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LAKE SHORE HOGTM

Monthly Newsletter



Whats Happening

Monthly Meeting

March 19, 2023

Breakfast at 9am

Meeting at 10am

Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm

Upcoming Rides and Activities

March 10 LOH Wine Tasting

March 11 Chapter Lunch Mission BBQ

March 15 WWDC#3 Pug Mahones Wing Night- Dave J

March 19 After Meeting Ride Ice Breaker- John S

March 25 Mini Circle Tour (The Boathouse) Joe G/ Al P

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



Heather Johnston

Director

March is here and it seems Mother Nature can't quite decide if we are done with winter yet or not. Riding season is getting closer, and I'm looking forward to all the awesome rides our road captains are putting together for us to enjoy.

Our road captains spend hours planning rides so that we can have fun together. I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our road captains for everything they do. I would be remiss if I didn't also give special shout out to our Road Captain of the Year for 2022, my dear husband, Corey Johnston.

Thank you, road captains, for giving us awesome rides and great times spent together.

Speaking of rides, our chapter trip is shaping up to be a fantastic time. The hotel room block is full, but you may still be able to get a room. There are other nearby hotels as well. If you plan to join us for the trip just be sure to email Corey and me to let us know so we have a headcount for ride planning.

At our February meeting we had Jade and Tim from Nicasa present Narcan training, which was extremely informative and much appreciated. All who attended received a supply of Narcan to keep as part of their first aid kits. If you weren't at the meeting but would like to know more about Narcan, and to get your own supply (for free) please contact Nicasa. I hope none of us ever has to use it, but I'm sure glad now I know how to do so and what it does - and doesn't - do.

I'm looking forward to the events our Activities and L.O.H. Officers have coming up as well, and I hope to see as many of you at these events as I can.

Until next time,

Heather "Bling" Johnston

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Doug Wrobel

Assistant Director

Well, hello again. Sure, was nice to see everyone at the last meeting. We really had a good turn out for the first meeting of the year. The Narcan training was informative and greatly appreciated. Then we had the Teddy Bear Bingo, I think everyone who stayed for the games had a great time. I know I did.

Now down to the brass tacks. When I submitted my newsletter last month, I forgot to include the pricing for the Mid-American H.O.G. Rally in St. Charles, Mo. So here they are. Mid-American H.O.G. Rally is on facebook with a link there to buy tickets.

Rally Package Options

Orange Package -\$40.00

*Includes Rally Wristband, commemorative rally T-Shirt, pin and patch.

*Orange package Registration Closes 5/24/2023.

Black Package - \$30.00

*Includes Rally Wristband, pin and patch.

*Black package registration closes 6/21/2023.

Both packages include a great riding adventure!

Then as I said at the meeting, Harley-Davidson Has added perks for Ride 365 participants. The perks are more for members who ride and visit dealerships every season. So here are the perks per Harley.

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New Perks for Ride 365 Participants.

The Harley Owners Group is turning 40 years old and in recognition of the milestone, we're adding some new perks for members who participate in Ride 365 challenges and other H.O.G. programs. Based on member feedback, we've also enhanced some existing programs to increase the incentive to participate or make it easier for members to earn rewards and recognition for the miles they ride and experiences they achieve. Here are a few Highlights:

Dealership Check-in Challenge Participants will now be rewarded for more achievement levels along their journey, with awards received for 10,25,50,75 and 100 or more check-ins. Here are the new reward levels:

- *10 -24 points: ride 365 Dealership Check-in Challenge pin and patch.
- *25-49 points: Commemorative H.O.G. 40th Anniversary banner.
- *50-74 points: \$50 Norscot gift certificate for exclusive H.O.G. merchandise and H.O.G. Eagle wall medallion.
- *100 points or more: \$100 Norscot gift certificate.
- *First Place Overall winner: \$2,000 Harley Davidson Gift Card, 1st Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum.
- *Second Place overall: \$1,500 Harley Davidson Gift Card, 2nd Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley -Davidson Museum.
- *Third Place overall: \$1,000 Harley-Davidson Gift Card, 3rd Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum.
- *For each prize level range, participants receive all prizes listed for that level in addition to all prizes for previous levels achieved.
- *10 for '23 Challenge participants will receive a unique challenge coin for each location visited in addition to a poker chip.

