



# Mat-Su HOG

## Gazette

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**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- HOG Hotline: 907-352-4779
- <http://www.matsuahog.org>



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*wasilla, alaska*

*call us:*  
**907-373-3366**

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**WITH THE 2011 SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT THESE OFFICER POSITIONS ARE OPEN FOR 2012. IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN ONE OR SEVERAL POSITIONS DON'T BE SHY! EMAIL US, ASK US, COME TO OUR RIDES/EVENTS AND PICK OUR BRAIN!**  
**-REBECCA**

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W E L C O M E   N E W   M E M B E R S !



Elizabeth Beam

Eric Divona

Samuel Ethridge

Julie Forsyth

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Toby Gilbert

Doug Scott

**A WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS,**

Congratulations on joining the Mat-Su Alaska HOG Chapter 1836. There are many activities for you to participate in as a member of this chapter. Call the HOG Hotline to get the latest information or review the chapter calendar and newsletter for future activities. Be a regular at the chapter meetings to help give suggestions for future events, check the calendar for the next scheduled meeting.

Events to watch for:

- 1. Denali Patch Program:** Get a Denali Passport to track your points as you attend meetings, volunteer to help, attend cruises and other events. 20 points is all you need to attain your Denali Patch.
- 2. Rides:** We have a variety of scheduled rides to choose from; including weeknights, weekends, and some overnight events starting in May to the end of September. For the regular weeknight rides we meet at Denali H-D at 6 p.m. with a full tank of gas for a group cruise to a designated destination. There is a route and safety briefing at 6:30. the group leaves the dealership at 6:45 p.m. sharp and the cruise is about an hour long. We sometimes go to a restaurant, a park for a BBQ, dessert runs, brown bags, etc. We separate riders into groups that suit their riding experience and speed preference.
- 3. Fundraisers:** Most events have a split-the-pot/poker run type activity to help pay for prizes and other expenses incurred. We also do other fundraisers throughout the year such as bike washes, gift wrapping, auctions, bake sales, etc. Most activities also have door prizes.
- 4. Weekend Rides:** There are typically three or four organized long rides each year. The rides take you through the Alaska countryside anywhere from Homer to Fairbanks. Information and times for these rides will be provided by e-mail, hot line, and web site updates.
- 5. Unofficial group rides** will take you to Rallies, memorials, campouts, and many other destinations. Members are encouraged to organize unofficial rides on their own—call some of your new found friends and invite them on a ride.
- 6. Winter activities** include dinners, socials and other events to bring members together during the non riding season to keep friendships, memories and stories alive.
- 7. Safety** seminars will be taught by chapter officers to help all members keep current on helpful information. We have Road Captain training classes as well as Group Riding Instruction. These classes are recommended for all skill levels to either learn or brush up on your skills. You will learn how to ride safely in a group, hand signals, etc. New member orientation is included in the Group Riding Instruction Classes.
- 8. Newsletter:** Receive our monthly newsletters electronically. Provide your e-mail address to receive weekly updates and a full color electronic newsletter. Members not having e-mail may pick up their copy at Denali Harley Davidson on Hyer Road.
- 9. E-Mail:** Join our E-mail list. The purpose of this chapter member only e-mail list is to inform you of upcoming chapter events, schedule changes, etc. Strictly chapter business only will be circulated. Send a note to [director@matsuakhog.org](mailto:director@matsuakhog.org) to be added to the e-mail list!

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E-Mail "Code of Etiquette" for Chapter 1836:

You have to request to be on the list before your name will be sent to the officers within the chapter (either by providing your e-mail address when you sign up or by sending an e-mail to us).

This list will not be shared with others.

We will try to keep the information interesting or useful.

**10. Your help is requested:** Volunteer! This is a great way to get to know other chapter members and earn points toward your Denali Patch.

Welcome again to the Mat-Su Alaska HOG Chapter #1836. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting or event. If you have any questions, ask or send one of the officers a note.



**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP  
ENROLLMENT FORM AND RELEASE**

CHAPTER NAME       MAT-SU ALASKA CHAPTER 1836      

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER NAT'L H.O.G. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE OF NATIONAL H.O.G. MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters and hereby agree to abide by it as a member of this dealer sponsored chapter.

