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# What's Happening

**July 21, 2024**

**Teddy Bear Ride & Chapter Picnic  
(in lieu of regular gathering)**

**Ride leaves dealer at 10:30 a.m.**

**Picnic at Nippersink forest preserve  
at noon**

## **Upcoming Rides and Activities**

(check the calendar on the chapter website for details)

**Harley-Davidson Museum**

Saturday, July 6th, 11:00 a.m.

**Top 10 Burgers #5—Twisted Burger**

Thursday, July 11th, 10:00 a.m.

**Memorial Ride to the Celebration of "Woody's" Life**

Saturday, July 13th , time TBD

**Let's Ride the Kettle Moraine**

Sunday, July 14th , 7:45 a.m. sharp

**WWDC #5 BBQ**

Wednesday, July 17th, 6:45 p.m. sharp



Douglas Wrobel

Director

Well, hello again. We had another great turnout for the June chapter gathering. I just hope it stays that way. It has slowed down on getting new chapter members, but we are still a strong chapter.

I regret having to cancel the chapter trip; I took everything into consideration before I cancelled it. For those who did sign up, I'm sorry and I hope everyone was able to cancel their reservation at the hotel in time to not be charged for a night. My contact down south also said it was probably for the best. The weather was just as hot, and the humidity was even worse, in Saint Louis than it was here.

Our gathering in July is the Teddy Bear Ride/Chapter Picnic at Nippersink Forest Preserve on Route 120 in Round Lake. There will be a ride from the dealership to the forest preserve. Once there, your board members will be barbecuing hamburgers, hot dogs and brats, and there will be the usual side dishes. There will be games to play after we eat. Sign-up forms are on the website.

So now, let's ride and have some fun. Don't forget about ride 365.



Doug Wrobel

**Director/Road Captain**

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## Roz Wrobel Membership

Greetings from the Membership Corner!

Summer is here, and boy have we had some HOT days! But I still see our members out there and riding. I know that some of us have really been putting the miles on and have been to some pretty awesome places. Keep those miles coming.

I know that I, for one, am sad that the chapter trip had to be canceled. I was looking forward to it, but we didn't think about it being right before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. With that said, next year's chapter trip is already being planned and it will be a great one.

This month is the annual chapter picnic. This year, we are doing a family picnic. This is also our Teddy Bear picnic and see flyer in the newsletter. Come, eat, play some family games, and just have fun with your fellow chapter members. Hope to see you all there. There is still time to sign up.

We are 160 family members strong and growing. It is always nice to see new faces and get to meet new members.

As always, please remember to keep your National HOG membership updated. 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](http://www.hog.com). I will also send an email (or text if I don't have your email) if it has expired. I check several times a month, please make sure that I have your current email address.

Roz Wrobel  
aka "Muffin"

**Membership Officer/Volunteer Coordinator**  
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**LAKE SHORE H.O.G.**

**FAMILY PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024**

**12:00 TO 4:00PM**

\$10 per member to reserve your spot

\$10 non-refundable fee for guests

\$5 for all members and guest under 10 years of age

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign up at June meeting or send by mail:

**Roz Wrobel**

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No later than July 14, 2024

### **The Teddy Bear Ride**

10:am lineup at the dealership      10:30am kickstands up

12:00 noon arrives at Nippersink Forest Preserve (RT 120 in Round Lake) for the picnic

The ride and picnic are in lieu of our regular meeting at Lambs Farm

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR STUFFED ANIMALS AND/OR HOT WHEEL CARS  
TO GET YOUR PATCH FOR THE PICNIC**



John R. Sweeney Jr.

Head Road Captain/ Webmaster

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,

We are now in summer, full swing and we have rides galore. Pick your poison, from weekday lunch, weekday dinner, or just weekday rides. Then, there are the usual weekend short, medium, and long rides to choose from. So many choices and so many opportunities to ride, ride, RIDE! So pick something and get out there.

Our annual Teddy Bear Ride will leave Lake Shore at 10:30 a.m. (line-up at 10:00) on Sunday, July 21st, for a pretty, one-and-a-half-hour ride to Nippersink Forest Preserve for our annual chapter picnic. The fee for the ride and your free rocker is stuffed animals or Hot Wheels cars. You will turn those in at the picnic.

After asking the members at our last meeting, this year we will not have the usual bike games. Instead, there will be additional picnic games that everyone can join in and enjoy. With as expensive as these bikes are getting, fewer and fewer people want to try the obstacle course and ride the circle, for fear of dropping those very expensive bikes and you can't blame them.

On your travels do not forget that if you end up visiting a different dealership, be sure to check in on the HD app on your phone. Each check-in is worth 100 points and every 500 points is \$5 credit towards purchases.

We have two new candidates that are working to become Road Captains. So, if you see a ride on our ride calendar led by either Jim Goodrum or Bob Morrison, come on out and join them on their inaugural ride. It will be their graduation ride and they could use your support (oh and heckling). ;—)

## Head Road Captain/ Webmaster (continued)

Finally, Doug's rivet is now installed. So, as our "after meeting ride" on August 18th, we will have our Memorial Ride For Doug OKeefe.

For those that didn't get the chance to meet him, he was, at different times, our Activities Officer, Safety Officer, Road Captain, and Assistant Director.

