



The H.O.G. Insider

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This Month's Member Meeting
May 19, 2019 @ Lamb's Farm—Magnolia Café
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Meeting

May LSHOG Rides/Events

5/4—Saturday—Tri County Gun Club Open House—8:30am from McDonald's in Volo
5/5—Sunday—30th Annual Bike Blessing—Line up starts @ 10am, bikes leave @ 12:00pm
5/11—Saturday—Hickory Pit BBQ—KSU 10:30am from Lake Shore Harley
5/13—Monday—Monday Meanderings #1—Sandbar & Island Grill—KSU 10:30am from Lake Shore Harley
5/14—Tuesday—WWDC #4—Reef Point Brew House—KSU 6:45pm from Lake Shore Harley
5/18—Saturday—New to Group Riding—KSU 10:00am from Lake Shore Harley
5/19—Sunday—After meeting ride—Valley of the Kings—leaving right after meeting from Lake Shore
5/25—Saturday—Lunch Ride to Schmidt's Tavern—KSU 10:00am from Lake Shore Harley
5/26—Sunday—Illinois Railway Museum—KSU 9:00am from Lake Shore Harley

Be sure to add these dates to your personal calendar

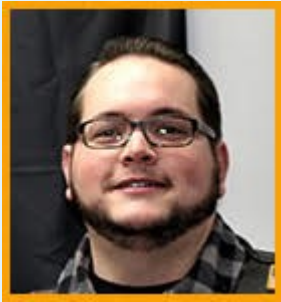


Let's Ride

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Corey Johnston – Director



Well it is official, Mother Nature is off her meds. A snow storm on the 27th of April. Well the good news is that the rain is going to wash away the salt and we will be set for a beautiful 30th annual Bike Blessing. Come and join your H.O.G. family Sunday May 5th at 10 am for a great start to the season.

I am hopeful that it will finally warm up enough for us all to start riding more. We have begun to finalize plans for our Bootlegger's Boogie trip so keep an eye out for more info.

Don't forget to bring Teddy Bears and matchbox cars for the children of Lake County. Three or more at any event and you receive an extra initial on your activity card. Now let's get on our bikes and Ride and Have Fun!

Until next time, enjoy the road.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."
Director/RC
director@lakeshorehog.com

Ralph Lenzini—Assistant Director



Well now that April SNOW STORMS are over I sure in the hell don't want May showers. I finally got my bike out of prison on the 26th of April, one day before what was hopefully our last snow and one week before our Bike Blessing.

Ride 365 is off and running. We actually have been listed on the website with 445 miles. I would like to thank Owen West. You are the first to make the website and have gotten us started. So Lets Ride.

Bootlegger's Boogie is in full swing. We are planning the routes down and routes to ride while there. Hopefully, if everything works out, Bob Montgomery, Rick Cruz and myself will pre-ride the route this month. I for one can't wait. It's coming up fast so please look for emails. We will also be having a pre-ride meeting before we go, just like last year. I hope to see all of you at the Bike Blessing.

Chase all of the sunsets you can.

Ralph "yoyo" Lenzini
Chase all the sunsets you can. Let's Ride
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Rick Cruz – Secretary



Welcome to May! They say April showers bring May flowers. How true this is, so let's get out there and do some riding to enjoy those lovely flowers.



Some highlights from our April meeting:

Meeting opened at 10:08 AM, there were 71 members in attendance. What a change a month can make, the snow started during the breakfast and did not let up! What a slippery messy day!

