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Monthly Newsletter



# What's Happening

**March 16, 2025**

**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)

### **Icebreaker Ride**

Sunday, February 16th,  
immediately following the chapter gathering





Douglas Wrobel

Director

We had a really good turnout for the February gathering. It was almost a full house. We are slowly building up membership. We had Mike (Director for Stone and Steel H.O.G. Chapter) and his wife Sherry (Activities Officer) join our chapter from Conrad Harley Davidson. Welcome aboard!

As we all can see from the weather reports, it's slowly starting to warm up and the days are getting longer. For most of us, this means riding season is just around the corner and it's time to start checking out the bikes and have maintenance done to ensure we have a safe, enjoyable riding season ahead.

As Lake Shore Harley-Davidson is our sponsoring dealer we need to watch their website and facebook page for events that they have coming up. I know I will not be able to attend the event on March 1st. It's a Bingo Run and Dog Adoption event. So, if you can, please support the dealer at this event. I will keep everyone apprised of any and all events they have and if they will need help.

So far, the chapter trip at the end of June is looking very promising. As John mentioned, 17 of the 20 rooms blocked have been reserved. If we need more the hotel is willing to block more. Just remember to let John know that you made your reservation. If you have any problems making a reservation contact John.

## Director (continued)

For now, let's pray for warmer weather and no more snow. They've already put enough salt down. I look forward to see everyone whether it's at the next gathering, the dealership, or out on the street.

Stay safe.



Doug Wrobel

**Director/Road Captain**

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Scott Sears

Assistant Director

Hello Lake Shore H.O.G.,

I know its freezing outside right now but before you know it, spring will be here and once again we'll fire up our hogs and get some badly needed wind therapy.

I'm excited about this upcoming year from chapter rides, the spring and fall chapter events, the chapter trip this summer to Two Rivers WI, the 35th annual bike blessing, and all of the national H.O.G. rallies that are planned.

I will be talking about all of the national H.O.G. rallies throughout the year, and I'm always available to answer any questions about rallies, or anything chapter related.

Speaking of H.O.G. rallies, for those of you with cabin fever, Daytona bike week starts at the end of February and goes through the first week of March.

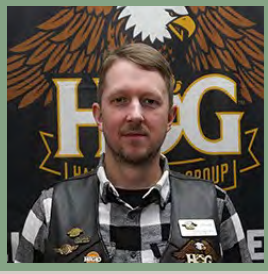
Looking forward to a great year with all of you, and I will see everyone at next month's chapter gathering.

Scott (Pooh Bear) Sears

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Edward Baha  
Secretary

### **Lake Shore H.O.G. Last Gathering Recap**

We had good attendance despite the cold weather. Our chapter welcomed Mike and Sherry from Conrad H.O.G., Illinois, as full-time members.

Nick Wissman, General Manager of Lake Shore Harley, presented the dealership's event plan for 2025. Highlights included the upcoming Bingo on March 1st, Marti's ride to the H-D Museum in July, the Sound Wars event, and many others.

Scott Sears reviewed upcoming H.O.G. rallies and the 2025 Homecoming. He also proposed a collaborative Route 66 Ride with the Conrad H.O.G. chapter.

Edward Baha introduced himself and offered his support for informational cooperation with all chapter members.

Doug Wrobel mentioned the attendance of ROC by chapter officers. In Dave Jones's absence, he reminded us of the upcoming WWDC events, with the closest one scheduled for March 19.

John Sweeney discussed the upcoming road captains' meeting and provided details about our chapter trip planned for late June to Two Rivers, Wisconsin. We anticipate a great time with plenty of group rides and dining activities.

## Secretary (continued)

John also highlighted Harley's official Ride 365 program and explained how it differs from our chapter mileage contest, encouraging members to participate in both.

Roz Wrobel updated us on our current member count and congratulated last year's perfect attendees with free lunch certificates.

Joe Murglin announced an upcoming event in spring focused on encouraging safe riding practices.

Owen West provided a financial update, assuring us that we started the year in good shape and we will have the necessary funds for our budgeted activities and events.

Following the chapter business updates, we enjoyed participating in the raffles and our charity-oriented annual Bingo event.

Edward Baha

**Secretary**

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## Roz Wrobel Membership

### Happy St. Patrick's Day from Membership Corner

We start this month with 130 family members. I say family, because that is what we become. I was happy to see so many of you at last month's social gathering and so many new faces, too.

I would like to welcome this month, Jane Habinet. Also, a big welcome to Mike and Sherry Cristofori, who are from the Conrad chapter. Mike is the director and Sherry is the activities officer. Welcome to the greatest family you will ever meet.

We have so many things happening this year and your road captains are already planning those rides that we all are itching for. There will be more info coming in the next months.

Also, our chapter trip to Two Rivers, WI is coming up on June 26-29. If you have not been on a chapter trip before, you do not want to miss this one. Info will be in the newsletter or on our website.

