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# WINDY CITY

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## Monthly Newsletter



# What's Happening

**March 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)

### **Ice Breaker Ride**

Sunday, March 15th, 2026

immediately following the meeting

Lamb's Farm parking lot





## **Doug Wrobel**

### **Director**

Well, hello ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the month of March. We had a great turnout at the February meeting. We are off to a good start for the year. We have a few things in the fire that will be put out to the chapter as they get closer.

John is still working on getting everything finalized for this year's chapter trip to Madison, Indiana on the Ohio River. The response has been great. I'm looking forward to riding the Serpent of 62 with everyone.

The large chapter patches are in and will be available at the March meeting. Sue from Leathers 4U will be at the March meeting, set up to sew on the patches. If you have other patches as well, bring them in.

As we head into March, the Biker Breakfast will have taken place. I would like to thank the chapter members who stepped up to assist me in the event and cooking breakfast for our fellow chapter members, as well as possible chapter members. Thank you, Joe Murglin, Mike Warkins, Denise Runge, Gene Rigsby, Al Panozzo, and Mike Bradbury. If I forgot anyone, I'm sorry.

Right now, we are on track for the 36th annual Bike Blessing on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then, the following Saturday, for the spring event that was cancelled two times last year due to Mother Nature being off her meds.

Road Captains met on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March to plan out the rides for the year. There are going to be a lot of nice rides.

## Director (continued)

I hope to see everyone soon, whether it's at a meeting, out on the roads, or at the dealership.

Have a wonderful day.

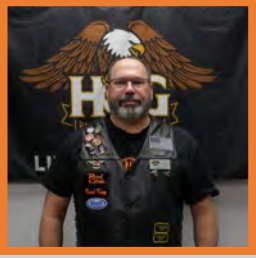
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Doug Wrobel

**Director/Road Captain**

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# Joe Murglin

## Assistant Director

It was great to see so many members at our February gathering. It seemed to me that everyone was anxious to get out on the road and ride. As soon as we get some rain to wash the road salt away, I'll be out there.

I'm looking forward to ROC training so I can get more detailed information about what it will take for us to earn Chrome recognition. Some of the highlights include:

- At least 50 percent of chapter members must record a minimum of two mileage readings per year.
- Your primary officers must create an action plan that encourages greater member involvement.
- Schedule rides focused on new members.
- At least 10 chapter members must attend a H.O.G. Rally (be sure to check in!).

Complete an annual Event Survey.

Please remember to stop by Windy City to have your mileage recorded for Ride 365. It's easy to do, and it's one of the requirements for our chapter to obtain Chrome recognition.

Also, I hope you came out and supported your officers at Windy City's Biker Breakfast yesterday! We were there showing off our cooking skills.

Joe Murglin

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## Roz "Muffin" Wrobel

### Membership

HELLO FROM MEMBERSHIP CORNER

We are off to a wonderful start with 129 members. It was great seeing all of you at the social gathering in February and to see returning faces and the new faces too.

There is so much going on as our Road Captains are getting the calendar filled with upcoming rides. There are some pretty exciting rides on the horizon. So, keep your eye on the calendar.

I would like to welcome a new member to the chapter: Steven Applebaum. If you see Steve at the dealership, on rides, or at an event, please say hi. I would also like to welcome back Kim Carlisle, Jane and Tom Conrad, and Stephen Jackson. You know what they say, "You always come home and are always welcome at the table."

The spring event is being planned. We will be having our Scavenger Hunt in May since Mother Nature does not play well in the fall. The date is May 9<sup>th</sup> (that is a Saturday) and will be starting 11:00 at the dealership. The 4-person teams will be given a list of what to find and will have 2 hours to complete the list. Everyone will come back to the dealership for a cookout and prizes. So, get those teams together and let's have some fun.

Also, remember that our 36<sup>th</sup> Bike Blessing will May 3<sup>rd</sup>. As always it's a wonderful ride. This year, Pastor Cindy will be riding with us. She will be riding with Doug up front to guide us all the way. Remember this event is open to all bikes.

## Membership (continued)

Please remember to keep your national H.O.G. up current. If it should expire, your membership with the chapter becomes inactive until your national H.O.G. is current. You can easily update your national membership 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 do check several times a month.

Finally, if you are having a problem with your email, please let me know so that we can get it fixed and you can stay updated on the happenings in the chapter.



Roz "Muffin" Wrobel

**Membership Officer**

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## John "Motor Mouth" Sweeney 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 our annual "Ice Breaker Ride" will immediately follow our March gathering. The ride is based on the weather, so check the website a couple of days beforehand to see where we will be going, and how far.

If you aren't already signed up for the 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 a couple of years ago, 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 upon 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).

Earn one point for every mile you ride, up to 15,000 miles in 2026. That's a \$150 value! But remember, that annual mileage rewards require at least two odometer check-ins between January 1 and December 31.

## Head Road Captain/ Webmaster (continued)

As I have mentioned in the past, the RCs plan the rides for you, our chapter members. If you have a place, a destination, a great route, or an upcoming event that you think some of the members might like, 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 about places to ride to, so your suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged.

