



SUNSHINE COAST CHAPTER AUSTRALIA
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP INC

INFORMATION KIT

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This Information Kit is a guideline only
for Sunshine Coast Chapter Australia - Harley Owners Group Inc.

If in doubt on any point please contact the Membership Officer for assistance.

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I. WELCOME TO HOG

The Committee and Members together with Sunshine Coast Harley - Davidson, (Sponsoring Dealer), invites you to become part of one of motorcycling's most exciting organisations - the Sunshine Coast Chapter Australia - **Harley Owners Group Inc.**

From the very beginning, there's been something about Harley-Davidson motorcycles that brings people together. It's a bond that is hard to explain, but is as easy to recognise as two riders giving a wave as they pass on a stretch of road.

The Harley Owners Group was created to help people who share that bond get the most out of the experience of owning and riding a Harley - Davidson or Buell Motorcycle. HOG is an international organisation founded and sponsored by Harley-Davidson Inc. The Chapter was instituted to offer motorcycling benefits and services to Harley-Davidson enthusiasts and to develop a close relationship between the Rider, the Dealer and Harley-Davidson Inc.

HOG started in 1983 and has over 1,100,000 members worldwide and approximately 1,400 Chapters.

The Sunshine Coast Chapter of HOG was formed to bring members together for the common interest of the promotion of motorcycling activities and to generate an increased level of enthusiasm for riding Harleys and Buell's.

II. SUNSHINE COAST CHAPTER

The Sunshine Coast Chapter upholds the ideals as set by HOG International. We are a group united by our common link - a Harley - Davidson manufactured Motorcycle.

We welcome individuals and families. We're about Riding and enjoying it!

Details below are a general guide to the membership process, benefits and activities of Sunshine Coast HOG.

General and Associate Membership

General Membership is the category for riders.
Associate Membership is for non-riders/pillions

Try before you buy!

As a provisional Chapter Member with no membership fee payable, you are invited to complete (as a rider) two main monthly rides and a monthly general meeting prior to making an application for General membership.

This is so you may be satisfied that you want to be part of Sunshine Coast HOG. After all, Chapter membership comes at a price and we do not want you to spend your money unless you are completely satisfied.

Lodgement of application for membership needs to be completed within 6 months of your initial Main Ride, initial monthly meeting or receipt of Information Kit (whichever happens first).

Provisional membership may only be awarded once in a twelve month period.

Applicants for Associate membership are not required to attend as above, but most do anyway because of the enjoyment of these activities. Associate Membership attaches to a particular general membership and only one Associate Membership per General Membership is possible.

The Chapter crescent is given with both Associate and General Membership.

There is further information under:
"III. MEMBERSHIP DETAILS
2. Sunshine Coast Chapter of HOG"

General and Associate Members may invite other Harley or Buell owners on a ride or to a meeting and are held responsible for the behaviour and actions of their guest. (Harleys and Buells only on chapter rides). We require that you advise the names of any guests to the

Membership Officer, Head Road Captain and Safety Officer prior to the ride to enable our riding procedures to be explained and indemnity forms to be signed.

Such guests (including SSC HOG Associates as riders) are limited to three rides in any twelve month period without applying for general membership. Invited guests and visitors attending the main monthly meeting are required to advise the Membership Officer of their attendance in order that they may have membership processes explained. Such guests and visitors are restricted to three meetings in a twelve month period without applying for membership.

Finances

The Chapter is funded by the annual membership fee, Chapter raffles, paid advertisements in our Newsletter and a ride register fee. These help to defray the operating costs of the Chapter and to provide members with inexpensive social and family events. Surplus funds are used to subsidise members activities. Sunshine Coast Harley Davidson generously provides a back-up vehicle for our main monthly rides.

Meetings

There is a monthly social meeting at which various events and items of interest are advised to members and their views invited. This monthly (mostly social) meeting is currently held on the Monday commences 7pm, prior to the main monthly ride, which is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

There are dining facilities and you are most welcome to share a little fellowship with members before and after the meeting. Every member's ideas, proposals and suggestions for activities are helpful and welcome.

The Chapter's Working Committee resolves most routine (boring?) issues at their monthly meeting.

Newsletter

In addition to the Australian and New Zealand "HOG" magazine, we have our own monthly newsletter titled "SUN HOG NEWS" to keep you informed of local events, the national and state rallies etc, and other selected events.