- Bootlegger's Boogie trip planned for July 11 - 14
- To date we have 54+ people and 40+ bikes going, we will be sending emails to all those signed up to attend one of the upcoming meetings to discuss the particulars.
- July 18 - 20 is the Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally
- This year's location: NW Michigan, go to members.hog.com for details
- To date we have 192 members signed up, raising our membership by fourteen from our last meeting. Remember to encourage all your Harley riding friends to join, all they need is their national H.O.G. membership and the passenger can be an associate member!
- Chapter is solvent with its finances, another good month with minimal expenses to income.
- We'll be heading to the "Taste of Italy" in Milwaukee WI. On Sunday April 28, this is a rain or shine event, we will meet at the dealership for coffee and doughnuts before leaving at 10 AM to head to the event.
- LOH is looking for volunteers to host the Progressive Dinner Ride scheduled on Saturday June 1, starting at 1:00PM. How this works - is one home provides appetizers, one home hosts the main dish and one house provides desserts. There are no more than 30 people max. If you are interested, please send an email to LOH_sammie@lakeshorehog.com or LOH_nita@lakeshorehog.com for more details. Ladies, what's your interests? Give LOH a shout and let them know. (Editor's Note: Progressive dinner has been cancelled for this year)
- We have an addition to the mileage contest, based on your overwhelming responses, we've added a retiree's category. If you are a retiree, you are still able to sign up for the weekend warrior or Iron Butt categories, though if you hit the 10K mark, you will be automatically moved into the retiree category.
- Remember our website has information on our mileage contest.
- To participate you have 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
- If you signed up with Kory at the Dealership, check the H.O.G. website to confirm you are in the "Ride365" challenge as well the chapter challenge listed under Lake Shore H.O.G. If you are not listed then you will need to contact H.O.G. directly to clear up the issue, remember we want your miles to count.

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- There will be a ride to the "Valley of the Kings" after the May meeting, it is quite an experience if you've never been there. Cost is \$25 per person with all the release forms etc. being taken care of prior to leaving the Dealership.
- Nick Strom asked if there was any interest in heading to the Tri-County Gun Club on May 4, 2019 to attend their Open-House and do some shooting? Based on interest, more information to follow.
- The Bike Blessing this year is scheduled for Sunday May 5, 2019. If you are interested in helping out, please send Anne a message at membership@lakeshorehog.com
- The "Ride For Hope" venue has changed, please see the Facebook page for updates. It is now being sponsored by Boomers Stadium in Schaumburg.
- Ride For Hope is in its 5th year and is 501c3 charity promoting awareness for Ovarian Cancer. They will be doing a ride on Sunday July 28, 2019
- There will be information posted at the Dealership and on our Facebook page
- May General meeting will be May 19, 2019 breakfast at 9:00 AM, meeting starts at 10:00 AM.

Rick Cruz
Secretary
Secretary@LakeShoreHOG.com

Ray Weimer – Treasurer

Greeting Fellow Chapter Members,



Just a quick shout out to all of you Harley riders out there, this month we have our 30th Annual Bike Blessing. It's a great way to start your riding season and a little help from above is never missed. It all started 30 years ago with St. Paul's and they have been loyal to us ever since. So please come out on Sunday May 5th and join in on an extremely well run biking event and support your chapter and St. Paul's.

Keep your knees in the breeze,
Ray (Pockets) Weimer
Treasurer
Treasurer@LakeShoreHOG.com

Anne Weimer—Membership



Calling all members, the 30th Annual Bike Blessing is here. I hope that you all are planning on attending. If you have never been, you are really missing a wonderful event so I urge you to put it on your schedule for Sunday May 5th beginning at Lake Shore Harley Davidson, kick stands up at 12 noon.

It is so awesome to see so many new smiling faces. I would like to welcome our newest members: **Chester & Joyce George, Jenn Porreca, Jim Rafalski & Cheri Saliba**. Welcome to the Lake Shore H.O.G. family. I hope you will all come out to the meetings, the many activities and the awesome rides that we have planned for the year.

The next monthly meeting is on May 19th at the Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm with breakfast beginning at 9:00 am and the meeting at 10:00 am. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Reminder: if you let your National H.O.G. membership expire, your membership with Lake Shore is inactivated until you renew your national membership. In addition if you would attend one of our rides you will be required to fill out another release form. Renewal can be accomplished easily by logging onto www.hog.com

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Ron Alghini — Activities Officer



Although the late season snowfall kept us from riding, we were still able to take it to Milwaukee for the Taste of Italy event. A BIG thank you to those of who came out. We sampled some absolutely amazing Italian foods and enjoyed the company of good friends. Congratulations to Jim Lyons for winning the HD gift card!

