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**Monthly Newsletter**

# Whats Happening

## Annual Sign-up

January 21, 2024

11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Lake Shore Harley Davidson

Sign up only; NO Meeting

## Upcoming Rides and Activities

LOH 2024 Kick-off meeting and pizza party

1/26/24 7:00 p.m.

Hitz Pizza & Sports Bar, Mundelein

Teddy Bear Bingo

after the February meeting

[Click here for more information on upcoming rides and activities](#)



Douglas Wrobel

Director

Well, hello again. I would like to thank everyone for having faith in me to be the Director of the Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter for this upcoming year 2024. I would like to hear from the membership on any concerns they have of the Chapter.

Your Primary Board members are already working on the location of the Chapter get away. I can say that the dates for the Chapter Trip will be the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. Hopefully, this doesn't impede on members' 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations and plans for the following week.

Don't forget to save the date, January 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the Annual Sign-up. Sign-up will be at Lakeshore Harley Dealership from 11 to 2.

Also, just to reiterate, at our February meeting the cost of breakfast will be going up to \$10.00. That is not bad for the food that we get.

Your Primary and Discretionary Members are as follows:

#### PRIMARY OFFICERS

DIRECTOR:	DOUG WROBEL
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TREASURER:	RICK CRUZ
SECRETARY:	COLLEEN HANCOCK

## Director (continued)

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## Scott Sears Assistant Director

Greetings Lake Shore H.O.G. members.

First off, I'd like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Also, I would like to thank the 2023 board for all of their hard work and dedication to our chapter last year.

I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve the chapter as assistant director in 2024, and it's a responsibility I will not take lightly. I'm looking forward to the coming year, and the new board is already working on plans for an exciting 2024. We have some big shoes to fill, and I know the entire board is up to the challenge. Part of my duties will include keeping the chapter informed of national H.O.G. events throughout the year.

In closing, I want everyone to know that I'm available by email [scottms68@yahoo.com](mailto:scottms68@yahoo.com) or by phone 224.707.2383 if anyone has concerns or questions about anything H.O.G. related. Once again, I'm looking forward to serving our chapter, and I hope to see you at sign-up.

Scott Sears

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Rick Cruz

Treasurer

Happy New Year to all. Looking forward to seeing you at the sign-up in January.

Until then, stay warm, stay safe and keep thinking warm weather thoughts!

Rick Cruz

Treasurer



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## Nita Cruz Activities

Happy New Year to All! We are looking forward to another fun filled year in 2024. Stay tuned for the first event which will be sometime between February and March.

I will be at sign-up and really would like to hear your ideas for any activities and/or events you would like to see.

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## Roz Wrobel

### Membership

Happy New Year from Membership Corner!

As we start the new year of 2024, I want to wish all of you a very happy new year and many miles to ride. This chapter always amazes me on the miles of rubber that it puts down. Hope everyone gets to get out and ride a lot this year.

I also want to remind everyone about our annual Chapter sign-up which will be on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the dealership from 11am to 2:00pm. Hope to see everyone there.

The Primary officers and board are already working on events for the upcoming year. Hope to see everyone at an event, a ride or a meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Please remember to keep your national H.O.G. membership current. If it should expire, your membership with the chapter becomes inactive until your national H.O.G. is current. This can be easily done by logging on to [www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com). I will also send an email or text (if no email) if it has expired. I check several times a month, please make sure that I have your current email address.

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John R. Sweeney Jr  
Head Road Captain/ Webmaster

Howdy,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful and **Merry Christmas** and are looking forward to a **H;)ppy New Year**.

It's a wrap on another great riding year for Lake Shore H.O.G. Though the weather didn't cooperate as much as in years past, we still had 71 rides, with 623 bikes, 719 people, route mileage of 5,823 for a total of 95,800 miles for the year. That is just on our chapter rides, but doesn't count for all of the other miles you racked up on your own, so all in all, a very good year. Congrats. We'll try for even better in 2024.

