

The H.O.G. Insider

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This Month's Chapter Meeting

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Sunday

August 20, 2017

9:00am Breakfast

10:00 am General Meeting

After meeting ride: Monroe, WI

Lambs Farm Magnolia
Café

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A Message from the Editor

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Hapner for her service to this club. Her content for the newsletter will be missed as well as her positive personality. I have been on many rides with Linda and have watched her grow so confident as a rider. Linda, I am sorry to see you go, but I wish you well on your next adventure. You will always have a place at LSHOG. Please don't be a stranger.

Aug 5—Nick'sGnarly Ride—KSU @ 10:30am leaving from Lakeshore Harley
 Aug 6—Rockton Bar for World Famous Chicken-KSU @ 6:30am leaving from Rt 120 & Rt 12 McDonalds
 Aug 12—Earl's Smokehouse—KSU @ 3:00pm from Lakeshore Harley
 Aug 13—Mendota Corn Festival—TBD—leaving from Lakeshore Harley
 Aug 15—Wednesday Wanderings (on a Tuesday)—KSU 7:00pm leaving from Lakeshore Harley
 Aug 19—New Glarus Car Show—KSU 8:30am leaving from Rt. 12 & Rt. 120 McDonalds
 Aug 20—Monroe, WI—Ride leaves right after Chapter meeting. Leaving from Lakeshore Harley
 Aug 26—Scott's First Chapter Ride—KSU 11:00am leaving from Lakeshore Harley
 Aug 27—Concours d'Elegance Antique Car Show—KSU @ 10:00am leaving from Lakeshore Harley
 Aug 30—Wednesday Wanderings—KSU 7:00pm leaving from Lakeshore Harley

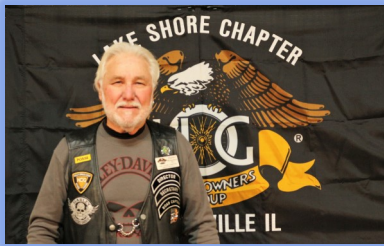


Let's Ride

CHAPTER RIDE HOT LINE 847-281-3141



Bob Montgomery – Director



Another chapter picnic is in the books and it was a very good one. Thanks to Corey Johnston, Anne Weimer and Laurie Lenzini for planning and making it happen, also those that helped with the cooking and running the games. We collected quite a few Teddy Bears & Hot Wheel cars. Quite a bit of money was raised from the raffle and thanks to Mary Winsch for raffling off a Barbie doll on a Harley and donating the money to the Teddy Bear fund.

Check out the ride calendar, we have some new road captains and the ride calendar is filling in nicely.

For those that would like to be more involved in the running of the chapter, the responsibilities for the Primary Officers positions are posted on the chapter website. They are under the "About" tab/Elections. The nominations will be at the October chapter meeting and the elections will be at the November chapter meeting.

The H.O.G. chapter area at the dealership is coming along nicely. The ride calendar for 2 months is posted on the blackboard, with brief descriptions of the rides and activities. The saddle bag is now in place and is available for activity sign-ups and new members that would like to join the chapter. We soon hope to have chapter patches available for sale at the dealership.

The National H.O.G. Rally is coming August 30 thru September 2, in Milwaukee. If you haven't attended one of these, they can be a lot of fun.

As always ride and drive safe.

Charles R. (Bob) Montgomery
Director – Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter
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Ray Weimer – Treasurer



Just wanted to say a few words about a really nice bike trip I was on recently with some chapter friends. We traveled to Niagara Falls in Canada and the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Road trips can be great or a disaster and I feel this has a lot to do with the folks you are travelling with. This adventure was a great one and I usually rate them as to how I feel when I get home. Did I want to keep riding or Wow! it's great to be home and work is tomorrow. I'm sure many of you can relate to what I am saying but the point I want to make is none of this can happen if you don't give it a try and schedule a trip with some riding

friends in the chapter or wherever they come from.

Riding is what we are all about and there is a lot of beautiful country out there to discover on two wheels so why not give it a try and who knows, you might like it and come home and say you never want this ride to end.

Keep your knees in the breeze,
Ray (Pockets) Weimer
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Doug O'Keefe—Assistant Director

Howdy H.O.G.s,



What's shaken? About a week ago I got a visit from one of the guys from Grand Rapids H.O.G. He came bearing a plain brown envelope. He didn't say right off what was in it. So we just talked about the cold water run for awhile, had a beer or four. The next thing I knew he handed that plain brown envelope to me and said this is for all the Lakeshore people that made the run. I looked inside and told him "dude this is great". My next question was "is this from your chapter?" He reluctantly said "well no." I asked "is this from your dealer?" And again "well no." After he received the Spanish inquisition about this from me, he finally said it was from a couple of folks from their chapter just as a thank you from the members of Grand Rapids H.O.G. to their friends at LAKESHORE. This gift has been given to us with only one request... that his name and the name of his partner in this gift remain anonymous. If not, neither one of them would be happy. As he said...no names, just a thanks to Lakeshore for the weekend. It's things like this that make H.O.G. the best it can be. To find out what was in that plain brown envelope, all you hogs that made the run, make sure you are at the August meeting. I'll see you all down the road.

