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Bike Blessing 2019

The H.O.G. Insider

LAKE SHORE H.O.G. CHAPTER # 3522

LSHOG Rides/Events

All rides and events have been cancelled for May



Let's Ride

CHAPTER RIDE HOT LINE 847-281-3141



Corey Johnston – Director



Greetings fellow Lake Shore H.O.G. sisters and brothers.

As we all know we are continuing to struggle through a unique time in world history together. Our governor has extended the stay at home order until the end of May. That being said the ban on all group rides, meeting, and events will remain in place for the month of May. I am hopeful that this will lift in time for our June meeting and ride.

We are still working toward planning our annual chapter trip in July. More than ever we are looking toward the warm weather and the days we can ride together. I can only imagine how difficult this time is for all of us in our own unique ways. Please remember we are all in this together and will make it through to better days.

On a more positive note I am working on planning our chapter picnic for July 19 and our annual winter party for Saturday December 12. So keep your eyes out for fliers, signups and more information. Let us do the best we can to stay safe and healthy over the next month until we can all be together again. All the best.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."
Director/RC
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IT'S A BBQ PICNIC!!!

SUNDAY JULY 19, 2020
10AM LINE UP AT DEALERSHIP
10:30 KICKSTANDS UP
12 NOON ARRIVE AT NIPPERSINK

DONT FORGET TO BRING A NEW TEDDY BEAR
OR MATCHBOX CARS

\$10 Per Member to reserve space
\$10 non refundable fee for all guests
\$5 for all members and guests under 10 years of age

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please sign up at the June meeting or mail a check and
the bottom portion of this flier to:

Corey Johnston
709 N County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085
Checks made payable to: Lake Shore H.O.G.

Please sign up before July 12, 2020
Thanks

Ralph Lenzini—Assistant Director



Hello my Brothers and Sisters,

I hope and Pray everyone is okay. I should be talking about what's going on in the Harley world, but they have shut down. No H.O.G insurance, no events, no nothing. I see a lot of stuff on our facebook page... Do I ride? Can I ride? Well do what is best for you. If you want to go, then go. If you don't, then don't. But just remember there is nothing from H.O.G. or Harley so you're on your own. I know that Laurie and I will not be riding

this month and not because of "Stay at Home" but we are buying a new house and moving and we have a lot of work to do.

Our July trip is still on. I am not sure if all of the restaurants and stuff will let us eat together or do things together. We might have to get there on our own, but who knows? I can tell you that your Board is watching this very closely. We only want to do what is best for all of us. We will keep everyone updated as soon as we know what's going on and have more information. You need to do what is best for you. If you don't feel comfortable going, don't. There is no pressure. We all understand. Be well, be safe, and remember... Chase all of the Sunsets you can

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Roz Wrobel—Membership



Hello from membership!

I know that we are all ready to get out and ride and I know that some have. Even though we have not been riding as a group we are growing and we are at 179 members. I am so looking forward to seeing all the new faces and seeing the old faces too. Please welcome all new members when we are all together soon.

Please remember to keep your National H.O.G membership active so that your membership with Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter stays active. I will be checking and be in contact with members that are getting close or have lapsed.

Stay strong and healthy until we meet again.

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Membership Officer/Volunteer Coordinator
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John R Sweeney Jr

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,

Since we are all cooped right now, I thought I'd share a story from about 17 years ago. I've been around this chapter since 2002 and having become an excessive rider (to put it mildly) because of all the people I've met along the way in this chapter and in the riding community at large. But before joining this chapter and buying my 1st Harley, I was a 500 to 1,000 mile a year rider at best. I rode every type of metric bike imaginable and never was much into group riding or charity rides/events. Though I admit that my friends took me to Little Angles in 2000 and 2001. I loved everything about these types of events. The proceeds from the fee, raffles, silent auctions, 50/50 all going to the charity. Meeting new people, sharing food with them, listening to music, toasting a few and having a ball. These things intrigued me and I noticed that 85% of the people attending these

events rode Harleys. So I rode one and was sold on the bike. Bought a Softtail Springer and rode more than I use to, but still not totally hooked. Until my 1st Toys for Tots Ride... After that ride in 2003, I was in hook, line and sinker. I wrote an article for our newsletter about that experience. I'd like to share it with you and I can honestly say that events like our Bike Blessing and doing Toys for Tots STILL give me the greatest feeling in the world that I wouldn't have today, if not for biking and the brothers and sisters I've met along the way. My 2nd family forever...