Doug Wrobel

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Rick Cruz

Treasurer

As your Treasurer, I am honored that you elected me to ensure we keep our expenses on track.



With that said, if any of you ever have a question or would like to see our financials, I am happy to show them to you. Please feel free to reach out to me either before or after the Monthly Meeting.

LET'S RIDE



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Colleen Hancock

Secretary

Spring better hurry up, because the calendar is starting to fill up with lots of great rides. Be sure to check the website often. Congrats to all of the members with perfect attendance for 2022 and a big hello to the new members. Look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces at the next Sunday breakfast.



Nita Cruz & Sammie Sweeney Activities



March is here and we can feel the warmer weather starting to show. Although as we all know too well, winters in the Midwest can change at a moment's notice, so why not get together and enjoy some barbeque with friends and family at the:

Mission BBQ

6430 Grand Ave #101, Gurnee, IL 60031

On Saturday March 11 at 11:00AM.

At the February meeting, we had a flyer with a sign-up sheet attached and 28 people let us know that they were interested. We are looking to get a count by no later than Monday March 6 so that we can make sure Mission BBQ will have enough food.

We will put this on our Facebook page, and when we get closer to the date, we will send out an e-blast reminder.

If you are interested in attending, families included.

Please send me an email at: activities_nita@lakeshorehog.com

We look forward to seeing you there to enjoy some good food with great friends, brothers and sisters.

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Roz Wrobel

Membership

Happy March to all of you!

Wow! Is how I will start this month. Spring is almost here and that means riding season will be upon us. I know that some of you have been out already. Get those miles. We are starting this month with 141 members. It was so nice to see everyone at the February meeting and the new faces and returning ones too. Welcome to your big new family. The road captains have had their first meeting and we are going to be doing a lot of riding and seeing some awesome places. Hope you can get out and see them.

We have 2 new members this month and they are: Christine Peretti and Eric Plett. Please make them feel welcome when you see them at a meeting, a ride or at the dealership.

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 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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aka" Muffin"
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John R. Sweeney Jr

Head Road Captain/ Webmaster

Howdy everyone,

I know we are all chomping at the bit to go riding and it's almost here. Some of us have already snuck out a couple of times to enjoy some wind therapy, but it's definitely not enough. We want SPRING... (hopefully soon).

Once the weather permits (usually early April), Joe Murglin our Safety Officer and myself will be having our annual "New To Group Riding" ride. Don't let the name deceive you. It doesn't mean that you are a newbie. This ride is intended for members that are new to riding with our chapter or new to group riding in general. This ride is our opportunity to explain in some depth, the techniques that our chapter utilizes in riding together. Each chapter have their own nuances and we are no different. One thing you will notice when you ride with other Lake Shore members, is that we all ride similarly. This makes everyone feel more comfortable and safe. We will talk about the proper way to do things, answer any questions you might have, show you some best practices and then go for a ride together.

The main purpose of this ride is to get you comfortable and at home riding with your new chapter brothers and sisters. It's fun, informative and nice way to get to see some new faces, meet other new members and then get out and ride...

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Hope you can join us. The date will be posted on the website, as soon as weather permits (again, probably early April). We want to be sure that everyone has their bikes out of either storage or their garages, so that you can join us. See you in April.

I have posted several rides already on our Ride Calendar on our [website](#), with many more to come. Our Road Captains are busy planning many more. So be sure to check it often, as new rides are always being added throughout the year. Also this is your best source for all current information and/or updates to the rides, like a change of time, venue or more importantly, a possible cancellation due to bad weather, etc. Before you leave for a ride, it is always a good idea to do a quick check of the website, just to be sure nothing has changed.

