



Bike Blessing 2019

The H.O.G. Insider

LAKE SHORE H.O.G. CHAPTER # 3522

This Month's Member Meeting

February 16, 2020 @ Lamb's Farm—Magnolia Café

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Meeting

LSHOG Rides/Events

Be sure to watch our FB members only page and website for up to date information. Rides get cancelled and added quickly due to unstable weather!



Let's Ride



CHAPTER RIDE HOT LINE 847-281-3141



Corey Johnston – Director



Welcome to the roaring 20's! It was great to see all the returning members and some new faces at signup. I look forward to getting to know each of you better in the following year.

I am currently working on setting up some social dinners for us to enjoy in the off season so stay tuned for more details. For those who may have missed it at signup I, along with Ralph, have begun planning our 2020 chapter trip. **Meet on the Mississippi, July 9-12, 2020.** The trip will be taking us to Prairie Du Chien, WI. With the help of Ray and John the four of us will come up with some great routes and tons of fun to be had by all in attendance. Laurie will be including a flier in this newsletter. I promise the emails are now correct. Please make sure to mention Lake Shore H.O.G. when making reservations. We also ask that you email Ralph and me once you have made the reservation.

A reminder to all members- if you bring a guest that becomes a member you will receive a fully signed activity card. The board is excited for another awesome year of rides and activities ahead. Keep an eye on the calendar.

So let us look to the sun and dream of warm days, loud pipes, and raccoon tan lines. Until next time enjoy the fireplace, couch, or if we are lucky a salt free road!

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



Well Ladies and Gentlemen, here we are in 2020 and your board already has a great trip planned for this year. I just want everyone to know that this is a Lake Shore H.O.G. event, so the more the merrier. There is a lot of work that goes into one of these trips. Ray and John help with all of the routes that everyone gives them. All of your board members and especially the RC's, get routes thrown at them the night before we leave or that morning. Corey and I try to keep everything organized. But what makes these trips great are you, the members, (Brother and Sisters) that bring everything together.

It sure was nice to see everyone that came to the signup in January. It was one hell of a turn out. Thank you for letting me bust your chops and have some fun. But on a side note I did tell Patrick (Cap, Salt Boy and Captain Petro) that he is limited to two sentences on our facebook page. I have never seen Sweeney laugh that hard. Thanks Cap for being a good sport.

This is going to be one hell of a year. We have the Road Captain meeting coming up and I'm sure there is going to be a lot of great rides planned for this year. I will try to do a better job of keeping everyone informed on what's going on in the Harley world. I did post in one of my newsletters about them discontinuing the Road Book Atlas.

Always remember CHASE ALL OF THE SUNSETS YOU CAN

P.S. If you think this is long wait till the first meeting. I hope to see everyone there.

Ralph "yoyo" Lenzini
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Dawn Cherry—Treasurer



I always look forward to the new year, with a fresh open mind to what's ahead. But I would like to take a moment and talk about the end of 2019. It was one of the most difficult times in my life. This chapter gave me the strength to hold my chin up and get through another day. Words can not express my gratitude. I missed the day of elections and know that everyone running would have done a great job. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to step into a bigger role with the chapter. Ray has guided me through the steps that made his role as treasurer tick, and I am going to follow that lead. As of today we rolled over a nice balance from last year and budgeting into 2020 we will stay in the black.

Even though my bike is covered and in the garage with the trickle charger on it, there are some nice events taking place to meet up with our fellow chapter friends. I hope to see you at one of those soon.

Going that extra mile for you...

Dawn Cherry
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Heather Johnston – Secretary



Heather will share
LSHOG news next
month



Heather Johnston
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Teddy Bear Corner



It's February already.
We can't ride, what should we do?
Let's play BINGO... Biker Bingo!
I spent all your money buying bears, so now
I need YOUR bears (and cars).

See the flyer in the newsletter for all of the details...

Hope you can make it...

See you there...

Sammie out...

Sammie Sweeney

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Roz Wrobel—Membership



Well hello February! This year's Chapter sign up was on January 19th and boy did we see a lot of wonderful faces. And some new ones too. The smiling faces totaled 139 and 10 of those were new members excited to sign up for a exciting year with Lake Shore H.O.G. chapter. I want to welcome back all returning members and there were a lot, too many to name. I would like to send out a very warm Welcome to the following new members: **Corbin Chartier, Mike Golick, Todd(Doc) Goodell, Landon Haas, River Haas (who happens to be our youngest member at 1yr old), Jeanna Jackson, Amy Slav-Livorsi, Lori Marcotte, Chris Nieto,**

and Jim Thomas. If I missed any one, I do apologize.

If you missed sign up day, no worries, it's not too late. You can rejoin by simply coming to February general meeting, Or you can mail your signed membership form along with your \$24.00 to me at 811 Oakley Ave Waukegan, IL 60085. I will return mail to you your card and patch. That simple. Reminder: this will be your last newsletter if you do not renew by the end of February.

