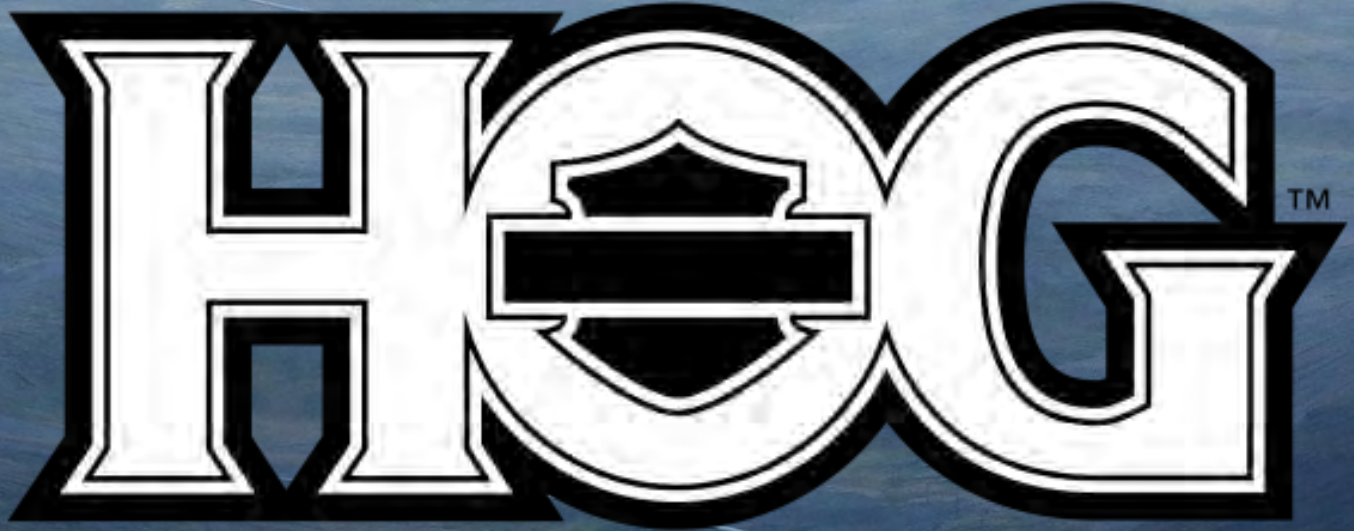


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LAKE SHORE



Monthly Newsletter

# Whats Happening

## Chapter Meeting

June 19, 2022

Breakfast at 9am

Meeting at 10am

Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm

## Upcoming Rides and Activities

6/04—National Motorcycle Museum

6/04—2nd New to Group Riding

6/05—Lunch in New Glarus, WI

6/08—Time For Fat Daddy's

6/11—Harley-Davidson Museum

6/12—Breakfast and Back Half Rustic Roads Tour

6/18—Mount Horub

6/18—Any Given Sunday Motorcycle Museum

6/19—After Meeting Fathers Day Ride

6/22—WWDC #4 Cullom Knoll (Bar Food)

6/25—9th Baby Butt 500

6/25—Hanson's Ice Cream

6/26—Pistols, Bikes and Twists... III

7/02—Fox and Hounds

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

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



## **Heather Johnston—Director**

Is summer finally here? My goodness it seems like winter has dragged on forever, but at least we have still been able to get out and ride some so far this season! We had a chilly & windy Bike Blessing to start off the month of May, but we didn't get rained on so I'd call that a win! Hopefully we will enjoy more consistently warm, sunny days in the not-so-distant future. Our ride calendar is full of awesome adventures so keep checking that to see what fun destinations are planned by our awesome road captains.

Don't forget to get your activity cards signed when you attend Chapter meetings, events, and rides. You could win a fabulous, yet-to-be-determined prize at the end of the season :-)

Please be sure to save the date for our annual "Family Picnic" which will be July 17th. More details can be found on the flier in this newsletter and on our website. RSVP's can be sent to me and I'll also be taking them at the June meeting. Deadline is July 11th to hold your spot.

Heather "Bling" Johnston

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## **Dawn Cherry—Assistant Director**

I am going to make one more push for our Chapter Overnight Trip and then I promise I wouldn't say anything more. I know that you have heard about the trip for month's now and it is great to see so many members signed up to go!

Well, This article is for the members that are still on the fence about the trip. If you can swing the dates Thursday August 25 - Sunday August 28 give the Drury Hotel and Suites a call to reserve your room, (800) 325-0720 Group # 10002867.

Let me tell you that our Paducah trip is for all riders from the new member that just joined to our seasoned veterans.

I would like to give a special shout out to our trip advisor, Corey Johnston. He has spent hours putting together a beautiful trip packet for everyone's enjoyment. Once these packets are emailed out to you, you will see that there was a lot of care that went into the route plans, restaurant choices, meet ups and shopping spots.

