

The H.O.G. Insider

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This Month's Chapter Meeting

Sunday

April 23, 2017

9:00am Breakfast

10:00 am General Meeting

Lambs Farm Magnolia
Café

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Libertyville, IL

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A Message from the Editor

Be sure to check out our
"Meet a Member" profile on Page 13.
This Month's member is
Linda Blessing Hapner

**IMPORTANT
DATES**



April 8—L.C. Fair Grounds Antique Fair with LOH
April 9—New to Group Riding. 11:00am leaving from dealership.
April 13—Guy's Garage Party. 6:30-8:30 @ dealership. Please RSVP.
April 22—Welcome to the Chapter Ride. 3:00pm leaving from dealership,
April 23—Chapter Meeting and Ride immediately after.
April 27—Ladies' Garage Party. 6:30-8:30 @ dealership. Please RSVP

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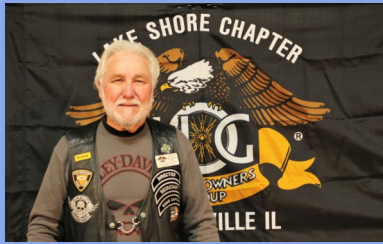
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Bob Montgomery – Director



Well it is officially Spring. The first chapter ride was after the March chapter meeting with quite a few bikes. Not bad for a 50 degree day.

A few months ago, I obtained a used saddle bag from the dealership, had it painted and it will soon be in the dealership. The purpose of the saddle bag is to sell patches at the dealership. The

saddle bag will also be a drop off area to sign up for events and membership sign ups. Below is a look at the saddle bag. Larry Stotts is making a stand for it.



We had another great attendance at the March chapter meeting where a few things were introduced. Corey introduced the "Chapter participation card" and John talked about the new mileage program. Both of these will have awards at the end of the year.

The dealership is going through a renovation and they have set aside an area for the chapter. The saddle bag will be in this area. More details about the area will be forthcoming.

The membership at this point of the year is up compared with last year. The dealership had a new owner's night in March and we signed up few new members from that event.

With the riding season upon us, I hope to see all of you on a ride or at one of our annual events.

Charles R. (Bob) Montgomery
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Doug O'Keefe—Assistant Director



Finally it is time to ride. I don't just want it... I need it! I know we still have a little shaky weather, but all in all it is SPRING. Thank you mother nature.

Part of my job around the chapter is too make sure we show all the new members how to get involved in their chapter. The best way to get involved is right now as our season begins. I remember the first time I walked into a H.O.G. meeting. The first thing I noticed was all the black leather. I thought... I can do that if they can do it. Please realize... I just came from work and I had on my lime green leisure suit. You know as I look back at those times I really didn't get out much back then. Could it have been my choice in clothes or maybe that oh so boss mullet hair cut? The next meeting I attended I was on my way to the golf course. I rode into the meeting with plaid pants and golf cleats. The next thing I know some big ugly dude put his hand out to give me that secret H.O.G. handshake, had a big s_____ eating grin on his face and said "Welcome" and he meant it. That's what H.O.G. is all about. Nobody cares what you do for a living, what kind of house you live in, whether you vacationed in the south of France or in Peoria. Nobody cares. What they do care about is their chapter and the friends that come with it. You newer folks will see what we mean when we call you brother or sister. Trust me, you will be doing it very quickly. I think it might be contagious. You are now part of a group of crazy nuts deluxe folks that you will be proud to call friends. Maybe it's riding with a group of folks that are sharing this incredible bond with each other? I don't know. I just know this is what makes my life what it is.

OK all you newer members. I would like to invite you to an easy going dinner ride that the Woodman (make sure you ask him about his fondness for ducks) and me are doing on **April 22nd**. We will leave the dealer at 3:00 so try to get there about 2:30 we will head out for about an hour or so. Ride, have a burger, then head back to the dealership. This is your chapter. All you have to do is come on out and play! Oh yea... a lot of you don't know this, but any ride I go on, ice cream is always involved. Plaid pants are optional.



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"I don't care how nice of a bike it is, he can use a golf cart like the rest of us."

Dave Jones – Secretary



Short note this month... getting ready to hit the road on each and every day the sun shines and the temp is above 40 degrees!!

