



# The H.O.G. Insider

LAKE SHORE H.O.G. CHAPTER # 3522

This month's breakfast & meeting:  
Sunday, February 18, 2018  
Lamb's Farm Magnolia Café  
9:00 Breakfast— 10:00 Meeting

February 4—Road Captain Planning Meeting  
February 8—LOH Meet 'n Greet @ North Shore Distillery—RSVP to Heather or Sammie  
February 9—11—International Motorcycle Show—Stevenson Convention Center  
February 17—Social Gathering @ Jimmy's Charhouse. Sign up with Nita Cruz

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Let's Ride

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## Corey Johnston – Director



Wow what a great start to the 2018 season! Thanks to all who came out and signed up for another year of fun and excitement. We had over 160 members sign up including a handful of new members. So welcome to our new members and welcome back to our returning family and friends. I would like to thank the dealership for their help and all the pizza delivered throughout the course of the day.

Our board has been busy beavers planning a year of fun. You may have seen we are working on another annual trip, this year to Siren Wisconsin. The flyer can be found online [here](#) and in this newsletter. Rooms are going fast so once you book, please email either me or Ralph. Nita is very busy planning some wonderful events that she will tell you more about. Our road captains will be meeting this month to plan out this year's ride calendar so keep your eyes peeled for lots of awesome riding. I want everyone to remember this is your chapter. We are a big family and want to have fun. So if you have things you would like to see us do or things you would like to see changed please feel free to send me an email so we can consider your suggestions.

Don't let the winter blues get you this month. Head out to the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont on **February 9-11** for the International Motorcycle show. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to come out to this year's first chapter breakfast and meeting **February 18<sup>th</sup>** 9am at Lambs Farm.

Until next time enjoy the road.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston  
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."  
Director/RC  
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## Ralph Lenzini—Assistant Director



WOW. Hello Lake Shore H.O.G. or should I say all you crazy Knuckle heads. What a turn out we had for sign up. Thank you all for re-enlisting into this group. I mean my daughter Pammie Lenzini is the best daughter in the world. I can't believe I got such an amazing daughter. She's my pal, my bub, my kid. I love you to the Eiffel tower and back.

PS. Pammie did not write this ;)

Looks like I got hacked.

I would also like to welcome all of the new members. I hope to see all of you at the breakfast meeting this month, so hold on tight with this group and what a great group it is. Remember that diet you wanted do this year? Well throw it out the window. We LOVE our ice cream, food, ice cream, pies and ice cream but most importantly we LOVE to ride.

**The Journey to Crooked Lake:** the list is growing and the rooms are getting full. There are still rooms available, so shake off the winter blues and book your room. Let's all get lost in the north woods of Wisconsin. Nita Cruz is working on some things for this journey. She will keep everyone up-dated on her festivities as things get finalized, so keep an eye out for more info. Speaking of keeping informed, we have the breakfast meeting, monthly newsletter, the website with a calendar, Facebook, and two really big black boards at the H.O.G. spot in the dealership that has everything they are doing and what we're doing. The riding season is booking fast. Remember we have Harley's 115th in August, the Chapter picnic plus all of the great rides that the R/C's are putting together. There's something for everyone. Until then I'll see you at the breakfast meeting.

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## Dave Jones – Secretary

Hi, Riders!



It's 2018!!

We had our chapter sign-up a couple of days ago – and it just goes to reinforce why I hate winters in the Chicago area. No, it's not the cold, the snow, the miserable conditions (tho' they aren't so hot in my book), it's the LS-H.O.G. folks meeting and signing up for another year. We see old friends, make new ones, talk last years fun and the coming riding season and, well, I want to ride. Right now!

Then I remember..., it's January in Chicago. Bummer.

Oh, well. There's a lot of excitement heading into this year. There's a new board and a lot of new ideas. If you didn't get a chance to get to the sign-up, make sure to be at the first breakfast and meeting the **third Sunday in February** – we'll have forms, cards and the laminator to take care of business and get you all squared away.

At February's meeting, we'll have a lot of the summer riding schedule squared away, and there will be a lot for the Road Captains' to present to you about this coming spring and summer. Hope to see everyone in February so we can kick this thing off right!

**\*\*And remember – if you missed signing up – we can do it in February!!\*\***

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

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## Ray Weimer – Treasurer

Greetings Fellow Chapter Members,



Well we are off to a great start of another Lakeshore H.O.G. chapter year. I want to personally thank everyone who made the effort on Sunday to make the drive to Lake Shore HD and sign up. When it was all over I think we had over 160 old and new members added to our fun family. I would also like to thank Zack and all the Lake Shore staff for making this day so fun. It truly is one big family.

