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Monthly Newsletter



# Whats Happening

## Monthly Meeting

April 16, 2023

Breakfast at 9am

Meeting at 10am

Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm

## Upcoming Rides and Activities

April 15 New to Group Riding

April 19 WWDC#4- Station #51- Dave/ Dawn

April 16 After Meeting Ride Ice Breaker- Carl

April 22 Ride to Visit Joel- Corey/ Doug W

April 23 Spring Fling Bowling Party

April 29 LOH Richardson's Tulip Festival

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



## **Heather Johnston**

### **Director**

April showers bring May flowers. Well, I'm not sure how April is going to shape up but I do know that we are all anxiously awaiting the warmer, drier weather so we can get out and RIDE.

Our Bike Blessing will be here before you know it– May 7th (it is always the 1st Sunday in May). Please be sure to mark your calendars for this awesome event. Right now, I don't have a whole lot to share with you all in terms of news & happenings. Things have been pretty quiet since the weather is getting in our way (darn it!). Luckily, our Activities Officers have fun stuff for us to do, as do our LOH officers and Road Captains, even when we are not riding.

That's one of the things I love the most about our Chapter: the friendship & fellowship. Yes, we love to ride and we enjoy putting miles on together, but it goes beyond that. We genuinely enjoy being around one another and socializing with each other. It's amazing.

When Corey and I moved to Waukegan in 2013, we didn't know anyone in the area. He joined the Chapter in 2014 and I joined a year later, in 2015. We have made so many amazing memories with this group and some the best friends we could have ever imagined. This H.O.G. Chapter really is like a family. So I just want to take a moment to say thank you to all of you. As the theme from Golden Girls says "Thank you for being a friend. Travel down the road and back again." I truly enjoy traveling down the road with y'all and I hope to be out riding again soon.

Until next time...

Heather "Bling" Johnston

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## **Doug Wrobel**

### **Assistant Director**

Well, Hello all. It was nice to see everyone at the monthly meeting. Was a full house. Hopefully we can keep getting this type of turn out. It was a shame that the Ice Breaker Ride had to get cancelled. John made a good call. I know some of us would have rode, but it would not have been a comfortable ride for some.

With the riding season upon us, it's time to sit back and go over you bike to make sure that no creatures got into anything. Remember T-Clock. T- Tires and Wheels, Control Levers, Lights & Battery, Oil Levels, Chassis and Kickstand. With that being said, I would like to thank Joe for his safety presentation. Spot on and the fact will make you think.

For any of you attending the Mid-American Regional H.O.G. Rally, Rally By The Rivers, you have until April 24th to register for the Orange Package and the June 21st for the Black Package.

Then we still have the Welcome Home / 120th Anniversary July 13 to 16th of July in Milwaukee. There will be a chapter lead ride up on the 14th of July.

So for now, Ride safe and keep the rubber side down.

Doug Wrobel  
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**Rick Cruz**  
**Treasurer**

Think Spring!





**Colleen Hancock**  
**Secretary**

Sunday's meeting had great reminders and food for thought when getting ready for riding this spring - Safety is key! Thanks Joe! Let's do our best to keep the rubber side down while avoiding those road gremlins. Hey April, we are ready for you!



## Nita Cruz & Sammie Sweeney Activities



Hi Everyone,

April is upon us which means the flowers will be blooming and the weather's bound to get warmer. We wanted to thank everyone that was able to make it to our first mixer at Mission BBQ, we had a lot of good food with great friend in a friendly atmosphere! We also got to participate in the singing of the National Anthem which Mission BBQ does every day at Noon

Next up is our Spring Event at Side Outs.

It's a Bowling / Pizza Party on April 23rd.

Get in touch with your competitive side and come join us for fun, prizes, raffles, food, friends and some laughs.

All of the information for this event is on the sign-up flyer in this newsletter.

**Sunday, April 23rd**

You're Invited  
**BOWL**

**Sideouts**  
SPORTS TAVERN  
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  
(847) 882-0187 or jr.sweeney@comcast.net  
SideOuts - 4018 Roberts Rd.  
Island Lake

## Hope to see you all there...

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Sammie Sweeney  
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Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Bowling/Food:

Just Food Adult:

Just Food Child:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_



# Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

We had yet another successful Teddy Bear Bingo Party...

