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# WINDY CITY

# HOG<sup>TM</sup>

## Monthly Newsletter



# What's Happening

**February 15, 2026**

**Social Gathering**

**Breakfast at 9 a.m.**

**Chapter business at 10 a.m.**

**Magnolia Café, Libertyville**

## **Upcoming Rides and Activities**

(check the calendar on the chapter website for details)

### **Teddy Bear BINGO**

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

immediately following the meeting

Magnolia Café, Libertyville





## **Doug Wrobel**

### **Director**

Well, hello ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the month of February. In January, we held our annual chapter sign-up and bake sale. It was nice to see all the returning members and the new members as well. We start the new year with 115 members. I would like to thank the dealership for providing Jimmy John's sandwiches for those who showed up.

As I said last month, John, our favorite road captain, has finalized this year's trip to Madison, Indiana on the Ohio River. I'm looking forward to riding the Serpent of 62 with everyone.

We ordered the new Windy City H.O.G. Chapter patches. As of right now, they are on track to arrive before our next meeting. I will keep everyone informed as to the status of the new patches. We did get the new chapter flag in.

Sue from Leathers 4U will be at the next meeting to sew on the patches. So, if you have other patches you need sewn on as well, bring them in.

Your board members will be working hard to keep everyone informed about upcoming events and moving the chapter in the right direction. If you have not seen one of the latest flyers from Windy City, they are planning a Biker Breakfast from 10 to 12 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

We have been asked to cook breakfast, and I have acknowledged that we will. I will be looking for help from you, the chapter members. If you are interested in volunteering let me know.

## Director (continued)

Well for now, I hope to see everyone soon, whether it's at a meeting or the dealership. Have a wonderful day.

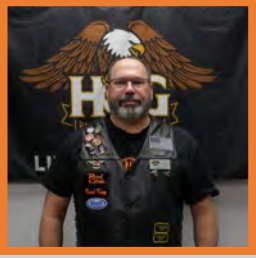
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# Joe Murglin

## Assistant Director

It was great to see all of you at the chapter sign-up. If you're like me, you probably can't wait to get back on your bike.

Please remember that the key to keeping our chapter strong is getting involved. We can't rely on the same group of people to continue doing what it takes to maintain the chapter at the level we currently enjoy.

I guarantee that the more you get involved — by helping out, supporting your favorite chapter activities, and attending the rides our road captains work hard to organize — the more fun you'll have.

Now is the time to look over your bike and determine what, if anything, it may need to be ready for this year's riding season. Typically, if you wait too long to order parts or schedule service, you may end up missing some of the early riding season. Plan ahead so you'll be ready to go once old man winter leaves us.

Take care and stay healthy!

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## Roz "Muffin" Wrobel

### Membership

Greetings from Membership Corner

Hello February and welcome back! We had our annual chapter sign-up, and we are starting off the new year with 115 members. It was nice seeing so many of you and I was sad that I really didn't get time to talk to you, but it was great seeing all the faces and the new faces too.

We have seven new family members joining this year. Let's welcome to the family: Darin Ducklow, Kiril Gochev, Stefan Gochev, Craig Hourigan, Andrea Kleppe, Sloan Michael, and Charlie Ripka. If you see them on a ride, at an event, or at the dealership, please say, "Hi!"

Our chapter trip will be July 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> and from what I hear, its going to be a great one. John Sweeney is already working on roads and I for one, am looking forward to riding the Serpent of 62. If you have not gone on a trip with the chapter, you need to consider going. There are rides, laughter, and just spending time with your fellow chapter members. See the flyer in the newsletter.

I would like to have some suggestions for a spring event. I have been racking my brain (which could be a good thing or bad thing) for an event. If you have an idea, please let me know. Remember the events are for you, the chapter. Let's get those ideas flowing.

Please remember to keep your national H.O.G. membership current. If it expires, your membership with the chapter becomes inactive until your national H.O.G. membership is current. This can be easily done by logging onto [www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com). I will also



## Roz "Muffin" Wrobel Membership

send an email or text (if I don't have your email) if your national membership has expired. I check several times a month, please make sure that I have your current email address.



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## **John "Motor Mouth" Sweeney Head Road Captain/ Webmaster**

Howdy everyone,

I want to welcome our returning members and our new members to the chapter.

