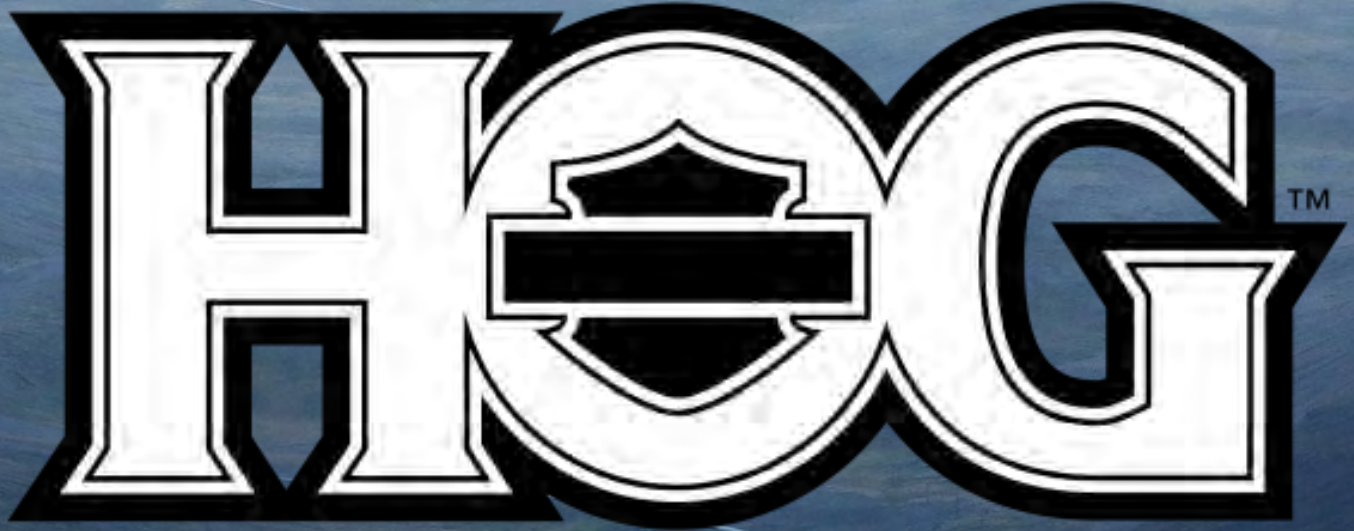


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LAKE SHORE



Monthly Newsletter

# Whats Happening

## Annual Picnic & Teddy Bear Ride

July 17, 2022

Teddy Bear Ride leaves at 10:30am from Lake Shore  
Picnic starts at noon in Nippersink Forest Preserve (Lot C)

## Upcoming Rides and Activities

7/09—Psycho Silo

7/10—Bulldogs

7/14—McGonigal's Pub in Barrington

7/15—Doyles Pub

7/16—Broken Spoke

7/17—Annual Picnic & Teddy Bear Ride

7/23—Claussens and Railroad Museum

7/24—Off to Taqueria La Estrella

7/30—Durty Gurts Burger Joynt

7/31—10th Baby Butt 500—Take 2

8/06—BONUS Breakfast at Cozy Nook

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

**Chapter Ride Hot Line 847-281-3141**



## **Heather Johnston—Director**

Holy heatwave, Batman! Summer is for sure in full effect now, and it is great to see so many of you are out riding and enjoying the open road. Please remember that our Family Picnic (Chapter Picnic) is coming up on July 17th. See flier in this newsletter for more details. RSVP to me by July 11th to hold your spot.

If you plan to attend the Four Rivers Frenzy trip and have \*not\* received the trip packet, please email me or text me to let me know. We will have a brief planning meeting immediately following the August Chapter meeting.

Until next time, stay safe & stay cool!

Heather "Bling" Johnston

Director

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## **Dawn Cherry—Assistant Director**

It has been a long time coming but we are finally in the "dog days of summer"!

I hope you are checking the calendars frequently and able to get out and ride with the chapter.

Coming soon is one of the highlights of the year and that is our Teddy Bear run and annual chapter picnic. I hope to see everyone out at the picnic but just a heads up, Come with your game face on! Besides delicious grilling, We are going to have some serious picnic games. Who doesn't like a nice egg throw or water balloon contest?

I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Dawn Cherry

Assistant Director/RC

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## **Doug Wrobel—Treasurer**

Well, hello again. Can't really believe that the days just seem to fly by. As I said at the monthly meeting, our financials are doing very well and planning for Chapter events are being planned. Don't forget, this month is the annual Chapter Picnic and Teddy Bear Ride.

