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Monthly Newsletter



What's Happening

January 18th, 2026

Annual Chapter Sign-up and Bake Sale

Noon—3 p.m.

At the dealership

Upcoming Rides and Activities

(check the calendar on the chapter website for details)





Doug Wrobel Director

Well, hello Ladies and Gentlemen.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a great New Year. Now it's time to start looking forward to another fantastic year.

We had our annual Holiday Party at the Doubletree Hotel in December. It was the last time that we will use the current Karma Room because it is getting renovated. From the feedback I received, everyone who attended had a great time. I would like to thank Roz and her Elves, Sammie and Denise for putting together a great party.

January will start off by having our annual sign-up. Sign-up will be January 18th from 12 to 3. We will also have a bake sale as we always do. Just remember, the dealership does not open until 12 on Sunday.

John, our favorite road captain, has been working on our next chapter trip. This trip will be to Madison, Indiana on the Ohio River. He will have all info available at signup.

We will be ordering the new Windy City H.O.G. Chapter patches soon. We will order both the large and small ones. Once we get them in, they will be handed out at the chapter meeting.

Well for now, I hope to see everyone soon; whether it's at a meeting, sign-up, or the dealership.

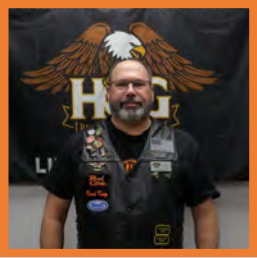
Have a great day.

Doug Wrobel

Director/Road Captain

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Joe Murglin

Assistant Director

I trust everyone had a Merry Christmas and didn't overdo it too much over New Year's. I made sure to have enough Water Boy anti-hangover stuff on hand for New Year's Day!

Now that I no longer have to worry about safety (just kidding), I'm looking forward to my new responsibilities as your assistant director. I want to encourage everyone to get involved and volunteer to help out your chapter whenever possible. Not only is it fun, but it keeps the chapter going strong.

Plan to go on more rides this summer. I guarantee you'll find some interesting new roads that you had no idea were so close to home, and you'll probably make some new friends as well. Our road captains do an excellent job of planning and leading rides, so you can be confident that you'll have a safe, enjoyable experience. The main reason I joined the chapter was because I was getting bored with the same old roads. Before I joined, I was lucky if I put on 2,000 miles a season!

Personally, I'm looking forward to the Great Lakes Regional H.O.G. Rally in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin (I hear there's a cool brewery up there), from June 11th to the 13th. I'm probably going to do an overnighter. Let me know if you're interested.

In the meantime, try to stay warm. I'm writing this the night before our holiday party, and it's supposed to be in the single digits tomorrow!

Joe Murglin

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Roz "Muffin" Wrobel

Membership

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM MEMBERSHIP!

It's the first newsletter of 2026 and I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

As all of us know, the holiday party has come and gone and from what I hear, everyone had a great time. The laughter and the dinner and just being with your fellow chapter members is always a great time. If you were not able to attend, plan on attending this year. The planning committee is already thinking about it. Who knows? There may be a few surprises along the way. You never know with the elves from Windy City H.O.G. chapter.

We finished the year with 167 chapter members. I am hoping we pass that number this year. Tell your fellow Harley riders about us, the rides, and the events, and let them see how much fun we have and riding we do.

Our annual sign-up is coming. It will be January 18th from 12pm to 3pm. There will be information on the happenings of the year. John is already working on the chapter trip for the year. From what I hear, it's going to be a good one.

As we get closer to sign-up, please make sure that you have the correct email for you to get the newsletter and information that you would like to get about the chapter and what's happening. Also, remember that your National H.O.G. membership must be active to join the chapter.

SEE YOU ALL AT SIGN-UP!

Roz "Muffin" Wrobel

Membership Officer

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John "Motor Mouth" Sweeney Head Road Captain/ Webmaster

Howdy,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful and **Very Merry Christmas**. 2025 had its ups and downs, but all in all, it was a good year. Here is to an even better 2026.

Loved the variety of rides this year. Something for everyone. Long, short, easy, and challenging, it was a great mix. Thanks to all of our RCs for doing a great job, as always.

And speaking about our RCs, have you ever considered becoming a road captain? I've been one since 2003 and several of our current RCs have been around for years. It's a great way to give back to the chapter and to improve your skills in leading others and planning cool rides. I mean that is why we joined a riding club—TO RIDE, see new places or revisit favorite ones.