There are so many things happening as we speak. Rides, activities and so much more. And of course, the general meetings are scheduled and we are looking forward to a very exciting 2020 year. I hope everyone will come out and join us for the fantastic year ahead of us. The first meeting of the year is **February 16th** at Lambs Farm's Magnolia Café. Breakfast starts at 9am and meeting at 10am. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Roz Wrobel
aka" Muffin"
Membership Officer/Volunteer Coordinator
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John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



Are you ready for riding season? Well maybe not right now, but soon... I know I am... ;—)

We have 27 returning Road Captains for our 2020 riding season and they are anxious to get started. We will be having our Road Captain meeting to start filling up the ride calendar and begin planning out assorted rides and events for the year. We had a great variety last year and I know they will do it again for this season. Don't forget that we continue to add rides all year, so check the website periodically to see what new rides have been added. Our initial ride calendar will ready by our March meeting. Also remember that during the year, things can change on short notice due to rain or event changes, so always be sure to check either our hot-line or the website for any last minute changes to a ride. You'd hate to get up early and ride for a half hour or longer, just to get to the departure location and find out there is no ride. Always be sure to check, before you leave your house.

If you do venture out on one of the nicer days in February or March, please remember that your bike has been sitting for awhile. Before you pull away, don't forget to check your tire pressure, check your tires for excessive wear or dry rot, test those brakes, let the bike warm up a bit before you leave, check your brake lights and turn signals, basically make sure your baby is ready for the road. And when you do hit the road, start out easy. Be a little slower around the first couple of corners or curves, stop a little sooner and most importantly, take your time. It's not a race, you are out to ENJOY the ride. You want to have a great ride and make it back home to ride another day... So be safe out there, remember that people aren't looking for bikes usually at this time of the year and make sure your machine is ready for the ride, as well.

See you next month,

John R Sweeney Jr
aka (Motor Mouth)
"Shiny side UP, rubber side DOWN"
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Ladies of Harley

Sydney Johnson



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Ladies Of Harley Bowling Night

Where: Bertrand Bowling Lanes



Address: 2616 Washington St.
Waukegan, IL 60085

When: March 28, 2020 (2pm)

Cost: \$12 per person

Included in price: Shoe rental, 2 games
of bowling, pizza, and drinks

Please RSVP @ loh@lakeshorehog.com

This will help us, as well as the bowling
alley, have an idea of how many people
will be attending.



Rick Cruz—Safety Officer



It's February and soon we will be looking forward to getting on the bikes. I know there are those of you able to ride during the normal midwestern down time, and there are those that store the bikes until the weather gets better. If you are riding during the few nice days in-between, remember the roads can have hidden slick spots and there is salt on the pavement which can cause issues with the paint, chrome and electronics.

Be sure to always inspect your bike before taking it out to confirm it is in the safest riding condition possible. Be sure to check the tire pressure, confirm all the lights are working, including the brake light, make sure all fluids are at the correct levels and be sure to wash off the salt if you happen to ride when there is salt on the roads. During the days when the sun is out the temperature may feel nice and warm, though it can change drastically when the sun goes down, so be sure to plan your trips accordingly.

I will be looking into scheduling an advanced rider course and hope to have some information available shortly. As always, let me know what safety questions you have or information you would like to see? You can send your questions etc to safety@lakeshorehog.com

Rick Cruz
Safety Officer/Road Captain
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Doug Wrobel—Historian



Hello everyone. Time to get a new year started. The new board is in place and it's looking to be another good year with the chapter. Rides are being planned, chapter events are being planned and the annual chapter getaway has been announced. Hoping to have a drier riding season than last year, even though the chapter did have 87 rides covering over 87,000 miles.

With February being Black History Month, I thought I would share a piece that I ran across.

The Black Woman Who Biked Across the US Alone During the 1930s Jim Crow Era

Despite pervasive racism and the weight of the Great Depression, Bessie Stringfield found freedom on the open road.

She zoomed over forlorn dusty roads, responding to the beckoning call of new adventures. The airborne sensation and the freedom of the road ensured that she climbed on her trusty Harley-Davidson time and time again. Bessie Stringfield was living her life freely on her own terms—riding her motorcycle across the United States solo.

Born in 1911, Stringfield got her first motorcycle, a 1928 Indian Scout, while she was still in her teens and taught herself how to ride it. At the age of 19, young Stringfield flipped a penny onto a map of the US then ventured out on her bike alone. Interstate highways didn't yet exist at the time, but the rough, unpaved roads didn't deter her. In 1930, she became the first Black woman to ride a motorcycle in every one of the connected **48 states**—a solo cross-country ride she undertook eight times during her lifetime. But not even that satisfied her wanderlust. Eventually, she went **abroad** to Haiti, Brazil, and parts of Europe.

No matter where Stringfield was in the world, she said “the people were overwhelmed to see a Negro woman riding a motorcycle.” In the 1930s and 40s, because of racial prejudice and Jim Crow laws, Stringfield wasn't welcomed in most motels. So, she often slept on her bike at gas stations or, if luck was on her side, she could stay with Black families she met on her way.