Toys for Tots – Dec. 7th, 2003 – by John Sweeney

For four years I have wanted to go on the Toys for Tots charity run in Chicago. Two of those years, my band played the night before and when you get in at 4 to 5 am, you don't really want to get up 2 hours later to start riding. The other 2 years were just TOO cold. I live in Hoffman Estates, so I have about a 40 to 50 minute ride just to get to the starting point at 83rd and Western, if I remember the wind chill on those days, it was below zero. Needless to say, "I didn't go".

Well this year things were looking up. The forecast was for a high of about 40, so I figured the morning wouldn't be too cold and I would finally get to make the run. Well then Friday is SNOWED. So I thought, "here we go again!" Well then it started melting the next day, but I was sure there would be too much salt EVERYWHERE and I've spent way too much money on chrome to go out riding in heavy salt. But it melted and the melting washed away what little salt was out, so I was set to finally make the run.

I got up at 7am and the temperature was 28, I cleaned the bike one more time and put on about 5 layers of clothes and leather. One of my best purchases was a leather bandana/face mask. I left just before 8am and headed for the Southside. Going south on Rte #53 I had people looking at me like YOUR NUTS! Then eastbound on #290 I saw a bike, then another and a mile or so later another. When I turned south on #294, I joined up with about 20 bikes. We caught up to another 10 and shortly after that, a group of about 15 caught up with us. Doing 70 mph at 8:30 in the morning when it's 28 degrees out sure WOKE ME UP. That facemask REALLY saved me and I actually was enjoying the ride. It was brisk, but fun and riding in a pack on Dec. 7th was cool (okay cold, but still nice). By the time we got to 95th street there were about 50 of us, which we soon joined up with 20 more on 95th and about 15 more came up from behind. When we turned north on Western all could see where motorcycles. Every bike imaginable was there from Harleys to rice burners, 3-wheelers to WWII antiques w/sidecars. YES, even a few Boss Hogs (God I hate those things). Once we crossed 87th street, everything came to a dead halt. We were 8 bikes across, solid from 87th up to 83rd the entrance into Dan Ryan Woods just parked on Western Avenue. The bikes were backing up behind us, as far as the eye could see. It took starting up, crawling and stopping 4 times and slow moving just to getting into the woods. I had arrived at 9:10.

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As I came into Dan Ryan Woods, I saw Santa's ride, which was the lead bike of the parade. It was all decked out as a sleigh and ready to leave at the 9:30 start. After getting staged I went and purchased my pin and T-shirt, then hung out and waited in the staging area with the constant, loud sound of rumbling bikes (just like all over Milwaukee for the 100th) until my group (the 4th) left at about 10:35 for the long ride up Western. I could not believe how many people were standing along the sides of Western Ave the whole length of the parade route. Stand on the curbs, sitting in chairs, holding up signs, waving flags, standing in the middle of the street giving high-fives to the passing bikes. Just a constant stream of motorcycles roaring up the street and people everywhere. It was awesome to see. A left at Foster Ave. and about a mile ride to the Fourth Division Marine Corps Center and the parade was over. Once inside it was just a sea of bikes and people and semi-trailers where you could drop off your toys. It was just one huge party.

Though final estimates aren't completed, it is said that this was the largest parade yet. Well over 35,000 bikes and possibly as many as 40,000 were in attendance. Plus over 100,000 toys were donated. All in all, it was a great experience, one that I hope to repeat time and time again. So if next year you think you're interested in going, drop me a line (jr.sweeney@comcast.net) and maybe we'll ride together.

For more information about Toys for Tots go to http://chicagolandtft.org/jacks_update.htm

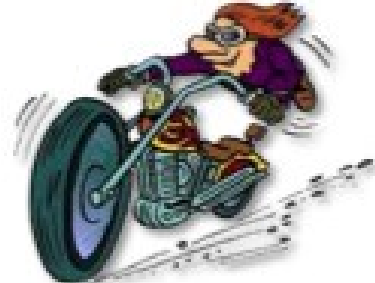
The end...

Can't think of a better reason to be a biker... Can you? ;—)

See you next month...

John R Sweeney Jr
aka (Motor Mouth)
"Shiny side UP, rubber side DOWN"
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Lake Shore H.O.G. Mileage Contest



SIGN-UP FORM

2020 Contest

SIGN-UP FORM

This is what it is...

This is our version of the HD's mileage program. This is for our chapter members ONLY! Unfortunately, this contest is for riders, not passengers. The contest will be running annually. Your check in for the end of the yearly contest will be at our October meeting. Winners will be announced at our February meeting. This check in will be your starting mileage for next years contest. If you miss the check-in, still get your mileage recorded, so you are set for the next year. All you have to do is fill out this form and have it endorsed by one of our officers (listed on our website) or sign-up in the service department at Lake Shore, THEN RIDE! To finish the contest, just have an officer verify your final mileage or check back in at the dealership. **We have three categories for this event.** "The Weekend Warrior", "Iron Butt" and the "Retired".

