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LAKE SHORE HOGTM

Monthly Newsletter



Whats Happening

Monthly Meeting

May 21, 2023

Breakfast at 9am

Meeting at 10am

Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm

Upcoming Rides and Activities

May 6 Off to Rancho Nuevo- Dawn/ Woody

May 7 33rd Annual Bike Blessing

May 20 TBD- Rick/ James

May 21 After Meeting Ride KC's Cabin - George/ John

May 27 Niko's Red Mill Inn- Scott/

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



Heather Johnston

Director

Wow how time flies. It seems like the calendar just flipped over to April and now, here we are in May already.

Our Bike Blessing is coming up on May 7th and I am super excited about it. Flier with all the details is included in this newsletter and posted on our members-only Facebook page and on our website. Please feel free to invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues—any and all bikes are welcome!

I'm hoping that April showers really do bring May flowers because I'm ready to see the trees in bloom, lush green grass, leaves, and beautiful flowers as we ride. Oh, and not having to wear a parka would be a plus... just sayin'

Keep your eyes on our webpage for updated ride and activities information. For those of you who are going on our trip to Hayward, we will be having a brief planning meeting after the May chapter meeting.

Until next time.

Heather "Bling" Johnston

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Doug Wrobel

Assistant Director

Well, Hello again. Sure seems like time is flying. If someone can tell me were the time is going, let me know. It seems like the month of April just started and it's almost over with.

So, Joe Murglin's safety presentation was spot on. Roz and I had a bad start to the riding season. On Saturday when it was really nice, I went out to the garage to get the bikes out. Roz's bike was totally dead. I connected the Battery pack, it started and then when I disconnected it, the bike died. Time for a new battery, off to the dealership we go. Get back home and get the bike all back together and off we go and do a short ride. Get home and put the bikes away. Sunday, open the garage overhead door and I've got a nail in the rear tire. Thank God for Tire and Rim warranty. Take the bike to Lakeshore, they call me and tell me the rear brakes are dust. So, a new tire and brakes to start the year for me and a new battery for Roz. I think we are ready.

Don't forget, May 7th is the annual Bike Blessing. As of today, it's less then two week away. Hope to see everyone there.



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LET'S RIDE!!!



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Nita Cruz & Sammie Sweeney Activities



Have you seen those beautiful May Flowers, along with all that wonderful pollen! By the time you read this, we will have had our Bowling party and we want to thank everyone that attended, we hope you all had as much fun as we did.

The next big activity we will be planning is the picnic in July. This is our Annual Chapter Picnic, which takes the place of the July meeting. There will be our Teddy Bear Ride from the dealership to the picnic. Entry to the ride will be a stuffed animal or 2-Hot Wheel Cars and that gets you your yearly Teddy Bear Rocker. Stay tuned for more details to follow.

We also are working on some smaller activities; we will keep you posted....



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Roz Wrobel

Membership

Greetings from Membership Corner!

Our family of brother and sisters is growing. We are now 161 family members strong! We have new members this month and please welcome to our family: Pammie Lenzini, Randy Ward, and Jeremy Tatro. Welcome to the family. If you see them on a ride, at a chapter event or even at the dealership, say hi.

Our bike blessing is almost here. May 7th. Hope to see all of you there. Line up starts at 10:00 and we leave the dealership at noon. There are so many cool rides on the calendar and the road captains have been busy planning, pre-riding those rides so if you get a chance to go on one, two, or you know however many you can do, you will not be disappointed.

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.

Roz Wrobel
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John R. Sweeney Jr

Head Road Captain/ Webmaster

Howdy everyone,

Finally, some riding weather has come our way and it's time for us to HIT THE ROAD! Our Road Captains have a lot of good rides on our calendar with a lot of variety. So pick your poison and go have some fun. Be sure that you are signed up for our Annual Mileage Contest and Harley's Ride 365. If you have any questions about these, please let me know and I'll be happy to give you all of the information, you'll need.

