



45th Parallel Chapter Gaylord Michigan #1161
Half way between the Equator and North Pole!!

Welcome to the 45th Parallel H.O.G. Family

Our chapter's territory extends from the southern Grayling & Kalkaska area to
Sault Ste. Marie North and Alpena East.

Our main objective is to Ride and have fun!!

The Chapter meets the second Sunday of each month at the Otsego County Fire Dept.
811 S Wisconsin Gaylord, MI 49734-0954

We have a full calendar of Events planned for each month throughout the summer and into the winter months. We try not to lose track of our brothers and sisters when the snow flies.

Our officers can be reached at any time by e-mail or by phone. The list of officers and contact information is available on our website, and on the front page of the 45th Parallel Newsletter. Our newsletter is emailed monthly to our members who prefer to receive it by email, or you may prefer to have your copy mailed to you, just let us know when you renew your membership or any time by contacting either the membership officer or the editor. Your name will be removed from our mailing list and help us reduce the cost of monthly postage. If you have any questions, suggestions, or need information, please contact our officers. They will be very happy to be of assistance.

Becoming a volunteer by offering a lending hand at our various events will help you become a vital part of our family. Volunteering will enable you to get involved in the events, meet chapter members, and become part of it all! There are sign up sheets available at the dealership. Each event you help out with allows you to accumulate points toward each year's TOP HOG award.

We also maintain a website with updated information as it becomes available. You can view it online at: www.45thparallelhog.com.

Our monthly newsletter is also available on line however it is password protected. If you require the password please contact Silla at: www.editor@45thparallelhog.com or any of the 45th Parallel HOG chapter officers.

45th Parallel H.O.G. Chapter Primary Officers

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Ladies of Harley

The 45th Parallel Ladies of Harley® are a group of fun, intelligent, creatively talented, and dedicated ladies, who strive to have fun and ride. We are a very diverse group of women of different ages, backgrounds and professions who work together to make our events worthy and enjoyable. Whatever the preference, riding solo or co-riding safely, having fun is a priority. We get together twice per year for a weekend to plan, create and just let loose. We sponsor bake sales, boot shines and a charity fund drive that begins in October and ends with a cook off the following spring. The funds raised are donated to a variety of charities throughout the year and a large amount is donated to local health agencies that support breast and cervical cancer screening for under-insured women.

No idea is a bad idea and we hope that all ladies interested will participate and join our wonderful group. There is no additional fee for members to belong to L.O.H.

Need more information on participating or becoming an L.O.H. member?

Contact our L.O.H. Officer and she will be happy to assist you.

You don't have to ride your own bike to come out and enjoy our fun events if you are a Ladies of Harley member.





Events

Chapter activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of H.O.G. Chapter members. Activities are identified as follows:

- ❖ Closed events are those chapter events, which are open only to chapter members and one guest per member.
- ❖ Member events are events that are open only to H.O.G. members.
- ❖ Open events are those chapter events, which are open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members, and other guests as desired.

Alcohol Policy

The consumption and use of alcohol is a serious personal responsibility involving the safety and welfare of family, riding friends and the individual H.O.G. member. Alcohol consumption before or during motorcycling activity is not safe, responsible behavior. For this reason our chapter has implemented a policy in which NO alcohol is to be consumed or used on any of our rides. If you choose to consume alcohol before riding, you cannot join the ride. If you choose to consume alcohol while riding, you WILL be asked to leave. Once our ride reaches its destination, the ride is considered ended. At that point you can do as you desire, however, we strongly recommend you practice good judgment.