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Dave Jones—Secretary



Before you start reading this note – put on a good song..., say like "White Room" by Cream. Then, read on...

I got to lead a ride this past week. First one this summer. Cool ride out, wet ride back home. Not the most interesting, but after a couple of months of not being able to get on the bike – a satisfying evening all around. Which brings me to the point of the song and this note.

I've managed to get myself into a 'busy' mode this summer – my first since I retired. Moving to a different house – and meeting with (and working with) multiple contractors as we set up our home. Waiting for the electrician. Waiting for the roofer. Waiting for the plumber – at both our old house (Thanks, storms) and at the new house. Picking paint. Unpacking boxes. And then more boxes. Looking at the bike in the garage and knowing I have other things that have to get done. Deciding to do the things that I (we) have to get done everyday. Hence the song.

Yesterday, I decided to ride.

This evening (finally a nice day – I did some yard work, had some therapy for my arm) and then I made the decision again. I rode some. Not much, but enough to enjoy the cool evening air after a hard and very busy day.

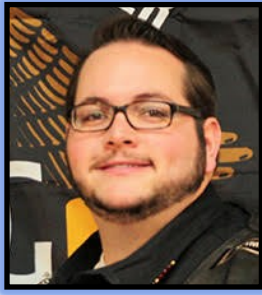
I have spent a great deal of this summer making the 'right' decisions to get stuff done. Now, it's time to make a slightly different occasional decision to get on the bike and enjoy the summer (and fall) I have before me.

I'm riding more. How about you?

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

Dave Jones, Secretary / RC
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Corey Johnston—Activities Officer



Well folks another picnic is in the books! Thank you to all who came out to enjoy a bit of the Wild West.

We all enjoyed the biker games, stick horse races, and great BBQ! I would like to especially thank all those who put so much work into helping plan, set up, cook, and clean up for this fun event.

I know riding season is in full swing but keep a look out for information on the upcoming Fall Event - and of course we are already planning our annual Holiday Party!

For all those traveling to Sturgis and enjoying other road trips be safe and enjoy making those memories. Until next time ride safe and enjoy the road!

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."
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Manny Casillas— Photographer/Teddy Bear Drive

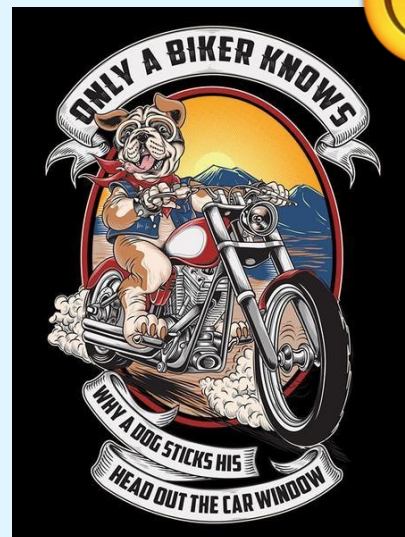


Looking through the lens, I see a lot of people had a good time at the chapter picnic. We finally had a good day. Not too hot and not too cold. We were able to collect over \$400.00 between the donations and the two raffles. Thanks to everyone who was there helping set up for the picnic and also cleaning up afterwards.

Congratulations to Keith and Nick for becoming to new road captains.

The next picture I take may be of you, so show me your best smile. Ride on and be safe!

Manuel Casillas
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Newest Road Captains



Nick Strom



Keith Gresens

Chapter Picnic



Anne Weimer—Membership



I would like to start by saying what a fantastic Wild West Picnic we had this year. There was lots of sunshine, plenty of laughs, more than enough food, the games were lots of fun and of course the biker games are always interesting!! If you didn't attend you really missed a good one and I hope you will put it on your calendar for next year. I also want to say thank you to all that helped out. We could not have done it without you!!

It is my pleasure to introduce the following new members to our Lake Shore H.O.G. Family: **Dina & John Crowley**. I am looking forward to meeting you and I hope you will come out to the meetings and some of the many activities and the awesome rides that we have planned for the rest of the year.