Of course, if you decide once you get down there to just chill around the hotel that is a great option too.

I have not been on all the chapter trips but the ones I have been on I can definitely tell you that they are EPIC!!

This chapter is about Riding and Having Fun! So I hope you can swing this years trip, both riding and having fun will be in full abundance!

Dawn Cherry

Assistant Director/RC

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## **Doug Wrobel—Treasurer**

Well, hello again. Again, it seems like we just wrote our article for all to read. We as a chapter, have another Bike Blessing in the books. All went well and the church truly accepted us back, 173 Bikes in all. Thanks to all who helped out from beginning to the end.

One of the other things I have to say is: Rain, rain go away, come back another day. It seems like all we are getting is rain every other day. Opened up the pool last weekend, filled it to the right level and now I have to pump water out because there is too much in it now and we have more rain coming. Oh well, we could be like Denver and get a foot of snow.

Well for now, see you all around, either at the dealership or on a ride. HAVE FUN AND RIDE SAFE!!

Doug Wrobel

Treasurer/RC

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## **Sherrie Bransky—Secretary**

Hello again and to our new Chapter members, Welcome!

John Sweeney & Doug Cherry will be holding another New to Group Riding with Lake Shore HOG ride on Saturday June 4th. The ride is intended for new or newer members that haven't done a lot of group riding or are new to riding with our chapter. Please check the website calendar for more details.

Nothing planned for Dad this Father's Day? Come out and have breakfast with us at the Magnolia Café at Lamb's Farm on June 19th. Meet some of your fellow Chapter members and visit with old friends. (9am Breakfast & 10am meeting) Following the meeting, we will meet at the dealership for a Father's Day ride led by our Head Road Captain, John Sweeney.

Our Road Captains have put together a variety of rides for June. Please see the Chapter calendar for more details on each of these rides. Ride Levels and mileage are listed for each ride so riders will have an idea of the type of ride planned. If you want more information about any of the rides, the contact information for all of the Road Captains has been listed on the Chapter website. Make sure you bring your membership cards & activities cards to the ride and show them to the Road Captains.

July 17th will be our Annual Teddy Bear Ride and Chapter Picnic. A signup flyer is available on the Chapter website. Please RSVP by July 11th. Lineup for the Teddy Bear Ride to the Nippersink Forest Preserve Shelter C will begin at the Lake Shore dealership at 10am (Kickstands up at 10:30am). Please bring teddy bears or Matchbox cars to donate to DCFS. The Chapter Family Picnic will be held rain or shine. This is a family event. Non-riders are welcome to meet us at the Forest Preserve.

Sherrie Bransky

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## **Roz Wrobel—Membership**

### **WELCOME FROM MEMBERSHIP CORNER!**

Wow! As all of you know we had our annual Bike Blessing and for those who missed it. It was so nice to see the 173 bikes that came out in the chilly weather, and it was chilly (I see heated grips in my future). To the road captains that directed traffic, to make sure the bikes got in the parking lot and lined up safely, to chapter members that got the waivers and wrist bands that it always has been, to our director, Heather Johnston, who led us to the church, awesome job! And to the Lake County Sheriff's Office, who comes out every year to guide us and block the roads, you guys ROCK! There are many more miles to ride and events happening, so keep a lookout in the newsletter, at the board at the dealership (awesome job keeping it updated Doug Cherry) and also on our [H.O.G. website](#).

We have 3 new family members this month and please make them feel welcome, and they are: Krzystof Mendelowski, Tyler Bransky, and Kurt Russell. Welcome to the family!

This will be the last reminder, if you have signed a form last year, you need to sign a new one. I have mailed the new forms to the members that need one, please make sure that I get the back. If you have not received it, please reach out to me and I will make sure you get a new one. If you have any questions, please give me a call and I can explain why we need a new one. Also, everyone needs to sign a new form which I have already typed for you, you just need to sign.

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 into [www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com). I will also send a email or text (if no email is on file) if it has expired. I check several times a month, so please make sure that I have your current email address.

Roz Wrobel

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Membership Officer/Volunteer Coordinator

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## **John R. Sweeney Jr**

### **Head Road Captain**

Howdy everyone,

This is directly from H.O.G. National...

Howdy everyone,

I'm happy to say our ride calendar has every weekend full for June, July and August. There is a great variety of rides, something for everyone. Be sure and take every opportunity to get out and ride with your chapter family.

For our new members, you can find the ride calendar [<<HERE>>](#). We also have a hotline for up to the minute information about rides coming up in the week and any changes or cancelations. That number is **(847) 281-3141**.

If you missed my article last month, I wrote about the new incentive from H.O.G. to get you to sign-up and participate in the RIDE365. If you missed it, here is the link to that article explaining all about it. [<<SELECT>>](#).

