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LAKE SHORE



Monthly Newsletter



What's Happening

Monthly Meeting

February 18th

9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Meeting

Magnolia Café Lambs Farm

Upcoming Rides and Activities

Teddy Bear Bingo

after the February meeting

Weeknight Wandering Dinner Club

(WWDC) 2024 #1

February 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Timothy O'Tooles, Libertyville

Spring Event: BINGO Bowling

March 9th at 1 p.m.

SideOuts, Island Lake

(see flier in newsletter for details)

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



Douglas Wrobel

Director

Well, another month gone. Hard to believe that the month of January is almost over. A few more months and we will be back out getting our wind therapy.

Was really nice seeing everyone at the Chapter Sign-up. We had 122 members sign up. Had a great time and was really surprised by all the Chapter members singing Happy Birthday to me.

We decided to let the Chapter pick the destination for the Chapter getaway. It will be the 27th - 30th of June. We will put the destination and hotel info out in an e-blast with signup at the February meeting.

The Road Captains will be having their meeting in February to start planning all the rides for the season. Once they get the rides planned, watch the web site, Facebook page, and the calendar at the dealership for all the activities, events, and rides.

Remember, we will continue with the activity cards. If you bring a guest who joins the Chapter you will receive a full activity card. Any Chapter activity or ride gets a signature on the card. Bring two stuffed animals, Matchbox cars or children's socks and/or underwear, and receive an additional signature.

Until our February meeting, hope to see everyone hanging out at the dealership.

Doug

Doug Wrobel

Director/Road Captain

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Scott Sears

Assistant Director

Greetings Lake Shore HOG. I hope everyone is making it though this freezing cold and snowy January.

Chapter sign-up just wrapped up last Sunday and by all accounts was a great turn out. It was nice to see some old faces and meet some new ones as well.

At this point of the winter, cabin fever is starting to set in but before you know it, it will be spring and once again we will be out on our bikes starting new journeys, making new memories, and getting some badly needed wind therapy.

Speaking of new journeys, registration is now open for all national HOG rallies, and the first rally of the year is the Run to Daytona which starts in Birmingham, Alabama on February 26th and ends in Ocala, Florida on March 1st. It just so happens the Daytona bike week starts the next day, on March 2nd, and runs through March 9th. Also, later this year, the Great Lakes rally will be held from June 6th through the 8th up in Chippewa Falls Wisconsin. You can go to www.HOG.com for all the details on every HOG event this year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

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Rick Cruz

Treasurer

Sign-up was a success; it was good to see all of our returning members as well new members. Welcome to all and I'm looking forward to a great 2024 season of riding and events.

Financials are in good shape, and I will provide details at our February meeting.

Rick Cruz
Treasurer/Road Captain



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Nita Cruz Activities

On March 9, at 1:00PM meet us at SideOuts in Island Lake for some BINGO Bowling!

What is BINGO Bowling you ask? You will get a bingo card that you will use to play bingo based on what you throw and get for pin fall. This is per person bowling on a lane. Example: 3 bowlers are on one lane bowling, all three get a bingo card, the first one of the three that gets a bingo on that lane wins the prize!

We will also have prizes based on your first strike which will be open to exchanging once all prizes have been picked.

See the flyer (next page) for details.

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Activities Officer Chapter Products

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Let's Go Bingo Bowling!

Come Join Us Saturday March 9

1:00PM

at Sideouts

4018 Roberts Road, Island Lake



**2 Hours of Bowling, Shoe Rental, Pizza & Soda
\$22.00 per person Non-refundable**

**Not a Bowler, or just want to hang out and enjoy the
Pizza, Soft Drinks and camaraderie? No Problem:
Adults \$7.95 Children 10 & under \$3.95
Non-refundable**

Make Checks Payable to Lake Shore H.O.G.

Deadline for sign-up is Monday March 4

Send to Nita Cruz

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Member _____

Guest _____

Bowling/Food _____ Adult/Food _____ Child/Food _____





Roz Wrobel

Membership

Greeting from Membership Corner!