You can receive an Activity Points Pin and accumulate points toward the TOP HOG award by attending and/or volunteering at our Chapter Events. Here is a run down on how to earn Activity Points:

- ✓ **1 Point** ~ attending a Chapter Meeting, Event, or Designated Chapter Ride. Dealership visits with verification such as business card, purchase receipt, photo * (you must include dealership in photo).
- ✓ **2 Points** ~ attending a Dinner/Lunch Ride, Host road captain lead/sweep ride. 5000 miles.
- ✓ **3 Points** ~ attending an overnight ride/event *(one night or more)
H.O.G. sponsored rallies, rides and events (Sturgis, Ionia, Daytona etc.) verify with H.O.G. pin or any document of attendance. Completion of Safe Riders, Experienced Riders, Bystander Awareness and CPR classes. 10,000 miles.
- ✓ **4 Points** ~ 1000 miles in a season (year)
- ✓ **5 Points** ~ Committee member or volunteer worker at chapter events.

Once a member has accumulated 15 Activity Points, they receive an Activity Points Pin. The member with the most accumulated points for the year receives the TOP HOG award at our annual Holiday Party.

***You must sign (print) in at each event/meeting.**



Group Riding

Riders Edge

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the information below.

The 45th Parallel Chapter conducts group rides for the benefit of its chapter members. We strongly encourage everyone to participate in the Riders Edge Class. By attending this class you will learn how to safely ride with a group. It contains information that each member is expected to know and observe so that everyone can participate in our rides, ride Safe, and Have Fun. All members are encouraged to attend the class prior to participating in group rides with our Chapter. Our Road Captains or Officers will have more information to help you get enrolled in a class.

Group Riding Tips

Group riding requires an extreme level of awareness and concentration.

Know your limits and ride within them; never ride above your ability.

* Mental * Physical * Motorcycle * Environment * Experience Level

- ❖ Come to the ride prepared.
 - * Arrive with a full tank of gas and an empty bladder
 - * Bring appropriate riding gear for the expected range of conditions
- ❖ Maintain a constant speed. This helps prevent the “rubber band effect”.
- ❖ Novices or riders that are new to group riding should ride at or near the back of the group.
- ❖ Always ride in a tight but courteous *staggered* formation or single-file line.
- ❖ Your eyes should be watching a few bikes up the road from you, not fixed on the bike in front of you. Always be looking at least four seconds ahead.
- ❖ Riding side by side is very dangerous and against the law in some states. The only time bikes are to be side by side is when the group is stopped at an intersection.
- ❖ Ride in a staggered or single –file formation, do not pass the bike in front of you.
- ❖ If a turn or exit is missed, stick together as a group; proceed to the next intersection/exit, then return to the correct location.
- ❖ When in a tight curve, the rider on the outside of the curve is required to give room to the rider on the inside in case the curve is too tight to negotiate at that speed without crowding.



Chapter Rides

Ride Selection and Scheduling

The Chapter rides are selected and scheduled by the Chapter Officer's and Road Captains. The rides are normally scheduled at least two months in advance. All Members are encouraged to make suggestions for the rides to any Officer or Road Captain. Suggestions may also be made at the Chapter meetings. All ideas will be reviewed for suitability and the destination must have adequate parking and the ability to handle a large group.

Ride Schedule

The ride schedule is published in the Chapter monthly newsletter and on our website prior to the ride.

Rides may be cancelled at any time due to adverse weather conditions.

All rides leave Zips 45th Parallel Harley-Davidson at exact time listed unless otherwise specified. Meet in front of Zips 45th Parallel H-D 10 minutes prior to posted departure time for instructions with road captain. All rides will leave promptly at the time posted. For ride cancellations or last minute changes due to weather etc., call our HOG HOTLINE at (989) 732-8000 ext 45.



Universal Motorcycle Hand Signal Guide



Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop



Our Sponsoring Dealership is
Zips 45th Parallel Harley-Davidson

980 South Wisconsin Ave

Gaylord, Michigan

49735

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Summer Hours

Mon - Fri

9-6

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 11-3

WINTER STORE HOURS	
Monday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Friday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday	9:00AM - 5:00PM
Sunday	10:00AM - 3:00PM

**Now that you are an official member of the
45th Parallel H.O.G. Chapter**

Drop in to Zips to purchase your Chapter Pride Patch and Rocker.

There are 2 sizes to choose from.

***45th Parallel Chapter T-Shirts also available!**

Wear them with Pride!!