It sure is nice to see the turn outs that we have been having at the monthly meetings. Attendance has been high for both the meetings and for the rides that have been planned. So, we all must be doing something right. Hope the trend keeps up.

Well for now, hope everyone has a Happy 4th of July. Have fun on the rides and ride safe.

Doug Wrobel

Treasurer/RC

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## **Sherrie Bransky—Secretary**

Happy 4th of July !!!



See you at the H.O.G. Family Reunion picnic!! Remember to turn your forms in to Heather by July 11th!

Sherrie Bransky

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## **Roz Wrobel—Membership**

Happy Summer from Membership.

We are growing again! What a family we have and yes that is what we are, brothers and sisters. We are 235 family members strong and it nice to see so many new faces. Let's welcome them and they are: Jason Solid, Tony Leitzow, Larry Beake, and James Goodrum. If you see them at a meeting, chapter event, or ride, please say hi.

As you all know the chapter picnic is coming and its right around the corner on July 17th and the information is on the website. Hope to see all you there. Please let Heather know if you plan on attending. There is so much more coming and don't forget that chapter trip in August. If you have not been one, you will really enjoy yourself.

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](http://www.hog.com). I will also send a 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**

Howdy everyone,

July is here and our riding season is in full swing. I hope many of you are taking advantage of the many different rides being offered this year. Our calendar has something for everyone. Go to lunch or dinner or maybe some ice cream, take a short jaunt or rack up some serious miles, it is all there for the choosing. That is one thing you can always say about the Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter... WE RIDE!

Coming up is our annual Teddy Bear Ride that will take you to our Annual Picnic. It's a nice hour and half ride through some pretty roads, ending up at Nippersink Forest Preserve for some lunch, fun, games and BIKER GAMES. To go on the ride and get your free rocker, just bring a stuffed animal, teddy bear or some Hot Wheels.

For the biker games, you can test your skills at slow riding, the obstacle course or the 2-up Road Kill Round-Up. ;—) It's always a fun time, free to the members and a good excuse to get out and ride and have some fun. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget to periodically check our website. It has information about the chapter, updated photos of events, our ride calendar, what is going on with LOH, the "What's Happening" section has information about upcoming events, trips and more. Also our Mileage Contest description and Ride 365 are up there. To keep up-to-date with what is going on in the chapter, check-out the website.

Lastly, our "Four River Frenzy" looks to be shaping up to be a GREAT trip. I hope you are planning on going. A lot of time and effort has gone into making a fun trip with some beautiful country and great riding. Cant' wait to get down there.

See you next month...

**John R Sweeney Jr.**

"Shiny side up and rubber side down..."

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## Doug Cherry—Safety Officer

Hello Fellow HOG Members,

Last month we talked about riding in the rain and how certain everyday road conditions that are tame in dry weather can suddenly turn dangerous when rain is mixed in. Hopefully, some of my tips helped or will help you in the future. This month I would like to talk about some road conditions that don't require water to make them hazardous and some techniques to handle them. With it being summer, or as some would say in the Chicagoland area, construction season, it's a good time to revisit exactly what this means for motorcyclists. Here's a list of some of the most common:

**Sand and oil on already paved surfaces** - as a motorcycle rider, this seems like a stupid and dangerous thing to do in the summertime when we take to the roads. It also gets the bike dirty with hard to clean oil. Highway departments have a reason for doing this though. The tar or oil is designed to seep into the pavement and seal an already finished roadway. The sand and oil combination actually makes the pavement less slippery in wet weather or once it has been compacted by traffic. I know this doesn't seem to help us in dry hot weather when we inadvertently come across it but there actually is a method to their "madness". **How to handle this type of hazard** - SLOW DOWN, obviously. Also, try not to ride in the center of the lane. Stay towards the left or right of the lane where cars have already worn some of the coating down. This might be counterintuitive because we think the oil is going to be very slippery, but if you go back to the "sand" part from above, this is actually more grip effective than riding in the center where the sand has not been compacted into the oil and roadway by truck or cage travel. Otherwise, If you use all of the techniques you learned for riding in wet weather in this kind of situation you should be okay. Same principle.