Reminder: if you let your National H.O.G. membership expire, your membership with Lake Shore is inactivated until you renew your national membership. In addition if you would attend one of our rides you will be required to fill out another release form. Renewal can be accomplished easily by logging onto www.hog.com

Always remember our motto "RIDE AND HAVE FUN"

Anne Weimer – aka "Flash"

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

Dina & John Crowley

Linda Hapner—Historian



As you all probably know, I am headed to Las Vegas to start a Nevada Lake Shore HOG chapter with Joey Smith (well, maybe he'll ride with me at least). I'm hijacking this month's historian article to get a little sappy and let you all know how much you mean to me and how much you will be missed. This will be my last installment for the newsletter, and I have resigned as Historian. I've enjoyed this creative outlet and hope I've met my goal to entertain and educate.

There is truth in calling riding a "two-wheel therapy" session. During my sessions, I often hear voices – many of them my chapter brothers and sisters.

The first voices that imprinted on my brain were the Harley instructors Rick and Keith. Every time I change lanes or merge, I hear Rick yelling "Head Check Linda!" After every ride, I heed Keith's advice to "analyze your ride". It has made me a better rider.

When I am taking a tight turn, I hear John Sweeney's advice to press down more on my grip and don't try to steer through it. Eagle eyed John saw that I had some difficulty on a ride and gave me advice that has helped me greatly.

Every time I start my bike, I hear Karen Wilhelm's advice (via Joe Vassau) to not hit the start button until the engine light goes out. Makes perfect sense.

I do a mental checklist of Dan Marcotte's safety tips for riding in the rain and when trying to calculate my stopping distance. I especially think of the safety tip to remember that the paints used on the road, like at the crosswalks are slippery when wet. It really sunk into my brain when I actually did slip on the white paint.

I laugh when I see signs for garage sales, remembering the joke double-hand signal for stopping for a sale. I also chuckle when I see the gravel hand signal or gravel. I had embellished the signal on a ride and Joel called me on it saying it looked like a "pixie dust" signal. (I can't get away with anything!) And speaking of laughs – I will miss hearing Laurie Lenzini's infectious laugh and seeing Mary Winsch's easy smile.

I will never see fireworks without remembering Queen Anne's squeal from the Cold Water Rendezvous display courtesy of Woody...with each explosion Anne jumped out of her seat and gave a little yip!

I will think of Patrick Bowman's OCD with gas pumps every time I fill the tank.

I will miss everyone and leave with many memories of the friendships developed, the rides ridden together and the ice cream shops visited.

I have no idea what the next chapter of my life has in store for me, but I'm facing it with confidence that I will make quick friends from the H.O.G. chapters in Nevada and will be welcomed with open arms just as the LakeShore chapter has done.

I plan to remain a member of the chapter so I can keep up with everyone. If I retire and can afford it, I'd like to come back to the Midwest during the hot months of the summer and do some of the rides and see everyone again. I'm making a list of everyone who said I could have a room if I come back for a visit – hope you really meant it ☺. I'd like to ride the Rt. 66 route back to Illinois next summer. Ship or ride your bike out to Vegas and join me!

Well, I did hijack the space; every paragraph starts with "I". Thanks for letting me ramble, if you are still reading. I leave the area on 8/31. If you would like to keep in touch with me I'm on Facebook (Linda Blessing Hapner) or email me at linda@hapner.com. Please don't hate me when I post pictures of rides when you are shoveling snow. This whole move started because I was going nuts not riding during the winter last year. I was trying to figure out if I could afford to live in Vegas during the winter here and just decided to move. I have relatives there and look forward to spending some quality time with them soon. I also think I'm getting out of Illinois at the right time. I will enjoy the no sales tax on purchases in Nevada! If you come to Las Vegas and rent a bike and want to ride, drop me a note. I'd love to see you and hopefully I'll have learned a few nice routes to show you.

Riding like I stole it into the next chapter of my life

Linda "Loud Pipes" Hapner

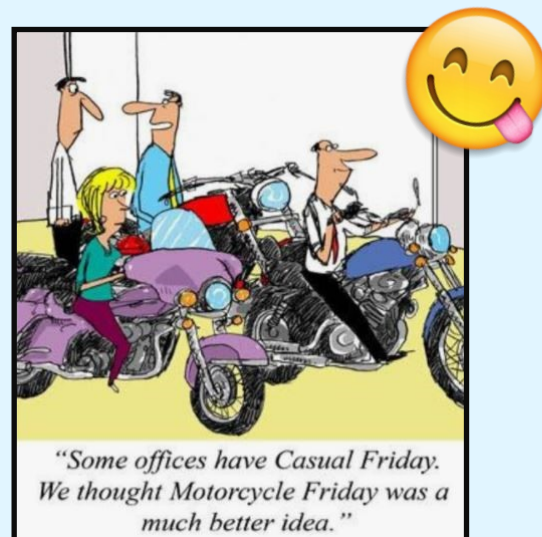
John Sweeney, Jr. HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



July was a very good month for riding, having a picnic, going on our Annual Teddy Bear Ride and welcoming three more new Road Captains to our roster. Last month we saw Corey Johnston receive his rocker and this month Keith Gresens, Nick Strom and Owen West completed their first chapter rides. Keith and Nick received their rockers at the annual picnic and Owen will receive his at our August meeting. On August 26th Scott Sears will be leading his first chapter ride, bringing our total of new Road Captains to 5 for this year. I want to personally congratulate each and every one of them for giving up their free time to go through the mentoring and for doing such an excellent job in completing all aspects of the mentoring. The chapter will now get to benefit from their efforts on the rides that they will plan and lead. Great job guys.

