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## The H.O.G. Insider

LAKE SHORE H.O.G. CHAPTER #3522

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# Annual Breakfast Social

**December 17, 2017** 

9:00am Breakfast

**No General Meeting** 

Last Get together for the year

Lambs Farm Magnolia Café

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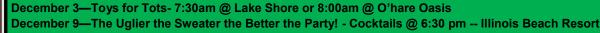
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Thanks to all the officers who have done their part in serving LS H.O.G. over the years. Without people willing to serve their time we have nothing to build on in our future. Thanks to the officers who will do their part in 2018.



Officers













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## Bob Montgomery - Director



As I write my last newsletter article as Director, I think back over the last two years and damn that time went fast. I think of all the accomplishments the officers and I completed and feel very proud that we brought some new things to the chapter. (The H.O.G. Spot, the ability to buy patches at the dealership, two great rides with the Grand Rapids chapter, growing the number of chapter members, breaking records for the Teddy Bears/Hot Wheels, the ability to sign-up for chapter events and join the chapter by placing

those documents in the saddle bag in the H.O.G. and increased the number of rides). Thanks to all of the officers who made these things happen.

I want to congratulate the new and carry over Primary Officers. They are:

Corey Johnston - Director Ralph Lenzini - Assistant Director Dave Jones - Secretary Ray Weimer -Treasurer

The new Primary officers will select the Discretionary Officers and I know they will do a very good job in 2018.

I would like to congratulate the Mileage Contest Winners and all those riders that achieved a 5,000 mile patch and rocker.

Don't forget there will not be a chapter meeting in December, but we will have a social breakfast at Lambs Farm on December 17 at 9:00. I found a few more gifts that I will be giving away that day and you won't have to buy a raffle ticket.

I would like to wish all you members a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a great New Year.

As always ride and drive safe.

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## Doug O'Keefe—Assistant Director

Hi H.O.G.s,

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I can't believe I've been an officer in this chapter for 7 years. 3 as Safety Officer. We definitely had some crazy times at those March safety meetings. I will never forget when Joey Smith and myself organized a contest about riding safely in group rides. Well the deal was if both teams got all the questions right then Joey and I would lead a ride wearing dresses. At least they didn't kick us out of H.O.G. for that frolic in the breeze.

Next up was Head Road Captain. That was the year the chapter was up for grabs. Well we needed a kick ass ride to head us back to having some fun. And here comes Charlie Crawford putting together an incredible weekend ride to the lodge at Starved Rock with a great day trip over to the American Pickers shop. I could tell you some of the stories from that weekend, but all participants were ordered by the courts to keep our traps shut.

Then Activities Officer. The whole idea of the Holiday parties at Illinois Beach State Park came from Joey and Lise Seal. We were out riding one day and someone needed to pee. Hello Illinois Beach Resort. Two weeks later...Event Booked...Tradition begins.

Next up, Assistant Director. Well we needed something big so... hello Loop the Lake. All you need to do is put that idea in front of Ray, John and Bob and an epic ride was born.

But the most fun I've had would be the 5 Beach Bash weekends. These events would have never happened if it weren't for the unbelievable efforts of Anne & Ray, Lise, Charlie & Liz, Mike & Kathy, & John & Sam. Someone please ask Mike Lewis about Norman the Cow.

Helping bring some good times to our chapter is an incredibly fun and fulfilling task. And it is impossible to do without the unbelievable help and support that I received from a whole bunch of friends. I don't know what's next for me on the riding front, but you can bet I'll come up with something with a whole bunch of help from my friends. Well guys, it's been a blast.

OUR WAY, ALL THE TIME, EVERY TIME This is Patsy signing off

Doug (Patsy) O'Keefe Assistant Director & Proud LSH.O.G. Member Assistantdirector@lakeshorehog.com



## Dave Jones-Secretary

Hi, Riders!