HOG Products

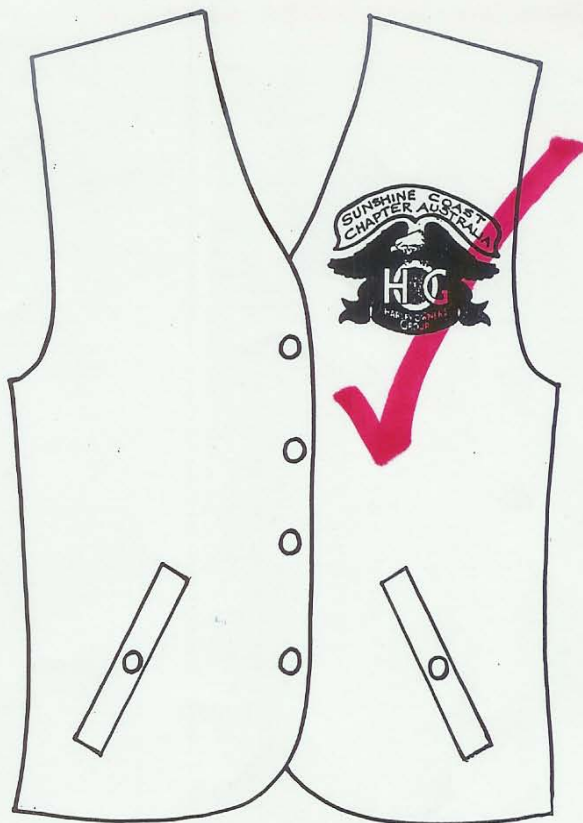
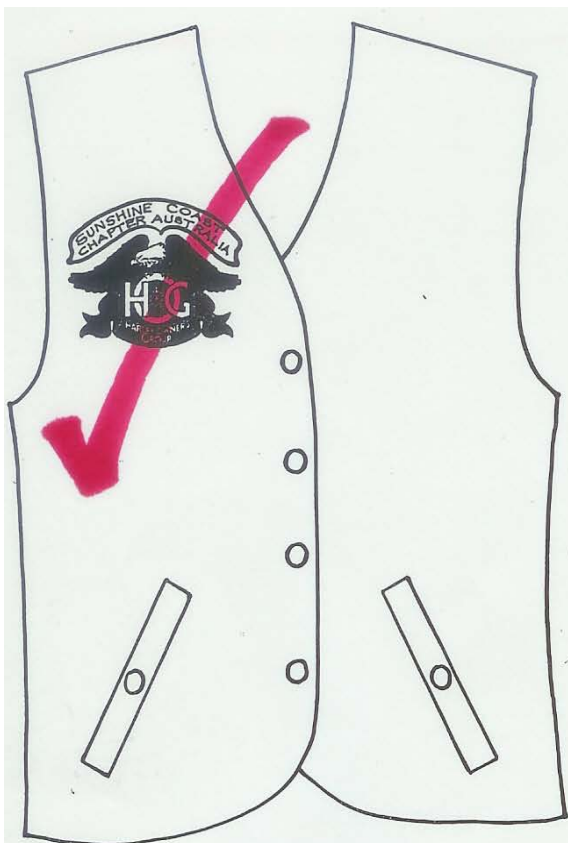
Check with the Chapter's Treasurer for items available through the Chapter.

NB: -

- The policy of HOG International is that products are intended for purchase by and use of HOG Members only. It is in our own interest to maintain the exclusive Harley-Davidson and HOG names - please don't allow access to our goods.

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Standard of dress for members on rides is left to the individual. In respect to those clubs whose members have to earn their Patches and not simply purchase them, the HOG or any other club Logo (Patch) is not to be worn on the rear of clothing. Neither these nor 1% Logos are to be worn by Sunshine Coast Chapter HOG Members or attendees at our rides or events.



Membership Benefits

1. Insurance - Ask John Faithfull at Sunshine Coast Harley - Davidson about it. An Insurance Policy with Western QBE is available for Motorcyclists. Rates of premium and policy conditions are important real benefits to HOG Members.
2. Camaraderie, Monthly rides, subsidised events, such as the Directors' overnigher and Xmas party, Weekend trips away, Dinner rides, Poker runs, Social nights, Movie nights, General & Associate raffles on meeting nights and monthly ride days, eligibility to lead a ride, attend meetings, policy and constitutional voting rights (general members only), opportunity to be on the Committee.