Oh, and a few spring cleaning things to do around the house. The "Honey Do" list is pretty impressive this year.

With the weather being what it is in March and April in Chicago this year, I've been able to spend more time at the dealer that sponsors our chapter, and I must say – they are really doing some pretty nice stuff over there. Look forward to our own "H.O.G. Corner" being developed over the next few weeks!!

Rides... check out the "Wednesday Wandering Dinner Club" offerings listed below – and I'll see you on the open road!!



Wednesday Wandering Dinner Club – 2017 A Ride, Dinner and Something Special!!

Earn your 2017 Rocker by making the majority of the rides.

This year's adventures:

La Casa De Issac (5/24), Cap't Porky's (6/14), Port Edwards (7/19)
La Fogata (8/23), Burt's Place (9/13) and "Surprise" (10/18)

Starting at LSHD with Kickstands Up @ 7:00 PM
See Dave Jones for details!!

As always..., **Ride out. Ride Home. Every Time!**

Dave Jones, Secretary / RC

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Corey Johnston—Activities Officer



Happy Spring fellow H.O.G. brothers and sisters! I hope everyone is getting ready for an awesome riding season.

An update on upcoming activities. We have decided as a board to forgo a spring event this year. Instead we will be focusing on other events throughout the season. Our next big event will be the annual bike blessing on **Sunday May 7, 2017**. We are also looking forward to our annual teddy bear ride and chapter picnic on **July 16, 2017**. We are still planning on having a social event for April so keep an eye on the Facebook page and your email for updates once planning is complete.

Thank you to everyone who came out on St. Patrick's Day to partake in our mini restaurant and bar crawl through Highwood. Remember folks what H.O.G. is all about...Riding and Having Fun!!! Until next time ride safe and enjoy the road.

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

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Anne Weimer—Membership



My bike is ready to go, and Easter is just around the corner, so how come as I sit here writing this article looking out the window at the rain and wind I have to look again at the calendar to remind myself that this is *early spring and you must expect it to be only 40 degrees. Hang in there everyone we will all be riding regularly really soon.*

I would like to give a “BIG” thank you to Zach and Victoria for their continued support and enthusiasm for our Chapter. By hosting another new bike owner night our membership continues to grow. We are now up to 232 members and I would like to give a very sincere welcome to our newest members. I really hope that everyone will come out to the meetings, some of the many activities, and join in the awesome rides that we have planned for the year.

Due to Easter our next general meeting will be one week later, on **April 23rd** at Lambs Farm Magnolia Café, breakfast begins at 9:00 am and the meeting follows at 10:00 am. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Just a reminder that you must keep your National H.O.G. membership active or your Lake Shore membership will be inactivated.

Looking forward to an early spring and wishing everyone a wonderful Easter

Anne Weimer – aka “Flash”

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Please give a very hearty welcome to the new members this month:

Hank Arivett	Larry and Rose Barela
Scott Barnes	John and Sherry Belanger
Alex Cahue	Jaime Delgado
Barry Desfor	Al Falco
Bill Franzese	Sergio Garza
Stephen Hansen	Billy Harris
Jeff Havron	Kenneth and Margaret Hunter
Jerry Jenkinson	Konstantinos Louvrous
Paul Meirthew Jr.	Bob and Nancy Morrison
Jim Rafalski	Ron Rebolledo
John Reindl	Julianne Scully
Andres Toledo	Peter Upfold

Linda Hapner—Historian



Over the past year as historian, I've covered the "history" of some of the big annual events and rides. I don't want to be a record on repeat, so I'm going to cover them briefly for our new members and as a reminder to the rest of the chapter.

I keep the chapter calendar on an open tab in my browser so it always comes up – postings are added and updated often - <http://lakeshorehog.com/calendar/>. It's also a daily reminder to me that I need to make time to ride. I love riding with our chapter members and sharing a nice ride, a meal, ice cream cone or just a good laugh and conversation.

