



MINUTES OF MEETING CANBERRA CHAPTER AUSTRALIA

**Thursday 7 February 2008
at Eastlake Football Club at 7.30pm**

Members present: Marie Stavropoulos, John Weldon (JB), Michele and Rob Gorman (Cowboy), Graeme Cottrell (Kiwi) and Sally Crosbie, Col and Kris Macauley, Dion and Kym Koch, Dave Lollback (Wobbly), Rob Hamilton, David and Pia Mylan, Ross (Biggles) and Kym Benjamin, Al and Deb Fitch, Ron Tollenaar (Rainman), Paul Britton (Bird); Gary Dodds (Dodsy), Merideth Langdale Dave Groeneveld (new member) Tony and Robyn Barron, Richard Gardiner, Graeme and Judy Sindel, Dianne Hutchings and Peter Stratford, Jess Kormelink and Stu Calvin

Apologies: Brett Hannam (Hammer), Peter Hateley, Col Hosie, Pam Corrigan, John and Gen Ryan, Emu, Paul and Terry Brandy

Meeting opened: 7.00pm

Minutes Accepted by Seconded by Dion and seconded by Ron Tollenaar

Action Items from previous meeting:

Action Item	Officer	Status
Rob Hamilton to obtain quote for storage of HOG equipment	Rob Hamilton / JB	
Flash to take Committee photos	Flash	
Follow up on Central West correspondence not being received	Marie to follow up Cent West Director	Completed
Update calendar to reflect monthly general meetings	Marie	completed
Contact Jolynn re question of Chapter Walk at Harley Museum in Milwaukee	Marie	
Purchase of Harley rivet for Harley Museum	Marie	
Make direction sign for BBQ	Michele	
Research for Office Bearers boards	Michele	
Sign to say CHOG above bench next to café	Michele	

Director's report – Marie reported that more regular Committee meetings would be held and suggested that the most popular suggestions from the Committee were ½ an hour before the general meeting or on a Saturday before the new members ride. The Committee and Marie agreed that the next meeting would be Tuesday 19 February at Robbos. The Committee will then decide which option is best for regular meetings.

Marie attended the inaugural NSW/ACT Directors Meeting on the January long weekend in Bathurst. The meeting was attended by 14 of the 18 NSW/ACT Chapters and there were many positive outcomes to take forward to HOG. Marie is keen for CHOG members to offer ideas to take to the next meeting. Gay Zazryn from OzHOG outlined that each Victorian Chapter takes turns, alphabetically to run a rally each year. Each Chapter contributes \$1,000 deposit towards the cost of running a rally, the amount totalling \$15,000. Whatever money is left over in the kitty is then put towards the next Rally, and so on. CHOG's participation will be discussed by the Executive and Committee.

Marie also mentioned that Col and Kris support CHOG at a far greater level financially and otherwise, than most other chapters by their Sponsoring Dealers.

Marie discussed the possibility of a 24 hour hot line for the most up to date messages for HOG runs. It was put forward that there may be other cheaper options available and Dion will discuss further and report on more options at the next meeting.

Assistant Director – JB had nothing to report.

Secretary – Michele reported that a few Chapter newsletters had arrived and they will go into the Newsletters folder at the shop. Correspondence from the Red Cross was received asking if HOG would participate in donating blood. Posters were provided and one will be put up at the shop. Correspondence was also received from the organisers of the Dalgety Show asking us to display our bikes at the show – the letter will go up on the notice board.

Editor – Michele advised that Pam would be asking for items next week for the final time for the next newsletter.

Treasurer – Peter was unable to attend but sent his report later by email. The balance of the cheque account and Term deposit at the end of January 2008 was \$8,393.66. Money banked last month: \$7.66 interest. No cheques were made out.