We filled a 50 lbs bag with Hot Wheels and Teddy Bears!!

And had a good time in the process.

If you are a new member and are not sure what all of the Teddy Bear talk is all about, here is a brief history.

For the last 33 years, Lake Shore H.O.G. has collected Teddy Bears, assorted stuffed animals and Hot Wheel cars all year long to be donated. Along with collecting the donations, we also purchase some with money donated from our 50/50 winners, etc. Then there are the special events we have through out the year, like our Teddy Bear Ride to our annual Chapter Picnic, collections at our January Sign-Up, our annual Bake Sale, the Teddy Bear Bingo and other assorted events. After collecting them all year long, we have a boxing party at the dealership and then we deliver them to Nicasa, a Family Advocacy in Waukegan. They are then distributed through-out the community to the children and families that are in need. It is a great way for us to give back to our community and help brighten up their holidays.

If you want to drop off a donation of an animal or cars, we have a drop-off bin at the dealership in the H.O.G. Corner. Also, if you bring 2 animals or 3 cars on a ride or to an event, you will receive an additional signature on your "Activities Card".

Till next time,

Sammie Sweeney

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## **Roz Wrobel**

### **Membership**

SPRING IS HERE!!

I know that I am happy that Spring is here and that means that we are going to be riding. I know that some of you have already have been out there getting those miles.

We are 152 brother and sisters strong and we are growing. Tell your friends about us and invite them to a meeting or event. There are so many good rides that the road captains have planned for this year. Also remember that we have our annual bike blessing the first Sunday in May. Hope to see you all at the rides and events that the chapter has planned, as well as the planned Ladies of Harley and chapter activities.

I am so sorry that I forgot to mention last month all the perfect attendance winners and they are: Sherry Bransky, Mark Faber, Rich Faber, Heather Johnston, Lori Marcotte, Joe Murglin, Al Panozza, John Sweeney, Bob Warzecha, Doug Wrobel, Joshua Wrobel, and Roz Wrobel. So remember to sign in at the chapter meetings.

Please remember to keep your national H.O.G. membership current. If it should expired, 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 a 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.

Till next month, keep on riding!

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## **John R. Sweeney Jr**

### **Head Road Captain/ Webmaster**

Howdy everyone,

On April 15th at 10:00am at Lake Shore parking lot, we will have our “New To Group Riding” ride. This is for our new members and those new to group riding and/or new to riding with us (the Lake Shore H.O.G. chapter). Joe Murglin (Safety Officer) and I will share with you how Lake Shore H.O.G. rides. We will go over in detail how we do things and then go for a ride to get you all comfortable and familiar with riding with the chapter. This is not a beginners ride, it is truly intended for those that haven’t ridden with us much before. We want you to feel comfortable and know what to expect on our rides. We are all here to have fun and be safe and this is a good way to start doing both. Hope you can make, but be sure to check the calendar as the date approaches, because in April the weather can change on a moments notice and if it does, we will reschedule for a better day.

Remember to check the website to make sure your bike is signed up for our Mileage Contest, if not see me or Kory over at Lake Shore to get checked in. Also if you go over to Kory, check in for Ride 365 too.

The calendar is pretty darn full already and it looks like its going to be a very good riding year. Start picking your rides now to make sure you don’t miss out on any of them.

Lastly, if you have a suggestion for a destination or a route you like, please tell me or anyone of our RC’s and we’ll see if we can plan that ride and get it on the calendar.

Till next month...

**John R. Sweeney Jr.**

**aka (Motor Mouth)**

“Remember, shiny side up and rubber side down...”

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## **Joe Murglin**

### **Safety Officer**

#### **Motorcycle Security**

Most of us would rather have somebody steal our wife or maybe even our dog before ripping off our Harley! Statistics show that if you take the time to secure your bike with an additional device your bike is at least 3 times less likely to be stolen. A layered approach is best, which I'll explain here.