Activities

The main Sunshine Coast Chapter rides are held on the third Sunday of each month, departing from the Harley Davidson Dealership at 17 Trinder Avenue, Maroochydore. Individual members (called a "Ride Captain" on the day of the ride) set these rides. The Ride Captain volunteers to set a ride, under the guidance of the Head Road Captain. These Rides can take weeks to organise and give a lot of satisfaction to the Ride Captain and a great day's riding and socialising for members. There are guidelines for those wishing to set a ride. The Rides usually include a variety of roads travelled, sights seen and a great lunch stop. A \$2 ride register fee per motorcycle goes toward offsetting Chapter costs.

Other day rides may also include poker runs, picnics, etc. They are organised with the rider in mind and provide a great day of riding and fellowship. We also organise weekend trips for HOG Members, as well as group attendance at various other rallies and occasional charity functions.

The Chapter organises various events throughout the year including Christmas parties, skills and safety training days and other events as requested by the members. Occasionally, we meet with other Queensland and Interstate Chapters for combined outings.

If you have any ideas for a ride or great weekend, please contact the Activities Officer. To enable maximum consideration to be given to your idea, it is essential to put it to the committee prior to their meeting, which is usually held the Wednesday before the Social Meeting.

III. MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Joining Procedure

1. HOG International

Complete the International HOG Form and submit with fee to:-

Sunshine Coast Harley - Davidson
PO Box 306
Cotton Tree Qld 4558

Join online at www.hog.com or drop into Sunshine Coast Harley - Davidson in Trinder Avenue Maroochydore and arrange payment.

(If you have purchased a new Harley - Davidson - your first year of Membership for HOG International is free of charge and processed automatically).

For this you will receive a HOG International Membership Card, embroidered HOG Emblem, Bronze HOG Pin, subscription to regular issues of the excellent colour magazine "HOG", access to the many HOG programs and events (e.g. The ABCs of Touring mileage awards, International Harley Hiring, etc etc) and the ability to purchase HOG International items from the Chapter Treasurer or the Dealer.

2. Sunshine Coast Chapter of HOG

IMPORTANT

(See also the details under
"II. SUNSHINE COAST CHAPTER
(General and Associate Membership)")

Once you are a fully paid member of HOG International, and have followed the provisions
of

"II. SUNSHINE COAST CHAPTER
(General and Associate Membership)")

you are welcome to apply to join the local Sunshine Coast Chapter as a General or Associate Member. General Members must own a Harley - Davidson or Buell Motorcycle.

After completion of all Chapter prerequisites the Application Form should be mailed to the Membership Officer Sunshine Coast HOG PO Box 6002 Maroochydore BC 4556. The Application Form can also be handed to the Membership Officer or Secretary at the Monthly General Meeting or at the Main Monthly Ride along with proof of Harley or Buell ownership, photographic ID, completed orange provisional members card and payment of

the application fee & annual membership fee (\$40 + \$35 = \$75). On payment of this fee to Sunshine Coast HOG, your completed application is forwarded to the Chapter Committee for processing. Membership entitles you to wear the Chapter crescent and badge, plus gives you other benefits, some of which are listed later in this brochure.

- NOTE: - General Membership renewal (currently \$35) is due annually at the end of April. There is a charge of \$10 for Associate Membership Renewal
- No reminder notices are sent out (although there are reminders in the SUN HOG NEWS).
 - Membership automatically lapses if a member is unfinancial for two months.
 - You cannot vote at the AGM if your renewal has not been paid.
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3. HOG International Associate Membership

You may also include a relative or friend when joining HOG International - as Associate Members. The annual cost is ½ the Full Membership fee, for which you receive International Membership Card, Patch and Pin, the right to wear HOG International products and apply to join the local Chapter as an Associate Member. Associate Members may participate in Chapter event and Sunshine Coast H-D discount offers.