Almost sold my ride this fall. Got to the rainy and cold part of October – and was leaving town for Savannah to visit my daughter and was just grumpy about all the "stuff" it seemed I had to do / put up with this riding season – so my thoughts turned to that Chevy Chevelle SS or that TR-6 that I've had my eyes on for some time..., and I just got to thinking...

And then I got a very pleasant reminder from (of all people); my wife. She's not the biggest riding fan, but understands me more then I give her credit for – and this was a shining example of her insight. She reminded me of what happens when I actually GET ON THE BIKE. All the planning and care and hassles and B.S. that go on before just kind of melt away when I actually get to ride. My wife then mentioned that I always come home in a good mood when I've had my "riding therapy". And as I thought about it some more (as much as I always hate to admit it) she's right.

So. I'll spend the un-ride-able days this winter getting ready for the next season – and then remember to enjoy every minute of it. And let the hassles go away!

Just a side note – thanks for all the support and kind comments for my second term as secretary for this fine H.O.G. Chapter! I'm happy to help out in every way I can to make (not only my own but) everyone's experience a very full and happy one! See you at the Xmas Party or at "Sign-Ups" in January!

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

Dave Jones Secretary / RC Secretary@LakeShoreHOG.com



## Ray Weimer-Treasurer

Greetings Fellow Chapter Members,



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All! Hoping everyone has a joyous and heartwarming holiday season with family and friends and most importantly be safe in all of your travels.

What a November meeting we had, it was very exciting to see who would be the new Director and Assistant Director from a field of very worthy candidates but in the end Corey was voted in as our new director for 2018 and Ralph is the assistant. Good luck gentlemen on your new endeavors with Lake Shore H.O.G.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in January at sign-up on the 21<sup>st</sup> to start out another fantastic year of rides and FUN. Keeping this one short, lots of decorating and shopping to do.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

Ray (Pockets) Weimer **Treasurer** 

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## Anne Weimer-Membership



I cannot believe that it is the end of November and it is 50 plus degrees!!! I hope everyone is taking advantage of this bonus weather and getting out there riding, we sure are. With December comes the Ugly Sweater Holiday Party and of course we still have one more breakfast, the Holiday Social at Lambs Farm Magnolia Café on December 17th. I hope to see you all at one of these upcoming events but if not I am wishing everyone a very jolly Holiday Season and the Happiest of New Years and I would like to thank you all for your continued support and interest in all of the activities, meetings and rides that you attended this year of 2017.

I am looking forward to a fantastic 2018. I hope to see everyone on January 21, 2018 for sign up.

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## **Corey Johnston—Activities Officer**



Well December has arrived; we know this signals the ending of riding season for many. Although the weather outside may be frightful, there is no need to dismay, for there is plenty more time to play this winter. We are looking forward to celebrating with all those who signed up for the December 9, 2017 Holiday Party! The dealership also has a lot of events planned for the months of December so don't forget to check out the dealership website. I know that our new activities officer will be planning some fun gatherings over the winter months to bring our brothers and sisters together like we did

last year. Although winter is nearly here, grab a cup of cheer and let's continue to HAVE FUN!!! Until next time enjoy the road! Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston "Listen to the wind, it talks..." Activities Officer Activities@lakeshorehog.com



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## DAN MARCOTTE—SAFETY OFFICER



10 ways to stay warm on your motorcycle

**Proper Interior Layering** - However, it starts with what you layer up with and there are a lot of misunderstandings about what a rider should wear. We start by eliminating cotton from the mix all together. Cotton absorbs moisture but does not wick it well at all. And moisture sitting on top of your skin will steal your body heat faster than a bear will steal your lunch. Leave it at home.

This may mean you'll need to invest in a pair of synthetic, silk or wool long underwear. Do that if you need to. And make sure your first layer of undershorts are of a similar material. Ditto on socks.

Finally, get yourself a nice synthetic neck muffler to pull on after you've donned your jacket. Tube type neck mufflers and a welcome addition for cold weather riders and you'll notice the difference right away in how long you can maintain body heat using one.