As always, please remember to keep your National H.O.G. membership updated. If it should expire, your membership with the chapter becomes inactive until your national H.O.G. is current. This can be done easily by logging onto [www.hog.com](http://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.

## Membership (continued)

It also has been brought to my attention that some of you are not getting the newsletter. If you are not, please reach out to me and make sure that I have your correct email address.



Roz Wrobel  
aka "Muffin"

**Membership Officer/Volunteer Coordinator**

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John R. Sweeney Jr.  
Head Road Captain/ Webmaster

Howdy everyone,

I don't know about all of you, but I am going stir crazy and am ready to RIDE! Spring can't get here fast enough, though it is on its way.

Don't forget that after our March gathering will be our annual "Ice Breaker Ride." The ride is based on the weather, so check the website a couple of days before the gathering to see where we will be going and how far.

If you aren't already signed up for chapter mileage contest (check our website to check for your name), you can see me at the gathering and I'll sign you up, or go to the service department at the dealer. If you want more information about our contest, click this link [>> Lake Shore H.O.G. / Mileage Contest <<](#)

H.O.G. is really promoting Ride 365. They made it easier to get your rewards last year, by giving you your points in the H-D app. You can redeem them right at the dealership when you make a purchase. Members must activate and link their H.O.G. ID in the **H-D App**. Enrollment for the year begins with the first mileage reading taken at an H-D dealership and ends with the last check-in for the year. For more information, visit [hog.com/ride365](http://hog.com/ride365).

## Head Road Captain/ Webmaster (continued)

Following is a reminder of the milestones and rewards you can attain.

### **Annual Mileage Program Award Levels**

1,000 miles: 1,000 points & digital badge

2,500 miles: 1,500 points & digital badge

5,000 miles: 2,500 points & digital badge

7,500 miles: 2,500 points & digital badge

10,000 miles: 2,500 points, digital badge, certificate & patch

15,000 miles: 5,000 points, digital badge, certificate & patch

20,000 miles: Digital badge, certificate & patch

25,000 miles: Digital badge, certificate, patch & challenge coin

50,000 miles: Digital badge, certificate, patch & challenge coin

75,000 miles: Digital badge, certificate, patch & challenge coin

100,000 miles: Digital badge, certificate, patch & challenge coin

As I have mentioned in the past, the RCs plan these rides for you, our chapter members. If you have a place, or a destination, or a great route, or an upcoming event, and think some of the members might like it, please let us know. We'll do our best to plan something and get it on the ride calendar. Trust me, we don't have all the answers for places to ride to, so your suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged.

Till next month...

**John R Sweeney Jr.**

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

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# *Wandering to Two Rivers*

## *Jun 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>*

*Come join us for a weekend of fun  
and riding in beautiful Two River, WI*

We have 20 single Queen rooms reserved at the Lighthouse Inn. Double Queens and King available upon request, the King is an additional cost. To make your reservation, call for availability at (920) 793-4524 and use "Lake Shore H.O.G. Group" to get the rate.

There will be a chapter dinner on Friday night, more info to come in your packet. There is a \$6 per day voucher for breakfast. Close to Door County and Green Bay, plus some surprises.

Num persons	Parkside Queen	Lakeside Queen	King
1	\$101	\$118	\$127
2	\$110	\$127	\$135

\*plus 18.5% tax

Please let John Sweeney know when you have reserved your room and if you are sharing a room. jr.sweeney@comcast.net or (847)882-0187. There will be a chapter trip packet at a later date.

**The chapter trip is filling up FAST and that's great!  
You don't want to miss this trip.**

We are rekindling the feeling of our Beach Bashes of the past. We want to return it to a true chapter trip, meaning doing things together. Here is what we have planned so far:

- One route for everyone with lunch together on the way up
- Two planned rides on Friday and Saturday (one to Door County lighthouses)
- Several self-led routes to choose from
- A chapter dinner on Friday
- A daily \$6 breakfast voucher at the hotel's restaurant
- A gathering (party) about 1 month before we go for all the attendees
- A packet with all routes, itinerary, sites in the area and points of interest
- And a few more surprises.

So get your room today and don't forget to let John Sweeney know for the head count, packet, and party invitation.

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Sammie Sweeney  
Ladies of Harley (LOH) Officer

Hello Ladies,

Let's start off the year with a get-together. Bring your ideas and suggestions to help plan out a fun year of activities for us ladies. Food will be served.

A graphic invitation for the Lake Shore LOH 2025's First LOH Meeting. The background is a light yellow with a pattern of faint, repeating silhouettes of people riding motorcycles. The text is centered and reads: "Lake Shore LOH" in large, orange, 3D-style letters. Below this, in black, is "YOU ARE INVITED TO 2025'S FIRST LOH MEETING!". On either side of the central text is a Harley-Davidson "Ladies of Harley" logo, which consists of a winged shield with the words "LADIES OF HARLEY" and "HOG" inside. Below the central text, there are two columns of information: "When: Sunday March 9th 1:30pm" and "Where: The Sweeney's 945 Washington Blvd Hoffman Estates, IL". At the bottom, it says "Please R.S.V.P. by March 4th to Sammie - (847) 732-0825".

