



The H.O.G. Insider

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This Month's Member Meeting

March 17, 2019 @ Lamb's Farm—Magnolia Café

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Meeting

March LSHOG Rides/Events

March 10—LOH meeting/bowling @ Bertrands in Waukegan @ 1:00 pm
March 12—WWDC/BB #3 - Smylie Bros—Kickstands up @ 6:45pm @ dealership
March 17—Chapter Meeting 9:00 Breakfast/10:00 Meeting
After meeting ride: Annual Ice Breaker Ride
March 24—Cigar Run -kickstands up 12:30pm @ dealership

Be sure to add these dates to your personal calendar

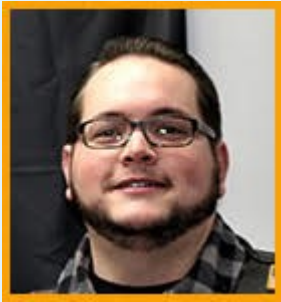


Let's Ride

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Corey Johnston – Director



Well March is here and we are all getting tired of the white stuff on the ground. We are all itching to ride. Again I want to thank everyone who braved the weather to come out to our first meeting of the year. It is always good to spend time with friends.

For those of you who may have missed it we are now only requiring 9 initials on the activity cards before you turn them in. Another exciting addition to this years program; if you bring 3 or more stuffed animals or matchbox cars to any meeting or ride you will receive 1 extra initial. Nick and John have been working hard on the website updates and the calendar is starting to take shape for the year. So please take a look and start dreaming of the many awesome rides coming your way. We are hopeful that the weather will break and we will be able to ride after our meeting on the 17th. I also have a cigar run planned for Sunday March 24 leaving the dealership around 12:30 wandering through the North Shore and finally up Sheridan Rd to A Cuban Experience in Waukegan for an enjoyable afternoon of cigar smoking. It will be a rain or shine event if the weather is poor we will meet at A Cuban Experience at 2pm. For those who need patches sewn on the ladies from Leathers for You will be at our April meeting to help you out! As always we are busy planning many fun activities, rides and parties for all of you to enjoy. Until next time enjoy the road!

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



It sure was nice to see all of you Diehard H.O.G. Members at our first meeting of the year. Either you have cabin fever, that bored, or just crazy, to come out in that weather. I don't know... so I'm going with the crazy part. Hell you re-joined or are new so you must be CRAZY, but thanks for braving it.

The **Bootleggers Boogie Run**. Well I'm here to tell ya that's it's going to be a great weekend of RIDING and FUN. Or maybe you just want to explore the town and relax. That's up to you. If you haven't heard, Bardstown is on the list for the must see small towns in the country. So let's go and see it together. I can tell you ROOMS are filling fast but the more the merrier. Trust me You won't be disappointed, So tell your boss or your employees that your out rolling the hills of Kentucky. What do you say... Let's ride. Also as a reminder the following weeknd is the H.O.G. regional rally. It's in Michigan. To get information please go to member.hog.com. There you can get all of the info you need about location, hotels and times. Registration for this event is open, so if your interested go check it out.

Also for your viewing pleasure I'm including a link about Bardstown KY

<https://youtu.be/WsB3mj9cr-k>

Ralph "yoyo" Lenzini
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Ray Weimer – Treasurer

Greeting Fellow Chapter Members,



First meeting of 2019 is in the books and it was a great one. Corey did a fine job and kept the meeting lively and on point and the cast of characters that supported him did well also. That leads me to my passion about this chapter and how exciting it is when everything comes together and all of us have a fun time and look forward to the next meeting, event, or ride. That's what this chapter stuff is all about.

Talk about rides and events, when Ralph announced this year's annual weekend ride the "Bootleggers Boogie Run" the room became electrified like one of the Chicago election debates and everyone wanted in knowing how much fun the previous rides have been. I for one can't wait to throw a leg over the saddle and tour the back roads of Kentucky and take in some of awesome roads and the rich history of the area and maybe check out a brewery or two. But before this ride takes off in July we have our 30th Annual Bike Blessing in May to start out with. 30 years we have partnered with St. Paul's and they have always gone above and beyond for our chapter, and for me I wouldn't want to start another riding season without some help from the man above watching over us.

