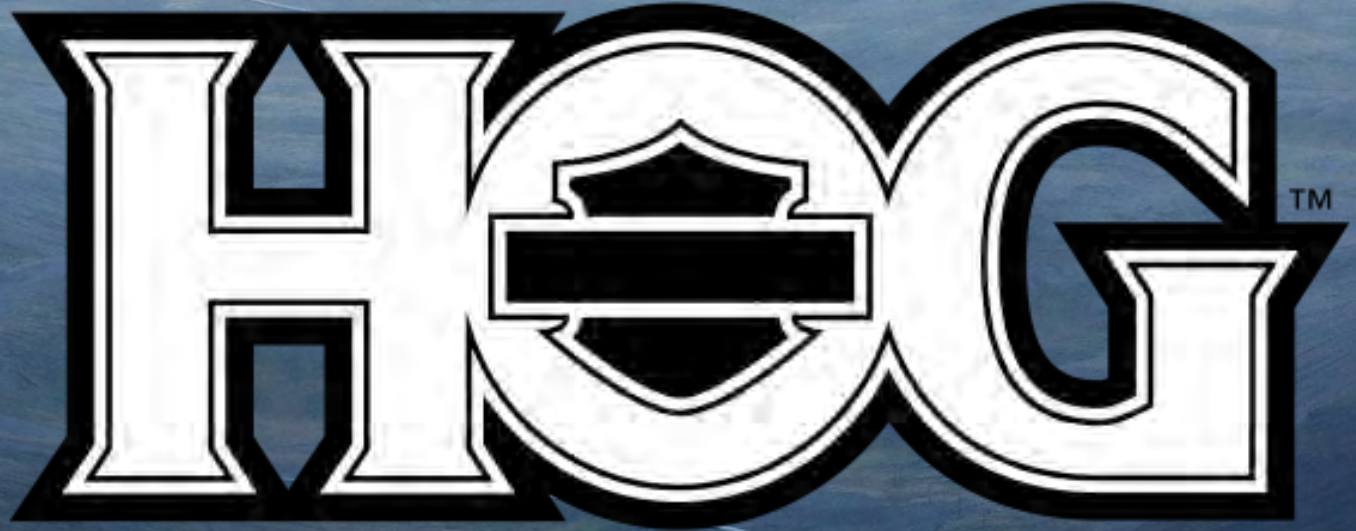


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Monthly Newsletter

Whats Happening

Chapter Meeting

May 15, 2022

Breakfast at 9am

Meeting at 10am

Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm

Upcoming Rides and Activities

5/01—Annual Bike Blessing

5/10—WWDC #3 Reza's (Mediterranean/Persian)

5/14—Niko's Red Mill

5/15—Chapter Meeting & After Meeting Ride

5/21—Durty Gurts Burger Joynt

5/28—Boat House

5/29—Rolling Thunder "Ride for Freedom"

6/04—National Motorcycle Museum

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

Chapter Ride Hot Line 847-281-3141



Heather Johnston—Director

It's hard to believe that it is May already. As cold as it has been, it sure doesn't quite seem like we are already into the 5th month of the year, but here we are. Time sure does seem to fly these days.

I am sure many of you can relate to my wish for the return of warmer weather so we can get out and do what we enjoy most - ride! And eat. We like to eat, too. ;-)

Anyway, where was I? Speaking of rides, be sure to stay tuned to the ride calendar on our website and you can also check out the chalkboard calendar at the dealership, and even our members-only Facebook group for ride info.

We still have rooms & space available for Four Rivers Frenzy, so please be sure to email Dawn Cherry and me (per the flier) once you reserve your rooms. We will be having a planning meeting in late July or early August sometime, so stay tuned for more details about that. Don't worry, for those who cannot attend that meeting, we will be emailing PDF versions of the trip packet to all who sign up. A list of all the names that Dawn and I have collected for the trip will be on the website here shortly, so if you don't see your name on there and you are planning to attend, please make sure to let us know.

While the weather has been challenging lately, I am hopeful that warmer days are on the horizon and that we'll all be back on the road enjoying 'knees in the breeze' very soon.

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Dawn Cherry—Assistant Director

I always enjoy adding something to our monthly newsletter articles, but this month all I can think about is our up-and-coming Bike Blessing! I am going to go out on a limb to say "What a Day, that blessing was Awesome"! (and please OH please do not let me jinx it).