**Road or tar snakes** - What would a summertime road trip to Wisconsin be without these devilish little creatures. States use this cost effective method to prolong the road's life. This is great for state budgets and cage users but for those of us on highly powered two wheelers they can be very tricky, especially in warmer weather. If you can't avoid them by repositioning in the lane here are some simple techniques to handle them. First, please release your death grip and don't panic! The bike is going to "wiggle" or slip slightly when the tread comes in contact with the tar. This is okay. Our brains will tell us to tense up and grip harder. Do just the opposite. Let the tire tread do its job and regain traction by keeping a relaxed but controlled grip on the bars. Most of this happens within seconds and rarely if ever will you lose control following this example. On curves the biggest danger is not the actual snake but our reaction to it. Trying to avoid the snake or tensing up can put us in a more dangerous situation than just dealing with it. If we use the technique above and use all of the standard lessons we have learned for cornering on a motorcycle, tar snakes in corners will present no problems.



## Doug Cherry—Safety Officer

**Rough grooved surfaces** - These are usually created by the first step in re-doing a roadway. Treat these exactly like you would a bridge with steel gratings. Loosen your grip and let the tire tread do its job. Again, the bike will move or wiggle but it won't veer off course or go down. Relaxed, controlled grip (notice a pattern).

**Uneven pavement** - You're traveling in a four laned construction zone where one of your two blacktop lanes is finished and the other is not. You need to change lanes from the unfinished to the finished lane. This usually is about 2.5 inches higher than the unfinished lane that you are in. All you have to do is get up over that 2.5 inches...at an angle...at 45 miles an hour. Piece of cake! Here are two things you can do. First, do not try to feather or gradually slide the bike into the higher lane. It is better to get it over with by **purposely** (did he say aggressively) getting into the lane. Try to make the change from at least a 45 degree angle if possible. You can usually accomplish this by moving to the opposite half of the lane that you are in and making a "turn" into the lip and up on the shelf. Secondly, don't pull in the clutch to reduce power. You will lose some control over the bike by doing this so keep the throttle even and ride up the ridge. Get er done!

We expend more mental fear on these hazards and the actions that need to be taken to deal with them than is ever necessary. I hope some of this was helpful. Use these techniques, practice, and DO!

Enjoy your construction zone, er, summer ride!

### Safety Officer

"Danger" Doug Cherry

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# Teddy Bear Corner

Hi everyone,

Just a quick reminder that not only is July 17th our annual picnic, but it is also our Teddy Bear Charity Ride. This ride leaves Lake Shore at 10:30 to head over to our picnic. Entry fee is stuffed animals or Hot Wheel cars. This gets you on the ride and a free rocker. We also have the main patches for sale, if you don't already have one. If you can't make the ride, but are still going to the picnic, you can still bring your animals or cars and get your rocker. Either way its all for the kids and they thank you.

See you on the 17th...

Thank you,  
**Sammie Sweeney**  
(847) 882-0187





## **Lori Marcotte—Ladies of Harley**



### **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Bowling and/or Mini-golf at Kristof's



**Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30 pm**  
**421 W. Rollins Road**

Let me know if you can make it: [danlori0803@comcast.net](mailto:danlori0803@comcast.net)



## Lori Marcotte—Ladies of Harley



### Progressive Day Ride

Saturday, AUGUST 13, 2022

We are going to have a progressive day ride.

The day will begin at Lake Shore Harley Davidson with a ride to Doug and Dawn's house. Kickstand up at 10:45. Appetizers will be served.

Then, after filling our bellies, we are going to spend the day riding with a memory / observation ride and contest. 1<sup>st</sup> place will get a prize. The ride will be 3 to 3 ½ hours long. If you don't want to ride that long, you can meet us directly at Roz and Doug's house at 5 pm. (811 Oakley Ave, Waukegan)

Dinner at Doug and Roz's will be served at 6 pm. Bring a swimsuit, if you would like to go swimming.

This is a RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

We can only take 30 people, so please sign up asap. The cost per person is \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members to off-set the cost to the hosts. Please fill out the bottom portion of this sheet and give it and the \$20 /\$22 fee to Lori Marcotte.

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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount collected: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Ladies of Harley**

Lori Marcotte

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## **George Lang – Historian**

Stay tuned next for more content next month.....

George Lang

**Historian**

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## Bob Morrison—Photographer

Hello Lake Shore Sisters and Brothers,

We had a large turnout at our June meeting and those who made it to the meeting had a feast. Here are some pictures from that meeting.







## Bob Morrison—Photographer







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Misc. Pictures from our members, Memorial Day through our June Meeting.