If you are interested in becoming a road captain, you can either contact me for more information or come to our annual chapter membership sign-up on January 18th at the dealership. I'll be at the sign up table and I can answer any questions you might have or sign you up if you are ready to give it a shot. It is a great way to get more involved with the chapter and make more friends. It's fun and fulfilling and what the heck, it's an excuse to ride some more. ;—)

The requirements are to be a member and have ridden on chapter rides for at least one year. The rest will be shown to you through our mentoring program. Think it over and if you are interested, just see me at sign-up or give me a call or email me and I'll be glad to answer your questions.

Head Road Captain/ Webmaster (continued)

Sorry, about no Toys for Tots this year, but mother nature did NOT cooperate. Maybe next year.

Our chapter trip "Wandering to Two Rivers" was a success and everyone seemed to enjoy getting back to a trip that was more like the old "Beach Bash" type trips. Planned rides to the hotel, organized rides as a chapter Friday and Saturday, a chapter dinner together on Friday night and plenty of together time in the evenings. That's the way these trips should be.

I said that I wouldn't do it again, but I find myself planning this coming year's trip. I'm a glutton for punishment. Haha! All of the information will be available at sign-up and I think you are going to like it. Five beautiful rides in the area and a few other things are in the works. Can't wait to share all of the info.

See you in 2026, be safe, have fun and soon we will be RIDING AGAIN!... ;—)

(Some sooner than others... LOL...)

Till next month...

John R. "Motor Mouth" Sweeney Jr.

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

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Sammie Sweeney

Ladies of Harley (LOH)

Happy New Year Ladies Of Harley,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and I hope to see you at sign-up.

Be sure to stop by the LOH table for more information about the coming year's activities. We have a lot of things planned for this year in LOH.

We will be having our annual bake sale at sign-up, more information in the Teddy Bear Corner section of this newsletter.

I'm very happy to be your LOH officer again this year. Let's have SOME FUN!

Till next time,

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Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all had a fantastic holiday. Sign-up is coming up and so is our Annual Bake Sale to raise money to buy stuffies, cars, undies, and socks. Both are Sunday, January 18th at the dealership. You can sign-up and satisfy your sweet tooth all at the same time. ;—) The flyer is on the next page.

As always, we need bakers, buyers, and helpers.

Not only do our donations go to Nicasa's holiday party, but they also sponsor a toy drive.

Till next time,
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Sunday, Jan. 18th

Bake Sale

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Bakers and buyers needed for our Annual Teddy Bear Bake Sale. Windy City Harley is also hosting our chapter sign-up

So stop on by and satisfy your sweet tooth

All proceeds go to the purchase of stuffed animals and Hot Wheels® cars that the Windy City H.O.G. Chapter donates to the children of Lake County.



Windy City Harley Davidson
14000 Rockland Road, Libertyville, IL

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Pete Livorsi

Co-Safety Officer

I hope everyone had a good holiday. Happy New Year!

The chapter is trying something new. Mike Warkins and I will be your co-safety officers this year. I want to thank Joe Murglin for the time and effort he put in during his tenure. The information Joe and his predecessors provided might seem obvious but the information is crucial for a safe ride.

In my opinion, one of the biggest challenges to a safe ride is complacency. We assume that our tires are properly inflated. That all the nuts and bolts are tight. Oil and other fluids are fresh and at the proper levels. Over the next few months, all this can be checked.

If your ride is not at the dealer in storage (dirty word I know), put it on a battery tender. I have a friend that puts his battery in his basement. That's it. Then he wonders why, after 3 or 4 years, the battery is dead and does not last.

Lastly, in the January 2022 newsletter, Doug Cherry had some good tips on staying fit during the dog days of winter. As you can tell, I do not follow this. But, "Do as I say, not as I do!"

Thank you all for giving Mike and me the opportunity to, hopefully, produce some new ideas to make the next riding season safe and successful.

Pete Livorsi

Co-Safety Officer

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Mike Warkins

Co-Safety Officer

Hope everyone has had a great time during the holidays.

I am the other half of the co-safety officer team. Pete and I hope to be able to provide a good safety program for the benefit of all the members. Our goal is to provide you with information that will keep you safe and your rides enjoyable.

Now is the time to plan on getting your bike in shape for the season. Whether you do the work yourself, have your favorite mechanic work on your bike, or have the dealer work on it, plan the time so your bike will be ready for the riding season. I had a part on my bike painted and had to wait 4 weeks for it to be done. The painter told me that this is their busiest time of the year. Schedule your time.

Winter is historically a time when we sit around and watch football and basketball. Try to keep active so that the 900 lb. bike is not a heavier load than expected. Reaching for that beer on the lower shelf of the refrigerator does not count as an activity.

