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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

To My Fellow Members,



Happy New Year and I hope you had a great holiday season. I would like to thank all the chapter members who participated and those that helped organize the rides and events throughout the year.

Our membership was up to 265 this year compared to 238 last year. We had our first ride with the Grand Rapids chapter around Lake Michigan and it was a rousing success. Stay tuned for something new in 2017. As a chapter we had almost 50 rides with about 600 people on the rides. Overall I think it was a very good year.

For those that missed the Holiday Party, you missed a great party. There were 86 members and guests sign up for the event and of those there were 10 from the dealership. The dealership support is very much appreciated. It was a fun filled evening with the Roaring 20's theme with almost everyone dressing for the occasion. There were a lot of very well dressed men and women enjoying the evening. The last few years the Holiday Party was over about 10:00 or 10:30, this year everyone was still going strong until midnight.

With the New Year don't forget we have our annual chapter sign-up on January 15th. The event will be at Lake Shore Harley-Davidson from 10:00 until 2:00. "Patch'nDan" will be on hand to sew on patches. The dealership is also offering larger discounts that day for chapter members and there will be a lunch served!

Until next time, Ride and Drive safe.

Charles R. (Bob) Montgomery

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Assistant Director's Corner

Howdy all you snow bound hogs.



I'm writing this at 5:30 and it's absolutely dark as can be. It's so cold I went outside and my knees froze up, of course I always go outside with wet knees. With a winter like this there is only one thing to do and that would be to plan the most outrageous ride we have ever had with our chapter and the Grand Rapids Chapter; of course that would be the new and improved LOOP THE LAKE 2. But because it is colder than a well diggers a** in January, let's call this adventure "THE COLD WATER RENDEZVOUS RUN". I can't tell you everything yet, but what I will tell you is to make sure you are able to be away from home June 22nd, that's a Thursday thru June 25th Sunday. We are working on reserving the hotel and all the plans are

being finalized. We have a whole new twist for our road trip this year, I do believe you guys and gals are going to love it. We are going to let the cat out of the bag at our chapter sign up; so make sure you are at Lakeshore on January 15th to give yourself the opportunity for this nuts and deluxe run.

Doug (Patsy) O'Keefe

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See you all on January 15th,

THE TREASURY

Greetings Fellow Chapter Members,



Happy New Year Lake Shore H.O.G! It's 2017 and we are looking forward to another fantastic year of rides and events, Lake Shore style. What's all the talk about this year, well first it's dues are staying the same. What a great value \$24 is in bringing all of us Harley riders together for fun, fun and more FUN!

Secondly those that went on Loop the Lake last year said they had a great time but wanted something more. So this year we improved on an already fun and adventurous event but you'll have to see for yourself when sign-up comes around.

So don't just sit there in front of your TVs hoping the Bears will be playing on Sunday. Come on down to Lake Shore Harley Davidson on January 15th and sign up for one of the best chapters in the area, you won't be disappointed.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

Ray (Pockets) Weimer Treasurer Treasurer@LakeShoreHOG.com

THE SECRETARY'S WRITINGS

Hi, Riders!



January is a pretty difficult time for me..., and (not) riding.

This month, I can plan routes and meet with the RC's to set the 2017 - year in motion. I can play with the new stuff on the bike..., clean it..., adjust stuff and then adjust it again.

I can meet up with and talk with my friends at our January LS HOG Sign-up Sunday 1/15/17. And I can make new friends and develop fellow riders as we talk about the trips and activities setting up for the year.

But

What I can't do... is RIDE

So. I'll do all that other stuff. And I'll wait and wait until that first great day of springtime – when the salt is gone from the roads – and the bike wakes up and talks to me with that Oh! So sweet rumble and once again we're on the road. Off and away for new sights and experiences together.

This year marks my 49th year of riding (mostly legal) a motorcycle. And it's my first year of 49 more. Won't you join me?