New members, please make a point to attend the **New to Group Riding ride on 4/9** (refer to the calendar for details) and **Welcome to the Chapter Ride on 4/22**. I look forward to meeting and riding with our new members,

May 7th is our annual Bike Blessing. I covered this (and gremlin bells) in the April 2016 newsletter (all newsletters can be found at this page <http://lakeshorehog.com/news/>). It was rainy last year and I did not ride to the Blessing, but this year for sure – rain or shine. Here is a clip from my article last year:

St. Paul's and our chapter have had a close relationship since 1989. The first Bike Blessing was in 1989 and was attended by 50 bikes. Rev. Marv Oechler was the church pastor at that time. Rev. Linda Hanus has been the pastor for quite some time and will be greatly missed this year. From what I understand, she was a very inspirational person with a heart of gold for motorcycle riders. Her blessings not only included the bikes, but the roads and construction crews that take care of our paved paths. The blessing has grown to over 500 participating bikes and from what I hear, it is an event that will take your breath away

May 21st, many of our members participate in the Little Angels ride. We had representatives from the organization at our March breakfast meeting. One thing I love about being in the chapter are the many charity events that can benefit from our love of riding. It's a win-win relationship.

May 24th is the first of Dave Jone's Wednesday Wanderings. Can't get out on the weekends? What's your excuse for a nice ride midweek to a great destination and good conversation with likeminded people? Check the calendar, he has many scheduled.

June 18th, we are heading up to the Harley Museum to honor Terry Behling. Terry's name is forever engrained in the Iron Butt category of our chapter Mileage Contests. I wrote about it in March 2016 and had the pleasure of corresponding with Terry about the miles he's ridden. Here is a little clip from that article:

I asked Terry if he had any special memories of the miles he has ridden and he says "...the best memories of all are those of the people I've met at Lake Shore H.O.G. It's an amazing chapter, chock full of people that have accepted me into the ranks based on nothing more than the fact that I ride."

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July 16th is the Annual Chapter Picnic and Teddy Bear Ride. The Teddy Bear Ride is our chapter charity and we work all year to gather up donations of money, teddy bears and hot wheels for the children supported by the DCFS. The picnic is our July meeting and is a great family event. Be sure to mark this on your calendar now. Your admission to the picnic is a new Teddy Bear or Hot Wheel. You need to attend the picnic to receive a patch/yearly rocker. We deliver the donations on November 5th with a chapter ride to the DCFS with a truck filled with goodies. Here is a clip from the June 2016 article on this event:

In the past, the club and dealership were located in Waukegan and the club collected the bears and cars and donated them to the City of Waukegan Police Department and the Department of Children's Advocacy. The donations were kept in 1lb freezer bags in the back of the officers cruisers. They would use the toys when confronting situations involving children where a toy could offer some comfort. I am not sure of the exact year the drive was started, but it has been at least 14 years. About 5 years ago the shift to the DCFS was made after being turned away from the police department due to political restructuring through the years.

Aug 27th one of my favorite rides – the Concours d'Elegance Antique Car Show, Geneva, IL – the automobiles they have on display are amazing and they have some great shops to wander through.

September 10th is the Hogs for Dogs event. This is not a chapter event, but our road captains lead the ride and a good many chapter members join. Debbie McHugh is the organizer and is a long time chapter member. The charity benefits the Heartland Animal Shelter. Here is a clip from my September 2016 article:

The 70 mile leisurely scenic ride is followed by a great lunch, burgers, salads, corn (included in registration fee), refreshments, tons of great raffle prizes (including over \$450 in Lake Shore Harley gift cards generously donated on Bike night from beer sales in June) and live music by the band THE GINGERS, RED HEADS THAT ROCK. Many of you may have heard this band play before with our own Head Road Captain, John Sweeney on drums.

If you get the chance to join in a ride to the Valley of the Kings (VOTK), it is one not to miss, though I have missed it three times! Hopefully I will get up there this year and hear the lions roar at the Harley's engine (it has been said they know the difference and only roar for Harleys). I wrote about the VOTK in the August 2016 newsletter.

December is our annual Holiday Party. The first one I attended had a 50's theme and the room was filled with poodle skirts and James Dean impersonators. The second one had a 20's theme and the women looked great in their flapper dresses and were escorted by their mob boss mates. The Zion State Beach Resort is a wonderful venue – I highly advise staying the night and enjoying a group breakfast in the morning. I wonder what the theme will be this year – maybe we'll all be dressed up like the Jetsons!