It's a known fact that factory fork locks are routinely broken by thieves who then push your bike into a van or pickup truck probably scratching and denting it in the process. Also, you may think that since you have a keyless ignition with a fob no one can start your bike and ride away with it. Nothing could be further from the truth. Thieves use what's called an RF repeater that fools your bike into thinking that you're standing next to it with the fob in your pocket when you can be several hundred feet away! Here's how they do it. Imagine arriving at the 120th Rally this summer and there are thousands of bikes and people everywhere, and you're looking for a place to park (don't forget to bring a jiffy stand puck for the grass). Unknown to you, some bad guys scope you out when you're pulling up and decide on your bike. After parking, you lock up thinking all is well, and you start on your walk to the rally. One of the thieves follows you as you walk while the other stays by your bike. What the guy following you is doing is using his FR repeater to clone your fob that's in your pocket and transmit the data to his partner so he can start your bike. Once the bike is running, he can just jump on and ride away like it's his! That sucks. So how to prevent this you ask? It's pretty simple, all you need is a Faraday key fob protector. Just put your fob inside the protector and close the flap – you're secure. I recommend the Todoxi Faraday key fob protector only because I know it works based on some testing I've seen and done myself (\$9.99 a pair on Amazon).

Getting back to a layered protection strategy I also use a Kryptonite Evolution rotor lock (\$54.96 on Amazon) and for times when I leave my bike in a hotel lot over night when I can't keep an eye on it, I'll use the angle grinder resistant Litelok X1. The lock is a little pricey, but so is my bike. It's also a lot lighter than a chain and easier to pack. Keep in mind that by using these additional locks not only will it make it a lot tougher to steal your bike, but a potential thief will more than likely spot them and move onto an easier target.

Also, a couple other small things to consider. If you have an expensive custom seat you may want to replace the factory Phillips head screw with a security screw that requires a special tool to remove it. I'm using a ¼"-20 6 lobe button head cap screw with security pin on my bike. Make sure to get it in stainless and keep in mind that you'll probably have to cut it down to the same length as the original Phillips head screw so it doesn't rub the tire. You can buy both the security screw and tool on eBay. I also have some extra security screws if anyone is interested. Next, if you bought your bike at Lakeshore check the keyless security pin for starting the bike without the fob. In the past when I bought my bike Lakeshore set all the pins to 313131. I recommend changing it to your own secret combination ( also keep a spare 2032 battery somewhere on your bike).

I hope this helps you keep your Harley safe and away from the bad guys!



## **Sherrie Bransky & Karann McHugh**



Lake Shore Ladies of Harley  
ride to

### **RICHARDSON'S Tulip Festival**

909 English Prairie Rd  
Spring Grove, IL 60081

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**\$19 Adult admission includes entrance into  
the flower field, live music and 1 Free Tulip.**

*\$2 for ea. additional tulip picked.*

Following the Tulip Farm, we will have lunch at  
Vicki's Place - 1211 N River Rd, McHenry.

**Little Ladies of Harley & their siblings are welcome!!**  
*Ages 4-12 are \$16 pp & will receive 1 Free tulip. Under 3 is Free.*



RSVP by April 21 to Sherrie Bransky (847) 774-1888  
or Karann McHugh at (312) 246-6874

*This will be a ride or cage event departing  
from the Lake Shore dealership at 9:30am.*

Sherrie Bransky  
Karann McHugh  
**Ladies of Harley**

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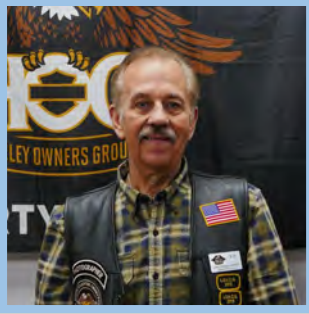


## **George Lang**

### **Historian**

For an interesting read copy and paste the following link into your browser  
<https://www.dairylandinsurance.com/motorcycle/on-the-road/rides/blue-line-highways>

George Lang  
**Historian**  
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## **Bob Morrison** **Photographer**

Hello sisters and brothers,

It was great seeing everyone at our March meeting. The weather is warming up.