Also, you can check if you are signed up for our own chapter Mileage Contest or read about how you can participate in the contest [<<HERE>>](#).

Since we are heading into the summer and people start getting time off of work and we are getting more retired members, you will start to see rides on the calendar for rides during the week. Why waste days... LOL... Be sure to check the calendar periodically, as rides change, get added or moved. It only takes a moment to check to be sure you don't miss a chance to RIDE... ;—)

If you haven't signed up for the Four River Frenzy, you will be missing out on a great time. The riding down there is beautiful, we have several routes in the area after we arrive and you will have a choice of two routes going down. The quick or the leisure (highway or backroads) and then once we arrive, gorgeous riding. You don't want to regret it later, when you hear your friends raving about the time that they had down there. Come on and join us for the fun...

We will be putting on our second New To Group Riding (also for those new to riding with the Lake Shore chapter) on June 4th at 10:00.

See you next month...

**John R Sweeney Jr.**

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

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## **Doug Cherry—Safety Officer**

So we all know from childhood that April showers bring May flowers, but if you've ridden a motorcycle long enough you know that riding on a beautiful sunny afternoon in one area can turn into a rain soaked chum ride in another area. It's the nature (no pun intended) of moving weather and moving bikes. Since we're beginning to hit some consistency in our riding season I thought it might be appropriate to address something we try to avoid, but nevertheless can find ourselves in without warning: Rain. I'm not going to spend any time on the proper rain gear to have and that we should carry it, to the best of our ability, at all times. Instead, I'd like to focus on riding safely in the rain whether we have gear or not. When road conditions and environments change suddenly there are specific strategies that we can employ to ensure we come through a rainstorm with both wheels on the ground.

Riding a motorcycle in the rain is all about taking it slow and gradual on wet pavement. Gradual is the key word. Your acceleration, braking distance and maneuverability is going to be compromised so adjust your speed accordingly. The first few minutes of riding in a rainstorm are the most dangerous. Oil and dirt that accumulate on the roadway while it's dry tend to "loosen" when the rain starts, making the road especially slick for a short time. It's never a bad idea to take a little break when a rainstorm first hits or delay your departure to avoid being on the road at its slipperiest. Under normal dry conditions cranking back on the throttle and dropping the clutch can propel us down the road in an instant. Doing the same in wet conditions will usually throw the back wheel out to the side causing us to lose control of the bike and possibly drop it. Gradually ease on and off the throttle. Let the clutch out more gradually than normal. Take your turns more gradually trying to keep the bike in a more upright position.

Braking also needs to be adjusted in wet conditions. The brakes are going to be soaking wet so the bike is not going to be able to stop as fast. Give yourself extra distance to gradually apply the brakes to stop the bike. Just remember: try not to do anything suddenly, it's all about gradual.

Lastly, I want to talk about some of the slickest spots on the roadway when the rain comes. Be more alert for:

- Railroad crossings - make a point of crossing as close to 90 degrees as possible
- Manhole covers
- Crosswalk or painted lines
- Steel construction plates
- Bridge gratings (I know...they're difficult even without the rain)



## **Doug Cherry—Safety Officer**

A final hazard can occur at stop lights or stop signs. Any spot where cars stop and wait can be extra oily. Be more careful where you stop your bike and where you put your foot down.

So there you have it. Riding in the rain is all about preparation and knowing what to do. Understanding how the elements affect your motorcycle and the roadway as well as knowing what to do under these circumstances will make the miles on the road more enjoyable. Use these tips to ride smarter, not harder.

### **Safety Officer**

"Danger" Doug Cherry

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# Teddy Bear Corner

Hi everyone,

Welcome new members! Thank you for joining our chapter. One of my favorite things about being in this chapter, aside from the wonderful people and of course the riding, is our chapter charity. All year long we collect teddy bears, Hot Wheel cars and other stuffies that we then donate once a year to DCFS to be given to the kids that are stuck in the system. This gives them a reason to smile. We do this in several ways. We have a drop-off bin for animals/cars at the dealership in our H.O.G. Corner and during the year we have assorted activities plus our annual Teddy Bear Ride to our chapter picnic to collect animals and/or money. Monies donated all year long by our very generous members are used to buy even more animals and cars. Another way to donate is to bring either a stuff animal or 3 cars (or more) to a ride or a chapter meeting and you will receive an additional signature on your activities card.

Another one of my favorite things is our boxing party. In late October or early November, we get together at the dealership to box up all of our bears, animals and cars and then we deliver the smiles to DCFS. Knowing that last year we delivered 2,233 smiles, put a smile on all of our faces. ;—)

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



## **Lori Marcotte—Ladies of Harley**



I am still collecting recipes for the Lake Shore Cookbook. Please email me or bring me a copy at the next meeting. It can be any type of recipe. Email: [danlori0803@comcast.net](mailto:danlori0803@comcast.net)

Progressive Dinner Ride – look for more information coming soon!!!!