With the past year in mind, I want to thank each and every Road Captain for doing a great job and giving the chapter such a full calendar. Plenty of variety with some old favorites and some new routes and locations. You all did a wonderful job and on behalf of everyone, I just want to say it is really appreciated. Great job...

And speaking about the RCs have you ever considered becoming a Road Captain? It's a great way to give back to the chapter and to improve your skills in leading others and planning cool rides. If you are interested, you can either contact me for more information or come to our Annual Chapter Membership Sign-up on January 21st at the dealership. Come see me at the sign-up table and I can answer any additional questions you might have, or sign you up if you're ready to give it a shot. It is a perfect way to get more involved with the chapter.

## Head Road Captain (continued)

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It is a perfect way to get more involved with the chapter. When you joined you got to go on all of the well-organized and led rides and as an RC, you can, in turn, do the same for the current and new members. It's fun and fulfilling and what the heck, it's an excuse to ride some more... ;—)

The requirements are to be a member and have ridden on chapter rides for at least one year. The rest will be shown to you through our mentoring program. Think it over and if you are interested, just see me at sign-up, give me a call, or email me and I'll be glad to answer your questions.

Till next year, be safe, have fun and soon we will RIDE AGAIN!... ;

Till next month...

**John R. Sweeney Jr.**

**aka (Motor Mouth)**

"Remember, shiny side up and rubber side down..."

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## Sammie Sweeney

### Ladies of Harley (L.O.H.)

Happy New Year

Ladies Of Harley,

I hope you all join in on some fun LOH activities this year.

Please come to our first get-together for a meeting/pizza party at Hitz Pizza in Mundelein, on Friday, January 26th at 7:00pm. (check out the flier on the next page)

I look forward to seeing you all there and let's plan out our year.

Please text me your R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, January 23rd at (847) 732-0825.

Till next time,

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**LOH (Ladies of Harley) Officer**

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## LOH (continued)



**Friday**  
**Jan. 26th @ 7pm**  
**Hitz Pizza &**  
**Sports Bar**  
**700 Butterfield Rd**  
**Mundelien**

Let's kick off 2024 the right way.  
Come on out for some laughs and some pizza.  
This will be our first LOH meeting.  
It's a great chance to get together, hang out  
and start the new year.

Hope you can make it, it is always  
a LOT OF FUN... ;--)

PLEASE RSVP via text to  
Sammie Sweeney (847) 732-0825  
by Tuesday, Jan. 23rd



## Joe Murglin Safety Officer

If you didn't attend our chapter Christmas party, you missed a very festive get-together. Thanks again to Nita for all the hard work that obviously went into the evening.

I probably don't need to say this, but please don't drink and drive! Not only is it dangerous to do so, but it's also very expensive (and no, I'm not speaking from experience).

Assuming you have a designated driver, and you do get a little carried away, I've found an excellent answer to avoiding a hangover the next morning—or at least minimizing it.

Amazon sells a product called Water Boy Weekend Recovery that you mix with water and drink before you go to bed. Trust me, the stuff really works.

In closing, I'd like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.



Joe Murglin  
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## Dave Jones Historian

Hi, everybody!

Dave Jones here - taking my second crack at LS-H.O.G. Historian. I hope I can give a slightly different perspective on Harley-Davidson then has been presented in the past. So...here we go!

With a bit of research (or one good Harley/Motorcycle history book), you can find out the first internal combustion engine motorcycle (not steam) was the 1885 Daimler-Reitwagen. Built in Germany by Gottlieb Daimler and Wilhelm Maybach. My great-great -grandfather might have been interested, having the temperament and having been born in Germany - but he had already moved to America (southern Wisconsin - 'A' of the Wisconsin 21st Regiment) and fought in the Civil War here.

The oldest production motorcycle was in 1894 by Hildebrand and Wolfmuller - not bad for being just 9 years after the first 'cycle!