4. Chapter Associate Member (CAM) Sunshine Coast HOG

See also the details under
**“II. SUNSHINE COAST CHAPTER
 General and Associate Membership”**

A spouse, partner or child etc. of a general member may nominate as a CAM. There is a Chapter Membership Application fee of \$10 if their application is simultaneous with a Chapter General Membership Application. If the Chapter Associate Membership application is made separately an application fee of \$10 must be paid in addition to the Membership fee of \$10. CAMs are given a Chapter Crescent. The CAM Applicant must be a current HOG International Associate or Full Member.

CAMS are entitled to purchase Sunshine Coast HOG products. CAMS are encouraged to participate in all activities including rides and events, but are not entitled to vote on policy or constitutional matters. An associate member may become a member of the Working Committee e.g. Photographer/Historian, Ladies of Harley Officer, Webmaster, Activities Officer, or Editor.

5. Ladies of Harley (LOH)

On joining HOG International, as either a Full or Associate Member, ladies may also elect to join Ladies of Harley. There is no extra charge for this and LOH members receive the Ladies of Harley Patch and Pin.

In addition, our Chapter has a “Ladies of Harley” Officer whose duties include welcoming people to the Chapter and arranging social events and outings for members with emphasis on the ladies.

2009/2010 OFFICERS
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HARLEY OWNERS GROUP INC.®

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V. RIDING GUIDELINES

1. On Ride DAY A - General

- Be on time (7:45 - 8:00 am)
- Have your bike fuelled up and ready to ride.
- From 8:00 to 8:15 am Safety Briefing and outline of the day.

On the ride:

- The ride is lead by the Ride Captain (different person every ride)
- **Never** pass the Ride Captain
- Ride in staggered formation, not side by side. You must be able to see the rider's face, who is diagonally in front of you, in his/her rear view mirror. This helps to create a safe stopping distance between you and the riders directly in front of you and ensures that you are visible to them.
- If you find there is no one diagonally in front of you, when safe to do so, **wave the rider behind forward to fill the gap**. DO NOT move diagonally to fill the gap as this can create a "zig-zag" effect through the pack.
- On a winding or narrow road ride single file only to ensure safe distance for braking and cornering.
- If you need assistance stay with your bike in clear view. Signal Tail End Charlie/Back up vehicle to stop.
- If you're corner marking, stay in your place until the Tail End Charlie waves you on.
- If you like to ride at a slower pace and riders build up behind you and those in front of you are well ahead, when opportunity allows, indicate, move to the left and wave riders past.
 - **Remember that you are riding with friends -**

Do not ride in a way that may spoil the day for them or yourself:

If you like to ride "on the edge" there are plenty of other days to do this

HAVE A GREAT DAY AND RIDE SAFELY!

1. On Ride DAY

B – Corner Marking

The reason for corner markers is to ensure the group stays on the ride route, and has plenty of warning of any deviation or clarification to the road being ridden.

Leaving the corner before being signalled to do so will cause riders to be lost.

Don't be the one to spoil the day for others.

- The next corner marker will be the rider following the Ride Captain.
- This rider will leave twice the normal ride spacing between him/her and the Ride Captain to allow for safe stopping at the indicated position.
- The rider second back from Ride Captain will also leave twice the normal spacing.
- The rider behind Ride Captain to be alert for Ride Captain's signal, and to stop where indicated.
- Once a corner marker has been placed, the next rider behind the Ride Captain should, in need, move to the left to take station ready for the next corner
- The corner marking position selected must be easily accessible, safe from other traffic, and easily seen well before deviation is required.
- Once the corner marker is safely positioned he will indicate the direction of the ride by pointing, and using the appropriate turn signal.

- The corner marker will not usually remove helmet or other riding gear. He/she must be ready to move on immediately signalled to do so by the TEC in the orange vest. The TECs will not stop. Do not move on until told to by the TEC in the orange vest. (except as below).
- In the case of a major delay, the 2nd TEC will stop and inform of delay and advise corner markers to move on.
- Corner Markers will then join at the rear of the main group.

Riders who are new to the Chapter should start each section of the ride towards the back of the pack to avoid being corner markers.

This next section is to provide an insight into the effort the Ride Captain puts in to provide enjoyable riding on our main day out each month.

2. Preparing a Ride- as simple as A.B.C.

A – Ride Captain Guideline

EARNING YOUR RIDE CAPTAIN PATCH

Intending Ride Captains will need to contact the Head Road Captain well before planning a ride to discuss date, and possible route so that duplication of rides is avoided. Briefly, you will need to plan the ride route, organising fuel stop, lunch & morning tea stops and caterers, (speak to the committee if a problem) Tail End Charlies and raffle ticket selling on the day.

