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### December Newsletter



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## **General Membership Meetings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at 10 a.m.**

**Clubhouse is located 2120 Broad Street, Lake Charles, LA next to Dealership**

**Next Meeting – January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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## **A Director's Goodbye**

Well, 2017 riding season is just around the corner and I will be exiting the seat of director on Jan 1st. Let me tell yea, it's been one hell of a ride. First, I'd like to thank the membership for supporting me for the last 4 years. Secondly, I'd like to say thanks to all of the officer positions in the last 4 years, you've done a mighty fine job, made my job a breeze. We've had some highs and lows, but our membership has shown stability and a small growth and we are headed in a good direction. Next year's officers will do a fine job and I'm looking forward to some great rides in 2017. Just remember, the club is about riding and having fun and that's just what I plan on doing on "The best damn motorcycle in the world"  
Harley-Davidson.

Thanks again!

**Vernon Boudreaux**

**Lake Charles HOG Director**

"Wear your colors and be proud of your chapter"



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## **A Goodbye to 2016**

Well, 2016 is behind us and I am sure we are looking forward to what 2017 has in store. 2016 has definitely been one for the history books. We have had a lot of wonderful rides and even more wonderful fellowship.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank those of you who have reached out to me about the newsletter. I have enjoyed being able to be an avenue to share information amongst the group members. I encourage any member who has something to share to send me an email and I will include it in upcoming newsletters.

January's Newsletter will include an officer's page so everyone knows who to reach out to for various needs. I am sure that Roger has either updated the website with this information or will be doing it before long.

Thanks again to all of the membership, here is to a wonderful 2017!

Chad Theunissen  
Editor



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## Ways to Keep Riding in Winter

I know I have included a lot of this information in previous newsletters; however, we are bound to see some winter temperatures eventually so I felt it prudent to put some of these reminders out there:

Disclaimer: I do not work for Nationwide Insurance 😊

### *Courtesy of Brandware PR*

The arrival of cold weather doesn't mean the departure of the desire to ride. Many motorcyclists in cooler climates refuse to retire their favorite motorcycle or scooter to the storage shed – and, thanks to today's broad range of gear choices, it's entirely possible to enjoy two wheels right into the winter months. Here are ten tips from the experts at [Nationwide Insurance](#) if you – and your bike – are on the road when temperatures dip.

– **Get Layered.** Layering will keep you insulated and warm. Start with a light base layer that's breathable – microfiber is a good choice. Your base layer should trap warm air next to your skin and wick away sweat. Make sure your top layer is made of tough, windproof material, such as leather or nylon. Be sure layering clothing hasn't restricted the movement you need to ride safely.

– **Trap Body Heat.** Keeping your hands and head warm is crucial – most body heat escapes there. To seal the gap between jacket and gloves, invest in gauntlet-style gloves. Consider wearing a silk or microfiber layer under your gloves as well. In addition, invest in a neck warmer or balaclava to prevent cold air from entering your helmet.

– **Don't Get Foggy.** Visor fogging can cause hazardous visibility problems during cold weather. Wear a half-mask inside your helmet over a wind-proof balaclava. This combo allows your breath to escape without causing condensation inside the visor.

– **Ride on Down Electric Avenue.** Longer trips often require additional protection, such as electric vests and gloves. These accessories use your bike's electrical system to provide heat. A vest, electric or regular, is essential to keeping the torso warm. A warm torso prevents frostbite by allowing the heart to focus on pumping blood to the hands and feet. Or, spring for the heated grip option available on many touring bikes.

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- **Watch the Voltage.** Be sure your alternator can handle the addition of electric accessories, such as heated vests and gloves. Check your owner's manual to find out how much wattage your alternator generates and how much of that wattage is used to run lights and other electrical components. Then, subtract the wattage the electric gear needs to be sure you have the power necessary, and some to spare, when running the accessories.
  
- **Get Streamlined.** Direct chilly air away from your body by adding a functional, not just cosmetic, fairing. Your height and torso length will dictate the proper height of the fairing – if a stock product doesn't dispel the airflow correctly, have a fairing custom cut.
  
- **Don't Get Fooled.** Hypothermia is insidious. If you ignore early symptoms, like uncontrolled shivering and numb fingers or toes, slow reaction times or fuzzy thinking, you could get into trouble, fast. Wind chill adds to the danger, so make sure you stop frequently, enjoy a hot beverage and allow your body to warm up.
  
- **Practice Tire Smarts.** If you fit sticky race-type tires in the summer, be sure to switch back to ordinary street tires during colder months. They develop grip at lower temperatures and reach effective operating temperatures much more quickly.
  
- **Put Your Oil on a Diet.** Using thinner oil during the cold months will improve your bike's performance, especially during start-up, but check your owner's manual for recommendations. Some manufacturers recommend only one weight of oil, no matter what the temperature.
  
- **Rev Up Your Insurance I.Q.** Make sure your insurance policy allows for year-round riding. Many insurance premiums for motorcycles are based on an annual term that already takes into consideration the variances in use throughout the year. Accordingly, a discount for limited use off-season is already reflected in your annual costs. However, if your policy requires your bike be laid up during certain months, you may not be as protected as you think.

To learn more about motorcycle insurance or to find an agent, visit [www.nationwide.com](http://www.nationwide.com).

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## **Prayers for our Extended Family**

Let's keep those members, and friends of our membership, who are in need of prayers in our thoughts as we enter the  
New Year.

## **Dues are Due**

Remember that 2017 dues are due. We will be collecting the dues at the monthly meetings, so please come by the club house on the first Saturday of the month to get your dues paid.

For now, dues will not be able to be collected at the dealership.

We will let you know if we will be collecting dues at the monthly rides as soon as that decision is made.

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## **PENDING ROAD TRIPS**

Did you know that Roger has created a page on the website dedicated to 3 day or more trips?

You need to email him if you have one planned, but the more that we can share the more we can enjoy the road together.

There are already a couple of rides listed so go check it out.

## **FACEBOOK PAGE!**

Most of you know we have a Facebook Page dedicated to LC HOG. Some of you may even have noticed there has been an increase in activities recently.

Let's make it more useful.

Going for a short run to DeRidder or Jennings or just planning to ride around town? Get on there and let everyone know that you are going and where you are leaving from and when.

The worst that can happen is you have some company!



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