Be careful shoveling snow or other outdoor activities in the cold weather. Activities in the cold weather is a major cause of heart attacks. It is not so much the exertion that is the cause, but the body constricts the blood flow to conserve energy that causes the heart attacks.

Let's have a great safe riding season.

Question: What role did Babe Ruth have in starting the NFL?

Mike Warkins

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Bob Warzecha

Officer-at-Large

Hello everyone,

By the time you read this, the holidays will be over—finally—and things will be getting back to normal.

The chapter holiday party was a blast. If you missed it, you missed great time! Thank you Roz for all you did setting that up. Your hard work made it a success!

Now we just hafta get through winter, & the riding season will be here. Chapter sign-up will be next event—Jan. 18th if I'm correct— along with our bake sale.

I wish everyone a very Happy New Year and a fun-filled riding season ahead.

See you on the Road !

Bob

Bob Warzecha

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Denise Runge

Editor

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season; staying healthy and warm while enjoying family, friends, and traditions.

The holiday party was a great evening, although, as John pointed out at the end of the night, we don't seem to party as late as we used to!

Roz and Sammie thank you so much for all the work you did. I appreciate Doug including me in his thank you, but my contribution was minimal. You two ROCKED IT!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual sign-up on January 18th!

Denise Runge

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Bob Morrison Photographer

Happy New Year to all our sisters and brothers.
Hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Here is our 2025 season in review. Hope you enjoy the memories!

2025 Annual Chapter sign up

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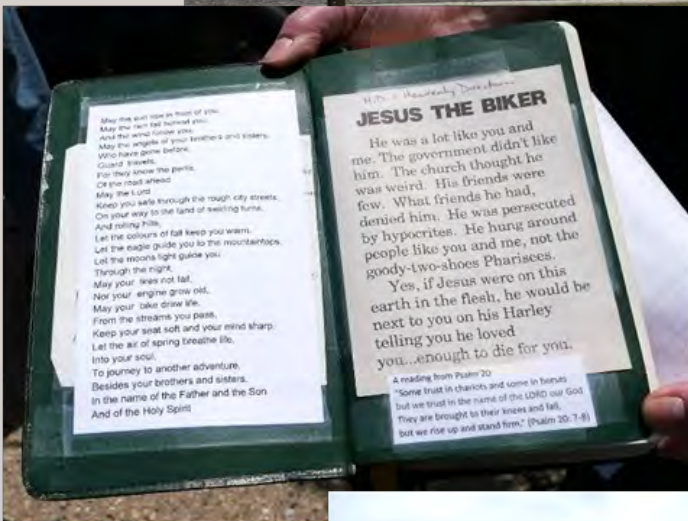
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May 2025 meeting and after-meeting ride:
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June 2025 Meeting (Father's Day):

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Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter Annual Picnic & Teddy Bear Ride -
(July 20, 2025): <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EN44JyXjTPqht8vV6>



Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter August 2025 Monthly Meeting and – Woody's Rivet Ride:

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Visitation for our brother Dan Marcotte (Sept. 8, 2025):

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Dan's Celebration of Life - Mass, Military Honors and Last Rev:

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September 2025 meeting:

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October 2025 meeting:

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Our Annual Teddy Bear Boxing Party & Delivering of the Bears
(Nov. 8, 2025):



November 2025 meeting:

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See you at our annual membership sign-up on January 18!

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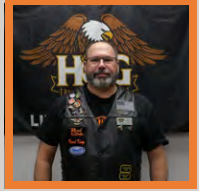
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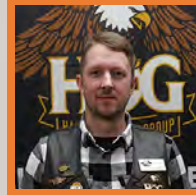
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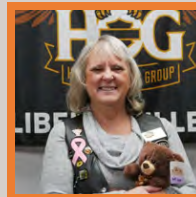


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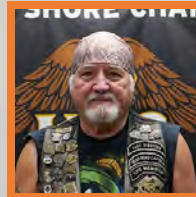
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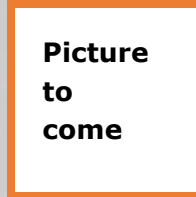
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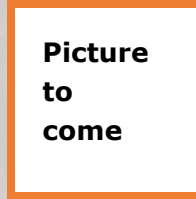
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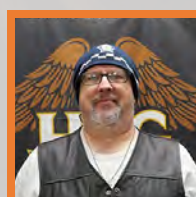
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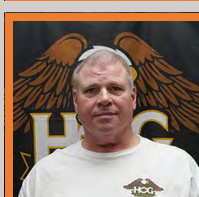
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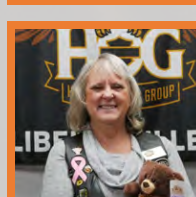
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