As we embark onto 2018.... where will this year lead us? The officers are busy putting together the normal activities such as the bike blessing, picnic, etc. and our ever popular extended weekend ride. This year we travel to Siren, Wisconsin to spend some time in the north woods. Sign up early. Rooms are going fast!

So stay warm and read thru all those maps and brochures on interesting places you would like to see and before you know it spring will be here and we all will be riding our Harleys again. And one more thing, happy anniversary to Lake Shore H.O.G. 30 years of riding fun!

Keep your knees in the breeze,

Ray (Pockets) Weimer  
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## Ladies of Harley

### Heather Johnston & Sammie Sweeney

Hello Ladies!



I hope that everyone is having a great start to the New Year. As we have recently had days of warmer weather interspersed with the dreary cold of winter, I am sure that all of us are counting down to riding season. I know that I am. Lucky for us, however, the cold and gray days don't mean we can't have fun.

It was great seeing all of you at Sign Up. I know I personally saw a lot of familiar faces and met a few new ones, too. Sammie and I would like to invite "new" and "old" alike to join us for a Ladies of Harley Meet-n-Greet at North Shore Distillery (right next to the dealership) on **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. Join us for a cocktail – or mocktail – and get to know what Ladies of Harley is all about. For those of you who are acquainted with L.O.H. and those who are wondering what it is that we do, we'd love to see you all! Nothing fancy or formal, just stop by to say "hi" and let us know if you have any questions or ideas about events you'd like to see. We have been getting some good input and are looking forward to creating a variety of activities for Ladies of Harley to enjoy.

If you can please R.S.V.P. to [loh\\_heather@lakeshorehog.com](mailto:loh_heather@lakeshorehog.com) or [loh\\_sammie@lakeshorehog.com](mailto:loh_sammie@lakeshorehog.com) to let us know if you can make it on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 pm we would greatly appreciate it. All are welcome, we would just like an estimated head count so that North Shore Distillery makes sure they have enough space reserved for us. There will be light snacks provided. It is "Flight Night" at NSD so you can sample a flight of their specialty cocktails for just \$10 per flight.

Be sure to stay tuned for our Pajama Party details coming soon - the date will be announced shortly and is tentatively scheduled for March.

Heather Johnston & Sammie Sweeney, LOH Co-Chairs

## Nita Cruz—Activities Officer



Wow! It was great to see everyone turn out for our annual sign up in January; I really enjoyed talking with a lot of our returning members and the new members that joined. We had some flyers out on the tables, The Journey to Crooked Lake coming in July, Jimmy's Charhouse in February and the Harley Museum "Behind the Scenes Tour" scheduled for **March 10, 2018 at 11:00AM**. Bring your H.O.G. card to get into the Museum free and \$20.00 for the "Behind the Scenes Tour." Afterwards we can stop at the Motor Restaurant for some lunch. See events [here](#).

Remember if you have not already gotten your tickets to the Motorcycle show **February 09-11**, take some time to purchase them online, you should still be able to find a discount code! **SHOW HOURS ARE:** Friday 1:00pm - 8:00pm, Saturday 9:00am - 8:00pm and Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm.



Please let me know what ideas you have, what you would like to do as a chapter and of course where you may want to help.

If you are on Facebook don't forget to join the Lake Shore H.O.G. Members-ONLY page where you can get updates on upcoming social events. It's also a great way to post and link up with friends for casual rides or gatherings.

Nita Cruz  
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## Anne Weimer—Membership



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to a new year. With this year not only being Harley's 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration it is also Lake Shore H.O.G.'s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and promises to be a most exciting 2018. This year sign up was held on Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> and it was so good to see everyone!! However, just in case you missed sign-up you can always renew at the next General Meeting on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Lambs Farm. If this doesn't work for you, nothing could be easier than mailing your completed application for (which you can download from the website [here](#)) along with \$24.00 to me at 1502 Providence Dr., McHenry, IL 60051. We are looking forward to seeing everyone real soon so please, if you haven't renewed yet I hope you will take one of these opportunities to do so. Come join the 149 members who have already renewed along with the 20 NEW members, some of who you might recognize from past years. Ready to start the 2018 riding season as new Lake Shore H.O.G. members are: **Mark Amann, Tom Babich, Stacey Balmes, Deborah Boness, Charles Davis, Paul Diambri, Jose Espinosa, Lynn Ann Surman Espinosa, Randall Hayden, Kelly Holman, Todd Holman, Danny Metz, Harris Miller, John Morrow, Lauren Place, Robert Sanchez, Jennifer Schafer, Theodore Schafer, Jeffery Selzer & Ron Settle.** Please introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel welcome; remember we were all new at one time.