Lastly, please remember that if you do sneak out for ride in March or early April, most motorists are NOT looking for or expecting a motorcycle on the road, so ride very defensively. I pretend that there is a target on my back and everyone is aiming for ME... Sounds crazy, but it works. ;—)

Till next month...

John R. Sweeney Jr.

aka (Motor Mouth)

"Remember, shiny side up and rubber side down..."

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Joe Murglin

Safety Officer

It's already time to start thinking about the upcoming riding season! Our first official group ride, The Ice Breaker, is only about 3 weeks away. The long-range forecast is showing a moderate risk of precipitation (31%) with temperatures between 41° to 51° F. So how should you prepare to make sure you have the safest and most comfortable ride possible?

Prepping your Harley:

- Check your front and rear tire tread depth. The wear bars in the tire grooves should not be flush with the tire surface, this would happen if you had only 1/32 of an inch of tire tread left. Make sure to check more than one location around the tire. The rule of thumb with automobile tires is when you're at 3/32 to 4/32 of an inch of tread depth its time to start thinking about new tires. You can buy a tread depth gauge on eBay for less than \$10, including shipping. I suggest a Milton S448. Next, have someone look at your tires for any cuts, screws, bulges, etc. while you roll the bike. Assuming everything looks good, check tire pressure, my Roadglide Special calls for 36 psi in the front and 40 psi in the rear.
- Inspect the drive belt for missing cogs, frayed edges, etc.
- Grab a flashlight and check your brake pad thickness. According to Harley, the pads need to be replaced before they reach the .016" minimum thickness spec.
- Hopefully your battery was on a battery tender trickle charger and not left in freezing temperatures. Check the terminals to be sure they are clean and tight.
- Check all lights, signals, horn, etc.
- Do a cold oil check prior to starting your bike. The oil level should be midway between the ADD QT and FULL marks on the dipstick. (Screw in the dipstick in whenever checking oil level)

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Preparing your gear:

- At the expected temperature for the Ice Breaker, it will be very important to have gear that can block the wind from getting through your layers of clothing. Leather is best, quality rain gear will also work in a pinch.
- Serious hikers and back packers have a saying: cotton kills. Do not use cotton as your base layer because if you sweat, you will stay wet and eventually freeze if you're on a long ride.
- Recommended base layers:
 - o BEST: 100% Merino Wool (most expensive), check out FXR Vapour, if you can find them (FJB).
 - o Good: 100% Polyester, Columbia brand is a decent choice.
- By far the best intermediate layer is an electric jacket. I have the Harley jacket and gloves, which have been fantastic. Also, a heated seat really takes the edge off during a cold weather ride.
- Don't forget your head. A balaclava to keep your face warm, or a full-face helmet would also work, but keep in mind even with a fairing or windshield you'll still need something to block the wind.
- Don't forget to clean your glasses or goggles with shaving cream to keep them from fogging up!

When you get out on your bike, take it easy at first to give the tires extra time to warm up. That's about it, good luck for a fun and safe season!



Sherrie Bransky & Karann McHugh



Lake Shore Harley - Ladies of Harley



2023 Activity Calendar

March 10	April 29	July 1	Sept. 22-23	November 10	December 2
Cooper's Hawk In Gurnee	Richardson's Tulip Farm & lunch	Boerner Botanical Gardens	LOH Ladies Overnight	LOH Spa Party!	LOH Holiday Party & Gift Exchange