American motorcycles caught fire and Charles Metz in Waltham, MA built one in 1898. Indian was founded in 1901 and Harley-Davidson in 1903 (remember, they were the Harley-Davidson

Motor Company, look it up...). Harley-Davidson were forever tinkering and messing around (remember the lawsuit over the stolen carb design?), and presenting new configurations quite regularly. They incorporated in 1907, and introduced the Model XB, followed by the 'J' (1916), the 'F' (1920), the 'V' (1923), the 'D' (1929) and onward. During WWII, the military bought quite a



## Historian (continued)

few 'EL's' (introduced in 1941) and following the war, the 'FL's were presented (1948).

What does this mean to me? Other than curious interest, not much. You see, I didn't exist then.

I was born one year before the Sportster (introduced 1957). About a decade later, on my Uncle Joe's farm in Vermont, I got to ride a mini-motorcycle (Honda or Enduro with 8" wheels and two speeds) for the first time. After all of my siblings had ridden it in turn and were off doing other things, I was still riding. BY FAR the coolest thing I'd ever done till then!! In one day, I was completely and forever hooked on motorcycles.

After that, I rode whatever I could find, whenever I could. Little red and white Honda 50s around my mom's family farm west of Freeport, IL - taking lunch to the field hands and running errands as necessary. Even to the fishing and swimming hole on Plum Creek. Back in Virginia, where we lived, the kid up the road had a CB 360 (I think it was) and 3 of us sixth-graders would ride it at night (yes, all three of us at once) along the horse trails in Northern Virginia. Each of us driving a bit each outing. Later, I had an old KZ 100, street set up I treated as a dirt bike - necessitating a bit of shop time between rides.

During those years, Harley kept plugging along, introducing newer and (some say) better designs - adding fiberglass along the way. The Electra Glide showed up in 1965. Harley suffered through the AMF years (1969 - 1971), even though the Shovel Head was introduced and the finally the Super Glide (1971).



## Historian (continued)

Here's where Harley and I start to run into each other. I now owned a KZ 400 twin; a bike I rode everywhere. Northern Virginia to Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA - about 400 miles one way), then to Illinois State (1600 miles + or -, depending on route) and finally to Chicago, where I started working following my years in University. About that time, Harley introduced the Softail (1980), and the Tour Glide (1984). Earning almost nothing as a young teacher, Harley-Davidson Cycles seemed forever beyond my reach. A pipe dream as it were.

Then, in 1984, when Harley introduced the Tour Glide, I had agreed to sell my ride (at the time was a Kawasaki 750 LTD, the KZ 400 having bit the dust a few years earlier), in order to start my family. Late in 1984, Jeffrey Daniel was horribly injured during the birth process, and my dreams of riding again pretty much went up in smoke.

It was a few years later that Harley came back into my life - and changed everything.

But that's a story for next month.

Chat with you then.

Dave

**Historian**

Dave Jones

**Picture  
to come  
soon**

Denise Runge  
Editor

Hi everyone,

I hope you enjoyed your holidays and that 2024 is filled with nothing but wonderful things for you all.

Corey has passed the editorial torch to me for the upcoming year. I promise I will do my best to not screw up anything. :-)

Look forward to seeing you at the annual Member Sign-up event.

**Editor**

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# Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. On behalf of all the kids that benefited from your donations, a big thank you for a very successful 2023 Teddy Bear Drive.

We delivered a lot of joy to Nicasa for the kids. 1,256 stuffed animals, 320 Hot Wheels cars, 397 assorted kids underwear and 205 pairs of socks. You can see some pictures of our delivering the donations to Nicasa, from their holiday party and the giving out of the bears on our website in the gallery section.

Our drive for 2024 is starting off very well. We had our annual Teddy Bear Bake Sale back in December at the dealership and raised \$330.00. Thanks to everyone that donated, it is really appreciated. PetSmart gave us their first donation of over 500 stuffed animals, what a great way to start the new year.

In February, we will have our Teddy Bear Bingo, so watch next month's newsletter for all of the information.

Again, thank you to everyone that gave animals, money, donations and/or volunteered throughout the year. We did really, really good and we'll do better next year.