I did talk to a few of our members this past month to ask if they could share any special memories from past blessings. John C. you had some really cool stories about the original blessings 32 years ago. If you were not aware They started back in Waukegan at the old Lake Shore dealership. This dealership was located on Belvidere road just a couple blocks west of Sheridan road, and just a side note when Frank Blazeovich, the old owner, was moving the dealership to Libertyville my Doug sold that building. I believe it is still a furniture store.

The first bike blessing started out only having between 25-30 bikes, boy have we come a long way! Also, those first blessing's had several accidents on the way up to the church, ouch! Back in the day they were led by the Waukegan police dept, and also the VFW. Now, thank you to John S. for coordinating with the Lake County Sheriffs dept for our escort all the way up to the church.

Roxann C. gave me some interesting facts about the deputies we see the day of the blessing, they all volunteer their time! In order to be a volunteer, they need to have at least 150 hours of volunteer hours over the course of a year to continue with the Sheriffs department. I felt that I was reliving the bike blessing all over again, she shared with me how she enjoys seeing the flags from the color guards or when we kick off at noon time how everyone starts up their bikes. There is nothing better than hearing the rumble and feeling that vibration of the bikes rolling down the road.

One of my favorite parts is waving to the bystanders on the side of the road or giving a thumbs up to the cars that are pulled over to video us going by. Back in the day I looked like the snobby biker chick not waving to anyone, but back then I just didn't want to take my hand off of my handle bars.

We all have our own recollections and personal memories of the bike blessing but it truly comes down to a fun time with our fellow bikers and a great way to start the season off.

Dawn Cherry

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Doug Wrobel—Treasurer

Well, hello again all. It seems like we all just wrote our newsletter articles and it's time again. It's hard to believe that we are at the end of April and our Bike Blessing is upon us. Where has the time gone?

So, for a few members I'm glad to see you all out riding. The nice days seem to be during the work week and it's hard to get the time off. I'm hoping that it shifts to the weekends and this rain will quit. All I've got to say is get out and ride, see you all at the Bike Blessing and hopefully on the road.

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Sherrie Bransky—Secretary

There are still rooms available for the Four Rivers Frenzy Chapter trip. The packet for the trip will be emailed to those who registered for the trip instead of printed this year. Eric will be posting a list of members that have signed up on the chapter website. If you have reserved your room and do not see your name on the list, please let Heather Johnston and Dawn Cherry know as soon as possible. A pre-trip meeting will be held 4-6 weeks prior to the trip.

Eric and John have been busy updating the website and calendar with events our Chapter members have planned. If you have any ride suggestions or events you'd like added, please let them know.

Ride safe!

Sherrie Bransky

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Roz Wrobel—Membership

Hello from the Membership Corner

This chapter never seems to underestimate when it comes to family. We are continuing to grow each month and its wonderful to see that.

This month amazing new family members are: Jennifer Hernandez, Kenneth Janovic, Adam Conway, Darnell Lester, James Carlino, Steven Davidovich, Jose Delgado, David Edelheit, Alexandros Giokaris, Lawrence, Lentz, Frank Leone, John McLaughlin, Mirkhayat Mirbadalov, Michael Ohara, David Taylor, and Tony Velez. Please said hi when you see them and welcome them to our family.

As I said last month, 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 it back. 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 on www.hog.com. I will also send an email or text (if there's no email on file) if it has expired. I check several times a month, also please make sure that I have your current email address.

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John R. Sweeney Jr

Head Road Captain

Howdy everyone,

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

H.O.G. Members have a New Way to Be Rewarded for Riding!

"As riders, the road calls us every day. The more we ride, the more personal enlightenment we achieve. For H.O.G. members there are also tangible benefits. H.O.G. recognizes and rewards your passion for riding with a series of options under the umbrella of the RIDE 365 program including: Annual, Lifetime, Chapter and destination challenges, including the Dealership Check-In Challenge, 50 Rides, One Nation and 10 Rides for '22 challenges.

Beginning April 22, H.O.G. Members have another way to be rewarded for riding with a limited-time promotion for the RIDE 365 Annual Mileage Recognition Program in 2022. Once the H.O.G. member has achieved the milestone of 2,500 miles ridden in 2022 (as confirmed with two in-dealership mileage readings), they will receive a \$50 promotion card to spend online at H-D.com or at any Harley-Davidson dealership. Upon achievement of a total of 10,000 miles or more in 2022, the H.O.G. member will receive an additional \$100 promotion card.