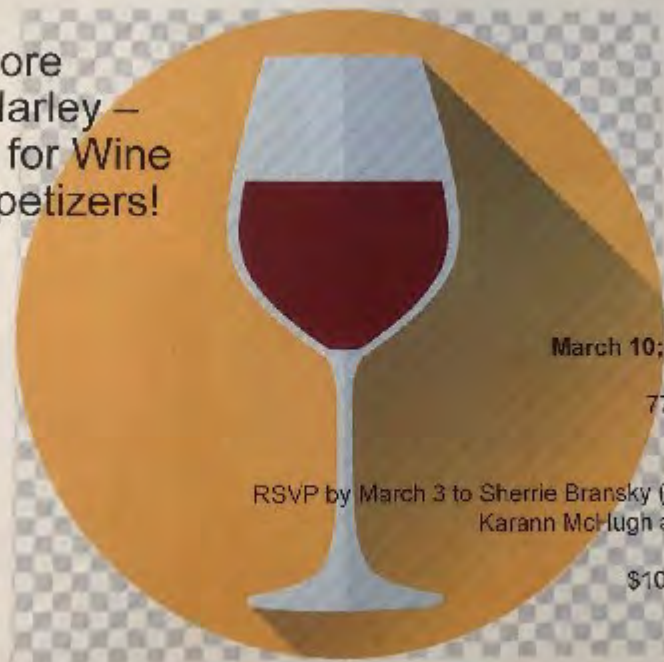
Please see the Lake Shore HOG Chapter website for more details about these events.

Sherrie Bransky (847) 774-1888 & Karann McHugh at (312) 246-6874

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LakeShore
Ladies of Harley –
Come join us for Wine
Tasting & Appetizers!



March 10; 5:30pm-7:30pm
CoopersHawk
7799 W Grand Ave
Gurnee, IL

RSVP by March 3 to Sherrie Bransky (847) 774-1888 or
Karann McHugh at (312) 246-6874

\$10 to hold your spot



Lake Shore Ladies of Harley
ride to

**RICHARDSON'S
Tulip Festival**

909 English Prairie Rd
Spring Grove, IL 60081

Saturday, April 29, 2023

**\$19 Adult admission includes entrance into
the flower field, live music and 1 Free Tulip.**

\$2 for ea. additional tulip picked.

Following the Tulip Farm, we will have lunch at
Vicki's Place - 1211 N River Rd, McHenry.

Little Ladies of Harley & their siblings are welcome!!
Ages 4-12 are \$16 pp & will receive 1 Free tulip. Under 3 is Free.



RSVP by April 21 to Sherrie Bransky (847) 774-1888
or Karann McHugh at (312) 246-6874

***This will be a ride or cage event departing
from the Lake Shore dealership at 9:30am.***



George Lang

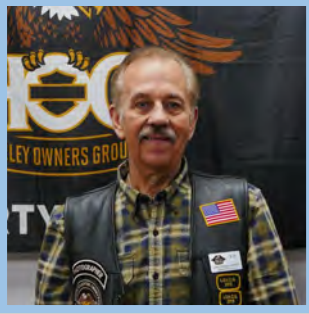
Historian

40 and Fabulous

This year Harley Owners Group turns 40. The club officially launched on January 1, 1983. The club was a culmination of ideas from the 13 executives that had bought back Harley-Davidson from AMF in 1981 "The Eagle Soars Alone". When the deal was signed they rode from York, PA where the papers were signed to Milwaukee.

Along the way they stopped at dealerships and met loyal customers and found that the biggest asset H-D had was the best and most loyal customers in the world. When the club finally launched two years later they hit the road running with 30,000 members. The club quickly grew nationwide and then internationally. The group is now the largest group of riding enthusiasts the world over with membership counts in the millions. Along with national membership there are hundreds of local chapters worldwide. Many of our chapter members belong to multiple chapters because there are so many in a small area. This is not the case for many die hard members who belong to local chapters that are over 100 miles from their homes. Now that is a way to rack up miles riding to a chapter meeting. I always encourage new bike owners to give H.O.G. a try, I feel it can truly change your life. So get involved with the fun and enjoy what millions of others have throughout H.O.G.'s 40 years. This year also marks Harley-Davidson Motor Company's 120th Anniversary. You will see parties in Milwaukee this year to celebrate both the motor company and H.O.G. anniversaries. If you have never been to an anniversary make sure you join one of the rides to the museum and dealerships so you too can be part of the

history of H.O.G.



Bob Morrison

Photographer

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Here are some memories from our Feb. 19th meeting. We had the Teddy Bear Bingo event following the meeting. Hope you enjoy them.