In June, Ladies night at Kristof's in Round Lake Beach. Bowling and Mini-Golf. Date: TBD. More information coming soon!!!

### **Ladies of Harley**

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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 H.O.G. Sisters and Brothers,

Thank you to all who made this year's Bike Blessing a success and thank you to all who came out with the cooler weather. Here are some memories from that day.





## Bob Morrison—Photographer





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*Here are some memories from our May Monthly Meeting.....*



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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

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

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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!



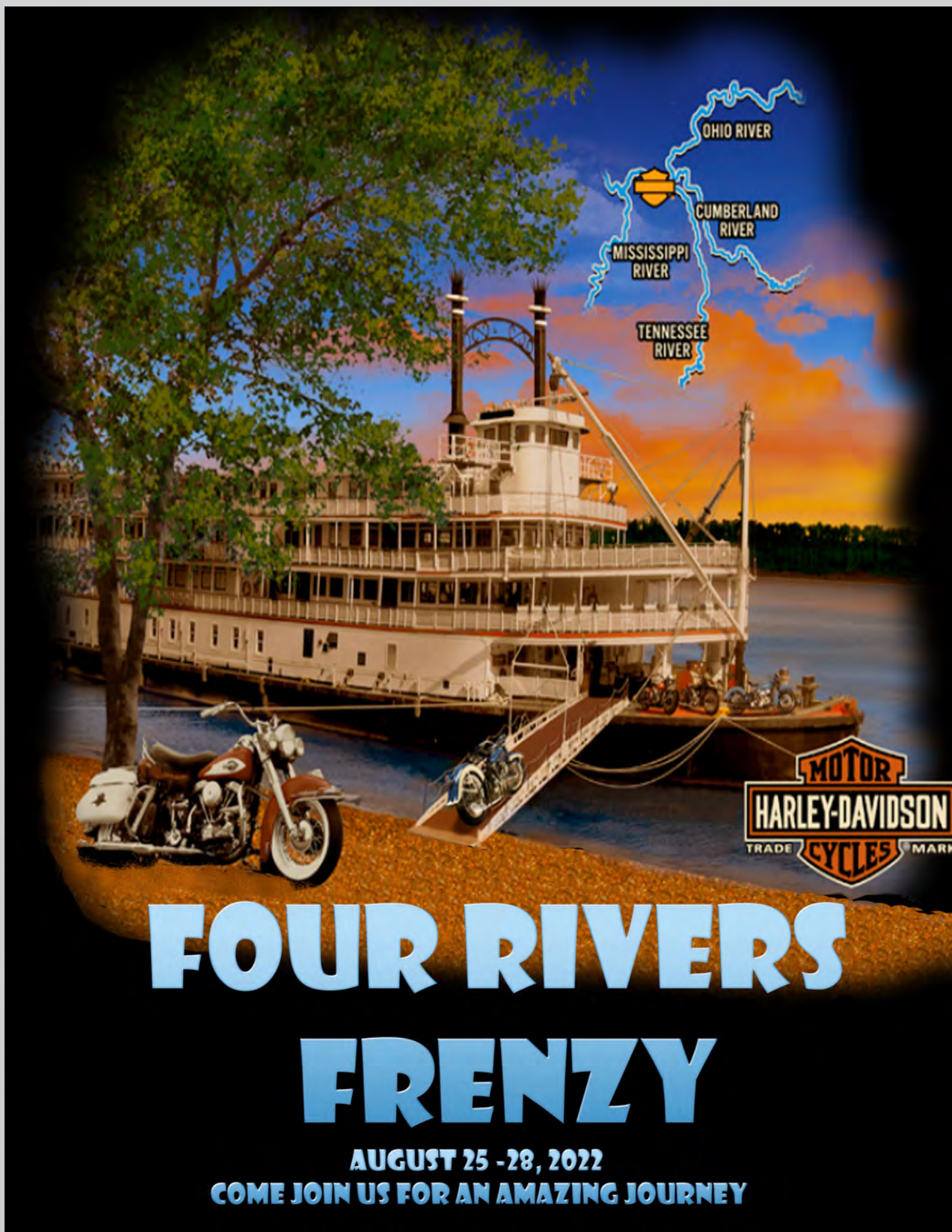
Oh, well..., we added the diaper - which stayed, but changed the name of the ride to "Lakeshore's OWN - B.B.500". You see, it's all in the details.

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**

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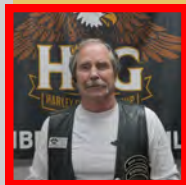


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