I recognize that while this Chapter is chartered with H.O.G., it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

**- THIS IS A RELEASE, READ BEFORE SIGNING -**

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Harley-Davidson, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (hereinafter, the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**) shall not be liable or responsible for injury to me (including paralysis or death) or damage to my property occurring during any H.O.G. or H.O.G. chapter activities and resulting from acts or omissions occurring during the performance of the duties of the Released Parties, even where the damage or injury is caused by negligence (except willful neglect). I understand and agree that all H.O.G. members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all H.O.G. activities and I assume all risks of injury and damage arising out of the conduct of such activities. I release and hold the **"RELEASED PARTIES"** harmless from any injury or loss to my person or property which may result from my participation in H.O.G. activities and EVENT(S). I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS THAT I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE **"RELEASED PARTIES"** FOR ANY INJURY OR RESULTING DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY ARISING FROM, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR CHAPTER DUTIES IN SPONSORING, PLANNING OR CONDUCTING SAID EVENT(S).

**WAIVER OF RIGHTS UNDER STATE STATUTES**

I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute which would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 1542 of the California Civil Code which provides:

"A general release does not extend to the claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known to him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

By signing this Release, I certify that I have read this Release and fully understand it and that I am not relying on any statements or representations made by the **"RELEASED PARTIES"**.

MEMBER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL DUES PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

(Dues not to exceed maximum amount prescribed in, "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters", as contained in the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.)

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHAPTER

MEMREL.DOC (Rev. 11/04)

Mail Form To: PO Box 876150  
Wasilla, AK 99687

Drop Off Form To: 1497 South Hyer Road  
Wasilla, AK 99654



**WHO:..** All motorcycle riders that are members of Chapter 1836 and those that may ride with them..

**WHAT:..** Group Riding Instruction Program..

**WHY:..** Learn to ride safely in a group to protect yourself & others. All road captains are required to take this class first. Anyone riding with Chapter 1836 is strongly urged to take the class. If you have taken the class before, it is recommended to take a yearly refresher course. It is also a good way to meet the new members of our group..

**WHERE:..** Denali Harley Davidson - Wasilla, upstairs meeting room..

**WHEN:..** Several Classes Offered..  
Please check the website for next class offering!

Any member attending this class earns a point towards their 2011 Denali Patch..

**CONTACT:..** If you have any questions please contact Paul Scott - Head Road Captain - Safety Officer.. [rideonak@hotmail.com](mailto:rideonak@hotmail.com) or call 232-1266.

Group riding demands a different set of skills than riding solo. In our class, you'll learn the following:..

- Ride planning and preparation..
- Formations..
- Hand signals..
- How to deal with road hazards & accidents..

## MEMBERSHIP OF MAT-SU HOG CHAPTER 1836 PAST HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN RICHARD N BEATTIE

I have wanted to get a letter out about how important it is to have qualified people in the Road Captain positions leading our Chapter rides. In the coming 2012 riding season, I would like to see members interested in becoming a Road Captain attend the classes. Even if not interested in becoming a Road Captain, come on in and learn what it is all about.

When I joined the Chapter in 2005 I had to tell myself that if I wanted to be in the Club I would need to step up and make things work. The first season I worked on riding my motorcycle and getting comfortable with it and learning how to ride in a group by going to the grip classes that were offered. I was very lucky because there were people having the Road Captain training classes so I decided that I wanted to become a Road Captain. After my training I was deemed fit to lead a ride which I planned out from DHD to our destination. I really had a great planning rides all over the valley and up both highways

There's a lot of places to eat, have coffee and visit with fellow riders.

What we need to do as a Chapter is encourage members to step up and work alongside the current Road Captains to see what it is all about, learning side by side, what it takes to become a Road Captain. Having well-trained Road Captains is very essential to having a safe and fun riding season. So call or e-mail our wonderful director or get in touch with one of our current Road Captains.

Also it is very important that new members and old (long time members) attend the Grip classes that are available to learn how to properly ride in a group. It is somewhat different than riding with friends or by yourself. The classes offer how to ride in a group, hand signals used, separation of bikes, etc.

When riding in a group, everybody needs to be on the same page and do his or her part in keeping it a safe and

on a ride we learn more and get better at taking the things we learn in class and putting them into practice.