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Balance brought forward	8,386.00
Plus money banked in January	<u>+7.66</u>
	8,393.66
Less Cheques made out in January	<u>-0.00</u>
Balance at end of Jan	<u>8,393.66</u>

Safety Officer – Only five CHOG members attended the HART motorcycle course. Wobbly managed to fill the remaining spots for the Saturday course by contacting his friends at the Fat Bastards. The Sunday course was cancelled. Marie thanked Wobbly for organising the training and said that in future members will be requested to pay at the time they show interest upfront for any future courses.

Head Road Captain – Rob Hamilton reported that the Cabramurra Run was cancelled but that Ross (Biggles) was taking a ride to Khancoban and Corryong.

Activities Officer – Kiwi advised of the following upcoming runs:

- Convoy for Kids organised by the Eden Monaro Cancer Support Group is on , Saturday 16 February, leaving Robbos 11.30am for 12 noon. 12.55pm leaving Northbourne Ave Watson.
- CHOG have been asked to display their bikes at the Snowy Hydro Helicopter Open Day on Sunday 24 February. The display is intended to bring lots of people along to raise money for the helicopter service.
- The LOH ride has been changed from the 24th of February to the 23rd of February due to the above Open Day at Snowy Hydro.

- Gymkhana on Sunday 2 March, meeting at 9.30am at the shop, see board for details.
- two groups will be travelling to the Victorian Rally on the Canberra Day long weekend in March to the Yarra Valley. David Mylan will be taking the more scenic route departing Thursday and Marie will be taking the quicker route departing Friday.
- CHOG member Janine Yokom has asked if anyone is available on Saturday 15 March to please donate some time towards giving Harley rides for Shave for a Cure at Hall Showground. Marie asked Kiwi for more information so that the event can be mentioned in the next update.
- Easter weekend is a winery run, to Orange. Interested members must put their names on the run sheet. Departs Good Friday and returns Easter Sunday, bus organised for a winery tour, pub accommodation – more details to follow, See notice board for details.
- Also on the Easter weekend, on Easter Sunday, is the Easter Egg Run at Canberra Hospital. Great excitement is created when two bikes (Sporties generally) go up into the children's ward and Easter eggs are distributed. More details closer to the date. Kiwi will organise press and TV to attend also.
- Albury Chapter Challenge 24 and 25 May 2008.
- The June long weekend is looking like a big one – CHOG, Liverpool and Wagga Chapters are all travelling to Cowra and Albury. Saturday night at Cowra (Wagga Chapter will meet everyone in Cowra) and the Sunday night at Wagga. Accommodation is already booked for 100 people at Cowra for \$55 a head for dinner, bed and breakfast. Kiwi will send Motto a run sheet to see how many people will be attending from Liverpool. Kiwi will explore options for accommodation in Wagga.

Merchandise Officer – David reported that the sale of the CHOG t-shirts was not as expected. An item will be put into the next Newsletter reminding people that if they ordered t-shirts they are at the shop to be paid for and collected ASAP. There is also a large range of sizes available for anyone who is interested. A reminder will be put into the next update.

David discussed the route he would be taking for the Victorian Rally, leaving Canberra on Thursday 6 March 2008 going via Cooma and Mt Beauty to the Yarra Valley. David will also be doing guided runs for CHOG members at the Rally.

David would also like suggestions from members for the route to the National Rally at Lennox Head in October.

Marie mentioned that the route David was taking to the Victorian Rally was beautiful riding, and that her ride would be more like the cannonball run as she will be taking the most direct route to the Yarra Valley

Quartermaster – Dion advised that Emu and Marie were impressed with the colours schemes he had suggested for the new CHOG website. Work is continuing on creating the new website.

Dion reported that he had inquired about the price on new BBQs, as Marie had mentioned that the old one was worn out and had become an OH&S issue. The prices ranged from \$299 for a 4 burner to \$599 for a 6 burner. Dion advised that the 4 burner was the best value for money. It has a solid hot plate and is collapsible which meant it could easily be packed into a boot or trailer to take to events. The Committee will vote on the new BBQ.

Membership Officer – Ron reported that CHOG now had over 250 members. Ron and Marie and JB will meet with Robbos to review the membership process from the shop. Marie acknowledged that Ron had bought a computer specifically for the membership data base; many thanks Ron.