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

Dave Jones, Secretary / RC Secretary

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year LSH.O.G.s,



I want to say I don't like winter but I can't. For me it is a time of rejuvenation. I spent time organizing my house, bills, life....etc. and it feels so good. But I also know that by January 31st I'll be right back to where I was on December 31st. I will spend the non riding months hanging out with the friends we have made in the chapter, hibernating a little, organizing a little more and waiting for that first day when Ralph calls me and says "suit up."

Looking back on the year I realize how busy I was. I got to know many of you much better than my first year in the chapter. We went on

many chapter rides. Went on Loop the Lake. Spent a couple weekends traveling with friends to our "go-to" Wisconsin supper clubs. Then there was the picnic, a trip to the Smokeys, the fall scavenger hunt, a few more chapter rides and finally the Chapter Holiday Party. It was so much fun to see everyone's interpretation of the "Roaring 20's". Wow, no wonder I am happy it is winter. Time to gear up for that all over again. Hope to see you at the Chapter Sign up on January 15th.

Laurie Lenzini **Editor** Editor@LakeShoreHOG.com

Membership Corner



COME ONE COME ALL to the beginning of an exciting new year!!! Yes it is hard to believe that 2016 passed by so quickly and here we are getting ready for our annual sign up. This year sign up is scheduled for Sunday, January 15th at Lake Shore Harley from 10:00 to 2:00. I really hope that everyone will come sign up for another exciting year, and why not bring one of your Harley friends

and let them in on all the fun, camaraderie and love of riding that we all know. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and please don't forget to bring your membership application, (look for it in this newsletter) your national H.O.G. card and the \$24.00 annual fee. Simple as can be.

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Happy New Year and see you all on the 15th

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Hello Members,



My article for this month did not develop as planned and now I'm faced with a deadline and only unorganized chicken scratches. Plan B was to do some research and report on the history of our favorite models - starting with my beloved Softail. In doing research for the article, I came across Harley's "Vehicle Profile" for both the Fat Boy and the Electra Glide in their archives. The detail in their profiles far exceeds any job I could have done. We have quite a few Electra Glide/Ultras in the chapter, I thought you might enjoy this profile as much as I did.

Vehicle Profile: Happy Anniversary, Electra Glide!

The 2015 model year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Harley-Davidson Electra Glide. But, the bike didn't just appear out of thin air in 1965.

A new version of the "Knucklehead" engine was offered for the 1941 model year, and the motorcycle designated "FL." In 1949 an all-new telescopic hydraulic front fork began to replace the old "springer" front end, and the bike eventually became commonly called the Hydra Glide. For 1958, rear suspension was added and the name changed to Duo Glide.

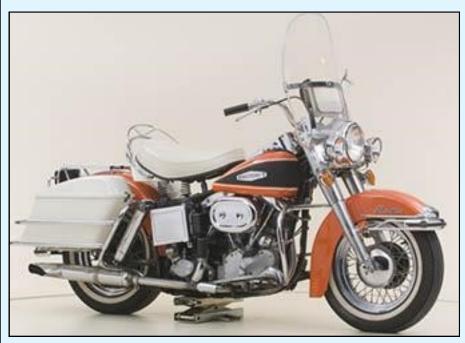
The next big improvement came in 1965 with the addition of an electric starter. The name Electra Glide was a perfect fit.

Wrestling with a kick start engine would become a thing of the past. As the 1965 sales brochure read, "We've taken a few of the kicks away, but none we thought you would miss." A new era was dawning for the rider who had miles to cover.

With their removable windshields and hard saddlebags, the Electra Glides of the 1960s gave rise to the iconic H-D touring motorcycle that carries into the present day. Within four years of the introduction, designers crafted an accessory fairing specifically for the Electra Glide to keep more wind off of the rider. The "windshield fairing kit," as it was first listed in 1969 became a standard feature for 1971. It's more commonly known today as the "Batwing" fairing.