So I hope to see you at the classes this spring and work alongside one of our Road Captains and maybe you will decide that you would like to become a Road Captain for Mat-Su HOG Chapter 1836. Thank You Richard N Beattie



Left: Richard Beattie; Right: Lon Lyford @ 2011 State H.O.G. Rally in Fairbanks

**O F F I C E R P O S I T I O N S**

(In case your interested in becoming a Chapter 1836 Officer)

D for Director:

- Works with the sponsoring dealer to uphold the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters” and H.O.G. operating policies
- Assumes overall responsibility for the administration of the H.O.G. chapter and implementation of Harley Owners Group policies
- Signs annual H.O.G. Chapter Charter Application and ensures it is received in H.O.G. office by January 31
- If chapter is incorporated, ensures chapter complies with all corporate state annual filing requirements
- Promotes H.O.G. and the H.O.G. chapter to potential members
- Conducts chapter meetings
- Coordinates chapter officer responsibilities
- Ensures that risk management requirements set forth by the Chapter Insurance program, including procurement of necessary release forms, are met for all chapter activities
- Verifies that chapter T-shirt and merchandise guidelines are followed
- Ensures that all trademark requirements are met
- Ensures that chapter merchandise orders are supplied to the sponsoring dealer
- Ensures Chapter Officer News is available to fellow officers
- Routes H.O.G. correspondence to fellow officers and to membership, as requested.

A for Assistant Director:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Assists the director as requested
- Promotes H.O.G. and the H.O.G. programs and benefits. The following officers should assist you in this function: LOH Officer/Safety Officer/Photographer
- Conducts new member orientation
- Acts as the liaison between the chapter and the State Rally Committee

T for Treasurer:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Collects chapter dues
- Manages all chapter funds
- Oversees the preparation of chapter federal, state and local tax returns
- Reports financial transactions to members monthly
- Ensures that any charitable contributions are managed according to H.O.G. guidelines
- Maintains a running comparison of current year chapter finances with prior year chapter finances for presentation at Annual Meeting

## OFFICER POSITIONS CONTINUED

## S for Secretary:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Oversees the administrative needs of the chapter
  - Keeps minutes of all chapter meetings, including “Annual Chapter Business Meeting”
  - Ensures that all insurance requirements are met
- Oversees membership officer position to:
  - Ensure that chapter members have current national H.O.G. memberships
  - Enroll new chapter members
  - Administers annual chapter member renewal process
  - Ensure that the most current officer and chapter address information is on file with H.O.G.
  - Maintain annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release on file for each member
- Submits the following forms/reports to H.O.G.:
  - H.O.G. Chapter Charter Application (once a year, by January 31)
  - Other reports and forms as requested
- Obtains, files and maintains records of all insurance forms, including release and injury report forms
- Administers the annual chapter business meeting
- If chapter is incorporated, submits corporate state annual report to proper state office (or chapter attorney)

## Activities Officer:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Oversees the administration of chapter events
- Recruits and instructs volunteers for chapter activities
- Ensures that all insurance concerns and requirements are met for chapter events
- Ensures injury reports are completed and faxed to Harley-Davidson Insurance when accidents occur
- Oversees the collection of appropriate release forms for chapter events
- Assists the director and secretary with the implementation of the Risk Management program, including procurement of insurance and release forms

## LOH: Ladies of Harley Officer:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Encourages women members to take an active part in the chapter
- Answers questions about the Ladies of Harley program
- Informs members of LOH benefits and activities
- Coordinates LOH chapter activities

## Road Captain

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Assists in planning routes for chapter rides
- Assists in keeping the chapter informed of all H.O.G. programs
- Educates chapter members about group riding techniques
- Informs chapter members of any hand signals used by the chapter on group rides
- Assists in obtaining signed release forms for chapter rides
- Ensures injury reports are completed and faxed to Harley-Davidson Insurance when accidents occur

## OFFICER POSITIONS CONTINUED

## E for Editor:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters"
- Authors, edits and facilitates the distribution of chapter publications, including the chapter newsletter
- Presents any chapter publications (written, electronic, oral, etc.) to the sponsoring dealer for approval prior to their use
- Organizes and assembles written material for the chapter
- Submits chapter events on-line at members.hog.com for listing on the Chapter Events List
- Submits chapter suggestions to the *Chapter Officer News*
- Informs chapter members of chapter activities by printing them in the chapter newsletter
- Work with Chapter Webmaster to ensure the same information is being communicated to all chapter members
- Promotes H.O.G.'s fun, family-oriented philosophy in all chapter publications
- Sends a copy of all publications to the H.O.G. office

## The Editor May:

- Select information from the *Chapter Officer News*, *HOG Magazine* and *Enthusiast* and reprint it in the chapter newsletter

## Safety Officer:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters"
- Provides Motorcycle Safety Foundation information to members
- Educates members about the Safe Rider Skills program
- Assists the Road Captain in planning routes for chapter rides
- Assists the Road Captain in educating members about group riding techniques
- Assists the Road Captain in informing chapter members of any hand signals used by the chapter
- Assists in the collection of signed release forms
- Assists in completion of injury reports when accidents occur

