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LAKE SHORE HOGTM

Monthly Newsletter



Whats Happening

Monthly Meeting

June 18, 2023

Breakfast at 9am

Meeting at 10am

Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm

Upcoming Rides and Activities

June 1 WWDC#5 Reefpoint Brew House- Dave/ Dawn

June 3 Bonus Breakfast#1 Kelly's Family Rest. Dave/
George

Rustic Roads After Breakfast- George/ Dave

June 4 Poopy's- John

June 10 National Motorcycle Museum Iowa- Big Bob

June 11 Grumpy Troll Mt Horeb WI- Ralph/ Doug W

June 15 WWDC#6 Stone Creek Grill- Dave

June 17 On Any Sunday Motorcycle Museum- Al/ Joe

June 18 After Meeting Father's Day Ride- John

June 24 The Bunker- Doug C/ Dawn

June 25 Lucy's Hideaway- Manny

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



Heather Johnston

Director

And just like that, another Bike Blessing is in the books. We couldn't have asked for better weather for what to many of us is the kickoff of the riding season.

Thank you to all of the officers, road captains and volunteers who helped make it run smoothly.

I'm looking forward to many more warm days to enjoy the road with you all. Our H.O.G. Heydays in Hayward trip will be here before we know it and we have many other rides on the calendar so be sure to check the website regularly as well as the chalkboard calendar at the dealership.

For those of you going on the trip who weren't at the May chapter meeting, please make sure to email or text Corey or me to let us know what route you plan to take - the fast route or the slow route. We want to ensure that we have enough road captains for the groups.

until next time,

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Doug Wrobel

Assistant Director

Well, Hello all. It was nice to see everyone at the monthly meeting. Saw a few new faces as well as some members that haven't been around because of work schedules and what not. Was nice to see them. Was a full house, hopefully we can keep getting this type of turnout. I know the attendance will go down now that riding weather is here and members going on vacation.

For any of you attending the Mid-American Regional H.O.G. Rally, Rally by the Rivers in St, Charles MO, that Rally is coming up June 22-24.

Then we still have the Welcome Home / 120th Anniversary July 13 to 16th of July in Milwaukee. There will be a chapter lead ride up on the 14th of July.

So, for now, Ride safe and keep the rubber side down.



Rick Cruz

Treasurer

Chapter finances are in good shape!
Lets enjoy the road and ride safe!

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Colleen Hancock
Secretary

Nothing to share this month
Let's Ride!!!

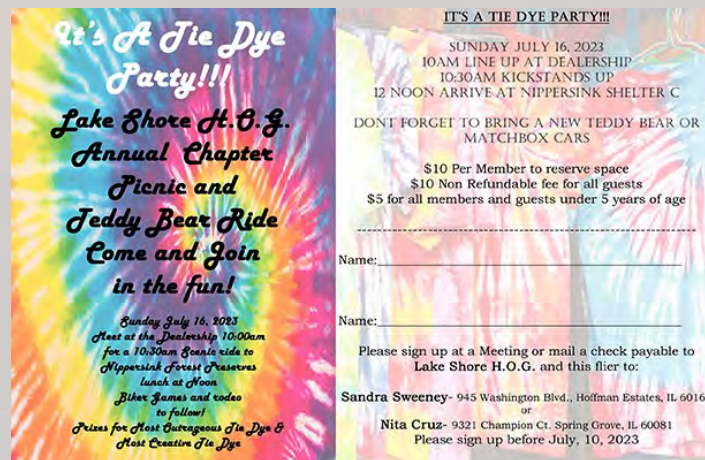


Nita Cruz & Sammie Sweeney Activities



Howdy folks,

We hope to see you all at our Annual Chapter Picnic on July 16th (this is in place of our normal chapter meeting). We always have a good time with good food, good friends, fun games and some laughs. We will start the day with our Annual Teddy Bear Ride leaving the dealer at 10:30am. The entry fee for the ride and to get your year rocker is either bring some stuffed animal(s) or teddy bear(s) or some Hot Wheel cars. You'll go for a nice backroad ride arriving at the picnic at noon where we will go back in time to the '70s. So wear your favorite tie-dye apparel and maybe win a prize for either "Most Outrageous Tie-Dye" or "Most Creative Tie-Dye". We'll also have other things like the water balloon toss and motorcycle games.