There is plenty to do this year with all our chapter rides, picnic, and numerous other events to spend with your H.O.G. family. So, let's get this super cold and snowy winter behind us and soon we will be hearing the rumble of our Harleys, which to me is music to the soul.

Keep your knees in the breeze,
Ray (Pockets) Weimer

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Rick Cruz – Secretary



March is here and that means riding season is one month closer! I hope you all were able to attend the Motorcycle show last month and get a little comfort.

Some highlights from our February meeting:

Meeting opened at 10:04AM, there were 55 members in attendance. With the weather we had that day it was good to see you there!

- A multi-flyer holder will be at all meetings at the sign-up table with the upcoming events
- Activity cards have gone from needing 12 initials to 9, current 12-box cards will be used up, just draw a line through the bottom three boxes.
- Another way to get a box initialed, bring a combination of three or more Teddy Bears or Hot Wheels cars to a meeting or ride. Please see Sammie, Anne or Corey to get the initials.
- Bootleggers Boogie trip planned for July 11 - 14
- There are still rooms available, please send Ralph (Asstdirector@lakeshorehog.com) an email once you've reserved your room
- July 18 - 20 is the Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally. This year's location: NW Michigan, go to members.hog.com for details.
- Make sure to sign up for the Ride 365 and get your miles counted for both the chapter challenge and the national miles.
- To date we have 168 members signed up, this is a great start to our 2019 season.
- 11 members achieved Perfect Attendance, that means they attended and signed in to every meeting that counted from February to November including the Picnic in July. Winners: Rick Cruz, Rich Foster, George Lang, John Cummings, Corey Johnston, Dan Marcotte, Bob Montgomery, Joel Pasternak, John Sweeney, Doug Wrobel and Roz Wrobel. Congratulations!
- Chapter is solvent with its finances.
- Members meet and greet event Saturday March 2, 2019 6 PM - 8PM at BBQ Productions.
- LOH is looking for cookies to support the St. Baldrick's fundraiser at the Dealership on Saturday March 16 at 12 noon (More information to come).
- Our website has information on our mileage contest, remember 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. Winners will be announced at the February 2020 meeting.
- We have six trainees for Road Captain.
- Last year the chapter had 70 rides on the calendar, (11 were rain outs) for a total of 5,584 map miles, totaling over 95,363 rider miles. We had 800 participants with 656 bikes.
- New to group riding will be April 6 at 10:00, meet at the dealership 15 minutes before.
- 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 (Look for more information to come).

Rick Cruz
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Anne Weimer—Membership



Well it's hard to believe what February has thrown at us considering how January turned out. We had the Polar Vortex with temperatures of 28 degrees below zero and that's not wind chill and now as I write this article we got 50+ mile per hour winds and my house feels like it going to be blown away. Our first meeting of 2019 brought out 55 members on a very cold day. So happy to see so many smiling faces.

The 2018 Perfect attendance awards were given to the following 11 people: Rick Cruz, John Cummings, Rich Foster, Corey Johnston, George Lang, Dan Marcotte, Bob Montgomery, Joel Pasternak, John Sweeney, Doug Wrobel & Rosalind Wrobel. Congratulations everyone!!!! Each recipient received a certificate and a free breakfast certificate. In order to achieve perfect attendance you must have attended each monthly meeting, this includes attending the chapter picnic in July. It does not include the December breakfast social. So for all who attended the February meeting keep it going and you too can get perfect attendance.

New Member this month is **Tim Harrington** - Welcome !! Please, remember to introduce yourself. Our next meeting is **March 17th** at Lambs Farm, I do hope to see you all there.

Looking forward to an early spring,

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aka "Flash"
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Ron Alghini — Activities Officer



March is finally here and spring is coming! Like all of you, we are ready for warm riding weather!!!

Thank you all who came out for our first dinner social at BBQ'D Productions! Always a fun time getting together enjoying good food and good company. Watch for information soon about our next dinner social and our spring event.

Mark your calendars for the annual picnic scheduled for **Sunday, July 21st**.

We are always looking for suggestions for dinner venues and any activity ideas for future events.