Wow! Wow is all I can say for seeing all the returning members at the Chapter sign-up. We are starting the new year off with 122 members. It was nice to see all the faces coming out to renew for another year of rides and fun. I also want to say a big THANK YOU to the Chapter Officers for the help and time for the chapter sign-up. From setting up, forms signed and everything in between, with your help, we had a great turnout. Thank you again!!

Your chapter officers are already in the planning mode for a year of rides, events, and also the Chapter trip. I know that I am not the only one getting the itch to ride and cannot wait to see where we are off to this year.

We have 2 new members this year and they are: Josh Kohl and Vito Tanzi. Please make sure to say hi when you see them on rides, at meetings, or events. Welcome to the family.

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 www.hog.com. I will also send an email or text (if I don't have your email) if it 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,

Okay, I'm tired of winter ALREADY! Aren't you!! ;--) Another year and another riding season is upon us. All of the RC's are getting ready to plan out our ride calendar for 2024. We want to top 2023 for sure. Our RC meeting will be in February and I will be updating the calendar shortly after that, so everyone can start planning which rides they want to attend or if you don't see a destination you like, you can request it through me. We'll do our best to get it on the calendar.

The dealership is still having issues with their phone system, so no more Hotline, it is permanently down. Just use the [ride calendar](#) on our website for the most up to date information for any and all rides, whether its for planning, updates and/or cancelations.

I am happy to welcome a new trainee to becoming a Road Captain and thank him for stepping up to do this for the chapter. I'd love to see a few more volunteers, it really is very rewarding and a great way to give back to the chapter. If you are having second thoughts about becoming an RC and might want to consider becoming one, you can contact me (info below) by our February 19th meeting. That has to be the cut-off, because that is when we start the training. This is a great way to do something for your brothers and sisters in the chapter and have fun doing it, while riding... Who could ask for more... ;—)

As we start looking to the riding season, please remember to sign-up for our chapter Mileage Contest and the Harley Ride365. To check if you are already signed up for our contest, check on our [website](#). Remember, our contest is one check-in per year, so if you are already signed up, you

Head Road Captain/ Webmaster (continued)

will check out at our October meeting and that ends up being your starting mileage for 2025.

Ride365, you need two check-ins each year at the minimum. One to start and one to end within the calendar year (Jan 1 - Dec 31) and you do that one at the dealership ONLY. You can check-in more often to either update your progress or possibly register that you have crossed a milestone to get your next mileage rocker from H.O.G. Don't forget Harley gives you \$50 and \$100 rewards for riding 2,500 and 10,000 miles in one calendar year. So you can ride AND make money.

Lastly, some of you are like me and don't put your bikes in storage, hoping for those few nice riding days throughout the winter. Just a reminder like I did last year, please remember to check over your bike thoroughly, before you pull it out. Your bike has been sitting for weeks and/or maybe even months. Please check your brakes, lights and definitely, your tire pressure. You don't want to make a turn and discover that you are having control issues or try to stop and can't. Just take those extra couple of minutes to be sure your hog is ready to ride and get you back home safely. I'll see you on the road... (maybe ;—)

Till next month...

John R Sweeney Jr.

"Remember, it's not the destination, it's the journey!"

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Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

It's that time again. Our Bingo game will be held after our February 18th meeting, right there at Magnolia Cafe. Entry fee remains at 2 animals or 5 cars for a book of 10 cards. Each additional donation of 2 animals or 5 cars gets you another book of 10 cards. One prize awarded to the winner of each game. Don't forget, the last game is a Cover All and wins a \$50 gift certificate!

This is always a good time and lots of fun; so come join us.