Rather than try to explain everything here, I think it would be more informative for members to go to our website [www.lakeshorehog.com](http://www.lakeshorehog.com) and check things out. You find info about Ride365 (Harley's mileage contest), our Windy City H.O.G. Chapter Mileage Contest, our Teddy Bear Drive that runs all year, past newsletters if you are interested, a huge gallery of photos of past events, and many other things. Upcoming events are in the "What's Happening" section under "Chapter Events/News" and our "Ride Calendar" has all of our events and rides throughout the year, so check it out at your convenience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and if I don't have the answer, I'll get it for you. ;—)

Our chapter trip this year is "Let's Ride The Serpent of 62" in Madison, IN. It's going to be a fun trip, reminiscent of our past "Beach Bashes," and pick up where we left off with last year's "Wandering To Two Rivers." All of the information is on the flyer that is on page 9 of this newsletter. Cancellation is 4 days prior to arrival.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. In the spring we will have a trip packet for everyone who is going that will include the route up to the hotel and our lunch stop, an agenda with dinner info, possible breakfast, assorted rides in the area to choose from, and interesting sights in the area. Check out the hotel >> [Clifty Inn.](#)

# Head Road Captain/ Webmaster (continued)

The road captains will be meeting in late February to start putting together rides for the coming season. We ended last year with 96 rides and I'm hoping we can beat that number this year.

If you ever consider becoming a road captain, let me know and we can talk about the process. It's fun and rewarding and a way to give back to the chapter and your friends.

Till next month...

**John R. "Motor Mouth" Sweeney Jr.**

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

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Let's ride the...

# SERPENT OF 62

1,000 CURVES

IN 100 MILES

July 9th - 12th

Cliftry Inn  
1650 Cliftry Hollow Rd  
Madison, IN



For Reservations: (877) 563-4371  
Use Group Code: 0709HC  
or visit [www.indianainns.com](http://www.indianainns.com) same code

Room availability:  
13 Riverview \$147.99 + tax  
12 Parkview \$123.99 + tax

After booking a room contact  
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for more info

- 2 - Guided Rides
- 3 - Self Lead Rides
- Friday Night Dinner Party
- Hanging out at the pool
- Campfires at night
- Onsite restaurant
- and much, much more...

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So come party with 45+ of your brothers & sisters on the shores of the Ohio River



## **Sammie Sweeney**

### **Ladies of Harley (LOH)**

Hello Ladies,

I was great to see you all at sign-up. I'm looking forward to all of the activities and rides we have planned for this year. More info is coming, so stay tuned.

If anyone has any suggestions for rides or activities, please let me know. All ideas are welcome.

We will probably have our first get-together in early spring.

Till next time,

Sammie Sweeney

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# Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

All I can say is "WOW!", we did it again. The bake sale was a big success. We raised \$343 from the bake sale and \$54 from the donation jar.

We also received a bunch of stuffies and Hot Wheels cars. As soon as it is warmer, I'LL BE SHOPPING! I hope you all join us for our annual Teddy Bear Biker Bingo right after the February gathering. Details are on the flyer on the following page.

Till next time,  
Sammie Sweeney

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# Mike Warkins

## Co-Safety Officer

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a good start to the year. We have had a couple of days with warm enough weather for some of us to get some wind therapy and others wishing their bike was available to ride.

Riding weather is just around the corner. However, you never know when Mother Nature will switch over to riding season. Before you set out to enjoy your first ride, it's important that you should make sure your bike is ready.

Even if you have had your bike checked at the dealer or your mechanic, you should do a maintenance check yourself. Checking the bike yourself will help you familiarize yourself with the condition of the bike and if there are any items that will need monitoring during your riding season.

Inspect your bike using the TCLOCK method. TCLOCK has probably been reviewed every year, so keeping with the tradition, here it is again!

TCLOCK your bike

**T**ires and wheels - Check the pressure and condition of the tires. As the temperature changes, so does the tire pressure. Make sure the tread is good and there are no nicks or bubbles on the side walls.

**C**ables and controls - Are exposed cables smooth and do not require extra force? Does the twist grip move freely? Do the levers move freely?

**L**ights and switches - Turn on all your lights and test your blinkers and brake lights. Check exposed wiring for any nicks. Make sure your battery is charged.

## Co-Safety Officer (continued)

**Oil and fuel** – Is your tank full? Check your oil to insure you have lubrication for your engine. Are there any liquid drops or puddles under the bike? If so, you should have the leak addressed.

**Chain and chassis** - Does the chain or belt need to be adjusted? Are they worn? Check the sprockets for wear. Visually check your chassis for cracks or significant dents.