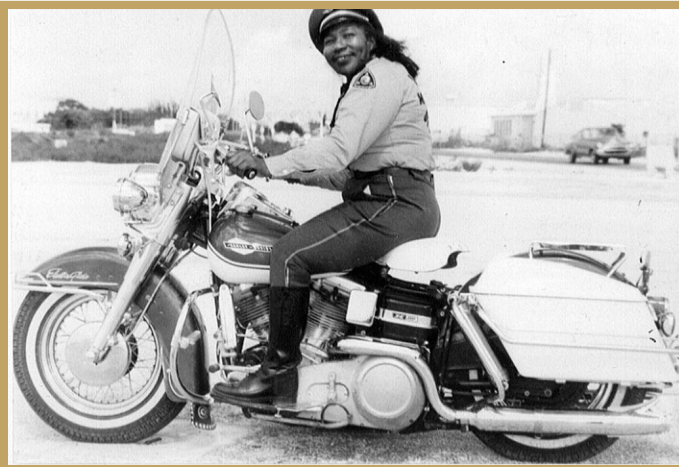


PHOTO OF BESSIE STRINGFIELD

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The rising American motorcycle culture wasn't inclusive, either. The American Motorcycle Association, which was founded in 1924, only started allowing Black members in the 1950s (and even then, most of them were male).

But by the start of World War II, Stringfield became an asset to the United States government as a civilian **motorcycle dispatcher**—the only woman in her unit. With a military crest attached to her blue Harley-Davidson Knucklehead, she carried documents between domestic US bases.

Later, in the 1950s, Stringfield settled in Miami, bought a house, and became a nurse. In her early days in Florida, she clashed with the local police. When she tried to obtain her motorcycle license, the police made it clear that they weren't about to let a Black woman ride a motorcycle around their city. Determined, Stringfield demanded a meeting with their captain, a white motorcycle cop in the Black precinct. He took her to a nearby park and ordered her to perform several difficult motorcycle tricks. Of course, she nailed them with ease. "From that day on, I didn't have any trouble from the police, and I got my license too," she said.

Stringfield later performed during local races, founded the Iron Horse motorcycle club, and became publicly known as the "Motorcycle Queen of Miami." Even in her seventies, she still rode her motorcycle to church.

Stringfield died in 1993 at the age of 82 from the complications related to an "enlarged heart," but she rode right up until her death. She told her doctor that she kept riding despite her illness: "I told him if I don't ride, I won't live long. And so, I never did quit."

Today, she's remembered by the Motorcycle Hall of Fame and by the American Motorcycle Association's **Bessie Stringfield Award** for individuals who introduce motorcycling to new audiences.

In the time that Stringfield lived, her lifestyle was utterly taboo; only ten years after white women gained the right to vote, she was breaking conventions by forging a wildly independent path as a Black woman.

Bob Morrison—Photographer

Hello Lake Shore Sisters and Brothers,



It was great seeing everyone for our Annual Membership Sign-Up. Happy New Year! Hope some of you made it out to the Chicago Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet in Tinley Park. The Progressive International Motorcycle Show is coming up on Feb. 7th, 8th and 9th. Hope to see some of you out there. Some ride whenever the streets are clear, others wait for the salt to clear. I lean more towards the salt to clear. Spring is getting closer and I'm looking forward to this year's riding season. See you at the next meeting!

Bob and Nancy Morrison



Annual Membership Sign-Up 2020



2020 LSHOG Officers



2020 LSHOG Road Captains

Teddy Bear Bingo

- Play 10 games
- Win prizes
- Have Fun



Let's Play
Bingo

- Bring your own non-alcoholic drinks

- Please bring a dish to pass around



Feb 23rd at 3:00PM

Bingo Time

Join us at the **Clubhouse in Heather Ridge**
918 Vose Drive
Gurnee, IL

ENTRY FEE: 2 (or more) stuffed animals
or 5 (or more) Hot Wheels

Please R.S.V.P. Sammie at sam.sweeney@comcast.net
or (847) 882-0187 just to get a head count.



Prize awarded for each game and the Grand Prize is a \$50 gift card for the last game - Cover All



MEET ON THE MISSISSIPPI JULY 9-12, 2020

Come Join us for another awesome Chapter road trip.
We will be heading to the lovely scenic town of Prairie Du Chien Wisconsin.
We have a block of rooms under Lake Shore H.O.G. at the
River District Hotel, 130 S Main St. Prairie Du Chien, WI Phone: 608-326-7878
Awesome hotel just steps from the river, restaurants, bars and other attractions.
Breakfast buffet with fresh pastries and chef making eggs and omeletts to order.
Nightly ice cream sundae bar, all included in the room price.

Double Queen Rooms- \$529.28 w/ tax for 3 nights

Double Queen Deluxe- \$563.73 w/ tax for 3 nights

King Suite- \$495.83



**Once you have made a reservation please email
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