Teddy Bear Bingo - Feb 18th



Time is right after our
Chapter meeting at

Magnolia Cafe

ENTRY FEE AND 1 PACKET OF 10 CARDS:
2 stuffed animals or 5 Hot Wheels

EACH ADDITIONAL PACKET OF 10 CARDS (if you want any):
2 stuffed animals or 5 Hot Wheels

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

Bingo Time

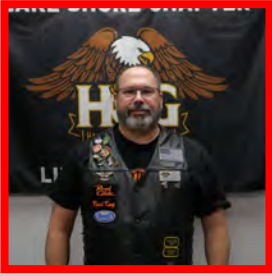


Till next time,

Sammie Sweeney

Teddy Bear Coordinator

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Joe Murglin Safety Officer

Even though it was freezing cold outside, it was great to see everyone at the chapter sign-up. It looked like everyone was having a great time catching up and talking about their riding plans for the summer. I even was able to order some Girl Scout cookies!

While looking forward to the riding season, please keep in mind that you'll only get out what you put into our club, so don't be afraid to step up and help out when needed, and be sure to attend the rides that our Road Captains work so hard to put together.

Also, for safety's sake, everyone new to our group should plan on attending John Sweeney's New to Group Riding event for an understanding of how we conduct our rides.

Try to stay warm, spring isn't *that* far away!

Joe Murglin

Safety Officer

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Sammie Sweeney

Ladies of Harley (L.O.H.)

Hello Ladies,

It was great to see many of you at sign-up, I hope to see more of you at our February chapter meeting.

Unfortunately we had to postpone our January meeting at Hitz. I will be rescheduling this at a later date. As soon as I know when, I'll let you know.

Looking forward to hearing some of your suggestions and ideas of things we can do to make it a fun year for all us.

Stay warm and healthy; spring should be here in about 50 days.

Till next time,

Sammie Sweeney

LOH (Ladies of Harley) Officer

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Dave Jones

Historian

Hi again...

Where we left off last month, my son Jeffrey Daniel (JD) was injured during the birth process, and I was left without a bike - and with little hope of getting one again.

Over the years as JD grew, I and those around me with similar kids tried a LOT of things to try and 'normalize' really bad situations. Some things worked. Others weren't so good.

A bunch of us had model trains and built switches so our kids could run them by just pressing their heads back in their headrests on their wheelchairs. Others created ingenious ways of accomplishing a variety of fun things for our kids to do - around their limitations. Wheelchair soccer was a bit of a bust - literally - as we build 'cow catchers' on the front of manual chairs and we pushed our kids around in the games trying to score. The repairs to the chairs (and sometimes the kids) were something to observe, as the games could get quite rough.

Over the years, without a motorcycle, I still kept up with what was going on in that world dreaming of one day returning to riding, somehow with my son. The problems with that really came down to two things. I needed a sidecar that was modified for holding a wheelchair kid. And I needed a bike that was not going to leave is stranded by the side of the road. One of those problems was solved by Harley Davidson with the development of the Evolution engine - also known as E2, EVO and even Blockhead.

What made this engine so wonderful (some say it saved H-D from the post AMF debacle by saving the company's image, which at the time was, Ummmm...., well, shit), was that it simple, light, tight and it worked.

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It was introduced in 1984 as a 1,340 cc (82 cu.in.) motor with aluminum heads and cylinders, a single cam with overhead valve with 4 individual cam shafts. Starting in the FXR4 big twin models (including FXR2 and FXR3 - the first CVO's), simple modifications depending on bike model allowed for a E2 to be sized for the Sportster, which had a unit design pretty much unchanged from its inception in 1952. Starting with a 1,100 cc (67cu) ((and then a 1,200 cc (73cu)) and an 883 cc (53.9 cu) for the Sportster models, the E2 replaced the heavier and less reliable ironhead engine.

The Evolution Big Twin had a 15 year run - plenty of enough time for my brain to start working again - and set some plans for Jeffrey and myself.

While at therapy one day down at Chicago Rush Clinic, I pushed Jeffrey past a beautiful H-D bagger with and equally beautiful side car rig attached. I automatically started trying to figure out how I would make that work for him, even though getting a Harley, let alone a BIG Harley, still wasn't on my radar.