**Kick/side stand** – Does the kickstand lock into place when lowered? Does the spring secure the kickstand in the up position? Is the kickstand bolt tight?

Check your protective gear – glasses, gloves, boots, jacket, and helmet – to make sure it is in good condition. Your helmet has a limited life. After five years, it is recommended that a helmet be replaced. The major issue with helmets is the deterioration of the plastic and the liner. Plastic strength does deteriorate over time.

Check your tool kit to make sure no tools have been removed and all are in good shape.

Lastly, when you first take off on that ride you have been waiting all winter for, take your time and re-familiarize yourself with your bike.

Pete and I meet the Monday before the monthly meeting to discuss what subjects we wish to present in our newsletter and other safety subjects we should address. We meet at Jojo's Bar and Grill 33251 US-45 N at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to

## Co-Safety Officer (continued)

join us to discuss how to improve the safety program. Jojo's has half price burgers on Monday (the main reason we meet there!), and is Owen's **#1 burger place for 2025**.

You are the biggest factor in having a safe ride.

Mike Warkins

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## **Bob Pelozza**

### **Chapter Products**

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we go through these lovely temperatures in lovely January, I hope some of you are thinking about purchasing some Lake Shore products.

With the new name of the chapter, we are now selling ALL the remaining stock of "LAKE SHORE" T-shirts and patches for 50% off. This sale price is ONLY for "LAKE SHORE" items while supplies last, and does not apply to any other merchandise.

If you're interested, please email me (see below) or call me at 847-525-2453 and let me know what you would like. If you get my voice mail please leave me your name, number, and what you'd like. I will have all products with me at the February meeting.

If you don't currently have a chapter patch, the new patches will be available for purchase. However, IF you already have a LAKE SHORE patch, we will offer you a free Windy City REPLACEMENT patch of equal size/value so that you don't have to purchase a second/new patch.

You are not required to replace your old patch. I know for myself, I'm gonna' keep my LAKE SHORE patch on my vest for a while!

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at either email or phone.

Ride safe and stay warm.

Bob Pelozza

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## **Bob Warzecha**

### **Officer-at-Large**

Hello everyone,

Well, we made it through January, (finally!) now we just gotta' get through February and we're home free!!

At this point in time, I don't know what the groundhog will predict, but Bob says, "Early spring." March 8th starts Daylight Saving Time, then St. Patty's Day on 17th, then March 20th is the FIRST DAY OF SPRING!

YAAHOOO! We'll be back on the bikes and riding miles of smiles. 2026 has started off kinda' bad for me and I'm glad to put it all behind. Looking forward to our Ice Breaker Ride and all the rides after.

We have a great chapter trip planned; some new road captains signed up; and some new Members too. Welcome to all. Let's all continue to make this one of the greatest chapters of H.O.G.

See Ya' on The Road (soon),

Bob

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# Bob Morrison Photographer

Greetings brothers and sisters!

As we start a new year, here are some pictures from our Annual Chapter Sign-Up '26.



Our Head Road Captain and Director/Road Captain:



Some of our Road Captains for 2026:



Pictures from our event:

<http://lakeshorehog.com/photos-2026/nggallery/album/chapter-sign-up-26>

Welcome to all our new members this year.

Hope you enjoy the chapter and come out to our many events and rides this year.

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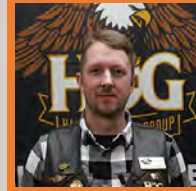
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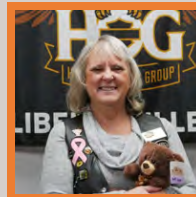


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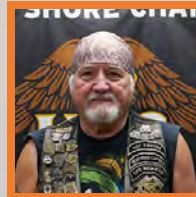
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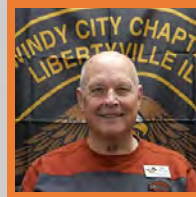
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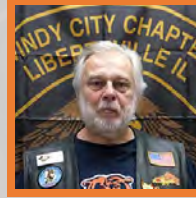
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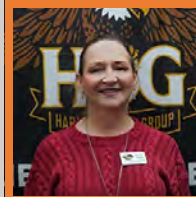
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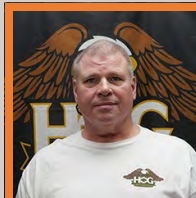
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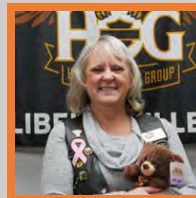
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