It's important to note that you don't want to add too many layers on the interior. When layers are bunching up, they hold less air. Air is what stores heat. Too many layers, less air, less heat. Not good.

**Exterior Layering** - It's pretty likely if you're riding in the cold, you'll plan to wear a full coverage jacket/pant combo or suit. Seems like it almost goes without saying, but now and then Mr. Blue Jeans and Leather Jacket guy shows up for a ride - usually shivering.

A full face helmet is the best insulation for your head. Anything else will compromise your body's ability to maintian it's heat.

Boots? Full coverage motorcycle boots with a little space inside to retain some air for heat retention.

**Heated Grips** - Many manufacturers make heated grips as an add-on for their bikes. For those who do not, you can visit your dealer or go online and locate a third party line to fil the need. Since the hands and legs are the farthest extremities and don't carry much insulation with them, they'll be the first to get cold. Heated grips will do a fine job of replenishing what's being lost and keep those fingers toasty and functional.

**Heated Seat** - Having a heated seat does two jobs. First it adds an upward channeling of heat to the body's core, which is critical since the blood flowing out to the extremities needs to be at 98.6 degrees. If it's not, you can expect flu like symptoms after an hour or so of riding and that's your signal to pull out and warm up.

But heated seats have another virtue. They heat the blood that's making its way through the arteries to your legs, feet and toes. A bonus that will aid in staving off the dreaded numbing.

**Heated Gear -** We'll take the last two mentioned any day over a set of heated gear, but for many the combination of the two is nice. Since heated jackets heat from the sides, the previously mentioned seat is a more surefire way of warming the core. The addition of a jacket is a nice add-on for those who get cold easily.

Ditto for gloves. If heated grips aren't cutting it alone, add on a set of heated gloves.

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Of course all these devices require power from your bike. Unless you're on a heavy duty touring mount, you could easily drain your battery. It's a good idea to get with your dealer or engineer buddy and start doing the math on what your alternator puts out to find out if it can keep up with all these warming devices. Aftermarket alternators, or the ability to send your existing one in for a more powerful rewind are options to explore if need be.

**Heated Inserts** - If you only ride a few times during the colder months, you could simply use warming inserts to add some heat to your body. They come in a variety of sizes that will fit your hands, feel and even larger to insert into the jacket liner to warm your core. If a set doesn't do it for you, double up and add some more. Be advised, our experience shows toe warmers pretty much can't keep up with the wind wicking heat from your feet at highway speeds. Full foot bed types are the better choice - and again, one set may not get the job done depending on distance and speed.

Let's note that the time to kick in the heat is at the beginning of the ride. Don't wait until you get cold because you'll have a lot of catching up to do to get back to a normal body core temperature.

**EAT!** - One of the best ways we know how to warm up is to eat some food. This is because your body has to burn calories to digest food and doing so creates heat. Try it sometime. One morning don't have much for breakfast, hit the highway at 60mph for an hour and see how you feel. The next time eat a normal portion breakfast and notice how much longer it takes for your body to get cold.

**Pace yourself** - If you're getting cold, that's a signal to pull out, have a warm beverage, perhaps a snack or meal and realign your body temp. Riding cold is uncomfortable and steals from your ability to focus on the ride. Don't let yourself go there.

Another trick that works well about this time is to take a short walk or hike. Perhaps a quarter to half mile just to get the heat going internally again.

**Stay Dry** - By all means keep dry. As pointed out earlier, water steals heat from the body fast. By staying dry at your skin, you'll be able to hang on to more of that precious body heat longer.

**Add on the rain gear** - Rain gear comes in handy for adding an additional exterior layer and breaking the wind. It may not be raining, but it will bring your core temp up a few notches if you use it anyway.

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## John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



It's the last newsletter for 2017, so it's time to start wrapping things up.

First off, I would like to personally thank all of our Road Captains for the great job that they did this year. We had 49 rides with 476 bikes and 598 in attendance for a total of 87,465 miles. This was all due to the time and efforts of your Road Captains. A huge thank you to each and everyone of them.