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John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



At our March meeting, I will be out front of the Magnolia checking in bikes (that haven't already checked in) for our 2019 Mileage Contest. If you get your bike out earlier, you can go see Kory over at the dealership to get checked-in. Remember that you have to let Kory know if you are signing up for our Mileage Contest or Harley's Ride365 or both. You are good for our contest until our October meeting. For Harley's Ride365 you can check-in with Kory all the way to the last day of the year if you want or sooner. Remember that one covers your mileage for the year, for the year riding with our chapter and lifetime.

I mentioned to everyone at the meeting that this season I'm putting the responsibility on each individual to verify if they are in our contest or not. On our website, under "Chapter Events > Mileage Contest" is the listing of everyone that I currently have signed-up for our mileage contest. Here is a link <http://lakeshorehog.com/mileagecontest/>. Please verify that you are in fact on that list. If not and you feel you should be on it already, please contact me at headroadcaptain@lakeshorehog.com and we'll get it straightened out.

The Ride Calendar has been updated with all of our current rides, but believe me, more will be coming, but we are off to a good start... ;--) I'll start updating the Chapter Hotline (847) 281-3141 in March and Dave Jones is maintaining the calendar at the dealership by our HOG corner. So you'll have three places to be able to check out the rides and events dates for the season.

Spring is always a busy time for us. Everybody is getting their bikes out and ready to ride. We will have our "New to Group Riding" talk in March and ride in April, our annual Safety Meeting in April, our 30th Annual Bike Blessing in May and then the weather is usually cooperating, so we start having more rides on the schedule. You want to be ready for that, so please be sure to go over your bike and check it, BEFORE you go riding. Fluids, lights, tire pressure, wear and tear (tread depth) on your tires, battery, etc. Your baby has been resting for a few months, so make sure its ready to rock, when you are... ;--)

Enough for now, just counting the days, hours and minutes until we HIT THE ROAD... I can't wait and I bet you can't either... it's ALMOST spring...

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 Ladies,

Sorry to say our Meet n Greet didn't go off as planned (thanks to Mother Nature). Even so, we were able to talk with a few of you and we were able to get some awesome ideas.

But Nita and I are greedy and want MORE ideas. ;--)

So, on March 10th LOH is having a bowling party/meeting @ Bertrand's Bowling Alley in Waukegan. \$10 for 2 games of bowling and pizza @ 1:00pm. Details will be emailed to the current LOH members and be available on our website as soon as they are available. Or, if you prefer, you can contact Sammie or Nita at their emails above.

Hope to see you there.



Teddy Bear Corner

Remember... bring 3 or more teddy bears, stuffed animals or hot wheels to any event, meeting or ride and receive 1 additional signature on your activity card

Dan Marcotte—Safety Officer

17 Tips for Safe Riding



According to the National Motorcycle Institute, driving a motorcycle is 27 times riskier than driving a car. Motorcycles are considerably smaller than other vehicles, which is precisely why it is essential that everybody on the road take a few precautions to share the road safely.

Do you wish to reduce the risks that come with the open road? Then read on!

Motorcycle riding is as thrilling as it is dangerous, and you must take full responsibility for your safety and learn to anticipate any mistakes that another person on the road may make. There is no better way to enjoy the freedom of the open road than on two-wheeled journey. Regrettably, bikes are also one of the most dangerous and unsafe vehicles on the road today. If you are ready to feel the wind in your hair on the back of a bike, it is important to put safety first. Every rider should know these motorcycle safety tips before heading out on the road.

1. Ride according to your skills and ability

With enough skills, a lot of stunts can be done using a motorcycle. While some roads may look easy, riders require a lot of practice before they can take on challenging hairpin turns safely.

2. Take a motorcycle safety course

Most countries require a skills test before getting a bike license, and some also need a motorcycle safety course. Even if your country doesn't require you to take a motorcycle safety class, you should seriously consider it. The course will teach you about the traffic laws that apply to bikes in your state, how to react to emergency situations on a bike and will give you the opportunity to try out your new experiences in a controlled environment.

3. Get ready to roll!

Before each ride, do a swift walk-around to make sure your horn, light and directional signals are working correctly. Check the belt, chain or shaft and the brakes. Check the tires for wear and make sure they are set at the proper pressure.