Our annual summer picnic will be here before you know it. This year we will be having a Luau themed picnic. Members can reserve their spot with a \$10 fee refundable at the picnic unless you choose to donate it to the Teddy Bear Fund. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee for guests and a \$5 fee for kids under 10. Please bring a new teddy bear or matchbox cars. Let's see if we can beat last year's total!! Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Ron Alghini
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John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



Unfortunately our "New To Group Ride" was cancelled due to rain. So we are going to try it again on May 18th. This is intended for our new members, or people that have not done a lot of group riding. We want to make you feel at home and comfortable from your very first ride with the chapter. So come on out and join us for some information, fun and riding... See you at Lake Shore on Sunday, May 18th at 10:00am.

Looking forward to seeing you all join us for our 30th Annual Bike Blessing. We'll take all the luck and help we can get for a safe riding season. It's free and fun, so come join us on May 5th.

We have already had some cancelations of rides due to the weather, but please don't be discouraged. We have a ton more on the calendar and good riding days are coming. So keep an eye on the ride calendar on our website or the board in our H.O.G. corner at the dealer and join as many rides as you can. They are very diverse and there is something for everyone. We now have Doug Cherry's Monday Meanderings, Dave Jones's Wondering Weeknight Dinner Club, Joe Geraci's Breakfast Run and all kinds of weekend rides from our 25 Road Captains. Like I said, "Something for EVERYONE!". Only one thing left to say... "Get out there and RIDE!!!!"

Finally a reminder... PLEASE when you start getting out there again to ride for this year. check your tire pressure, brakes, lights, turn signals, tire tread, oil level and even your hand grips for wear. Your bike has been sitting for weeks or months and you just want to be sure that it's ready when you are...

And as always, remember... Shiny side up and rubber side down...

John R Sweeney Jr
aka (Motor Mouth)
"It's not the destination; it's the journey"
Head Road Captain—Lake Shore H.O.G Chapter
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Ladies of Harley

Nita Cruz & Sammie Sweeney



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Hello Everyone,

Bingo was fun. We had a small group, but size doesn't always matter. ;—) We had a great time... Please watch the calendar for our next Bingo night. You won't want to miss it...

Sorry to say, but we will not be having our Progressive Dinner ride this year. We didn't get enough hostesses to handle the three stops for the ride. So we will try it again next year.

We still have a couple of things in the works and we will let you know when we have more details. But remember that we are always open to suggestions to anything you might want to do..



Teddy Bear Corner

A couple of people already took advantage of the new policy to bring 3 or more bears to a meeting (or ride) and they got an additional signature on their "Activities Card". Excellent...

Sammie out...

Dan Marcotte—Safety Officer



8 Tips for Riding Your Harley-Davidson Bike in the Rain

We've been lucky to ride our bikes during plenty of beautiful days but even the occasional rainy day can be difficult for our Harley-Davidson riders to deal with. If you get caught on the road when a rainstorm starts, getting home can be tricky when you want to stay dry, keep your motorcycle in good condition and be safe at the same time.

Riding in the rain will never be as enjoyable as coasting on a beautiful summer day, but we've compiled a list of tips to help you make the most of your trip while staying safe:

1. Prepare your bike for harsh conditions with tires that are good for the rain. If your old tires have been worn slick, stop by a Harley-Davidson dealer to pick up a new pair.
2. Don't just equip your bike properly: equip yourself properly. Wear gear that's waterproof from head to toe, because your ride is going to be uncomfortable if any part of your body or clothing gets soaked. Wear a helmet that covers your face completely, because raindrops at high speeds can feel like rocks. And wear gear that's very visible to other cars, since a rainstorm lowers visibility for everyone on the road.
3. Ride slowly and keep plenty of space between you and the drivers around you. Turning, braking and accelerating are all much harder to do on slick roads, and you need to have complete control over your bike at all times. Another recommended trick is riding behind a rear wheel of the car ahead of you in order to take advantage of the slightly dryer pavement the wheel has created.
4. Avoid any surface that could be slippery. Things like painted lines or arrows on the road, manholes and sewers will be as slippery as ice, so watch the road carefully and avoid anything that's not pavement. If you need to ride over railroad tracks or a grate on the road, drive perpendicular to the tracks and as straight as possible.
5. The roads can be most dangerous during the first 15 minutes of a rainstorm. The rain mixes with dirt, oil and other particles on the road to create an extremely slippery layer above the pavement called Viscus. If possible, pull over for a while to let the road wash off before continuing your ride home.
6. Apply the brakes gently, if possible. If you do need to stop as quickly as possible, pump the brakes to keep them working without skidding or hydroplaning. And apply the rear brake more than the front one so that you can control any skids if they do happen.
7. Avoid puddles. You might enjoy driving through them, but they pose a serious risk of hydroplaning, and they also hide what's underneath them. That puddle might be there because of a large pothole that you wouldn't go over on a beautiful day, let alone during a rainstorm.
8. Relax. Tensing up can tire you out and prevent you from smoothly adjusting to difficult situations on the road. If you ride responsibly while staying aware of your surrounding at all times, you can get home safely!