December is also the Toys for Tots Parade on 12/3. Quite a few of our chapter members attend this every year regardless of the temperature. I marvel at pictures of riders with fur hats, obviously sporting a few layers, cupping a warm beverage during the line-up process.

Whew! Riding season is just starting and my year in review makes me feel like I've lived it already!

See you on the road soon.

Linda "Happy" Hapner
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OUR HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



April 9th will be our "New To Group Riding" ride out of Lake Shore (see calendar for info). Dan Marcotte (Safety Officer) and myself will be welcoming and instructing our new members and/or members that haven't done a lot of group riding. This will be your chance to get explanations of techniques that we utilize on our rides and ask any and all questions that you might have of how we ride. We want you to feel comfortable and welcome on this ride, so

that you feel at home going on any ride this chapter has to offer. We are a riding club and we want you riding with us. So come on out and see how you can get comfortable with your new riding family.

Next month will be our 28th Bike Blessing. This is the longest running bike blessing in this area and we are very proud of that accomplishment. We have many new members, so to fill you in, we will meet at Lake Shore on **Sunday May 7th**. Line-up starts at 10am and we leave the dealership at 12:00 sharp. This is a completely escorted ride from the dealership, all the way up to St. Paul Church in Kenosha, WI. The Lake County Sheriff's block and leads us all the way to the church. This event is open to all bikes and is free. Patches and yearly rockers are available and for sale. When we get to the church for the blessing, they have snacks and food. Donations are appreciated, but not required. They also have a commemorative pin for sale/donation. If you haven't done this ride before, come ride with your chapter, a few hundred friends and fellow bikers, so you can be part of this wonderful event.



See you next month...

John R Sweeney Jr. – a.k.a. Motor Mouth

"It's not the destination; it's the journey"

Head Road Captain & Webmaster – Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter

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Look up in the sky...



What is it?



Is it a bird...



It's the...



It's a plane...



6th Annual Lake Shore H.O.G. Mileage Contest



OKAY... Our mileage contest is officially on.

Stop by Lake Shore anytime in the service department and sign-up or come see John Sweeney and check in that bike. Then ride, ride, ride and we'll see who wins.

Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter #3522

28th Annual Bike Blessing

Sunday, May 7th, 2017

Come ride with your
fellow motorcycle riders
and have your bike blessed

Staging at 10am
Ride leaves at Noon Sharp
Lake Shore

Harley Davidson
14000 Rockland Road
Libertyville, Illinois
Phone: (847) 662-4500

Destination:
St Paul's Lutheran Church
8760 37th Ave
Kenosha, WI 53142
(262) 694-3101



For more Information call:

Bob Montgomery (847) 571- 3593 John Sweeney (847) 651- 4469
Event Patch \$5 Year Rocker \$3

**Hundreds of bikes participate every year,
an excellent way to start a new riding season.**

----- ALL BIKES ARE WELCOME -----

After Entering Positively NO line hopping - NO favorites

(All Participants MUST sign a waiver)



DAN MARCOTTE—SAFETY OFFICER

Guidelines for Group Riding



Motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group – whether with friends on a Sunday morning ride or in an organized motorcycle rally – is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

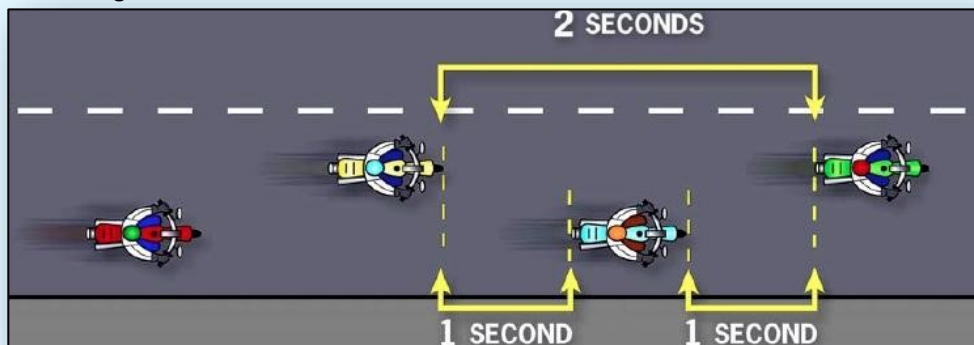
Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals. The lead and the sweep should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should be aware of each rider's skill level before the ride and monitor the riders during the ride.