All of the information and sign-up flyer are at the end of this newsletter and on our website.

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Don't forget that our cut-off date for signing up is July 10th. Please sign-up before then, so we can get a head count for the food.

Thank you and we hope to see all of you there...

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Sammie Sweeney
Co-Activities

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Roz Wrobel

Membership

Hello Summer from Membership!

The 33rd Bike Blessing has come and gone, and it was a site to see. 237 bikes and so many smiling faces. The weather was beautiful. I need to thank a few people who helped with this event, so please give first and foremost, the road captains for directing the bikes in and getting them lined up in the parking lot. Next, all the members that helped get the waivers and wrist bands on, Elizabeth Marcotte, Nita Cruz, Nancy Morrison, Tiffany Haas, Collen Hancock, Sherri Bransky, Barbara Healy, Brittney Frye, Coti Mills (I know you got roped into it), and Dave and Yvonna Mills. Dawn Cherry and Lori Marcotte for selling patches. I thank you with all my heart. And last but surely not least, to our director, Heather Johnston, who led us to the church. Heather had to lead 237 bikes when we reached the Wisconsin border, with no police escort and she got us there safely. Heather, you rock and are an awesome director, Thank you for the leadership for the chapter!!

Now on to the new and returning members. We are 166 family strong. Please welcome new members, Maggie Bauer, Robert Seitz, and Mark Treppa. If you see them at an event, ride, or a chapter meeting, please say hi. We also have returning members, welcome back, Richard Case, Rich Foster, Tony Leitzow, Yogi Patel, and Tim Schroh. Welcome home.

Please remember to keep your national H.O.G. up 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 www.hog.com. I will also send an email or text if no email has expired. I check several times a month, please make sure that I have your current email address.

Roz Wrobel
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John R. Sweeney Jr

Head Road Captain/ Webmaster

Howdy everyone,

You hear the statement over and over again that we need to pay attention when we ride. That we shouldn't let ourselves be distracted, we need to stay focused on the road and the task at hand, which is to ride our motorcycle and getting to our destination, safely. Well, I'm here to tell you that those could not be a more accurate statement. And this is true, whether you are just getting started riding on a bike or you are a seasoned, weathered rider. You only have to take your eyes off the road or have your concentration taken away from the road for a moment or two and then everything can change in an instant. Not just those expected distractions like reading street signs, looking down to change the radio channel, looking in your mirrors or over your shoulder to the next lane, but also your mental focus. Letting yourself concentrate on something else, like a jerk cutting you or someone else off, people road raging with each other, a bad driver going too slow in the fast lane, literally anything that makes you stop doing what we all need to be doing. Scanning the horizon, looking for things that can pull out in front of you or hurt you, figuring out your potential escape route, etc. It happens that fast. You look to the side and focus on something the lane over or something just off the road, you focus just a little too long and when you look forward again, surprise. You have an animal, a car pulling out, a sharp curve. Any one of a 100 possible things and you then have just seconds to decide on what to do. So this is just a friendly reminder that when we are on our bikes enjoying the roads, the weather and the scenery, we can't forget for a second that while we are on our bike, it deserves and needs our undivided attention and focus.

Speaking about looking to the side for a moment, many of you know that my brother and I were in a minor accident (luckily) for just that reason. We were riding by a school, looked to our left to see the students coming out of the school, looked forward again to find the car in front of us at a dead stop for a crosswalk. I put on the hooks and moved to the left of the driver, who saw my brother coming from behind and turned left to avoid him and hit me. Then my brother hit her. It was all over in about 5 seconds. That is how quick it can happen, so again I can't emphasize enough that staying focused on the task at hand is priority number one.