## P for Photographer:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters"
- Takes and organizes chapter photos for chapter publications, Hog Tales and a chapter history album
- Submits chapter photo to *HOG Magazine* when requested

## M for Membership Officer:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the "Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters"
- Ensures that chapter members have current national H.O.G. memberships
- Enrolls new members into chapter
- Administers annual chapter member renewal process
- Works with chapter secretary to ensure the annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release is on file for each member
- Maintain membership changes online in the Chapter Officer section of members.hog.com (requires internet accessibility)

## OFFICER POSITIONS CONTINUED

## W for Webmaster:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Authors, edits and updates the chapter web site
- Follows Internet guidelines in Tab H of the Chapter Handbook
- Presents any potential web site information to the sponsoring dealer for approval prior to use
- Includes official chapter name and number on all material published by the chapter
- Works with the chapter editor to ensure the same information is being communicated to all chapter members and does not rely on the Internet as sole means of chapter communication
- Organizes and assembles electronic information for the chapter
- Submits chapter suggestions to the *Chapter Officer News*
- Informs chapter members of chapter activities by including them in the chapter web site
- Promotes H.O.G.’s fun, family-oriented philosophy in all web site material
- Acts as caretaker for chapter by protecting chapter members privacy by not revealing personal chapter member or private chapter information on the chapter web site
- Submits chapter web site to H.O.G. for listing on [members.hog.com](http://members.hog.com) and the H-D dealer locator

## H for Historian:

- Assists the sponsoring dealer and chapter director in upholding the “Annual Charter for H.O.G. Chapters”
- Organizes written accounts of chapter activities, records names of chapter officers, notes membership levels, etc.
- Organizes photos of chapter activities, officers, members, etc.

More detailed information can be found on the website [members.hog.com](http://members.hog.com)!

Hope this helps clarify officer roles to allow a more streamlined club for 2012!

Rebecca Walser  
Editor 2010/2011

F R I G H T F U L P J P A R T Y A T W A L S E R S R E C A P



stranger hunts, hobbing for roasty apples in  
at of blood and good food was had by all!



Future Leaders of Chapter 1836? Oh my...



## Mat Su Ak H.O.G. Chapter 1836

### Members Scrapbook Page Making



When: Saturday November 19th

Where: Cissy Johnson's 17801 Maud Rd. Palmer

Time: 10 am till finished

Materials: Bring any personal item you would like to add to your page ( one page per person).

Years: 2005 thru 2011

I have all the scrapbook materials that you will need.

All day event so bring snacks.