Turns out, Jeff's therapist was the owner - and better yet, his dad had gone through several modifications to his bike as he aged. Slightly downsizing was the first step. That was followed by a sidecar, and then a trike conversion, then a full blown trike. I admitted my desire to get something for my son - and the therapist mentioned they had an old WWII Velorex sidecar sitting around in their shop - part of an earlier attempt to keep their dad riding. After some careful and guarded conversation - I was able to 'talk him into' selling me the sidecar for a fraction of what it would have cost me on the open market.

Now all I needed was a bike.

Next steps in March Newsletter. Stay safe!

Dave



Dave Jones

Historian/Road Captain

The Weeknight Wandering Dinner Club of the Lake Shore - Harley Owner's Group

The Weeknight Wandering Dinner Club, or the WWDC, of LS-HOG was developed to encourage riding during the week. That's it.

Imagined in 2015, and started (Chartered) in 2016, the WWDC has transitioned through several styles until it is what we have today. A monthly 'Meet and Eat' event - riding whenever possible, but even if the weather or whatever excludes the bikes..., the dinner, friends, good times and fun and games stay on the schedule.

In it's earlier form, the WWDC actually only met one time a month, on Wednesday nights. After a few years, it grew to other days of the week, and added a 'non-rainout' agreement so once planned, we were on regardless of the weather.

IN 2022, the COVID stuff might not have affected the chapter events so much, but it sure affected the restaurants we were scheduled to go to. The next few years have still been a challenge with closed venues, shorter hours and restaurants being less willing to accommodate large groups, separate checks and the like. Despite the challenges, we travel and have a great time whenever we can.

WWDC is open to LS-HOG members, family and friends and curiosity seekers. If we ride, you'll need your chapter card, or sign a release form - or you can meet us at our designated restaurant. If you participate in 1/2 of our scheduled events - you earn your patch / rocker for the season.

Our 2024 season (our 9th season) is currently in the planning stage - with February 2024 being our first scheduled event. Watch the blackboard at LSHD or go to the LS-HOG website / calendar for additional information. You can also contact me (Dave Jones) as my information is in the Road Captain section of the LS-HOG site. << lakeshorehog.com >>

Hope to see you this riding season!!

Dave J.



Historian/Road Captain (continued)



On 'Leap Day', February 29, 2024, we will be meeting at Timothy O'Toole's for our first event of 2024! This year (as always), we will have a variety of places and choices for our WWDC outings, and O'Toole's will start us off with a BANG!! Please plan on joining us for an excellent evening of fun, friends, great food and some prizes at the end as LS-HOG kick's the year off right!!

*** Weeknight Wandering Dinner Club 2024 - #1 ***

Thursday, February 29, 2024 / 7:30 PM
Timothy O'Toole's in Libertyville 412 N Milwaukee Ave.,
Libertyville, IL 60048 847) 984-2599

Text your name, how many people and phone # to me (Dave J.) at
847) 609-0277

Historian

Dave Jones

**Picture
to come
soon**

Denise Runge
Editor

Hi everyone,

It was nice to see the folks that braved the cold and came out to the chapter sign-up.

Hopefully, Spring will get here soon and this will all be a distant memory.

Bob did take my photo at the sign-up so I hope to have it placed here soon.

See you at the meeting!

Denise

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Bob Morrison Photographer

Hello brothers and sisters,

Our Annual Chapter Membership Sign-up had a great turnout. It was great seeing many of our members come out. Here are some memories from that day. See you at the Feb. meeting.



Annual Chapter Membership Sign-up (continued):



Annual Chapter Membership Sign-up (continued):



Group shot of the 2024 Officers:



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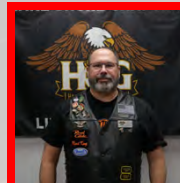
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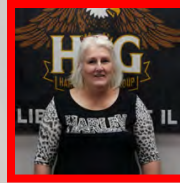
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