Bob







Teddy Bear Bingo!





[Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter Feb. 2023 meeting and Teddy Bear Bingo - Google Photos](#)

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Corey A. Johnston

Editor

Well Nobody sent in any stories this month so you get the second edition of:

Tales From the Trail

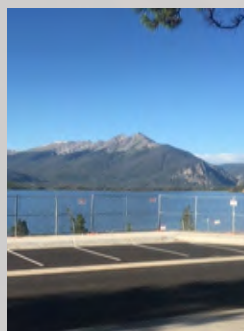
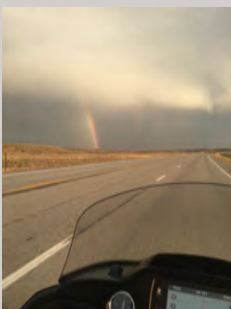
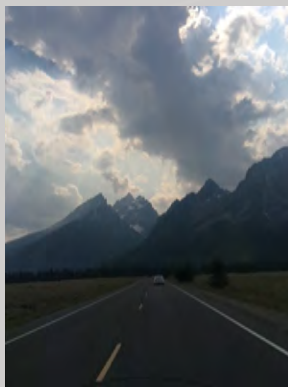
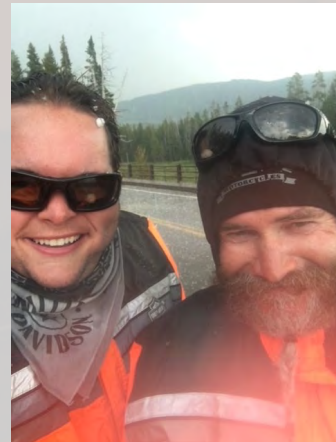
This time we will take you on a little trip that started with Sturgis 2017. On a Monday morning I started out from Waukegan with my dad and brother Dillon. On our first day we logged 689 miles to Chamberlain, SD. On day two we visited the Akta Lakota Museum and Cultural Center and the Dignity Statue before heading toward Sturgis. Along the way we rode across SD along with my faithful travel companion, rain. We rode through the badlands along the way, through Custer State Park and on past Devil's Tower and to our lodge in Hulett, WY. Day three we rode back East to see all the Sturgis sites, Sturgis downtown, Spearfish canyon, Deadwood, Iron Mountain Rd, Crazy Horse, and finally back to the lodge. Day four we set out to Cody, WY, the long way. We headed North into Montana to Garryowen, we spent time at the site of the Battle of Little Bighorn (Custer's Last Stand). We had looked forward to this trip as we saw many sites that are important to my brother and I as we are of Lakota heritage. The Badlands, Black Hills, and Devil's Tower, were all places our family

would have spent the winters 150 years ago. We then headed West through a wild piece of road construction where the pilot car literally lead us off the road along a red clay mud trail then on-to golf ball sized jagged stones. Luckily after leaving the construction we made our way through Red Lodge, MT and up Beartooth Pass and then down to Chief Joseph's Highway. We finally made it to our hotel in Cody for the night. The next morning we set off for Yellowstone where we met a great storm that included marble sized hail. We still enjoyed the lovely sights as we made our way South through the Grand Tetons to Jackson, WY and finally ended our night, after outrunning another storm, in the Outlaw Lodge in Rock Springs, WY. Day six we headed South through Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests Down 131 through Vail and Stopped in Dillon, CO for the night. Day seven we headed South through Breckenridge and then North East through Denver on to the long push home, stopping in Russell, KS for the night. Day eight was the final long push home. We headed 619 miles East along 70 through Kansas City, St. Louis and on to Mattoon, IL where I said goodbye to my travel companions before making my final push home ending the day with 846 miles, and the trip with 9 states, 6 National Parks & Forests, 2 Indian Reservations, over 4000 miles and countless memories (too many to share here).

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."

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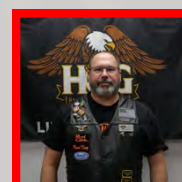
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