So let me hear from you ... I can be reached at safety@lakeshorehog.com

Dan Marcotte
Safety Dan
Safety Officer/Road Captain
SafetyOfficer@lakeshorehog.com

Bob Morrison—Photographer



Bikers Have A Cool Patron Saint

He's a dude named Columbanus of Bobbio, and here's a bio of him that's floatin' around the internet:

A handsome rugged kind of chap, he left Ireland to escape the clutches of lascivious women who were irresistibly attracted to him. According to the biography of his life written by Jonas, one of the many miracles attributed to him involved the multiplication of bread and beer, as follows:

"A while after, Columbanus went to the monastery of Fontaines and found sixty brethren hoeing the ground and preparing the fields for the future crop. When he saw them breaking up the clods with great labor, he said, "May the Lord prepare for you a feast, my brethren." Hearing this the attendant said, "Father, believe me, we have only two loaves and a very little beer." Columbanus answered, "Go and bring those." The attendant went quickly and brought the two loaves and a little beer. Columbanus, raising his eyes to heaven, said, "Christ Jesus, only hope of the world, do Thou, who from five loaves satisfied five thousand men in the wilderness, multiply these loaves and this drink." Wonderful faith! All were satisfied and each one drank as much as he wished. The servant carried back twice as much in fragments and twice the amount of drink. And so he knew that faith is more deserving of the divine gifts than despair, which is wont to diminish even what one has." He was a bit of a rogue, as they say. A holy woman put the fear of God in him and he decided to change his ways. When he decided to become a priest, his mother tried to block the door physically with her body, but he just stepped over her, signed up and got his traveling orders. He traveled throughout Europe to Germany and Switzerland and ended up living in France for 20 years, establishing three monasteries there before he moved to Italy. He carried his Celtic Christian ideas and practices with him and was always riling up "the man".

If Columbanus were alive today I imagine him riding a Fat Boy. I love softtails, but the Fat Boy is a living legend. It's nimble, has no saddlebags and is perfect for itinerant monks flying around on those twisty roads in Europe. Combine all this with Christianity and you can't be beat!

May he always help us keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down!!

Bob Morrison
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30TH ANNUAL

BIKE BLESSING

LAKE SHORE
HOG

**SUNDAY
MAY 5TH
10:00 AM**

RIDE LEAVES AT NOON SHARP!



Leaving from: Lake Shore Harley - Davidson

1400 Rockland Rd. | Libertyville, IL (847) 662-4500

Destination: St. Paul's Lutheran Church

8760 37th Ave. | Kenosha, WI (2622) 694-3101

For more information call:

Corey J: 217.259.3112 | John S: 847.651.4469

Main Event Rocker \$5 | Yearly Rocker \$3

Hundreds of bikes participate every year! An excellent way to start the riding season.

ALL BIKES WELCOME

After entering, absolutely **NO** line hopping.
(All participants *MUST* sign a waiver)



It's A Luau Picnic

**The Tiki Gods request your presence at a Hawaiian Luau
Picnic**

Sunday, July 21, 2019

10:00 a.m. line up at the dealership

10:30 a.m. Kickstands Up

12 noon Arrive at Nippersink for Picnic

Don't forget to bring a new Teddy Bear or Matchbox cars

Casual Hawaiian attire encouraged!

Lake Shore H.O.G.

Luau Picnic

\$10 per member to reserve your space

\$10 non refundable fee for all guests

\$5 for all members or guests under 10 years of age

Name_____

Name_____

Cash or Check

**Please sign up at the May or June Meeting or Mail a check
made payable to Lake Shore H.O.G. to:**

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