There were two lucky recipients of the \$15 gas cards this month. Adele Philips won on Nick's July 15th ride and Lawrence Stotts won on Owen's July 23rd ride. Congratulations to both of you. You never know when a gas card will be given away, but the more you ride the better your chances are of winning are... :) Take a look at the calendar and come join us anytime you can. :)

Don't forget that at the end of this month is the National H.O.G Rally up in Milwaukee. If you have never been to a rally, you have got to attend this one. If you have been to a rally, then you REALLY know you have to attend this one. State rallies are fun, but National Rallies are just plain awesome. Keep an eye on the ride calendar, we may have a ride or two going up there on assorted days. We are trying to work that out now... But either way, don't miss the rally. It is going to be one hell of a party...



John R Sweeney Jr. – aka 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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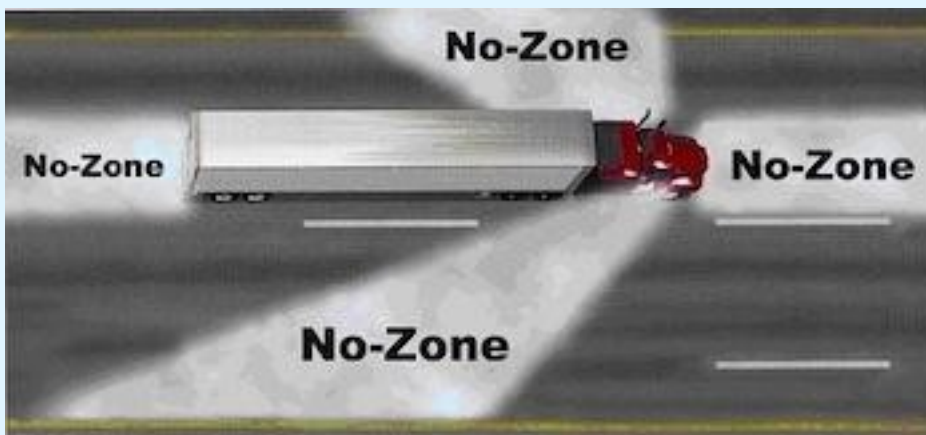
DAN MARCOTTE—SAFETY OFFICER

Motorcycles & Semi-Trucks-Sharing the Roads



There are inherent dangers when riding a motorcycle near or around a semi-truck, but you can minimize them.

Semi-truck recap tires can blow out at any time and if that happens and a chunk hits you as a motorcyclist, you'll loose and that can be very serious or fatal. This can be a huge chunk of half of a tire or more! You've all seen the tire carcasses laying in the freeways. Back off or get past the semi-truck when riding. Plus, if you're hanging out on either side of the truck, you are likely in a large blind spot if the driver decides to move over. These blind spots are called the "No-Zones".



The problem with trucks specifically, is that if you're following so close and a semi-truck easily straddles large debris in the road, by the time you see it coming out from the bottom of that truck it's likely too late. If you hit large debris on a motorcycle it can be serious if not fatal. Why put yourself in that situation?

You're not saving any time, but only putting yourself and others in danger. Back off and then pass when it's safe. Time and distance are your friends, especially when riding a motorcycle.

Also, some semi-trucks have very long noses and a there is a large No-Zone directly in front. That is because the driver literally can't see over the nose and down. It is a fair distance out before the driver can actually see what's in front of him/her. A motorcycle will never be seen and it's clear what happens if you're run over by a semi-truck. Yah, you'll be the loser on that one. That is a huge reason to not suddenly move and change lanes right in front of a semi. Not only can't they slow or stop quickly, but they then can't see you when your up there.

Let me hear your ideas for future topics... I can be reached at safety@lakeshorehog.com

Dan Marcotte
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DEALER HAPPENINGS



August 9th

Park on Park- Kickstands up at 5 to ride to the Cruise Night in Mundelein

August 19th

Axles at the Shore: Lake Shore Harley-Davidson is hosting a Car and Bike Show on August 19th! Spend a Saturday dedicated to classic cars, customized bikes, great friends, and kickass vendors! Nice Guy Eddy will be slaying the ink scene, so come with your tattoo ideas ready! Patch'n Dan will be here, Don Wilson will be throwing down the tunes, and much, much more!

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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