He created our Beach Bashes and so many other things and really tried to make this chapter fun. He is missed and we want to say a final goodbye to Doug. I carry several packets of his ashes in my bike and when I'm at different locations (i.e. Poopy's, Kettle Moraine, New Glarus, etc.) I drop his ashes there.

Doug loved to ride and travel and now he is still getting out there and enjoying the road. Miss you my friend.

Till next month...

**John R Sweeney Jr.**

"Remember, it's not the destination, it's the journey!"

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Sammie Sweeney  
Ladies of Harley (LOH) Officer

Hi ladies,

We all had a lot of fun doing our art projects with Lisa from Sunny Glass Art Design and the Painted Tree. Everyone's art piece turned out awesomely.

Next up mini-golf, date to follow.

**Food for thought:**

"Never under estimated a woman who rides a Harley."

Author Unknown



Till next time,  
Sammie Sweeney  
**LOH (Ladies of Harley) Officer**  
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# Teddy Bear Corner

A huge thank you to Nancy Morrison for sharing her 50/50 winnings with our chapter charity, a.k.a. Teddy Bear Drive. More money = more stuffies, more cars, and more socks and undies.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the picnic. Don't forget, you get your free rocker for bringing stuffies, cars, children's socks and/or undies.

See you at the picnic!



Till next time,  
Sammie Sweeney  
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## Joe Murglin Safety Officer

In my opinion, last Saturday's ride to the Psycho Silo Saloon was the best ride of the season so far. The weather was perfect; nice and warm, but without the blazing, hot sun.

We rode on some nice country roads, as well as some twisties through Starved Rock State Park. In total, we did around 350 miles. Thanks Scott and Owen for a great day!

On another note, I currently have five riders signed up for Lock & Lean advanced slow ride motorcycle class. The class covers the same skills that motorcycle law enforcement officers receive. If you're worried about dropping your bike, they have a limited number of bikes to rent. Let me know if you are interested, we need at least 12 riders to schedule a class.

As I am writing this it is 92° F outside, so please be sure to drink plenty of water while out riding and take more breaks than usual to get out of the sun. Stay cool!

Joe Murglin

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## Dave Jones Historian

### Harley Davidson - The Great Wars

The United States joined WWI in April of 1917. That was three years after the initial conflict started and the UK was already using motorcycles as part of their fighting core; the British Douglas Triumph, and the German NSU and the TWN.

The TWN and the Triumph were from the same manufacturer, one part of the company based in the UK, and the other in Germany.

As the armies of the fighting countries transitioned from horses to mechanized fighting, motorcycles found service as messenger transport, scouting and reconnaissance, some mobile gun platforms, and as ambulances for transport of wounded off of active battle fields.

When the USA joined the fray, Harley-Davidson, put about 20,000 units of the Model 18J family into use, including thousands into France.

The 18J was equipped with a 61ci motor (flat head) that produced between 15 and 18 horsepower, capable of speeds of 55 mph with a sidecar. It weighed about 300 lbs (w/out the sidecar), had three speeds, and a chain drive. In command positions, there were front fender brackets for the American flag and the country of use flag, in most instances, French. There was also a wide, leather seat stamped with the Harley-Davidson motif.

## Historian (continued)

Also in 1917, the UK started using Indian and Excelsior motorcycles, as well as H-Ds in the war effort. The UK was the country that utilized the cycles as mobile gun platforms the most.

WWII saw an increased use of motorcycles, and a new way for Harley to increase market share during trying times. The war started shortly after the Great Depression, and motorcycle sales were quite flat.

Going into 1943, Harley started production of the WLA motorcycle, which was a 45 ci "Knucklehead" bike, in the WL family (W for series with 45 ci flathead motor), 'L' for high compression and 'A' for Army edition. They also produced a WLC for Canada, which had some heavier cast parts and blackout lighting.

Harley-Davidson produced about 88,000 units; of which, about 30,000 ended up in the Soviet Union as part of the U.S.'s 'Lend-Lease' program to equip other countries. The bikes were sturdy enough to be awarded the Army-Navy E Award (excellence in Production Award) in both 1943 and 1945.

Following 'V-E' day and 'V-J' day, and with a lot of military vets coming home, the demand for motorcycles started to increase. Harley-Davidson took to the demand with some things going smoothly, and others not so much.

We'll talk about 'After the Wars' next time.

Until then, ride safe!

### **Historian**

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# Bob Morrison Photographer

Hello sisters and brothers,

Here are some memories from this past month. Father's Day always has a large buffet. If you missed this gathering, you missed a feast!

June Chapter Gathering on Father's Day 2024:



# June Chapter Gathering on Father's Day 2024 (continued):



Misc. photos from our members:



Misc. photos from our members (continued):



Hope everyone enjoyed the spring! Summer is just starting!

Bob

Bob Morrison

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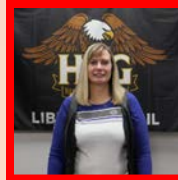
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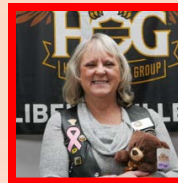


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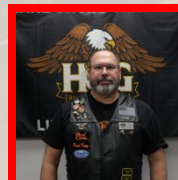
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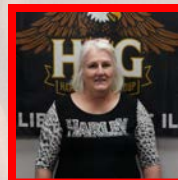
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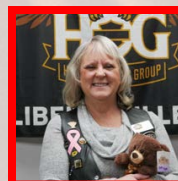
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