Keep the group to a manageable size, ideally 15 or less riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, separated by a few seconds, each with a lead and sweep rider.

Ride Prepared. At least one rider in each group should have a first-aid kit and full tool kit, and all riders should carry a cell phone, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

Ride in formation. The staggering ride formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.



Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back.	Single File - arm and index finger extended straight up.	Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended.	Slow Down - arm extended straight out, palm facing down.	Double File - arm with index and middle finger extended straight up.
Fast - arm out to side pointing to task with finger extended.	Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up.	Hazard to Roadway - on the right, point with right foot, on the left, point with left hand.	Refuelment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth.	New Lead/Comm - arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward pointing with index finger, swing in arc from back to front.
Highbeam - tap on top of helmet with open palm down.	Comfort Stop - forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion.	Follow Me - arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward.	Pull Off - arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung toward shoulder.	

Dan Marcotte

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Meet a Member

This month's member profile is Linda Blessing Hapner. Linda is a database programmer and production manager for a business publisher. She manages the advertising and layout of two magazines, *Equipment World* and *Aggregates Manager*.

Back when a bike had to be kick started, Linda had a Honda 350. She enjoyed riding but didn't love it like she does now. Her and her husband of 40 years both had a Honda. Before joining the chapter Linda was widowed and thinks her husband would be flashing a thumbs up that she found a passion and people to share it with in his absence.



She joined Lake Shore H.O.G. in July 2015 after taking the Harley Riders Class and buying a 2008 Sportster 1200 Anniversary issue bike. Not being ready to join the ladies Red Hat Society, Linda bought a Harley. She had the bug to ride again and needed a social outlet. She decided she would rather have helmet hair than wear the red hat and learn to play bridge. After talking to John Sweeney on the phone about the chapter and the rides she could hardly wait for the next chapter meeting. She says "I felt I had found a home from the start."

Linda's 2008 Sportster 1200 was a real beauty and a great bike. Sadly the bike was totaled in an accident the year after she purchased it. Since the accident was not her fault, the insurance did well to make her whole again and found a low mileage 2000 Heritage Softail Classic. In love with the Softail the minute she sat in the saddle, she knew it was made for her. It came with really loud Vance & Hines long shots that needed to be muffled a bit. Even with baffles, it still sounds great. Easier on the ears too. She is in the process of customizing and adding LED's.

One of the things Linda likes about the rides Lake Shore offers are the different level ratings for the rides. Staying with Level 1 rides in the beginning and bumping up to Level 2 rides last year. Her focus this year will be on longer trips (Level 3) and overnight trips. This will help her prepare for her trip to Sturgis this summer. She says "it is a good system that is unique to our chapter. I appreciated knowing I wasn't over my head on rides I joined and each level gave me a sense of accomplishment."

Linda has always lived in the northern suburbs of Chicago. Raised in Round Lake and Northbrook, lived in North Chicago and now she is back in Northbrook. She enjoys Lighthouses and their history. Some of her future trip ideas will revolve around visiting the Great Lakes Lights.

Editor's

Note

I've enjoyed getting to know Linda over the last couple of years and even more by doing this profile on her. I'm always inspired when I see women riding their own bike and enjoying it as much as I see Linda does. I'd love to get to know more of you. Please contact me at editor@lakeshorehog.com if you would like me to tell your story. It's easy....answer a few questions and I'll take it from there. We all love to hear other member's experiences.

DEALER HAPPENINGS



April 13—6:30-8:30 @ dealership.
Please RSVP



April 27—6:30-8:30 @
dealership. Please RSVP

New Store Hours

- Monday: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Tuesday: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Thursday: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Friday: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Sunday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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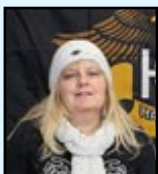
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