PRE PLANNING

1. Before planning ride, contact the Head Road Captain.
Choose two Tail End Charlies, who must know the ride just as well as you do.
2. Plan and Ride the ride with the Tail End Charlies keeping speed just below legal speed limit. Be aware of where you should be at certain times.
3. Corner Marker Placement - Research positioning to ensure it is safe, easily seen, and can be indicated to rider well in advance of their stopping.
4. Have Morning Tea stop about 1.5 hours out. (May incorporate Fuel Stop). Do not organise prepayment for morning teas, nor guarantee numbers at the venue.
5. Allow 30 minutes to 40 minutes for morning tea. Make sure morning tea venue knows approximate numbers & arrival time.
6. Consider bike parking area.
7. Lunch stop approximately 2 hours after leaving the Morning Tea stop, arriving between 12.30 and 1pm.
8. Arrange to confirm approximate numbers with the lunch venue on the day, contacting them at start of ride or while having morning tea. Lunch cost to be around \$10 - \$15. Consider safe, secure parking area.
9. Make allowance for Fuel Stops at a maximum of 200k's.

10. Have an alternative emergency route planned in case of bad weather or changed road conditions.
11. Discuss a “reserve” stopping point with the Head Road Captain.
12. Present Draft ride plan to Head Road Captain approximately **3 months before ride**. Format available from Head Road Captain.
13. Arrange for Head Road Captain and/or Safety Officer to do the ride with you
14. Present final ride plan with map to Head Road Captain two months before ride.
15. Give “Mud Map” and Short Details form for the Editor at least 6 weeks before ride is due, so that it appears in the magazine ***THE MONTH BEFORE*** the ride.
16. Give completed *Check List* to Head Road Captain 5 weeks before the ride.
17. Be prepared to run a Raffle at Lunch Stop – Treasurer will supply tickets & bag.
18. Arrange in advance for a bottle of spirits to be donated by the venue on the day. (***After*** you have negotiated Lunch cost!)

ON RIDE DAY

- Brief Address to group on any special considerations to be aware of during ride. Introduce Tail End Charlies.
- Wait for Head Road Captain’s signal before moving off.
- Make sure sufficient riders are directly behind you for corner markers. If not slow down. Take care not to overtake unless a few other riders can follow you safely
- When leaving stops take about 5 kms to build up to speed limit
- Be early in the lunch queue – you are the raffle ticket seller.

REPORT

Ask someone to do an article on the Ride for the Sun Hog News and have it to the Editor in the week following the ride.

B – Tail End Charlie Guidelines

- Two Tail End Charlies (TEC's) are required , “Main” & “Assistant”
- Both TEC's must have pillion seat availability to carry rider or pillion after breakdown.
- TEC's must be able to carry a pillion legally in case of breakdown.
- Main TEC wears orange vest and rides behind Assistant.
- Assistant TEC wears yellow vest.
- Both TEC's accompany the Ride Captain when planning the ride and obtain a map of it.
- Know the route in the event of corner markers leaving their position.
- At each stop wait until all bikes have left.
- Main TEC always keeps the back up vehicle in sight.
- Assistant TEC keeps the Main TEC in sight and rides at least 100 metres behind the last bike in the pack.

- Be alert for breakdowns along the way. Assist back up vehicle in loading bikes. (Push bike onto Ute or Trailer and tie down).
- In event of major delay Main TEC may direct Assistant TEC to go ahead and inform Corner Markers to leave (or wait) by stopping and advising them of circumstances.
- Assistant TEC does not signal or advise corner markers to leave under any other circumstance.
- TEC's are not to stop to allow corner markers in. Corner Markers behind TEC's will be waved past when safe to do so.
- TECs may move to front of lunch queue, in order to eat early to assist Ride Captain with raffle sales.
- TECs must be physically able to assist with loading bikes.

C – Enjoy Yourself!

This is sometimes the hardest thing to remember. Make sure you do!