## Bob Morrison—Photographer







## **Bob Morrison—Photographer**



Bob Morrison

**Photographer**

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**Lake Shore H.O.G. Family Picnic**  
**10 AM Line Up at Lake Shore Harley**  
**10:30 Kickstands Up**  
**12 Noon Arrive at Nippersink Shelter C**  
**Dont Forget to bring a new teddy bear or matchbox cars**

**Join your Lake Shore H.O.G. sisters and brothers for a Family Picnic**

**Sunday July 17, 2022**

**10am Line Up at Lake Shore Harley**

**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 guests**

**\$5 Non refundable fee for all guest under 10 years of age**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please sign up at the May or June meeting or RSVP to**

**Heather Johnston**

**709 N County St**

**Waukegan, IL 60085**

**217-317-0384**

**Please RSVP before July 11, 2022**

**Checks can be made payable to**

**Lake Shore H.O.G.**



**A Short History of**  
**Lake Shore's Very own, 'Soft as a Kiss'**  
**Baby Butt 500**

Early in our riding season back in 2010, I was sitting at one of our Sunday morning LS-HOG breakfasts, eavesdropping on a conversation at the table next to mine. Two of our 'older' members were discussing their lack of interest in a chapter "IRON BUTT" ride. More specifically, the idea of a thousand miles in 24 hours wasn't something the older chapter members were very excited about.

However, as the conversation turned comic, as they often do at our get-togethers, they started joking about a shorter, more comfortable and easier ride - a "Baby Butt" as it were. Five hundred miles in a day was an acceptable distance, according to their conversation.

I liked the joke. And having a daughter in graphic design, I asked her to design a 'patch' - with a baby butt, a kiss on that butt and the logo - Lake Shore H.O.G.'s Baby Butt 500! I brought the completed design back to our next HOG breakfast as a joke - touting our next great chapter activity - a One Day 500 mile ride - with a patch to go to those who completed it, too boot!

You have to remember that at that time, we didn't have a lot of long distance riders or long distance rides - like we do today. The idea of a 500 mile ride was pretty novel.

After the cartoon went 'round the meeting, with a lot of chuckles added, the picture was given back to me to explore the possibility of adding this to our riding schedule. And away we went.

Multiple explorations took off at once. Routes were discussed - going 500 miles with the minimal major highway was an interesting challenge. Casting around to see if there was enough interest was another exploration. Finally, because we were using LS-HOG on the patch - it had to go be Harley's lawyers. It didn't pass their examination.

NO NAKED BABIES! Put a DIAPER on that thing!!

CAN'T USE HOG WITHOUT OUR BLESSING!



Oh, well..., we added the diaper - which stayed, but changed the name of the ride to "Lakeshore's OWN - B.B.500". You see, it's all in the details.