And for our new members that have joined us this year or anyone who is rusty from the winter, we will have our annual "New to the Group Ride" in April, when the weather permits (keep an eye on our calendar). Whether you are a new rider, or just new to riding with us, this ride lets us explain in more detail, what we do and how we do things on our rides. We call it "riding the Windy City way." Some things are common to other groups and some things are specific to our chapter. It's a great way to meet other members and to get comfortable riding with us. We are a fun group that rides very, very safely. I think you'll enjoy it, so give it a try. 😊

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

This is a return to our "Beach Bash" type chapter trips, meaning, doing things together. Here is what we have planned so far:

- One route down to Madison, IN for everyone
- Lunch together enroute
- 2 planned rides; 1 each on Friday and Saturday (Serpent of 62 and The Ark Loop)
- 3 self-led routes to choose from
- A chapter dinner on Friday
- A restaurant that's part of the hotel for breakfast
- A possible gathering (party) about 1 month before we go for all the attendees (working on it)

# Head Road Captain/ Webmaster (continued)

- A packet with all routes, itinerary, sites in the area, and points of interest
- 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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See the flyer on the next page for the details

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,

For our first get-together, I thought maybe you all would want to sip some wine and make a sign!

We are currently working on a "board and brush" party, so that we can get in touch with our creative side and have a good time doing it. We will be painting our signs with the help of the people at Board & Brush.

More information will be available at our March gathering.

Till next time,

Sammie Sweeney

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# Teddy Bear Corner

Hi Everyone,

## **Another Fe-Bingo-ary in the Books!**

Shout out to all you Bingo players! Thanks for playing and congrats to all the winners. We filled a huge bag with stuffies and cars, and have \$70 to help buy more. And, we had a fun time doing it. You all rock!

Don't forget that you can bring a donation to a ride, event, or our monthly gathering for an extra signature on your activities card.

The kids appreciate it, as always.



Till next time,  
Sammie Sweeney

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## **Pete Livorsi**

### **Co-Safety Officer**

As I write this, temps are near 50°. I am sure that some of you are getting your wind therapy. I, personally, will wait for it to get a little warmer and for the salt to wash away. My ride is on a stand until spring.

As you probably noticed, Mike and I will be alternating newsletter writings; an advantage of being co-officers.

As was mentioned at the Feb. 15 gathering, Mike W. is looking into the possibility of offering to our chapter members, an Advanced Rider Class through SIU that will take place at the College of Lake County. No dates have been set. Their schedule is due to come out in late March or early April. More to come.

Mike is also looking into the possibility of offering a CPR, or CPR/AED, or CPR/AED/First Aid class for those interested. We are checking to see if we can have these at the dealer if they are offered during Windy City business hours. Again, more to come.

If you are riding this time of year, it is important to make sure you do a deep clean and wax after each ride. Wash off all road salt and dirt from your bike. Then, apply wax to prevent corrosion.

Change the engine oils. Old oil contains contaminants that can damage internal parts.

There is a winter tip that can actually hurt the motorcycle. Check out the link to see what it is and why it hurts.

<https://youtu.be/-21MwnRHvl8?si=u4bU6JL8OS0SRmWZ>

John Sweeney mentioned that you should check your tire air pressure. It's always a good idea.

## Co-Safety Officer (continued)

Last year, I bought a portable, rechargeable, travel air compressor. This is the one I bought.

[https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DJ9LCB4K?ref=ppx\\_hzsearch\\_conn\\_dt\\_b\\_fed\\_asin\\_title\\_1&th=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0DJ9LCB4K?ref=ppx_hzsearch_conn_dt_b_fed_asin_title_1&th=1)

It comes in 2 different models. I opted for the more powerful one. It's small enough to fit in a saddlebag or tour pack. I was able to fill 2 SUVs and 2 bikes on a single charge. I will bring it to next month's gathering if you want to take a look

Enjoy the warmer temps. If you are riding, be safe out there.

Pete Livorsi  
**Co-Safety Officer**  
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## Bob Morrison Photographer

Hello brothers and sisters!

Here are some memories from our Feb. 2026 meeting and Fe-Bingo-ary.

February gathering:



Here's the link to all the pictures from the gathering:

<https://lakeshorehog.com/photos-2026/nggallery/album/february-gathering-26>

Time for Teddy Bear Bingo '26!:



<https://lakeshorehog.com/photos-2026/nggallery/album/teddy-bear-bingo-26>

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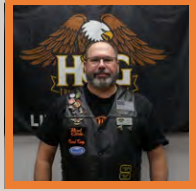
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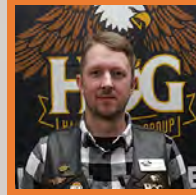
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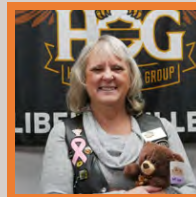


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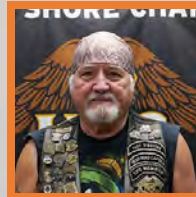
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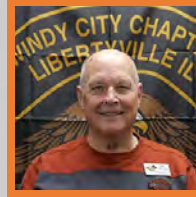
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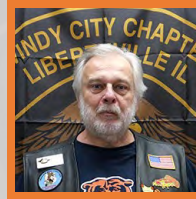
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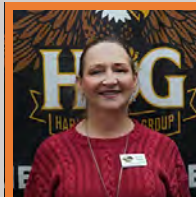
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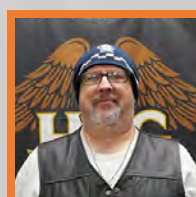
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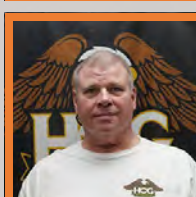
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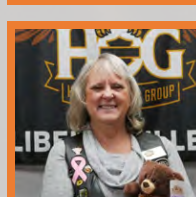
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