Historian – Merideth offered to take interested CHOG members on a personal guide of the War Memorial, (in a WWI nurses uniform!!) Illawarra Chapter has expressed interest and will most likely join in. Details to be determined. Merideth is happy to do the same for other interested Chapters.

Ladies of Harley – Pia was happy with the turn up of 4 bikes and a few cars at her first LOH run in December. Pia reminded the Road Captains that if LOH runs are added to the calendar or changed, could Rob H please let her know what's planned as Pia was not advised of the change of the run on the 24th of February.

Photographer – Flash was unable to attend the meeting. He had nothing to report.

Sponsoring Dealer – Kris had a visit from Harley-Davidson the day of the meeting and was given the great news that Harley-Davidson is now number 2 in sales in Australia. Honda is number one but it was noted that Honda also supply postie bikes to Australia Post which would prop up their sales numbers. Harley were only 2,000 behind Honda. 977 bikes had been sold in 26 days and quite a few of these had been sold to women, Kris mentioning that there is a considerable rise in the amount of women entering the bike market.

To celebrate Harley's great success Harley-Davidson and Robbos will run a ladies only Girls Garage night. Any lady rider may attend. Guest speakers will include Kim Williams and Rita Lorleberg from Harley-Davidson, Marie has been invited to speak and Pete the mechanic who will talk about looking after your bike. It should be a great night, and very informative. The evening will be held at Robbos.

Robbos will be holding another ride day on 19 April and women only rides will be available for those who are interested.

Harley have finally advised the dealers why the Rocker hasn't been supplied yet. One of the suppliers of parts for the Rocker had gone out of business and a new supplier had to be sourced. Robbos are hoping to have a Rocker for the next ride day.

Kris distributed new forms for the mileage program, safe riders skills and the 2008 ABCs of Touring.

Col mentioned that Greg Hirst will be signing his latest book at the shop at 11am on Saturday 16 February 2008. Greg Hirst is a motor cycle journalist.

General Business

Deb Fitch asked if CHOG would be interested in small business advertising in the CHOG newsletter. The Committee discussed the request after the meeting and it was decided that this was a great idea. The cost would be \$50 per year to insert a copy of a business card into the Newsletter.

Kris and Col will now pay for all food costs for the weekly BBQ at the shop. The gold coin donation would contribute towards gas, serviettes, sauces, etc.

David asked what was happening with fundraising for CHOG. Two events have already been mentioned – a poker night at the Collector Pub in April for \$75/night which covers dinner, bed and breakfast, Kiwi organising. Cowboy mentioned that draw poker will commence at the shop on Saturday. 50% of the money will go to the winner who draws the joker and 50% goes towards charity.

Merideth introduced Dave Groeneveld, a new member, who mentioned that the next Vietnam Vets poker run would be on 15 March. A flyer is on the board at the shop.

Marie will pursue the availability and cost of the Harley rivet for the Harley Museum in Milwaukee.

It was suggested by Ron Tollenaar that social rides leave from Robbos at 11am on Sundays, when there isn't a planned run on the calendar. This will not be a formal CHOG run. Could be two or twenty bikes attending. This was agreed to and will be published in the newsletter.

Kiwi discussed a potential need for a picnic table and chairs so that members could be seated at the Saturday BBQs. It was also mentioned that the BBQ needed to be moved to be more visible to people who aren't members of CHOG. Kiwi will discuss the position with Col, and also the requirement for sun protection/shade depending on the location. The purchase of the table will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Also to be discussed at the next Committee meeting was money for official rides.

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Explore options for up to date info for runs ie. 24 hour hotline or similar	Dion	
Enquire about accommodation in Wagga for June long weekend	Kiwi	
Send Motto a run sheet for June long weekend run so numbers can be gauged	Kiwi	
Advise Trish if BBQ smaller or cancelled	Kiwi & Kris	Ongoing

The meeting closed at 8.50pm