Ride safe, have fun and get home in one piece, so that you can do it all over again the next day. ;—)

Till next month...

John R. Sweeney Jr.

aka (Motor Mouth)

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

Head Road Captain

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Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

It is good to see that our Teddy Bear crate back in our H.O.G. Corner continues to fill up. That is awesome and please keep it up...

And remember, that if you bring stuffed animals or Hot Wheels to a ride or an event or a meeting, you'll receive an additional signature on your Activities Card.

See you next month at our Annual Teddy Bear Ride.

Till next time,
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Joe Murglin

Safety Officer

Last Sunday after our meeting we had a great ride out to Silver Lake for ice cream. There were so many bikes the group had to be broken up into two! Thanks to George Lang and John Sweeney for leading the ride and to the sweeps Big Bob & Keith. Luckily Barlus wasn't seriously hurt when he was hit in the face by a cardinal! It was a gorgeous hot summer day which got me to thinking about how important it is to stay hydrated. This month I'd like to discuss the symptoms of dehydration and how to prevent it from happening in the first place.

First some warning signs. If you've been riding for some time and you realize you haven't had to stop to take a leak, this could be an indication that you may need to hydrate. This can especially be true if at the last rest stop your urine was yellow or worse, dark yellow. Some other indicators are if you notice abnormally dry or crepe looking skin, your mouth and lips are dry, and sometimes even your eyes. If you experience any of the following severe conditions, you should pull over ASAP, hydrate, and call for medical help. Don't try to ride for help. The danger signs include (but are not limited to) experiencing dizziness, fainting, elevated heartbeat, confusion/disorientation. Please take all of these signs seriously!

In order to help prevent dehydration start drinking water the night before a ride and also the morning of. Drinking large amounts of water right before a ride will not be effective in preventing dehydration. Also, keep in mind that alcohol, coffee, tea, and anything with caffeine is a diuretic, so try to avoid/limit these. Continue to drink water in small amounts all during the ride (more on that later). It also pays to continue to drink water after a long ride, especially if you'll be back on the rode the next day.

To stay hydrated, I installed a cup holder on my handlebars so I could have access to water anytime while on a ride. I prefer to use a quality insulated cup such as an Otterbox or Yeti instead of just a plain old water bottle. Ice will stay in the Otterbox for most of the day so that I can add water at gas stops along the way and it will still have ice. Even though the Yeti will keep ice for 2 days, I prefer the Otterbox because of its Lexan straw that allows me to take a sip at red lights without having to remove the cup from the holder (the straw is captured by the lid so you can't lose it while riding).

I hope everyone found this information helpful. Please keep the warning signs in mind while having fun on your ride and remember to hydrate!

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Sherrie Bransky
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Nothing to share this month
Let's Ride!!!

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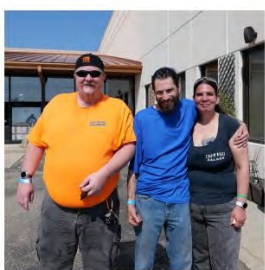
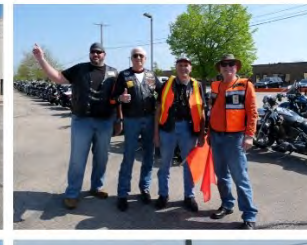
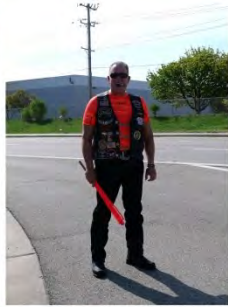


Bob Morrison Photographer

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Hope you're enjoying the great weather and taking advantage of it. Here are some pictures from our 33rd Annual Bike Blessing. Hope they bring back some memories.









Thank you to all who made this a success bike blessing.

Pictures from our May 21, 2023, monthly meeting:





Misc. pictures from our members:



Special thanks to the Lake County Police:



Thank you to the Color Guard for coming out:



It was great seeing Anne and Ray at the dealer:



Thank you, John, for leading a ride back to the "Ride by" for Frankie and to all who could make it:



See you on the next ride or meeting!

