



The H.O.G. Insider

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This Month's Member Meeting
April 14, 2019 @ Lamb's Farm—Magnolia Café
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Meeting

April LSHOG Rides/Events

April 7—New to group riding with LSHOG— 10:00 am @ dealership
April 14—After meeting ride—Vickie's Place—immediately following meeting @ dealership
April 23—LOH Event—7:00 pm Dinner, 8:00 pm BINGO @ Emil's in Grayslake
April 24—Weeknight Wanderings—Reef Point Brew House—6:45 pm @ dealership
April 25—Breakfast Run—Darien, WI—KSU 8:30am @ dealership
April 27—Hickory Pit BBQ—KSU 10:30am @ dealership
April 28—Taste of Italy—Milwaukee, WI - See flier in this newsletter for details—9:00 am @ dealership

Be sure to add these dates to your personal calendar

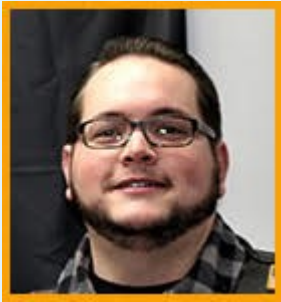


Let's Ride

CHAPTER RIDE HOT LINE 847-281-3141



Corey Johnston – Director



Is it April already? This year is already flying by. Now let's hope that since it is officially spring the nicer weather will be coming our way.

Thanks to all that came out for my Cigar Run. We were not able to ride but we still had a great time. The calendar is filling up with great rides so keep an eye out. Many great activities coming our way, too. Don't forget the first Sunday of May we will have our 30th annual Bike Blessing. Come out and start the season off right by getting your bike blessed.

Also a friendly reminder that Leathers4u will be at our April meeting to sew on patches. Our meeting will also be a week early due to Easter. Now blow the dust off those bikes, throw a leg over, and get some wind therapy.

Until next time - enjoy the road.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."
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Ralph Lenzini—Assistant Director



What's that saying? April showers brings May Flowers. Well hopefully it will be a bad year for flowers I for one am looking forward to a nice spring.

Just a reminder, the meeting this month is one week earlier so make sure you mark your calendars. I also see a lot of bell ringing going on. Congrats to all who made a new purchase this season. I hope to see a lot of members riding a ton this spring. Please be careful out there. The roads still suck and the cagers aren't looking for bikes yet (like they ever do...right?).

Okay, here we go... the Bootleggers Boogie Run is full at the main hotel, but that doesn't mean you can't go. There is another motel just up the road and we have some members staying there. It's the Old Bardstown Inn. Here's the info: **510 E Stephen Foster Ave, Bardstown, KY 40004 • (502) 349-0776**. Like I have been saying the more the merrier. Just to let you know we are busy putting the route going down together and I'm sure we will have routes for rides in the area. I know Corey is planning a ride to Mammoth Cave. So LET'S RIDE.

Also Please remember to let Corey in Service know that you want to sign up for ride 365 and Mileage contest with H.O.G. this year. So let's see how many sunsets we can chase.

Ralph "yoyo" Lenzini
Chase all the sunsets you can. Let's Ride
Assistant Director/RC
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Rick Cruz – Secretary



They say April is for fools! Well let me tell you this is one fool that's ready to ride some miles and make some smiles.



Some highlights from our March meeting:

- Meeting opened at 10:03 AM, there were 82 members in attendance. Many rode in and I'm sure enjoyed the first ride of the season!
- Bootleggers Boogie trip planned for July 11 - 14
- All rooms are currently booked, with one member staying at another hotel. If you are currently registered to go and have to cancel, please let Ralph know by sending a message to (Asstdirector@lakeshorehog.com)
- July 18 - 20 is the Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally
- This year's location: NW Michigan, go to members.hog.com for details.
- Last year the Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter came in 23rd of 112 entries for the Midwest, in the Ride 365 challenge. We had a total of 37 members with a total of 137,441 miles. That's an average of 3715 miles per rider. Remember to stop by and have Kory at the Dealership sign you up for this year's challenge and get your miles counted for both the chapter challenge and the Ride 365.
- Harley Davidson has an app available at the App Store, (H-D). Take some time and download it. Benefits are the ability to track your rides, there are monthly challenges and you can see your miles for Ride 365. App looks like this.