Till next time,

Sammie Sweeney

**Teddy Bear Coordinator**

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## Bob Morrison Photographer

Hello sisters and brothers,

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Here is our annual photo spread of our year in review.

January Annual Chapter Sign-Up:





January Annual Chapter Sign-up (continued):





Monthly Meetings and Teddy Bear Bingo:





Monthly Meetings and Teddy Bear Bingo (continued):





Monthly Meetings and Teddy Bear Bingo (continued):





More Monthly Meetings:





## More Monthly Meetings (continued):





## More Monthly Meetings (continued):





## More Monthly Meetings (continued):





Spring Fling Bowling:





Spring Fling Bowling (continued):



Annual Bike Blessing:





Annual Bike Blessing (continued):





Annual Bike Blessing (continued):





More Monthly Meetings:





Miscellaneous Pictures from June:





July Annual Picnic and Teddy Bear Ride:





July Annual Picnic and Teddy Bear Ride (continued):





## Phil's Rivet Ride:



## Miscellaneous Pictures from July:





More miscellaneous Pictures from July:





Doug O'Keefe's Celebration of Life:





Doug O'Keefe's Celebration of Life (continued):





Memorial Ride for Howard Runge:





Memorial Ride for Howard Runge (continued):



Miscellaneous pictures from September:





Miscellaneous pictures from September (continued):



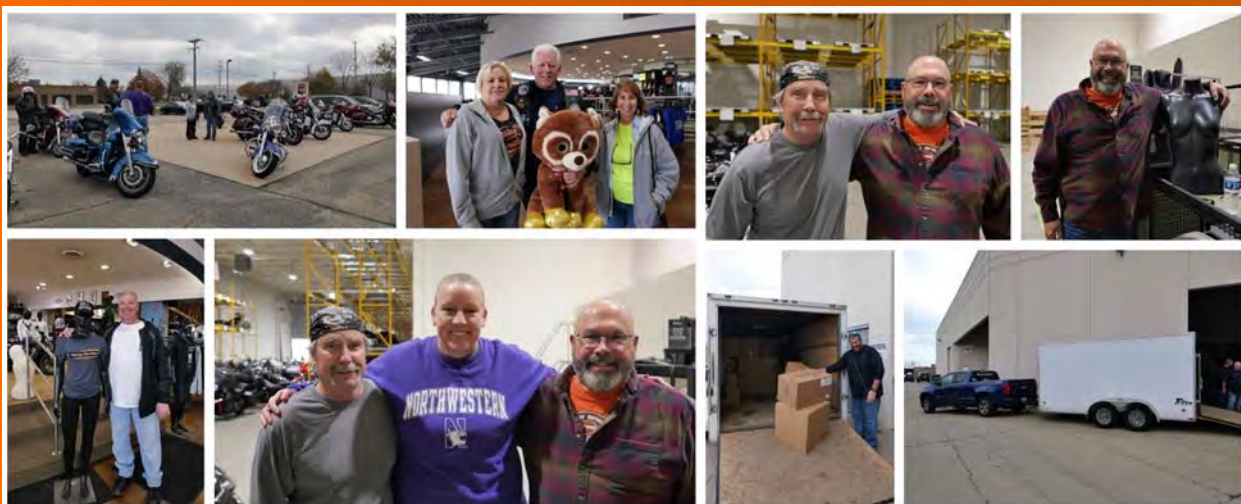


## Movie Night:





## Teddy Bear Boxing and Delivery Party:





## Teddy Bear Boxing and Delivery Party (continued):



## December Holiday Party:





December Holiday Party (continued):





## December Social:





December Social (continued):



Group Shots:





Group Shots (continued):





## Photographer (continued)

Hope these photos brought back many memories of this last year. Nancy and I will see you at the Annual Member Sign-up in January! Happy New Year!

Bob and Nancy

Bob Morrison

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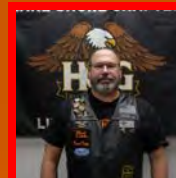
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