H.O.G. members who reach the 2,500 or 10,000 mile level during 2022 in the RIDE 365 Annual Mileage program, including those who have already achieved either milestone, will automatically be mailed a letter announcing their achievement along with a code and online link to redeem their promotion card."

So all you have to do is check in with Kory at Lake Shore HD and start riding. If you check in through out the year, once you attain one of the milestone, you receive your reward. And don't forget to do your last check-in as close to the end of the year. That finishes your mileage entry for the year and goes towards our accumulative mileage for the chapter.

So let's RIDE!!!

See you next month...

John R Sweeney Jr.

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

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Doug Cherry—Safety Officer

Hello All,

I've been fortunate in the many years I've been with the chapter to have received a lot of great tips and techniques to help me improve my riding. One of the members that has been a great resource for me has been Joe Geraci. He is always bringing me a book or printout of something he's read that deals with riding a motorcycle safely. He does this not just because he's a good guy but he knows that I read everything he gives me and put into practice those techniques that work for my riding style.

So with that said, I wanted to share with you some of the latest safety articles I've been reading. I'm going to stick to one topic per month so as not to overload you with too much information. This month's article is about proper scanning. Most of us scan instinctively, but what does it mean to properly scan on a motorcycle? We have a lot to look out for as Harley riders: trucks and their blind spots, cars turning left in front of us (a scenario that continues to be the top killer of motorcyclists); pedestrians crossing the street where they aren't supposed to; side streets, alleys, cars parked on the street whose owners never see you when they are opening their doors. Add to that: moisture, oil, gravel, potholes, railroad tracks and speed bumps and that's just what's in front of you. We haven't even looked at our rearview mirrors or monitored any of our instruments yet. Basically, we have stuff ahead, behind and below us (not to mention the occasional Bald Eagle diving at roadkill from above).

So what's the key to keeping all this motorized craziness at bay? Proper scan technique. Being able to evaluate in a sequential, consistent manner like it's second nature. How do we do this? First, you don't want to dwell too long in any one area. Ideally, your attention should move systematically from what's ahead to what's behind you, and then to your instruments. It goes without saying that the majority of your time should be spent evaluating what's directly ahead, followed by a lesser amount checking behind you. I timed this out and found that for me, a complete scan cycle takes about 8-10 seconds. I spent about 6-7 seconds looking ahead and 2-3 seconds behind before checking what's ahead again. I checked out my instruments every fourth front to back scan, looking at fuel level, warning lights, brights, or a forgotten turn signal. I was even able to check my playlist on the radio (under SAFE conditions!).

Now, these times may differ for you depending on your riding style or traffic conditions (more scanning in heavy traffic, less on those quiet country roads) but they are a good "go by" to keep you focused on what's important. Taking the time to learn this technique effectively will go a long way to making your riding experience much safer.

Safety Officer

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Until next month, remember, let's be careful out there...



Lori Marcotte—Ladies of Harley



HOG Night Out

Come on out for some pizza / pop and some good conversation!!!

HITS Restaurant

700 Butterfield Rd, Mundelein, IL 60060

Each person is responsible for whatever they order.

Friday, May 27th, 2022, 6:30 pm

This is a Ladies of Harley event, but everyone is welcome to attend. You are responsible for whatever you order

Let me know if you can make it by Friday, May 20th:

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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

Ladies of Harley

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George Lang – Historian

Here is a great article on Janet Davidson being the first woman to ride a Harley-Davidson

[Janet Davidson Was Probably The First Woman to Ride a Harley-Davidson](#)

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Bob Morrison—Photographer

Hello Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter Sisters and Brothers,

This will be out after our Bike Blessing and I hope we had a large turnout. Many of us have been riding since the beginning of the year, but it's always best to start out the season with our Bike Blessing. Pictures from the Bike Blessing will be in the next newsletter. Here are some of the pictures from our April 24th meeting!





Bob Morrison—Photographer



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WWDC Ride #3 - 2022
Weeknight Wandering Dinner Club



TO: Reza's Restaurant, Evanston, IL
FROM: LSHD with Kickstands Up @ 6:45 PM
WHEN: Tuesday, May 10, 2022, Dinner @ is 8:00 PM

After leaving LSHD, we'll travel by small riding groups along Sheridan Road, enjoying the twists and turns, and observing with wonder the 'cottages' and other homes built along this exciting lakefront wander. A slightly shorter than normal WWDC adventure - this ride more than makes up for the distance with the outstanding sights!