Here are some memories from our last meeting.





# Miscellaneous memories from our members:



# In memory of our brother Howard:





Bob Morrison  
Photographer  
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*In Loving Memory of*  
**HOWARD O. RUNGE, JR.**  
January 2, 1954 - February 5, 2023

*Mass of Christian Burial*  
10:00 a.m. - Wednesday, February 8, 2023  
Our Lady of the Lakes  
St. Peter Catholic Church  
Antioch, Illinois

**Bikers Prayer**

May the sun rise  
in front of me,  
the rain fall behind me  
and the wind follow me.  
May the angels guard my  
travels for they know  
what is ahead of me.  
Keep me safe  
through rolling hills  
and swirling turns.  
Let the eagle guide me to  
the mountain tops.  
Let the moon's light guide  
me through the night.  
Lord, thank you  
for letting me be a biker.

Strang Funeral Home - Antioch, Illinois

Bob and Nancy



**Corey A. Johnston**

**Editor**

Well it looks like you were already tired of my stories and we have our first submission by a member– Our Treasurer Rick Cruz

### **Ride from Volo to Eureka Springs Arkansas**

August 2021, James Hancock and I decided to take a 4-day trip down towards Eureka Springs Arkansas and ride through the Ozarks.

Day one was pretty much uneventful as we took the interstate towards St. Louis on our way to our first stop in Cuba Missouri. We had breakfast at the Windhill Café in McHenry prior to our departure. All was good with a chance for rain later in the day. We stopped for lunch in Troy Illinois at the Cracker Barrel and that is where the weather decided us and our bikes needed a bath, the clouds opened up with a deluge of rain, we donned our rain gear and headed to our destination in Cuba. Of course, the rain stayed with us till we reached our hotel! I don't know if you are aware of this, though Cuba Missouri is within the Route 66 roadway. James and I headed to dinner at the Missouri Hick BBQ which is on a section of route 66. They have good food and an interesting atmosphere.

Day two we stopped for breakfast at Shelly's Route 66 Café which is full of memorabilia and an excellent breakfast. Once we were done, it was time to head to our hotel in Eureka Springs and this is where the fun really begins! We left the restaurant and headed south on Route 19 which I highly recommend as this road is full of twistys and hills that will make you feel as if you are riding a roller coaster. About two hours into our ride on Route 19, I was in the lead and James was following, we rounded a curve and about 100 yards ahead we saw a dog, 🐕 I slowed down and as I got close I quickly accelerated and passed the dog with no issue, James on the other hand was not quite as successful, the dog 🐕 ran out in front of him and James hit the dog on his left rear hip with his front tire, which caused the dog to spin around! James kept the bike up and as he was starting to accelerate, the dog picked itself up and took off after James never missing a beat!! If only I had my GoPro, I could have sent this to Funniest Home Videos! 😂 After this minor incident, we stopped for gas in Mammoth Springs Arkan-

sas, at this point, James offered to lead as he told me it seemed following was causing him to get in trouble with dogs! 😂 We continued down 19, turning on Route 9 then connected with Route 62, on this road we made a stop at a rest area which was quite nice, there were a number of picnic tables and some nice lookouts. We got back on the road, James was leading and as we rounded a curve, there in front of James, in the road was a Buzzard picking at some roadkill, 🦅 as James got within a couple of feet, the bird took off with its prey right over the top of James and actually dropped it on his gas tank! It was a sight to see. Shortly after this, we stopped and James said “I cant win, whether I lead or sweep, something seems to get me!” 🦅 🐕 I took the lead back at this point and we made it to our hotel in Eureka Springs.

Day three we checked out of the hotel, and headed to Pig Trail Harley Davidson, from there we got on Route 16, where we rode a piece of the Arkansas Pig Trail with twistys and beautiful scenery on our way to the Cliff House on Route 7 in Jasper Arkansas for lunch. Little did we know that about 10 to 15 miles from route 7 off Route 16, the road was being replaced and there was a bed of white gravel! I was in the lead and James was following, of course the road was dry which threw up a cloud of white dust! We went slow, though the dust was relentless, by the time we got to route 7 our bike looked white and so did James! 😂 We got to the Cliff House only to find it was temporarily closed for renovation!! Just our luck, so we ended up at a Subway in Jasper, had our lunch then headed back to Troy Illinois for the night prior to our last day back home.