- To date we have 178 members signed up, raising our membership by ten from our last meeting. Remember to encourage all your Harley riding friends to join. All they need is their national H.O.G. membership and the passenger can be an associate member!
- Chapter is solvent with its finances, another good month with minimal expenses to income.
- April 28 is the date for the next activity, it's the Spring Fling. We'll be heading to the "Taste of Italy" in Milwaukee WI., We are working on a flyer, and e-blast to follow, Stay tuned.
- The St. Baldrick's fundraiser at the Dealership was a success. Baked goods supplied by the chapter helped to raise \$145.00 for the event.
- LOH is working on a number of fun events with more details coming soon. Currently looking to schedule a night of BINGO, having a Painting Party, possibly a Jewelry making night and what else are you interested in? Contact LOH with your thoughts.
- The 2019 chapter mileage contest started with the March Meeting! Remember our website has information on our mileage contest. To participate you have to sign up either at the dealership or with John Sweeney. If your name is not on the list, you are not in the contest
- For those that were in it last year your ending mileage in October 2018 is the starting mileage for this year 2019. Winners will be announced at the February 2020 meeting

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- New to group riding will be April 7, at the dealership at 10:00 AM There will be a meet and greet, instructions on how we ride and a short travel to some destination. This is for new members or those new to group riding only. Visit the Calendar for more details.
- Dan Marcotte is working on scheduling the Advanced Riders Course, there will be two locations this year one at Harper College Saturday April 27 and one at the College of Lake County Sunday May 12. Those that signed up at the meeting will be getting more information shortly on registration.
- Dan is also working to schedule the ride with a State Trooper course (More details to follow)
- If you ordered a Name Tag, please contact Dave Jones to pick it up.
- We had a guest speaker promoting the "Ride For Hope" One of our chapter members Julianne Scully-Jenkinson is an active sponsor of this event as she can personally relate to the issue.
- Ride For Hope is in its 5th year and is 501c3 charity promoting awareness for Ovarian Cancer. They will be doing a ride on Sunday July 28, 2019
- There will be information posted at the Dealership and on our Facebook page
- There will be a flyer at the Dealership for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Illinois looking for escort motorcycle riders to volunteer to support a bicycle ride fundraiser they do every year.
- We had a Chapter member ask if there was any interest in doing Monday rides as he is available on Mondays and would like to get some riding in. Please contact Road Captain Doug Cherry if you have any interest and any ideas.
- April General meeting will be a week earlier April 14, 2019 breakfast at 9:00 AM, meeting starts at 10:00 AM. The meeting was moved up due to Easter Sunday.

Anne Weimer—Membership



Welcome Spring, in typical spring fashion one day it's sunny and in the fifty's the next is 32, windy and rainy. But this does signal warmer weather is on the way and we will all be riding regularly really soon.

I would like to give a very big welcome to our newest members this month: **Veronica Delgado Jennifer Farino, Lorenzo Moreno, Diane & Robert Pluta and Victoria & Robert Pluta.**

Due to Easter our next general meeting will be one week earlier, on **April 14th** at the Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm with breakfast beginning at 9:00 am and the meeting at 10:00 am. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Anne Weimer
aka "Flash"
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Ron Alghini — Activities Officer



If you love Italian cuisine, join us for our Spring Fling! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28th for a "Taste of Italy" at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. We will meet at the dealership for coffee and donuts. All participants will receive a chance to win a \$50 gift card. This is a rain or shine event. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details. Please email me if you have any questions!