Also, please check out Reza's in Evanston menu on their website..., you won't be disappointed!!

As always, this is a non-rainout event - we're going by bikes or by cages, and if you plan on meeting us there, please call or text me beforehand so I can make sure you have a seat at the table!

Dave J.

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!



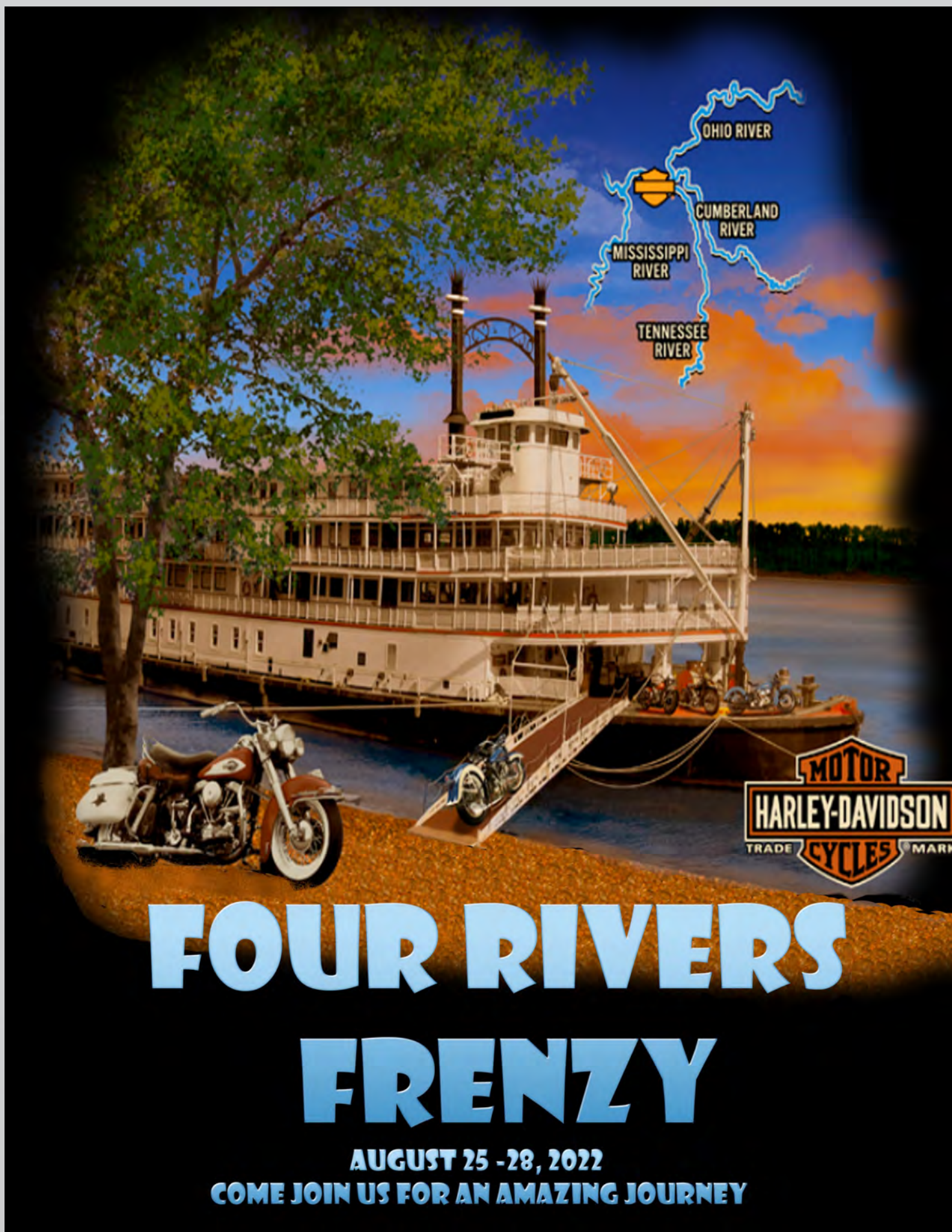
Oh, well..., we added the diaper - which stayed, but changed the name of the ride to "Lakeshore's OWN - B.B.500". You see, it's all in the details.

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
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&

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**more info on times and routes will follow via email
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