**Lake Shore LOH**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
2025'S  
FIRST LOH MEETING!**

**When:**  
Sunday  
March 9<sup>th</sup>  
1:30pm

**Where:**  
The Sweeney's  
945 Washington Blvd  
Hoffman Estates, IL

**Please R.S.V.P. by March 4<sup>th</sup> to Sammie – (847) 732-0825**

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

## **Another FeBINGOary Is in the books!**

Hi Everyone,

A huge thank you to all of our Lake Shore H.O.G. bingo players for another successful year of Teddy Bear Bingo.

We had fun, a few laughs and collected lots of bears and cars. I also want to thank those who donated, but could not stay and play.

Remember, not only do we collect Teddy bears, stuffed animals, and Hot Wheels cars, but also kids underwear and socks.

It's all for the kids.

Till next time,

Sammie Sweeney

**Teddy Bear Coordinator**

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## Joe Murglin Safety Officer

I thought we were done with bitter cold winter weather – apparently not, it's 12°F outside while I'm writing this. Spring can't come soon enough!!

I just wanted to mention that one advantage in supporting our chapter by being an officer is having the opportunity to attend the H.O.G. Regional Officer Connection training put on by the motor company. I really enjoyed socializing with a group of like-minded people to discuss riding, Harley-Davidson, and most importantly, how to make our chapter more engaging and enjoyable for the membership.

At the February gathering I encouraged everyone to add "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) contacts to their phone. You can also add your blood type, allergies, and medications to your lock screen if you wish. If you don't have a cell phone, we will have ICE cards that you can fill out and put in your bike.

Here's something you can do to prepare for this riding season and hopefully take your mind off the freezing cold for a few minutes.

## Safety Officer (continued)

Adding emergency contacts & medical information to an Android:

- Go to Settings
- Scroll down to Safety and Emergency
- Tap Emergency contacts to add contacts
- Tap Medical info to add blood type, allergy info, etc.

Adding emergency contacts & medical information to an iPhone:

- Open the Health app
- Tap your profile icon, then select Medical ID
- Click Add Emergency Contact
- Select a contact from your contacts list
- Select the contact's relationship to you
- Click Done

You can add blood type, allergy info, etc. here.

Hopefully you'll never need to use your ICE contact information. However, its always better to be safe than sorry.

Joe Murglin

**Safety Officer**

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Bob Warzecha  
Officer at Large

Hello Chapter Members,

I'm your new Officer at Large. Hi and welcome to all our members. I'm kinda' in the process of learning the ropes here, so not sure what is proper or not. I will do my best to perform my duties and try to help make many, happy, miles of smiles on our rides!

To all of our members who remember Joel, I have a request. If you can make the time to send Joel a postcard, a greeting card, or a note, it would really go a long way to help cheer him up.

He's not doing well and being stuck in a nursing home is not fun for anyone. Fighting boredom is the biggest thing. So just a card or letter would really help pick up his spirits. Nothing too long, just say hi and let him know that he still has friends. He can't write back, but it will make him happy and put a smile on his face.

Here is his mailing address:

Joel Pasternak / 309-3  
c/o Niles Nursing  
9777 Greenwood Avenue  
Niles, IL 601714

"Big Bob" Warzecha

**Officer at Large**

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# Bob Morrison Photographer

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

It was great seeing a large turnout for our February gathering. Looking forward to some milder weather in March. Here are some memories from February.



# February gathering continued:



# It's FeBINGOary. Time for Teddy Bear Bingo '25!



# It's FeBINGOary. Time for Teddy Bear Bingo '25! continued:



It's FeBINGOary. Time for Teddy Bear Bingo '25! continued:



Hope to see you in March!

Bob Morrison

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## Denise Runge Editor

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is surviving the cold. Spring has been teasing us with a few nice days. I hope you were able to enjoy them!

I am sorry that I missed the February gathering and Teddy Bear BINGO. As some of you know, I started fostering a 7-year-old dog at the end of January. His name is Woody and we are currently working through some of his behavior issues.

Those "issues" are what prevented me from attending, but I am happy to say that he is improving every day and I should be able to see you all in March.

Below is a picture of Woody, my "assistant editor," hard at work supervising me while I work on the newsletter.



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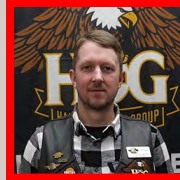
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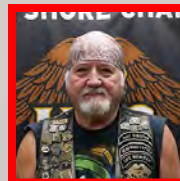
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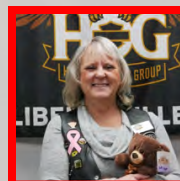
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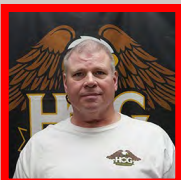
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