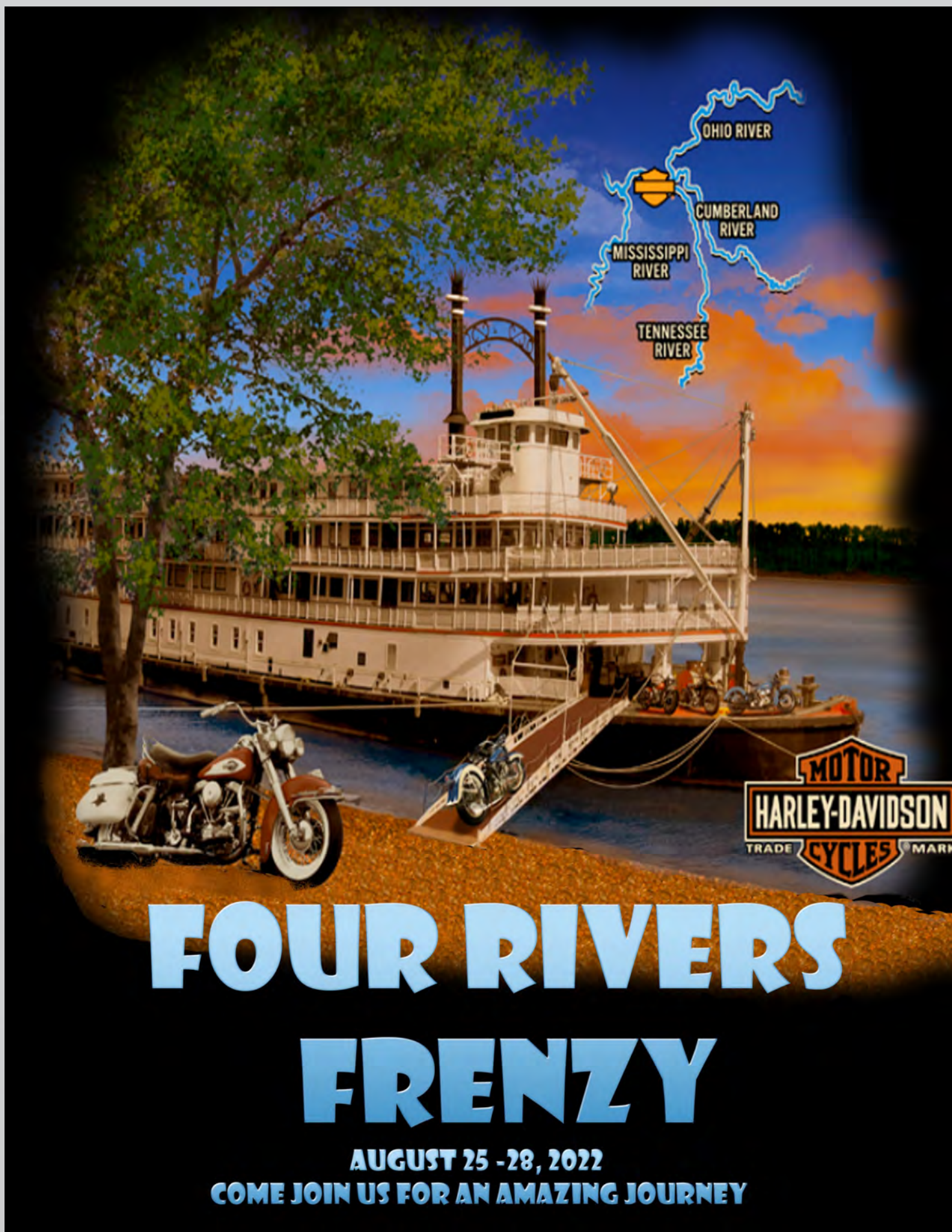
Anyway, July of 2011 saw our first Baby Butt - there were 16 bikes in two groups and we went north - Libertyville to Milwaukee to Sheboygan to Manitowoc to Green Bay to Appleton to Stevens Point for lunch! Then we turned south to Madison the east to Waukesha and then just west of Milwaukee we turned south again to Hales Corners and then Franklin, onto Rt 45 South to Union Grove - there I was so exhausted, I missed a turn. One of the guys who started this whole thing with a joke offered to take over the lead (was I pleased) - and he took us over to a small north / south road that got us on Rt 41 south of the Illinois border. And then back to LSHD and BB500 #1 was in the books!!

Since then, we've had a Baby Butt 500 each year through 2019. The patch stays the same - but the rocker colors are voted on by the riders. Some years it's been very hot (Red & Yellow rocker), other years cold and / or wet (Blue & Black rocker). The orange and gray rocker was for (wait for it...) construction and fog!! All the years' colors have special meanings for that group.

We missed 2020 (as did most of the country) and an accident in the chapter held up 2021. So in 2022, we will have a BB500 - WEST on June 25th and a BB500 - NORTH scheduled for October 1st. Routes are coming!!







# FOUR RIVERS FRENZY

**AUGUST 25 -28, 2022**

**COME JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING JOURNEY**



# **FOUR RIVERS FRENZY**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 25 - SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2022**

**Come and join us for an amazing adventure of  
approximatley 380 miles. We will be traveling South to  
the Four Rivers region and the historic town of  
Paducah KY. Close to Shawnee National Forest, Land  
Between the Lakes, Nashville, and so much more! You  
dont want to miss out on this great opportunity to ride  
and have fun with friends.**

**We will be staying at the  
Drury Suites**

**2930 James Sanders Blvd, Paducah, KY 42001**

**Phone: 800-325-0720 Group #10002867**

**Rates from \$113 (2 Queens) or King room**

**Be sure to sign up early**

**Once you make your reservation please  
RSVP to**

**Heather at [johnstonh@comcast.net](mailto:johnstonh@comcast.net)**

**&**

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**more info on times and routes will follow via email  
and informational packets.**

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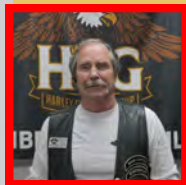


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