On a personal note, we had a long time member and a friend for about 10 years in our chapter. His name was Doug O'Keefe. Doug was a Road Captain, a past Safety Officer, past Activities Officer, past Head Road Captain, and past Assistant Director at various times. The Chapter Ride that we do each year was started by Doug's "Beach Bashes". He would find the locations, plan the ride to our destination (and pre-ride it about 3 or 4 times prior to our departure), plan activities for the attendees and have surprises and prizes for his events, all coming out of his own pocket. He loved the chapter and loved putting on a great time. He gave us some awesome themed Holiday Parties and much, much more. We are a better chapter today, because of all of his efforts. He hasn't been a member for about 5 years and unfortunately, he passed away about a month and a half ago. We want to remember our friend even though he was not a member at the time of his passing. So I am collecting money from those that would like to help honor his memory. The money will be used to get a rivet up at the Harley Museum and to have a "Celebration of Life" for him.

If you would like to donate for this, you can either send your donation to me at 945 Washington Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 or see me at our May meeting. Again, this is not chapter sponsored thing, it is just his friends wanting to pay a little tribute to a good friend that did a lot for our chapter. Thank you in advance to all the will be helping to honor Doug.

Till next month...

John R. Sweeney Jr.

aka (Motor Mouth)

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

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Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

Nothing for this month. Our next big event will be our Teddy Bear Ride to our Annual Picnic in July.

More information about that as it gets closer...

For now let's just get out there and ride, ride, RIDE...

And remember that you can always get more signatures on your Activities Card, by bring stuffed animals or cars to a meeting, ride or event.

Till next time,
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Joe Murglin

Safety Officer

Last Saturday, we had our “New Members to Group Riding” meet up. You couldn’t have asked for a better day, 80 degrees and sunny! Many thanks to John Sweeney for explaining to Dominick and Randy the “Lakeshore way” of how we group ride. I also learned a few things from John. I’d also like to thank George Lang for being our sweep for the ride. I hope to see Dominick and Randy on many more rides this summer!

Take care and be safe everyone!

Joe Murglin
Safety Officer
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Sherrie Bransky & Karann McHugh



Wishing all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day!!!

May the special day be filled with joy and laughter .



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Ladies of Harley

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George Lang

Historian

This months history article was again submitted by Corey (Rain Man) Johnston

A Little Chapter Trip History

For many members the annual chapter trip may just seem like something that has always been done. In reality it isn't really that old. The trips started with Doug O'Keefe and a few other organizers who threw the famed "Beach Bashes" each year they would plan a new weekend destination to ride to and have fun activities and themes like the Olympics and pirates. In 2016 the trips changed. We met with our then "sister chapter" Grand Rapids H.O.G. at their home dealership and looped Lake Michigan together in four days. This was a unique trip because we rode with another chapter and we had a different destination each night. In 2017 we met Grand Rapids chapter in Munising, MI along Lake Superior for the Cold Water Rendezvous. More riding and great fun. In 2018 when I became director I wanted to continue the tradition Doug had started, with help from others of course. We did the Journey to Crooked Lake to Siren, WI, Bootleggers Boogie to Bardstown, Ky, Meet on the Mississippi to Prairie Du Chein, WI, 2021 Primaries Trip in Saint Ignace, Mi and last year our Four Rivers Frenzy in Paducah, KY. If you have never been on a chapter trip you should really consider it. We ride to great places with friends then spend the weekend riding together, eating, drinking, smoking cigars, and telling countless stories of our riding exploits. We make many lasting memories with our chapter brothers and sisters. So try to come out and make some new memories with us in the future. Seeing all your smiling faces makes all the hard work of planning worth the hours of time.



Bob Morrison

Photographer

Hello sisters and brothers,
Here are some memories from the last month.





Officer meeting:



Hope to see everyone at the 33rd Annual Bike Blessing!

33 RD ANNUAL

BIKE

LAKE SHORE
HOG

BLESSING

SUNDAY MAY 7TH

LINE UP 10:00 AM

RIDE LEAVES AT NOON SHARP

LINE UP: LAKE SHORE HARLEY - DAVIDSON
1400 ROCKLAND RD. LIBERTYVILLE, IL (847)662-4500

BLESSING AT: ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
8760 37TH AVE. KENOSHA, WI

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MAIN EVENT PATCH \$6/ YEAR ROCKER \$4

HUNDREDS OF BIKES PARTICIPATE EACH YEAR!