Numerous features now accepted as standard on H-D motorcycles were first used in the touring models, such as disc brakes and electronic fuel injection. It was with that spirit that the Project Rushmore upgrades for the 2014 came to fruition. The Batwing fairing was redesigned to reduce buffeting, but the classic shape remained. Saddlebags and Tour Pak were streamlined while increasing capacity. These features and many others marked the single largest product launch in Harley-Davidson history.

The importance of the Electra Glide goes far beyond its versatility and popularity. It is the modern standard for touring motorcycles. Competitors have increasingly tried to copy everything from the fairing to the luggage units, but always missing the mark. H-D remains the dominant force in North American touring and is gaining ground in other nations.



This 1968 Electra Glide is on display in the Museum.

Article source: http://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en_US/home/museum/explore/archives/did-you-know/vehicle-profile2.html

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OUR HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy everyone,



December 26th was one of the reasons I've always said "if you can keep your bike at home, DO IT!". We were blessed with a night of rain to remove the salt and 45 degrees to melt the snow. Then a 52 degree day to get the heck out and ride, ride, ride. I grant you that I got a few (well more than a few) funny looks and some looks of like "what the heck is a motorcycle doing out?", but I also saw some brother riders out there just enjoying the day and the ever so needed "WIND THERAPY", just like me. It was just plain wonderful. I know that many people don't have the room to store their bikes over the

winter in their garage or just prefer it kept warm in a controlled environment and there is nothing wrong with that at all. The one year I put my bike up on blocks, drained the fluids and put the battery in the house on a tender, I missed out riding on a handful of days in December, 3 or 4 in January and about the same in February. After that year I swore, NEVER AGAIN. She sits in the garage (un-heated, sorry), on a tender, up slightly off the ground on a jack. But she is ready and willing to literally roll in 3 minutes. No more missed opportunities and YES, sometimes I do wear sleeves...: P To each there own on how they keep their bikes over the winter, but my choice is like that of a Boy Scout (which I was). "Be Prepared" LOL...

While we are waiting for winter to GET THE HECK OUT OF HERE, you do have a couple of nice things to do over the winter. First is the 33rd Annual Chicago Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet, Jan 28-29th at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles http://chicagomotorcycleswap.com/ or the Chicago Motorcycle Show, Feb 10th-12th at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center http://www.motorcycleshows.com/city/chicago. Both are fun and interesting events and helps you satisfy your "motorcycle jones" over the winter.

We'll be having our annual Road Captain meeting to start planning out next years rides and you'll start to see the calendar fill up in February. So keep an eye out for that...

Everyone please stay warm, hope for an early spring, sneak out if the weather permits, but most importantly stay safe and we'll look forward to getting together for a great 2017!!!

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 HeadRoadCaptain@lakeshorehog.com

SAFETY CORNER

Happy New Year!



This is my second year as safety officer and I'm glad to be back. I am planning some new things for this year and I hope you enjoy them.

One of the ways that I would like to get the topics that I talk about is from you. Tell me what safety questions you have. Give me suggestions as to what safety topics interest you.

One idea that I had was to talk about "Safely Riding with a Child Passenger." I know there are a lot of us that have children that would love to ride with us. This year, my 6 year old daughter, Elizabeth, became a H.O.G. and chapter member. She is very excited! So, in the February newsletter, look for an article about "Safely Riding with a Child Passenger." In my nine years of being a chapter member at LSH.O.G., I have only heard opinions on this topic, but have never seen or heard any kind of "official" protocol.

So let me hear from you ... I can be reached at safety@lakeshorehog.com

Thanks for your time and input,

Dan Marcotte **Safety Officer/Road Captain**SafetyOfficer@LakeShoreHOG.com



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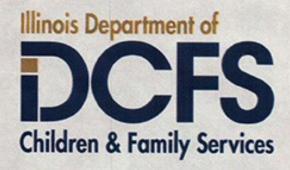




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