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During the year of 2006, the *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter #1928* began an Award Program in order to recognize those inspired individuals that gave of themselves to volunteer to the Chapter's efforts. The volunteering could have been in any number of ways: From the giving up of their time, ideas, or physical efforts, The *Washington HOG Chapter* would like everyone to know and acknowledge these individuals. Without the efforts of these individuals, this Chapter could not exist.

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In designing this program, the Primary Officers had two purposes in mind:

- 1.) To have a program that allows for member recognition of volunteering in the *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter*.
- 2.) To encourage those members that may not regularly participate in Chapter Activities; giving them an added incentive to become more involved in all aspects of the Chapter.

As you read through the Awards Program, there is no point system placed on receiving recognition. The only criterion is by serving in a capacity of volunteerism. The awards are based upon Volunteering in a capacity, and assisting in the Activities of the Chapter, throughout the previous year, beginning in 2006. **Participation in other than Chapter events does not count towards an Award.** While many members partake in volunteering in numerous other Events and Charities, this program is designed strictly for *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter Events* **only**.

The responsibility shall lie with the Chapter Director and Secretary with regard to tracking the members who volunteered during the years Activities.

The Chapter's Primary Officers will review and verify the totals provided by the Secretary, and the Assistant Director will make known the appropriate Awards.

Award Title

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The *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter #1928* Award Program shall be known as the **H.O.G. Stars Award Program**. Those members that demonstrate volunteerism and dedication to the Chapter will earn these Awards. These members will be distinguished through their participation, and volunteerism to the Chapter.

Definition of a H.O.G. Star

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Volunteer: What is it? For the *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter*, a volunteer is a member that donates time. Time comes in various forms: This can be in the planning stages at a meeting to decide what needs to be done. Time can also mean working the event, either in the initial stages of setting up, to the finished product, or the clean-up. Time can also mean a member donates consumables to the event, and delivers these items. *Time equals involvement!* While this Chapter welcomes all of the membership to partake in the event or activity, time is what is counted in order to receive the Star. The following descriptions will be applied to receive the Star.

A Member is involved at the Planning Stages of the Event.

A Member is involved in the physical set-up or break-down of the event.

A Member is involved in contributing of themselves in the execution of the event.

A Member is involved in purchasing, delivering, or transportation of consumables that will be used at the event.

A Member is involved in the purchasing, delivering, or transportation of non-consumables that will be used at the event.

All the above mentioned criteria will be based upon the sign-in sheet provided by the Event Organizer, or the Activities Director at the scene of the event, and verified by

either of these two individuals. *(So members that want to volunteer their time, make sure you sign in to be able to receive your Star.)*

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Star accumulations will be based on a total four Activities during the year beginning in January and ending in December of that year. *(Being an Officer in the Chapter, either a Primary or Discretionary counts as a volunteering Activity)* The December Holiday Party volunteers would be carried over into the *New Year* since Awards for the current year would have been calculated.

STAR ACCUMULATION SYSTEM:

Primary Officer

1 Gold Star

Discretionary Officer

1 Gold Star

(NOTE: An individual serving in two Officer Positions is only eligible to receive 1 Gold Star for that Officer position.)

HOG Roast Volunteer

1 Gold Star

Ride for the Ribbon Volunteer

1 Gold Star

(NOTE: An individual volunteering for either Ride for the Ribbon event is only eligible for 1 Gold Star, based upon two (2) Ride for the Ribbon events during that year)

Holiday Party Volunteer

1 Gold Star

(NOTE: An individual volunteering for the Holiday Party will be carried over to the following year since the awards will have been made for present year.)

Other HOG Chapter Event Volunteer

1 Gold Star

An example could have a member receive 4 Gold Stars for the year. (1 for an Officers Position, 1 for the HOG Roast, 1 for the Ride for the Ribbon, and 1 for the Holiday Party from the previous year) Or a member not an Officer could receive up to four (4) Gold Stars for volunteering for four Activities.

The tracking of volunteers per event and for the year will be kept according to a volunteer sign-in sheet as chosen by that Event Organizer or the Activities Director. This list will be forwarded to the Chapter Director and Secretary for collation. *(These lists will be the Official documentation concerning the HOG Stars Award Program. So members volunteering remember to use the sign-in sheet.)*

Titled Awards will be given to those members during the Holiday Party of the year that the Award was earned. (*See Awards and Titles*) (*Awards for volunteers of the current years Holiday Party will be awarded the following year.*)

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For every event that a member volunteers as outlined in the *Definitions of a HOG Star* and under the *Star Accumulation System*, that member will receive their **GOLD STAR** at the next *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter #1928* General Meeting. The purpose is to recognize these individuals as soon as possible, and to share with these volunteers the camaraderie of giving of oneself to others. Remember, it does not matter if the volunteering concerns a Chapter Sponsored Charity or a Chapter Event; it's the giving of one self to the *cause*!

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JOURNEYMAN AWARD

As a member accumulates Awards for their participation of volunteering for Chapter Activities, upon reaching nine (9) Gold Stars, that member will receive Special Recognition for their efforts. This may come in the form of a specially designed patch and/or pin. The design decided upon will be done by the seated Primary Officers at that time, and should include the Journeyman Award Title.

MASTER AWARD

As a member accumulates another nine (9) Awards, totaling 18 Gold Stars, for their participation of volunteering for Chapter Activities, that member will receive another Special Recognition Award for their efforts. This may come in the form of a specially designed patch and /or pin. The design decided upon will be done by the seated Primary Officers at that time, and should include the Master Award Title. The member reaching the MASTER AWARD Level will also receive one (1) year of deferred dues to the Local Chapter.

AMBASSADOR AWARD

As member accumulates another nine (9) Awards for their participation of volunteering for Chapter Activities, that member will receive another Special Recognition Award for their efforts. This Award would be given to those members who have accumulated a total of 27 Gold Stars over the years of volunteering. This may come in the form of a

specially designed patch and/or pin. The design decided upon will be done by the seated Primary Officers at that time, and should include the Ambassador Award Title. The member reaching the AMBASSADOR AWARD Level will also receive one (1) year of deferred dues to the Local Chapter and a Gift Certificate to the Sponsoring Dealership. The amount of the Gift Certificate will be determined by the seated Primary Officers at that time. This award exemplifies who a HOG Chapter member really is, and what dedication this individual has to the Chapter's sponsored Activities. Truly an Ambassador of the *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter*.

These titled Awards will be given to those members that earned these Awards during the current year at the Holiday Party of that year.

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This program was established with the intent to encourage people to volunteer in the *Washington, PA. HOG Chapter*. But more importantly, to recognize those individuals who gave of themselves and the *cause*. These recognized individuals do an outstanding job of volunteering, whether behind the scenes, or out in front of everyone. We all share in the satisfaction of a "job well done," or the "glory of donating money to a favorite Charity." But also wanting to share in the joy that volunteering can bring to an individual, and wanting to share this moment. For this, the Chapter gives all of you a Special Thank You in recognizing what a unique individual you truly are: Congratulations!