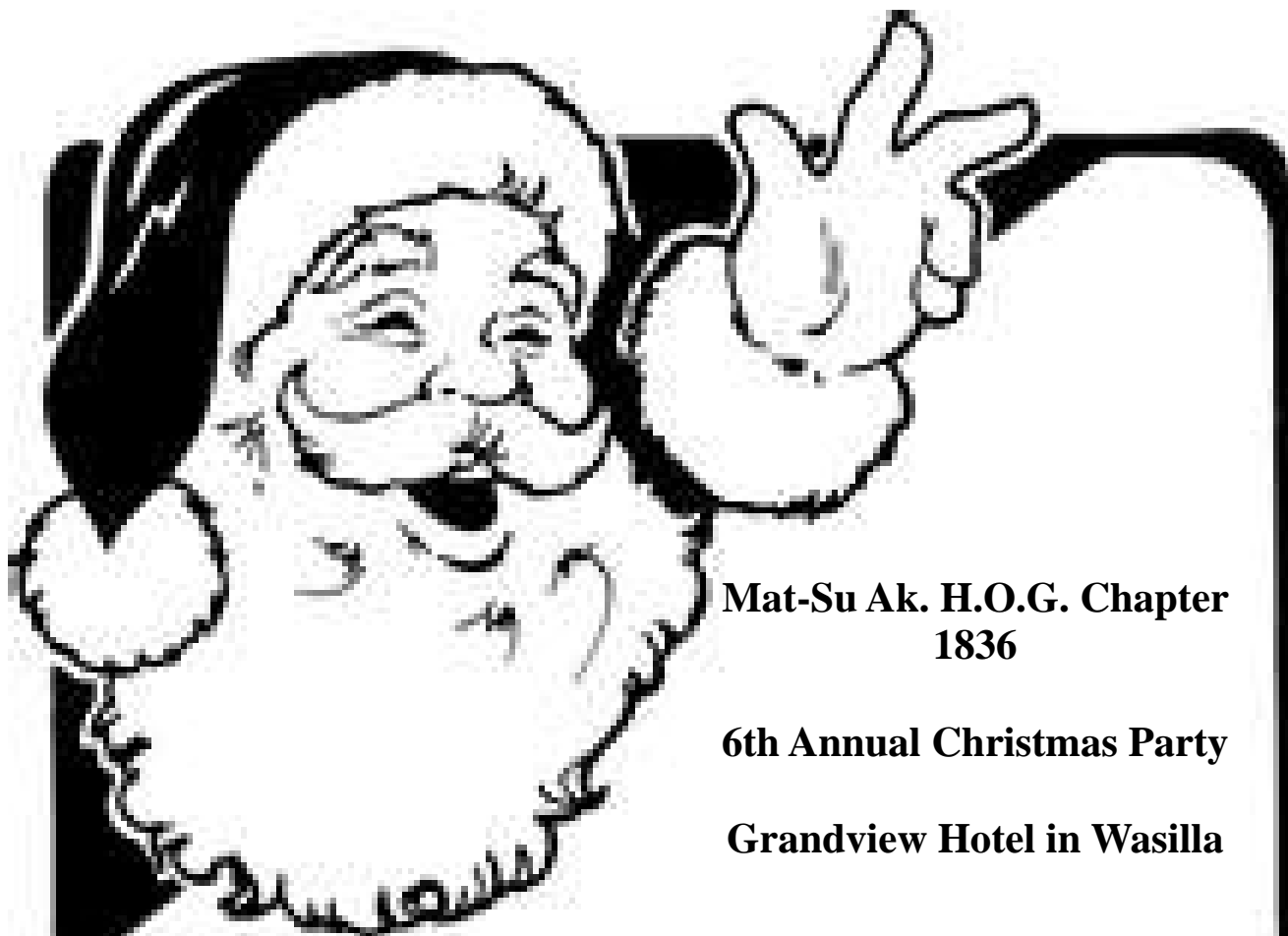
Also if you have memorabilia from the past years and would like to donate it to the main scrapbook that will be great.

If you would like to make a page but cant make this day call me and we will work something out.

All members welcome.

Need more information please call  
Cissy Johnson at 745-4555 or  
Dee Clark at 232-5790.





**Mat-Su Ak. H.O.G. Chapter  
1836**

**6th Annual Christmas Party**

**Grandview Hotel in Wasilla**

Meet & Greet w/ Cocktails at 6pm  
Dinner 7pm  
Live Band & Dancing 9 to 11 pm

**Menu :** Lasagna w/Basil Tomato Sauce  
Roasted Chicken w/Cream Sauce  
Roasted Pork Loin w/ Cajun Honey

Story Gift Exchange \$20 limit (one gift per person)

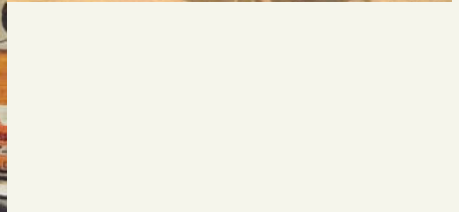
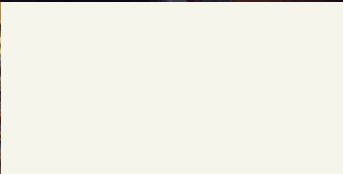
Live Auction

Awards Presentation

Bring donated items for door prizes or silent auction gifts and acquire  
Denali Patch points.

.Tickets available at Denali HD Shop or Dee Clark  
Call Dee Clark for Information 232-5790

### VETERAN'S DAY RECAP 11/11/2011 @ DHD WASILLA



Thank you Denali Harley Davidson and all who attended!  
Poster will be available to sign through the end of November 2011  
Come on down to DHD and support our troops!



# MORE THAN AN OIL CHANGE

Regular service will help keep your H-D® motorcycle operating at peak performance. With more than 20 specific check points from front tire to tailpipe, Mitch & Matt at Denali Harley-Davidson® knows best how to service your motorcycle using factory approved methods and equipment.




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**SERVICE**  
OPERATIONS



Depicted are areas that are serviced during the recommended 1000 mile service for a 2008 Touring model. Refer to owner's manual for more details.  
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# CALENDARS!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2011		1	2	3	4 Officer Meeting	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Scrapbooking @ Cissy's @ 10am
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28 Last Day to buy Christmas party Tickets	29	30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2011				1	2 Officer Meeting 630pm	3 Christmas Party
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31