AN EXCELLENT WAY TO START A NEW RIDING SEASON!

ALL BIKES WELCOME

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN A WAIVER &
OBTAIN A WRIST BAND. NO LINE HOPPING



JESUS THE BIKER

He was a lot like you and me.
The government didn't like him.
The church thought he was weird.
His Friends were few.
What friends he had, denied him.
He was persecuted by hypocrites.
He hung around people like you
and me, not the goody-two-shoes
pharisees.

Yes, if Jesus were on this earth
in the flesh he would be next to
you on his Harley telling you he
loved you... enough to die for you.

Visit with our brother, Joel!



“Let’s Go Bowling”



Sunday, April 23rd

You're Invited BOWL

Sideouts SPORTS TAVERN
BOWLING • 30 PINSETTALL • VOLEYBALL
FOOD • COCKTAILS • LIVE MUSIC

Starts @ 5:00pm
Pizza @ 6:00pm

2 Games of Bowling * Shoe Rental * Pizza & Soda * Raffles
\$20.00 per person

Non-Bowlers that just want to eat and party
\$7.95 per person
\$3.95 for children 10 and under

Open to friends & families
Must pay in advance by the April Chapter Meeting
Pay at the March or April meeting
Or mail a check made out to - Sandra Sweeney
945 Washington Blvd., Hoffman Estates IL 60169

Any questions contact Sammie at
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SideOuts - 4018 Roberts Rd.
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God didn't create metal so that man could make paper clips!



See you on the road!

Bob and Nancy

Bob Morrison

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Corey A. Johnston

Editor

Well Nobody sent in any stories this month so as I warned you get the third edition of:

Tales From the Trail

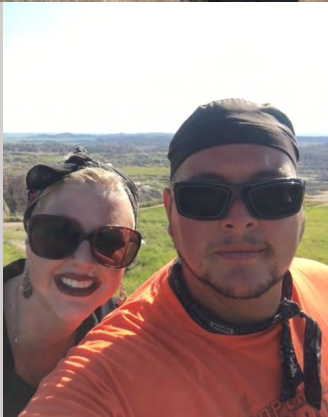
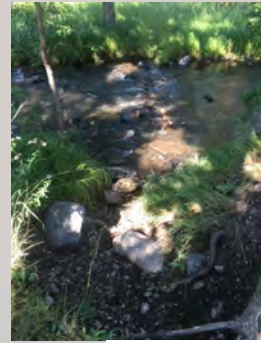
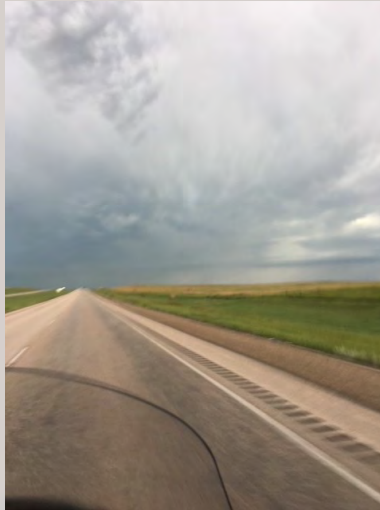
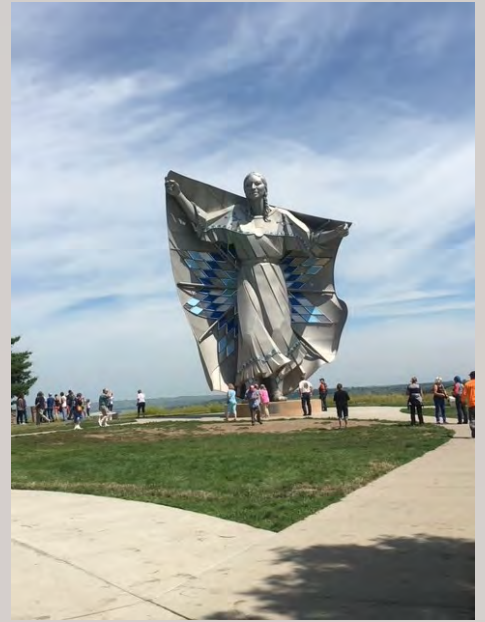
Many of my travels over the years have been solo trips, but some of the best and most memorable trips are with family and friends. In 2019 I organized a friends trip to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Planning a group trip can be stressful but also very rewarding when you see everyone enjoy themselves. We started off with breakfast at The Point before hitting the road. In total there were 14 of us traveling together. We had one heck of a convoy two vehicles with trailers one tail car and six bikes for the first two days. We traveled to Blue Earth, MN on our first day. This happens to be the home of the 8000 pound, 55 foot tall Jolly Green Giant, you know we had to get a group shot before leaving town. Our second day saw us traveling into South Dakota, we stopped at the Dignity Statue along the route. We of course had to hit rain before making it to our destination, a quick pull off to put on rain suits and we were back on the road. On Sunday afternoon we arrived at the Custer State Game Lodge and Cabins. Part of our group was staying in the lodge and we also rented three cabins. It was a great location in the Custer State Park directly between Needles Highway and Iron Mountain Road. There is a general store next to the cabins for basic needs. I would highly recommend staying here. We quickly checked in and Heather and I and two others rode an additional 100 miles one way to the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation for their annual Pow Wow. What an experience. When we arrived we found that the mile long dirt track around the Pow Wow grounds had been turned to a mile of mud, ugh. We asked the ladies to dismount, we navigated the course with less weight.