The "Iron Butt" is pretty straight forward. These are the riders that get out weekdays, weekends, long weekends, long trips, etc. They rack up the miles, so its whomever rides the most in the allotted timeframe will win.

"Weekend Warriors" are more of our less frequent riders. This is not to say you only ride on weekends, but for the most part, you work all week, so your riding time is limited. Even if you ride to and from work but its 5/10 miles that would only be about 100 miles a week, so this would still be a good category for that type of rider. The caveat will be that, if you enter the "Weekend Warrior" category and your total miles exceed the curve, you will be moved to the "Iron Butt" category automatically. The curve will be 30% of the average of the total miles of the entire Weekend Warrior participants. That 30% will be added to the average and that becomes the ceiling for the Weekend Warriors category. If your mileage exceeds that number, you then are in the Iron Butt category.

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd place in each division. Also 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each division will have their names on display at the dealer. Though we are allowing members to register more than one bike in the contest, each bike must be registered separately. **ONE BIKE PER SHEET.** Mileage for each bike will be totaled together for the prizes and patch/rockers.

"Retired" just what it says. Join this if you would like, but if you are retired and do over 10,000 miles you will be moved into the category... automatically...

"In Addition..." if you hit 5,000 miles you will receive a main patch (1st year only) and the yearly rocker, plus your name will be on display at the dealership. All following years you will receive that years rocker. You **MUST** check in to win prizes and/or get your patch and/or rocker. Your ending mileage will become your starting mileage for the next year. **If you do not check in by the October meeting**, you will start a new mileage reading for the next year when you do check in.

Check our website at the beginning of the season and at the end to make sure that you are in fact registered for the contest. All registrants will be posted on the website.

Name: _____

Make/Model: _____ License Plate#: _____

Starting Mileage: _____ Ending Mileage: _____

Officers or Dealers Name: _____ Date: _____

EXAMPLE ONLY **

Select << --- Only ONE ---- >> Category

☐

**Weekend
Warrior**

☐

Iron Butt

☐

Retired



Rick Cruz—Safety Officer



Here we are in May and still challenging that Pandemic, but keep the faith cause it's going to get better so as long as we continue to do our part with social distancing.

Back in February, I talked about some classes that I was working on, well at this time, the only class that is scheduled is the Advanced Rider Course through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The dates for the class are Saturday August 29, and Sunday August 30. These are 2 separate 8-hour classes. As of this writing, I have 6 that signed up for the August 29 class and I had 5 originally signed up for the class at Harper College in June, though that class was unavailable, which is where the Sunday August 30 class came from.

I'm looking for 12-people per class to sign up, I know it seems late, though with everything going on, it may still be a good time to take this class. I have taken it and found it to be very effective and a great learning class. You work on emergency braking, swerving and tight turning to name a few.

I need to send in the full rosters by June to hold the classes. Please send me an email to safety@lakeshorehog.com with your desired date and I will let you know what else I need to sign you up.

We can never stop learning, there's always something you find out that comes from taking classes, so let me know what class you are interested in and let's get that roster filled!

As always, let me know what safety questions you have or information you would like to see? You can send your questions etc to safety@lakeshorehog.com

Rick Cruz
Safety Officer



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Ladies of Harley

Sydney Johnson



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Watch for LOH info
in next month's
newsletter



Teddy Bear Corner



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(847) 882-0187 Howdy folks,

Nothing special this month,
Just hope that all of you are staying healthy and getting ready for spring.

Hope to see you all soon.

Doug Wrobel—Historian



Watch for news
from Doug in next
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MEET ON THE MISSISSIPPI JULY 9-12, 2020

Come Join us for another awesome Chapter road trip.
We will be heading to the lovely scenic town of Prairie Du Chien Wisconsin.
We have a block of rooms under Lake Shore H.O.G. at the
River District Hotel, 130 S Main St. Prairie Du Chien, WI Phone: 608-326-7878
Awesome hotel just steps from the river, restaurants, bars and other attractions.
Breakfast buffet with fresh pastries and chef making eggs and omeletts to order.
Nightly ice cream sundae bar, all included in the room price.

Double Queen Rooms- \$529.28 w/ tax for 3 nights

Double Queen Deluxe- \$563.73 w/ tax for 3 nights

King Suite- \$495.83



**Once you have made a reservation please email
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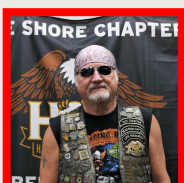
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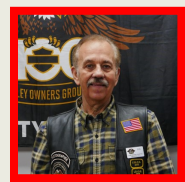
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