Ron Alghini
"Ronster"
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John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



Just a reminder that if you are new to the chapter or new to group riding in general, you are invited to participate in our "New to Group Ride" ride. This will be taking place on **Sunday, April 7th** at 10:00am at Lake Shore Harley Davidson's parking lot. We want you to feel comfortable riding with your new chapter, so this is intended to explain in more depth the concepts of group riding, what we do as a chapter, our hand signals, our procedures and to answer any and all of your questions. Things like spacing or how to handle riding two up, or whatever is on your mind. Dan Marcotte (our Safety Officer) and I will try our best to answer all of your questions. So mark your calendars and come on out and join us. It usually ends up at some place nice, like ice cream...

You never know...

Also for you newer members, you will want to mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 5th**. This will be our 30th Annual Bike Blessing. This is the longest running and largest bike blessing in this area. We can see anywhere from 500 to 1,000 bikes in attendance. It's free and you'll see more information about it on our website in the next few weeks. It's a great time and we'll take all the help we can get for a safe and fun riding season. Hope to see you all there...

Our calendar is filling up, so when you get your bikes out and are ready to ride, just check out our rides and events calendar at www.lakeshorehog.com/calendar/. Also, we have a HOTLINE (847) 281-3141 that has up to the minute information about our upcoming rides, cancellations due to weather or modifications to an existing ride. It's a handy way to always know what is going on with our rides and/or activities.

The last thing is just a reminder that its early in the year, so cars aren't really looking out for us that much. Be a little extra careful, be alert and watch out ALL around you. ;—) Oh don't forget to check that tire pressure, before you head out. I had my bike sitting for about 7 weeks and both my front and back tires where down to 30 psi. Yikes... Check them and fill them up... Ride safe...

See you next month...

John R Sweeney Jr
aka (Motor Mouth)
"It's not the destination; it's the journey"
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Ladies of Harley

Nita Cruz & Sammie Sweeney



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Hello Everyone,

We had a nice group for our March 10th, "Spring Bowling Party". It was a blast! For all of those that were there, thank you so much for coming. If you were unable to attend, you were sadly missed and we hope to see you at our next LOH adventure. What is that you ask?

"Bingo Night" at Emil's, 161 Center Street, Grayslake on Tuesday, **April 23rd** at 8pm. We need you to R.S.V.P. to either me at LOH_Sammie@lakeshorehog.com or Nita Cruz at LOH_Nita@lakeshorehog.com by April 19th to get our head count. Some of us will be getting there at 7pm to have dinner before the Bingo. If you would like to eat first, come join us..

In addition, I personally would like to thank those who baked or donated their time for the St. Baldrick's Fundraiser event at Lake Shore on March 16th. The bake sale raised \$147 that was donated to the charity. Great job... *Sammie*



Teddy Bear Corner

Thank you Scott Sears for donating \$20 of your 50/50 winnings to our Teddy Bear Drive. It is truly appreciated. A couple of people already took advantage of the new policy to bring 3 or more bears to a meeting (or ride) and they got an additional signature on their "Activities Card". Excellent...

Dan Marcotte—Safety Officer



Motorcycle Safety Tips To Keep You Safe During Spring Riding

As the weather warms, motorcycles begin to appear on the road. It is important that all drivers, whether on a motorcycle or not, take extra safety precautions to prevent motorcycle accidents. Here are some motorcycle safety tips to stay safe while riding:

1. **Weather** — Weather during the spring is constantly changing and with lots of rain, roads can be slippery. Mud and leftover rainwater create slick conditions that can make turning corners dangerous. In addition, at nighttime, the glare from the road can impair a driver's vision and make them less likely to notice motorcyclists. In the spring, there may still be some melting snow that can cause difficult driving conditions. Take care to check the weather forecast before you head out on a motorcycle ride.
2. **Defensive Driving** — Driving defensively is the only way to stay safe on a motorcycle. Most motorcycle accidents are caused because drivers say they couldn't see the motorcycle. Some steps you can take to make yourself more visible are: Wear brightly colored clothing, leave your headlights on at all times, use your turning signals, honk your horn if a car is approaching at a fast speed, and don't drive in the blind spot of other vehicles. All of these precautions will help other drivers on the road become aware of you.
3. **Road Conditions** — Potholes, cracks and puddles are very dangerous for motorcyclists. Try to avoid them because hitting one could mean spinning out of control. Swerving and slamming on your brakes are not recommended because you could lose control of your bike. Instead, slow down as much as possible when driving over poor road conditions. The more cautious you can be, the better. Gravel is another condition that is hazardous to motorcyclists. Do not brake severely on gravel as you can slide. Keep your eyes open at all times while on the road to make sure you are aware of changing road conditions.
4. **Wear a Helmet** — Last, but not least, always wear a helmet. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles>, helmets saved the lives of over 1,000 people every year.

So let me hear from you ... I can be reached at safety@lakeshorehog.com

Dan Marcotte
Safety Dan
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Doug Wrobel—Historian



Well, I almost forgot that I have to do a newsletter now that we have a set deadline. By now, some of us have had the time to get out and catch some wind therapy. I don't know about the ones that have, but for me, it sure felt great. Just remember, the cagers aren't used to us being out there yet, so pay close attention to your surroundings.

As most are all aware, our 30th Anniversary Bike Blessing is almost upon us. The Director at the time was Thomas M. Crawford and the Secretary was Patricia J. Crawford. The Chapter sponsorship was Lakeshore Harley Davidson, owned by Russell Snider. The first Bike Blessing, if it was always done on the first Sunday in May would have been on the 7th of May 1989. It has always been done at Saint Paul's Church in Kenosha, Wisconsin. St. Paul's and our chapter have had a close relationship since 1989. Rev. Marv Oechler was the church pastor at that time. Rev. Linda Hanus took over for Rev. Marv Oechler and has been the pastor for quite some time. She was a very inspirational person with a heart of gold for motorcycle riders. It has ended up to be a nice 30 mile trip from Lakeshore to St. Paul's with the Lake County Sheriffs blocking all roads up to the church. Several years ago, I remember that we had a storm roll through and we waited until the last minute to leave for the church. A lot of people left Lakeshore due to the rain, but a lot of us still braved it out. Once at the church, we all went inside to conduct the Blessing. Bikes were left out in the rain. Hope to see you all there.

Doug Wrobel
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*Join us for LSHOG
Spring Fling
"A Taste of Italy"*



*@ The Italian Community Center
631 E. Chicago St. Milwaukee, WI*

On April 28th, 2019

We will meet at the dealership @ 9:15 A.M. for doughnuts and coffee.

Depending on weather, we will ride or cage it.

Kickstands up @ 10:00 A.M.

Activities include:

Free Admission and Parking

Live Entertainment

Raffles with Prizes

Amazing Food Sampling/Tickets \$2 each

Or visit www.iccmilwaukee.com for more information.

"Don't Fuhgeddaboutit"

Please RSVP by text to Ron Alghini @ 224-558-9043

By April 14th, 2019

30TH ANNUAL

BIKE BLESSING

LAKE SHORE
HOG

**SUNDAY
MAY 5TH
10:00 AM**

RIDE LEAVES AT NOON SHARP!



Leaving from: Lake Shore Harley - Davidson

1400 Rockland Rd. | Libertyville, IL (847) 662-4500

Destination: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8760 37th Ave. | Kenosha, WI (2622) 694-3101

For more information call:

Corey J: 217.259.3112 | John S: 847.651.4469

Main Event Rocker \$5 | Yearly Rocker \$3

Hundreds of bikes participate every year! An excellent way to start the riding season.

ALL BIKES WELCOME

After entering, absolutely **NO** line hopping.
(All participants *MUST* sign a waiver)

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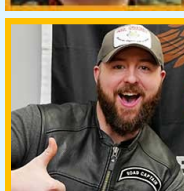


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