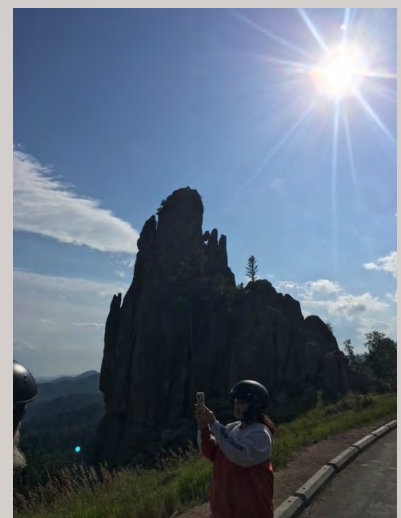
We made it around the track after finally deciding to ride through grass. We had a great time, watching the dancers, eating, and looking at crafts, until on our way along the 100 miles return trip we got caught in a popup thunderstorm in the middle of nowhere in the middle of the night. The next morning the entire group reconvened with the addition of my father and brother who rode out to meet us. All the bikes were unloaded from the trailers and I lead 11 bikes to Sturgis where we walked the streets and had a lunch break, we then continued to Spearfish and road the famous Spearfish Canyon. We rode on to historic Deadwood where we stopped at the famous Trevino's Leathers and then continued through the Black Hills through Hill City and on to Custer where we stopped for dinner. On Tuesday we braved the heat and stopped at Black Hills Harley where Patrick almost decided to trade for a "smaller bike". We then made our way to the Badlands and rode the scenic loop. On Wednesday we took in the sites riding up Iron Mountain that begins just a mile from our cabin and stopped at Mt Rushmore then to Crazy horse. We finished our day by riding the one and only Needles Highway that ends only two miles from the cabin. That night we gathered round the fire and had steaks and celebrated Patrick's 70th birthday a memorable night when he received the gift of his Life membership. On Thursday we made the long trek to Devils Tower and Hulett, WY. We ended the day with a trip through the wildlife loop viewing buffalo and stopping at the Blue Bell Lodge for dinner. On Friday we started the long journey home our first day was windy and a very long 555 miles to Albert Lea, MN. On Saturday we started the day off in you guessed it 135 miles of rain. The group split ways over Friday and Saturday and by the end of the 135 miles of rain just four bikes continued on for Illinois. We all made it home safely. I fondly remember our nights around the fire filled with drinks, laughter, cigars and smiles. Memories that will last a lifetime. So if you have the chance to travel with family and friends don't pass up the opportunity.

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

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Celebrating Patrick's
70th Birthday &
his Life H.O.G. Membership



Even on a long
ride home she is still
checking her
makeup.



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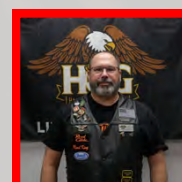
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