VI. INCIDENT GUIDELINES

1. **1ST ON SCENE TO TAKE CHARGE UNTIL A COMMITTEE MEMBER ARRIVES. MAKE SURE IMMEDIATE AREA IS SAFE, LOOK FOR HAZARDS THAT MAY INJURE YOU.**
2. **REMEMBER DRABC.**
Danger – look for hazards; make sure its safe to attend to the casualty
Response – check for consciousness, lightly shake or shout at them, grab their hands ask them to squeeze yours, check for bleeding etc.
Airway – clear and open the airway
Breathing – look, listen and feel if casualty is breathing, if not start mouth to mouth resuscitation
Compressions – check for pulse, if no pulse, start CPR 30 compressions to 2 breaths every 15 seconds
3. **FIRST AID TRAINED PERSONNEL ONLY TO ATTEND TO VICTIM**
 - REASSURE VICTIM
 - DIAGNOSE INJURIES
 - ASK QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE CONCIIOUSNESS
 - TREAT EVERY INCIDENT AS A BACK INJURY – DO NOT MOVE UNLESS LIFE THREATENING.
 - TREAT EVERY INCIDENT AS A HEAD INJURY – DO NOT REMOVE HELMET UNLESS LIFE THREATENING.
4. **PERSON IN-CHARGE TO ORGANISE A SAFETY CIRCLE**
 - GET SOMEONE TO DIRECT TRAFFIC
 - GET SOMEONE TO POINT OUT HAZARDOUS AREAS
 - GET SOMEONE TO CALL EMERGENCY SERVICES, IF MOBILES DON'T WORK GET SOMEONE, PREFERRABLY A FEMALE OR MALE WITH A FEMALE PILLION TO RIDE TO THE NEAREST HOUSE TO CALL EMERGENCY SERVICES.
 - GET SOMEONE TO TAKE DOWN THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT TO PASS ON TO POLICE ETC.
5. **ALL REMAINING RIDERS TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO A SAFE STOPPING AREA OR TO RIDE DESTINATION, AS INSTRUCTED BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER.**

THIS IS A GUIDELINE ONLY, AT ALL TIMES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY SEEK QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ADVICE FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES. DIAL 000

SUNSHINE COAST CHAPTER AUSTRALIA HARLEY OWNERS GROUP INC. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**** Please note:** When the Orange Provisional Card has been completed, it must be returned along with this form & payment, at least 5 days prior to the monthly meeting, to the "Membership Officer" or "The Secretary". Sunshine Coast HOG, P.O. Box 6002, Maroochydore BC. 4558.**

I, Vest Name Tag.....
(Full name of applicant)

Of, P/C.....
(Address)

Email.....@..... Birthday...../...../.....
(year optional)

Phone
(H).....(W).....(M).....

DECLARATION

Staff Use Only
Checked by

I declare that:

- I am the owner of a Harley-Davidson manufactured motorcycle. Proof Provided**
(Attach copy of current registration papers)
- H.D. VIN NO**.....
- HOG International Membership No. AU**.....**Expiry Date**.....
OR if International Membership Card has not been issued: Receipt No.:.....
(Attach copy of current membership card or receipt)
- Photographic I.D. (Please attach copy to application)**.....
- Completed "Orange Provisional Member" card. (Please attach to this application)**
- Payment \$75.00** Form of payment Cash / Credit Card/ Cheque.....
- Chapter "T" Shirt \$30 size S, M, L, XL, XXL – Mens/Ladies – Yes/NO (circle choice)**
- Do you wish to be included in the Chapter Member Directory? Yes/No. If yes you will need to fill out a release form, available from the Membership Officer.**

I hereby agree to abide by the rules of the Chapter. I recognise that while this Chapter is chartered to HOG, it remains a separate, independent entity solely responsible for its actions.

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

I agree that the Sponsoring Dealer, Harley Owners Group (HOG), Harley-Davidson Motor Company, my Chapter and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents (herein after, 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 HOG or HOG 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 wilful neglect). I understand and agree that all HOG members and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in all HOG 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 HOG 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).

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

Applicant's Signature.....**Date**.....

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE APPLICATION CAN BE ACCEPTED.
(Sunshine Coast HOG Committee members or staff of Sunshine Coast Harley-Davidson can not sign nominations.)

1.....Sunshine Coast HOG Membership No.:.....
(Please Print Name)

Signature of Proposer #1:..... Date.....

2.....Sunshine Coast HOG Membership No.:.....
(Please Print Name)

Signature of Proposer #2:..... Date.....