Day four, we had breakfast, then hit the interstate for home making it back with no issues.

Over the course of those four days, we put on 1542 plus miles, got a good dose of wind therapy and had a great time running the bikes.

**Rick Cruz**

**Treasurer/Road Captain**

Thank you Rick for your submission to this months newsletter. Remember folks if you would like to submit a story please email it to me by the Monday after our chapter meeting, otherwise you get more of my “Tales from the Trail”.

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

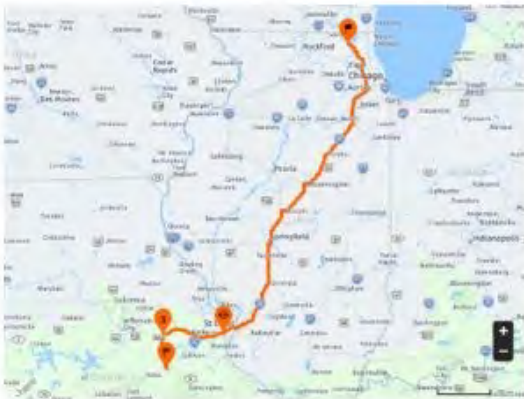
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### Day 1 Eureka Springs Ride

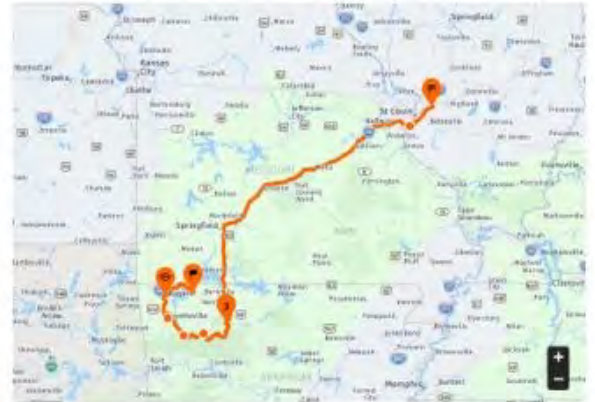
445 mi / 7 hr 38 min

Fun Ride



### Day 3 Ozarks to Cliff House to Troy IL

488 mi / 8 hr 55 min



### Day 2 Cuba, MO to Eureka Springs, AR

289 mi / 6 hr 22 min

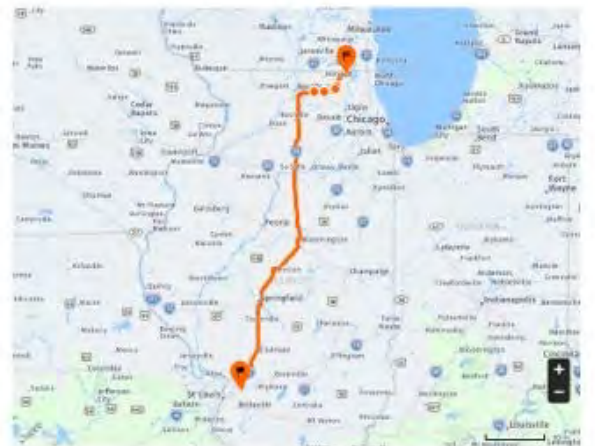
Fun Ride



### Day 4 Ride Home from Troy IL

320 mi / 5 hr 20 min

Last Leg, Ride Home



### Arkansas Pig Trail

ROUTE 2  
280 miles  
6h 44 m



### Pig Trail Harley Davidson





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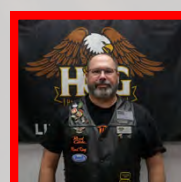
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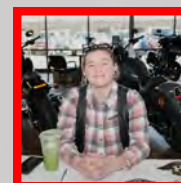
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