We finished our 7th Annual Mileage Contest and we have our winners. Also we had 6 of our Weekend Warriors ride so many miles that they got moved up to the Iron Butt category. Congratulations to all of you. Great job and I bet you all had fun doing it.

#### **WEEKENED WARRIORS**

1st place — Linda Hapner — 7,939 miles = \$100 prize 2nd place — Jim Hancock — 7,784 miles = \$50 prize 3rd place — Ray Weimer — 7,193 miles = Honorable mention

#### **IRON BUTT**

1st place — Corey Johnston — 18,229 miles = \$100 prize 2nd place — Jim Wido — 16,358 miles = \$50 prize 3rd place — Rich Thomas — 14,431 miles = Honorable mention

All results are posted on our chapter website <u>www.lakeshorehog.com</u> in the "Chapter Events" section and will be going into our H.O.G. Spot at the dealership.

I know that several of you have already put your bikes in storage, so I'll remind you next spring when you are getting your hog out, don't forget to check-in your mileage. For those that haven't taken your baby to the dealer yet, don't forget to get Kory to check-in your mileage. Then you are all set and done for next year. We've changed the Mileage Contest to be a year long event. Your ending mileage for this year is your starting mileage for next year. If you did miss it, don't sweat it, because you can check-in your bike anytime. Either at the dealer or you can see me and we'll get you squared away..

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Also new this year we started our "5000 Mile Club" patch. This patch is for everyone that hit or went over 5,000 miles during this season. You receive the main patch and this year's rocker. After this, each year you do 5,000+ you'll get that year's rocker. We know we all like patches and this is our way to encourage all of you to get out there and RIDE and have FUN..... So good luck for next year.



(Designed by one of our own members—Nick Strom)

Lastly, I just want to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Festivus and a very, VERY H:)ppy New Year...

See you next year...

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 <u>HeadRoadCaptain@lakeshorehog.com</u>

## Manny Casillas—Photographer/Teddy Bear Drive



The Lake Shore Harley Chapter has done it again. We had another successful year for our annual Teddy Bear Drive. A lot of work has been put into this to make it happen. Members and customers were all helping by making donations at our chapter sign up, chapter picnic, monthly meetings, donation containers at the dealership, the LOH Bake Sale, and spending the time to go out and purchase stuffed animals and Hot Wheels that made it

all possible to donate and deliver 1155 stuffed animals and 765 Hot Wheels to the children who are under the care of the Department of Children and Family Services. Everyone did an awesome job this year and we are looking forward to another great year. One of the greatest feelings for me is to know that somewhere out there we have all made a difference and put a smile on a child's face. The Department of Children and Family Services are very grateful for what we do. Thanks to the Lake Shore Chapter and everyone else involved. Let's continue to keep up the good work.



Ride on and be safe.

Manuel Casillas

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To all of our H.O.G. members, according to the Chili's manager in Waukegan, Bill Wickstrom, if you present your chapter H.O.G. card, you will receive 15% off your bill

(this does exclude alcohol purchases).

So give it a try, enjoy some food, fun and save a little money...;-)



## Chili's Grill & Bar

890 South Waukegan Road Waukegan, IL

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### **DEALER HAPPENINGS**

Our Holiday Love Event begins on Dec 1st. Whoever accumulates the most loyalty points from Dec 1st to Feb 14th, will receive a \$500 gift card! The leader board will be shown on the Lake Shore Harley app, so when you sign into it, you should be able to see where you stand and and where your fellow Lake Shore family members stand in comparison! Remember that you not only receive points by purchasing full priced items in Parts and Motorclothes, but also by liking and interacting with our page and posts on Facebook! If you have questions or concerns please email me at <a href="mailto:vbohlin@lakeshoreharley.com">vbohlin@lakeshoreharley.com</a> OR give me a call at <a href="mailto:847-662-4500">847-662-4500</a>!

See attached flyer for other Holiday Events, Motorclothes specials, and closures. Please RSVP on our Facebook page!



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