4. Maintain a good speed

Speed limits exist for a reason, and all roads and routes have different ones. Make sure to remain within that limit to dodge dangers. Use basic sense while addressing a report on your speed. If the path is empty and wide without traffic, it is okay to ride at top speed as per the limit set for that road.

5. Avoid bad weather

The dangers of icy or wet roads multiply when you're on two wheels. When planning a motorcycle tour, monitor the weather first. If rain, snow, or ice is foretold, opt for a different mode of transportation. If you simply must ride in the rain, do not ride right after the storm starts.

6. Buy the best bike for your riding level

If you are a new rider or took an extended break from riding, you may be amazed by the performance of today's motorbikes. Today's motorbikes are faster and more powerful than they were a few decades ago, so choose the best motorcycle to fit your specific needs.

7. Get an inspection done

This is one is an essential motorcycle safety tip, and you must not disregard this step whatsoever. Even if your bike is brand new, you must do a basic inspection before each motorcycle trip and go for regular checks even if you are not using it as much.

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8. Always wear a helmet

Pick a full-face helmet that is approved by DOT (Federal Government's Department of Transportation) for the best protection. Modern models are comfortable and lightweight without sacrificing on safety. Be prepared to spend quite a bit on your helmet. You cannot put a price on your life, so it is worth the high cost.

9. Learn about the weather

This is an essential part of planning your [motorcycle ride](#), especially when you are planning a long distance trip. Monitor the weather forecast not just in your city but everywhere you are traveling to on your motorcycle on that day.

10. Wear the right riding gear

Those sandals and shorts may be comfortable, but they're a recipe for disaster when riding a motorcycle. If you slide out, your feet are going to be in for a world of pain. And those shorts won't provide your legs with much protection either.

11. Ride defensively

The gear you wear should provide you with protection from the elements, wind chill, debris, flying bugs and road rash.

12. Look where you want to go and watch out for road hazards

If you're staring at the curb, you're probably going to hit the curb. Look for clear spots and look through turns. Keep your field of vision where you wish to go.

13. Stay in your comfort zone

Know your strengths and make sure that neither your preferred route nor your motorbike is more than you can handle. The more familiar you are with the route, the easier it will be for you to focus and not misplace a turn.

14. Respect all traffic laws on the road

Most of the accidents that occur on roads are the result of reckless driving and disregard of [traffic rules](#). The latter represent the guidelines on how we should operate on the road and ignoring them puts you at a risk of being involved in an accident.

15. Find your happy place

Remember: when you are on a motorcycle, you're the only one on the road watching out for you. If your mind and emotions are anywhere other than the road ahead, you're susceptible to executing rookie errors that can end in a crash, injuries or worse.

16. Educate your passenger

There are certain safety rules that the passenger is sitting behind you must be aware of. Make sure you tell your passenger how to behave while on the road. All he or she is expected to do is to sit tight and not try any stunts that can prove dangerous to both.

17. Ride in a good mood

Make sure you have had enough sleep and that you are in a good mood, free of any stress and just very happy about going on the road trip. Plan your [motorcycle](#) rides only when you are in a positive physical and mental state.

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Doug Wrobel—Historian



Where did February go? It seems the month just started and it's gone already, meaning that spring is getting closer and the **RIDING SEASON** is about to begin. I don't know about you all, but I'm ready.

Was trying to decide what to write about and thought about the era of Harley no one likes to talk about, the AMF era from 1969 until 1981. AMF (American Machine and Foundry) was a leisure company, involved in the production of sailboats and bowling alleys. They had money to burn and rescued Harley Davidson from being liquidated. After the purchase, AMF made huge investments into the company and HD became very profitable again. The sad part is the profits that AMF made were not returned to HD, but to the parent company of AMF. This in turn, made for cuts to a smaller work force. With this quality went down and HD was referred to as Hardly Drivable.

Just a few of the things we all forget was just how competitive the motorcycle industry was during this period. Honda introduced its first "big bike" in 1969, the 4cylinder CB 750, The Goldwing in 1975, Kawasaki introduced the 3 cylinder 2 stroke H-1 500cc rocket. BMW brought out the iconic R90/S in 1974. So, Harley had to compete against inexpensive things & reliable bikes.

