the Group Leader will stop the group at the earliest possible moment, when and where, it is safe to do so.*
- d. *If the rider must pull over immediately, ONLY the "rear" Road Captain will accompany that rider to a stop. The Group Leader should be informed if he is not aware of the situation. Once the Group Leader is informed, he will then pull the group over as soon as it is safe to do so.*
- e. *Any rider observing a problem with another riders equipment, should inform that rider as quickly and safely as possible. If it appears that a stop is necessary, a Road Captain will also be notified, and stay with that rider until assistance can be provided.*

11. ACCIDENTS:

- a. *In the event the group comes upon the scene of an accident, the Group Leader will stop the group at the earliest possible moment (keeping with known good safety practices). It may become necessary for the group to disperse and park separately to avoid creating additional hazardous conditions.*
- b. *Members of the group will provide assistance in any practical way possible, including but not limited to:*
 - 1. *Slowing, diverting, or stopping traffic in a safe manner using flares if available.*
 - 2. *Provide basic First Aid if necessary and/or comfort to those involved.*

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11. ACCIDENTS: (Continued)

3. Call 911 to notify the police, ambulance, and/or fire services as the situation demands.
4. Maintain order and preserve the accident scene for police investigation.
5. If possible, take photographs and obtain license plate numbers, vehicle descriptions, including driver/passenger descriptions, in the event of a hit and run violation. (Remember, it will do you no good to attempt to chase someone down, as YOU may end up in an accident yourself)
6. Obtain names and addresses of witnesses if necessary.
7. If possible, maintain overall control of the situation until relieved by the proper authorities.

12. HAND SIGNALS:

- a. At all times, standard hand signals will be used for changing the group formation, all turns, lane changes, slowing and stopping. Turn signal lights will also be used at all times in conjunction with the designated hand signals.
- b. All hand signals will be relayed to the rear of the group to allow all riders to take appropriate precautionary measures, and be aware of the changes in speed and travel direction.
- c. The Group Leader will move as an individual to assume whatever maneuver or position that is required.
- d. The group will follow the Group Leader's direction as individuals, in a "follow the leader" approach, signaling and following the Group Leader when appropriate and safe.
- e. The following adopted hand signals are the standard signals to be used in group riding. Other hand signals may be developed and added as required. All riders and passengers are responsible for knowing the proper hand signals and passing them back to the riders behind them.

PARADE

When the (left) fist has the fore finger and pinky finger up and hand is not moving, you are to ride side-by-side.

STAGGERED

When the (left) fist has the fore finger and pinky finger up and hand is moving, in a twisting motion, the left hand rider moves ahead of the right hand rider.

ROAD HAZARD

When the (left) arm is straight out at an angle with index finger pointing to a foreign object in the lane that riders are to avoid.

PASSING PROCEDURES

The Group Leadword Road Captain will enter the passing lane and remain in the oncoming travel lane until either all riders have passed or, until oncoming traffic is approaching. Riders are to increase speed and pass the slow vehicle and continue at a faster speed to give the riders behind them enough room to pass the vehicle safely and then return to the travel lane. **NOTE:** When the Lead Road Captain begins waving his left arm pointing to the travel lane, all riders should return to the travel lane and not pass, as oncoming traffic is soon approaching.

W i n

When the (left) arm is straight out to the side with open palm & all fingers straight out.

RIGHT TURN

When the (left) arm is bent at 90 degree angle with open palms 4th fingers straight up.

RIDERS & PASSENGERS

All riders & their passengers are responsible for reviewing and knowing all hand signals before gang on every event. In addition, All riders & their passengers are responsible for passing back all hand signals for at least 5 seconds to the riders behind them.

SINGLE FILE

When (left) arm is straight **up** with solid fist, riders are to move into single file. Left hand rider moves in front of

SLOW DOWN

When the (left) arm is down open palm directed towards the ground waving back & forth, riders are to slow down & prepare to possibly stop.

DEPARTURE

After start engine sign is given, riders are to place their hand on their windshield or raise their arm indicating that they are ready. All times posted in the newsletter are leave times. Riders are to be gassed up *before* leaving.

right hand rider.

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ARTICLE XXIII ■

ADOPTED RIDING STANDARDS AND SIGNALS

CONTINUED:

13. ADDITIONAL TOURING TIPS:

- a. When approaching a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve should give room to the rider on the inside, should the curve be too tight to negotiate at the travel speed, to avoid excessive crowding and ensure safety of all riders.
- b. Always know the stopping power of your motorcycle. Take your motorcycle to a vacant parking lot and practice, practice, practice.
- c. ALWAYS keep the group tight without crowding each other to avoid allowing four wheel vehicles into the group. If the rider in front of you does not close up a gap, signal, then when safe, pass the rider and take position in front of them and close up the gap.
- d. Touring speeds will normally be at the posted speed limit, unless the posted limit is 75 MPH. On highways where the posted limit is 75, a touring speed of 70-75 MPH will be maintained.
- e. NEVER ride in someone's blind spot.
- f. Contrary to what rumors say, you are NOT safe from lightning while riding your motorcycle. Find proper shelter as soon as possible if lightning is present.
- g. Always carry the Chapter Reference Card on your motorcycle and observe and maintain the "Ten Commandments" of group riding.
- h. Come prepared to all Chapter activities with the "Ride Safe and Have Fun" attitude.

14. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

- a. All riders are responsible for ensuring that they have a well maintained motorcycle on rides. Riders should do a pre-ride check of all brake and turn signal lights, check all fluids and tires before leaving home.
- b. All group riders are encouraged to bring a well stocked tool kit to all Chapter rides.
- c. All group riders are encouraged to have a well maintained First Aid Kit on all Chapter rides.
- d. The Lead Road Captain or Group Leader will be responsible for bringing the following items on all Chapter rides:
 1. Fully stocked First Aid Kit
 2. Route maps
 3. Run information
 4. All proper Release forms
 5. Chapter reference cards
 6. Member sign-in forms
 7. Incident report forms
 8. Cellular phone. If the Lead Road Captain or Group Leader does not have a cell phone, they will designate a member who does as the 911 caller. (This is subject to availability).

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ARTICLE XXIV ■ CONCLUSION

The Black Mountain Chapter Inc., operates in accordance with the Charter For Local Chapters as set forth and distributed by Harley Owners Group[®], 3700 W Juneau, Milwaukee, WI. (See attachment one). The proceeding By-Laws govern the operation of the Black Mountain Chapter, Inc., and are in addition to the Annual Charter or H.O.G[®] Chapters but do not conflict with the National Annual Charter in anyway.

Regional H.O.G. Manager

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Chapter Director

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Assistant Director

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Secretary

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Treasurer

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Activities Officer

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Lead Road Captain

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