Just a reminder on keeping you National H.O.G. membership active; if you let your National H.O.G. membership expire, your membership with Lake Shore is inactivated until you renew your national membership, this can be accomplished easily by logging onto [www.hog.com](http://www.hog.com)



Anne Weimer  
aka "Flash"

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## John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



This is going to be a great riding year for our chapter. Not only did all 26 of our current Road Captains say that they are all returning for another year, but we had 4 new candidates sign-up to become Road Captains, which is great. Because of all the planning and hard work done by our Road Captains, we get to enjoy a full calendar of a wide variety of rides... With the 5 new RC's that joined the ranks last year, we should see some new influences in our destinations and routes, which will be a nice addition. Our RC planning meeting is **February 4th** and soon after that you will start to see the calendar on our website filling up. On a quick side note, whenever you do get your bike out of storage and back on the road,

if you have not done so already, be sure to get your mileage checked in with either me or Kory at the dealership in the service department. Our mileage contest is now running all year long, so join in and win.

It was great to see so many people at sign-up. Its nice to catch up since we aren't riding together and we see each other far less than during the season. Guess what the most talked about topic was? "When can we ride?" of course. When this newsletter comes out, we should be approximately 48 days away from spring. It will be here in no time. All we have to do is hope that pesky ground hog doesn't see his shadow. ;—)



For the new members to the chapter, over the next couple of months we'll be having our annual Safety Meeting and we'll have our New To Group Riding ride. This ride is intended for members that are new to our chapter. Even if you have ridden for years, you are welcome, because our intent is to get every one comfortable and acclimated to the way that the Lake Shore H.O.G. chapter rides. We are an extremely safe chapter and that is due in large part to fact that we have our riding style that we all practice. That style lends itself to safety and everyone enjoying each and every ride. This New To Group Riding ride is a easy way to get to know that style. We'll go over every thing in more detail than a normal pre-ride meeting. It will give you a chance to ask questions, see how things are done, go on a ride and end up (maybe) getting some ice cream. We want all of you to feel welcome and comfortable when riding with your fellow members. So watch our [calendar](#) and please join us for these events and rides.

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



### QUICK TIPS: General Guidelines For Riding A Motorcycle Safely

#### Be visible:

Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time. \*Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night. \*Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle. \*Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have. Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping. \*If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

#### Dress for safety:

\*Wear a quality helmet and eye protection. \*Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. \*Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing. \*Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves. \*Remember – the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

#### Apply effective mental strategies:

\*Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (SEESM) to increase time and space safety margins. \*Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions. \*Give other motorists time and space to respond to you. \*Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible. \*Watch for turning vehicles. \*Signal your next move in advance. \*Avoid weaving between lanes. \*Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively. \*Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. \*Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

#### Know your bike and how to use it:

\*Get formal training and take refresher courses. \*Call 800.446.9227 or visit [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org) to locate the Motorcycle Safety Foundation hands-on *Rider CourseSM* nearest you. \*Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. \*Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

***Remember: Give yourself space. People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed.***

So let me hear from you ... I can be reached at [safety@lakeshorehog.com](mailto:safety@lakeshorehog.com)

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## Member Discounts

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

[<< Directions >>](#)

### Motorcycle Show Ticket Discount

For our members who are attending the Progressive International Motorcycle Show in February, at the Stevens Center in Rosemont, one of the discount codes they can use is HOG18 - takes \$3 off the one day entry fee of \$18 making it \$15.





**JAN. 21ST / 10:00 AM - 2 PM**

**LAKE SHORE**

**H.O.G.**

**ANNUAL SIGN-UP**

**H.O.G. HARLEY OWNERS GROUP**

SIGN UP THAT DAY AND RECEIVE SPECIAL LOYALTY POINTS, WHEN YOU MAKE A PURCHASE IN OUR PARTS OR MOTORCLOTHES DEPARTMENTS!

**WE WILL HAVE PATCH 'N DAN ON-SITE & PIZZA AND BEVERAGES FROM 11:30AM 'TIL GONE**

**WE'LL BE THERE**





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# Journey to Crooked Lake

July 26th – 29th



The Lodge At  
Crooked Lake Hotel

Many beautiful roads and rides  
are planned. We are just a short  
journey from State Parks, Lakes,  
Duluth MN and Lake Superior.



Come and join us for a weekend of  
fun in the North Woods of Wisconsin...  
Ride with us to beautiful Siren, WI to

*The Lodge at Crooked Lake*



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Only 20 double queen rooms available and 5 Queen Suites,  
so call and get your room today! Call (715) 349-2500 and tell them  
you are part of Lake Shore H.O.G.



Rooms starting at \$75 for weekday night and \$119.95 for weekend nights.

Please let Corey or Ralph know when you have reserved your room and if you are  
sharing a room with someone.

<< MORE information will be distributed as we continue planning >>