The writing was on the wall, so Willie G. Davidson and twelve executives, "The Gang of Thirteen", found funding, invested everything they had and made an offer to buy the company back which was completed in 1982.

The very products that brought the company back in the 80s; FLT/FXR chassis (not the Softail chassis bought from an inventor), improved the Shovelhead and follow up Evolution motors and new manufacturing plants, was actually started and paid for by AMF investments in the Motor Company.

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Bob Morrison—Photographer

Hello Lake Shore H.O.G. members,



I mentioned in the last newsletter I would tell you about our adventure to the Big Boogie Rally. I figured I'd better get it out of the way now especially with this weather, so here is our story. By the way, what did that groundhog say?

BIG BOOGIE 78 I met Nancy, my future wife, back in May of 1978. We went out to dinner on a date about a week later. Early in our relationship I asked Nancy, who had never been to a bike rally or even ridden on a bike, if she would like to go. She responded that she would love it.

The rally was in Bowling Green, KY. It was a National Motorcycle Drag Race sponsored by the new racing division of the NHRA and Rally. Some of the biggest names in drag racing were going to show up. Easyrider and Chopper magazines were advertising about the Big Boogie 78 Rally to be held in Beech Bend Park in June. It was said to be one of the largest rallies of the year. People interested in racing showed up for the NRHA activities and Bikers came for the party. Nancy and I rode to it along with Gary, a friend that told me about the rally. Almost 300,000 attendees including 40,000 bikes arrived in a town with only 40,000 residents. Temperatures were in the 90's with very high humidity. It was a recipe for a potential disaster. The police weren't ready for the onslaught, however they stayed low key to prevent a riot.

Riding into town and the park to set up camp we immediately saw that it was a wonderful chaos. The atmosphere was like a bikers Woodstock. It would be easier to count how many women who weren't topless. Showers were nonexistent, people were riding into town to shower in the car wash and were skinny dipping in the pond at the campground to stay cool. There was a helmet law, but no one wore them, and no one cared. The party never stopped and went on throughout the weekend. The campgrounds were so large that the bands couldn't be heard everywhere so people were having their own parties. Bikers set up a makeshift drag strip near the camping area, however since it was home made it had a dip in it and caused a lot of accidents. Guns were being fired throughout the night.

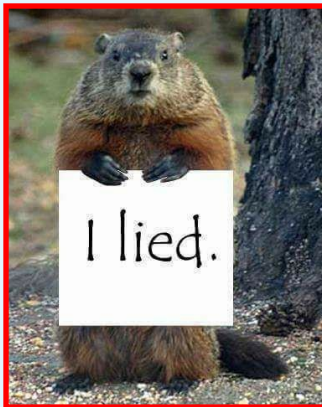
The town of Bowling Green was also over run with bikes. During the course of the weekend a barn was burned down, hundreds were injured, and 3 people died, yet very few were arrested. The Bowling Green Police did an exceptional job of keeping it as peaceful as possible. Things started to get out of hand when bikers would ride through town and grab the tops off of women on the side of the road. One motorcycle club stepped in to help police the situation before it got ugly. Needless to say, this was the last year they had an event

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Our pup tent was almost run over by bikes from the drag strip and Nancy and I stayed low in our tent in fear of the gunfire. I also ended up spilling the bike in the campground due to all the dips and holes and broke my collar bone. A very helpful group from Louisville offered to trailer my bike. I had a friend in Louisville who was able to trailer it from there back home for us. Despite the chaos, heat, danger and injury we both had a fun and memorable time, although we didn't attend any more rallies or events after that. We went solo.

Over the past decades we've been to many national parks throughout the West, Southwest and North including Yellowstone, Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, Sturgis, and Deadwood to name a few. All of these rides we rode alone, with a lapse in riding from the mid-90s through 2014. In 2014 we got back into riding and bought a Heritage. About a month later Nancy reminded me that we bought the bike on the exact date that we had attended the Big Boogie in 78. We're also back to riding rallies. Karma works in strange ways. Here are 2 pictures from that rally and a picture I took recently of the groundhog.



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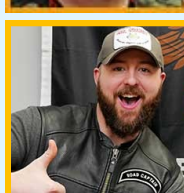


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