Duneland HOG November Newsletter *(aka temporary look newsletter)*
November 4, 2026 – 6 p.m. – HD of Valparaiso
Members Present: 19
Guests: 2
HOG Pull: Tim Hansford **Door Prize:** Les Liess

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Maria Polarek
Francisco Garcia
Tim Hansford

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence Les opened the gathering.

Treasurer: Joe Cisarik informed the group of our current financial status.

Secretary: Eileen updated the group on the idea presented at the October meeting regarding offering a bike for a raffle prize for a spring veteran's benefit. While there is no longer a bike available (that we know of) to offer as a raffle prize, she will continue to research the possibility of doing a benefit for Veterans in 2027. She then brought up the December Christmas gathering for 2026. The group was asked for their thoughts on gifts suggesting perhaps a white elephant gift exchange with a $25 limit. After brief discussion, a vote was taken and it was unanimously voted to have a white elephant gift exchange. Participation is voluntary with the understanding that if you bring a gift, you get a gift in return, but if you choose not to participate, you will not get a gift in return. All were encouraged to participate.

We will have a potluck for our Christmas gathering with the dealer providing chicken and ham (subject to change). Members are asked to bring a dish to share which can be either a salad, side dish, or a dessert. To help everyone decide what to bring and to minimize duplicates and triplicates, a sign-up sheet was sent around. Thus far we know that we have pasta salad, homemade toffee, green salad, German chocolate cake, blueberry cobbler, sweet potatoes, and yet to be named additional desserts. Please let Eileen know via call, text (219-512-5286) or email (wayteeileen@gmail.com) what you can bring. The date is December 2nd and we gather at 6 p.m. at the dealer (service area).

Manager: Ginger informed the group of upcoming events. VIP Day is November 21st, Black Friday event is scheduled for 11/27 and wrapping dates in December are 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19. The dealer will NOT be open on Sundays. Wrapping is done by Duneland members for a freewill donation to benefit Hilltop House. Eileen will send around a sign-up sheet soon to help with wrapping.

Head Road Captain: Joel let the group know that he is planning to go to the Blue Balls Run at Michigan City on November 7, 2026. We gather at breakfast as usual at Viking Chili Bowl, then meet at the dealer. Weather is being reported as going to be fairly cold that morning so be prepared to go either on the bike or by car.

Nominations: At the October gathering nominations were received for the four primary officers that included Les Liess, director; Jim Franz, assistant director, Joe Cisarik, treasurer; Eileen Wayte, secretary. Eileen called for additional nominations from the floor for all four primary officer positions. With no further nominations received, the group of folks noted above were elected by unanimous ballot.

Dwayne Polarek has offered to serve as the Safety Officer. Bushie will mentor him. Carl Hood has offered to work on our website. He has asked for emails for the current officers. Eileen will work with him on this. Ray Wilcox will serve as Activities Director.

Activities Director: Ray informed the group that he has a lead for T-shirts from Homemade Creations. T-shirts are $25 and come in many colors and several styles. He distributed a sign-up sheet. Payment must come with the order. The sign-up sheet will be at breakfast on November 7th. There will also be an opportunity for members to sign-up for a shirt at the Christmas gathering. If you would like a T-shirt, but are not available to be at the upcoming events, contact Ray at railroadra8@gmail.com.

Other: Joe Cisarik brought up an issue with both the Progressive Dinner Ride and our Christmas Gathering noting with the high cost of food these days, perhaps we should consider charging the members a per person fee for these events to help defray the costs of food and drink to the hosts (and the club). After come discussion a vote was taken and it was decided not to charge Duneland members for the Christmas gathering, but going forward we would charge $10 per person to be put towards the food at all the stops at the Progressive Dinner Ride.

With no further business to discuss, Ray Wilcox moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Bob Lowry.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen M. Wayte
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Secretary