Bob & Nancy

Bob Morrison
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Corey A. Johnston

Editor

Well Nobody sent in any stories this month so as I warned at the meeting you get the third edition of:

Tales From the Trail

On this edition of tales from the trail I would like to take you on one of our journeys to Heather and my favorite places, The City that Care Forgot, New Orleans. In October of 2021 after our chapter meeting we heading South with a group of friends. On our First night we stayed in Elizabethtown KY. On Monday we set out bright and early making our way to Nashville where we stopped at the famous Loveless Café for Brunch. As many of you may know the beautiful Natchez Trace begins just a half mile from the café. After our meal we hopped on the Parkway and enjoyed a day of gradual twists and turns, stopping at the grave of Meriwether Lewis (of Lewis & Clark expedition fame) We looked at the original Old Trace trails. We enjoyed the trace until we left the route for Winona MS, where we stayed our second night. We got to the hotel and weary from our travels had a lobby pizza party together. The next morning we made our way straight South then slightly West to the well known Pontchartrain Causeway, a 23.83 mile long bridge that crosses Lake Pontchartrain. We then made it to our lovely accommodations in the Garden District of New Orleans, conveniently located on the legendary St Charles street complete with green street cars. The next few days were filled with history, culture, food, drinks, cigars and lot and lots of laughs. We visited the French Quarter and enjoy Café Du Monde beignets and café au lait. We perused the shops and artist stalls, visited Voodoo Harley Davidson, and the New Orleans Cigar Factory. We spent time riding the street cars up and down St Charles Avenue looking at the beautiful architecture and historical homes and universities. We spent time..

Enjoying Audubon Park. We stopped by the famous fall attraction “Skeleton House’ both at day and night, the house is famous for its hundreds of skeletons and their amusing names and sayings. We ate many wonderful traditional meals. One night after dinner in the quarter we enjoyed live music from a Treme Brass Band. The Crecent City is truly magical if you have never been we highly recommend a visit. I would be happy to share some of my many favorite spots. “Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!” Let the good times role! On our way home we stopped at the wonderful Lamberts Café in Sikeston MO for dinner after a 550 mile day of riding. On our final leg home you guessed it we hit one of the worst storms many of us had ever ridden in when we made it to 294. The last 40 miles of the journey was definitely a white knuckle wet ride. We all made it home safe and sound and I think a few alcoholic beverages where consumed after the wet roads. Again I cant say enough how much fun traveling with friends and family can be. I have always enjoyed planning trips to take my friends to enjoy new places or especially my favorite places.







It's A Tie Dye Party!!!

*Lake Shore H.O.G.
Annual Chapter
Picnic and
Teddy Bear Ride
Come and Join
in the fun!*

*Sunday July 16, 2023
Meet at the Dealership 10:00am
for a 10:30am Scenic ride to
Nippersink Forest Preserves
lunch at Noon*

*Biker Games and rodeo
to follow!*

*Prizes for Most Outrageous Tie Dye &
Most Creative Tie Dye*

IT'S A TIE DYE PARTY!!!

SUNDAY JULY 16, 2023
10AM LINE UP AT DEALERSHIP
10:30AM KICKSTANDS UP
12 NOON ARRIVE AT NIPPERSINK SHELTER C

DONT FORGET TO BRING A NEW TEDDY BEAR OR
MATCHBOX CARS

\$10 Per Member to reserve space
\$10 Non Refundable fee for all guests
\$5 for all members and guests under 5 years of age

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please sign up at a Meeting or mail a check payable to
Lake Shore H.O.G. and this flier to:

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Please sign up before July, 10, 2023

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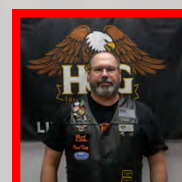
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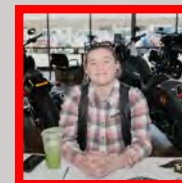
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