



# The H.O.G. Insider

**L A K E   S H O R E   H . O . G .   C H A P T E R   #   3 5 2 2**

There is no meeting this month.  
We will all be together at our Annual Chapter Picnic  
July 15, 2018

10:00 am line up at dealership, 12 noon arrive at Nippersink for picnic

## **This month's activities and rides to add to your calendar**

July 7—Niko's Red Mill Tavern—Kickstands up 10:30 am—leaving from dealer  
July 8—New Diggings Anton's Saloon —Kickstands up 7:30 am - leaving from dealer  
July 11—Weeknight Wanderings—Kickstands up 7:00 pm—leaving from dealer  
July 14—Oregon, Il—Ride along the Rock River—Kickstands up TBD—leaving from dealer  
July 15—Annual Chapter Picnic and Teddy Bear Ride—Kickstands up 10:30 am—leaving from dealer  
July 21—Stolley's—Watch the events calendar for more information to come  
July 22—Doc's Harley—Kickstands up 7:00 am—leaving from Rt. 12 & Rt. 120 McDonalds in Volo  
July 26—July 29—Journey to Crooked Lake

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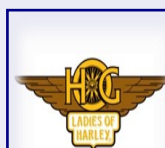
**\*\*News from Lake Shore Harley**

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**Let's Ride**

**CHAPTER RIDE HOT LINE 847-281-3141**



## Corey Johnston – Director



Summer is in full swing and we all know what that means. Time to Ride!!! Although we have had a lot of rain this season our Road Captains have lead some great rides. Don't forget to constantly check the ride calendar on the website for cancelations, replacement rides and new rides.

Big thanks to all the ladies who hosted for the LOH Progressive Dinner Ride and to Sammie and John for their efforts what a nice event.

For all you who dare to Journey to Crooked Lake the time has finally come to gather with friends and spend a weekend full of fun and riding together. Make sure if you are not able to make one of the meetings at the dealership on July 7<sup>th</sup>

or July 14<sup>th</sup> that you contact Ralph or myself and I will email you the information packet. This trip is going to be a blast!

If you have not signed up for this year's annual picnic and Teddy Bear Ride make sure you do quickly. The signup flier can be found in this newsletter or on the chapter website. Nita and her planning committee promise a day full of good food and fun so don't miss out.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA. First of all I would like to say Thank you to all of those serving and for all of you that have served. Thank you!

Sorry I missed last month's meeting, but well you know the Tail of the Dragon, Hellbender and many, many other roads were calling,, along with the Honky Tonks of Nashville. So once again sorry but the Smokey's and the south was calling this here country boy.

I see that we also had a few chapter members that headed out west and I think one or more that are still on the trip. I hope you and everyone else signed up for our mileage contest and Ride 365. I can tell you I learned something on this trip. Always have your gear with you. We rode in 100 degree weather and rain and when in the mountains low 70's. So just a friendly reminder that the weather can and will change.

Okay, now onto business. Remember for all of you that are going on the Crooked Lake Journey we have two meeting dates. July 7th and the 14th 3p.m. at Lake Shore. If for some reason you can't make the meeting please contact me. After each of these meetings we will be collecting the money for our Friday night dinner (cash or check only) \$20 per person. Please see Nita Cruz after the meeting.

Also I will Be leading a ride from Lake Shore On Wednesday August 29 for the H.O.G. Ride Home. This is the pre-kick off for the 115th celebration. More info to follow. I'll see you all at the Picnic.

Until then chase all the sunsets you can.

Ralph "yoyo" Lenzini  
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## **Ray Weimer—Treasurer**

Greeting Fellow Chapter Members,



Just got back from a fantastic week long trip to the Smokey Mountains and Nashville, logging just a little over 2,000 miles. The best part of this adventure was we were with two other couples from the chapter; I'm telling you this because I believe this is what H.O.G. and chapters are all about. You purchase a Harley and now what, a few local trips to the brew house with your buddies or just do some Sunday rides to see how far you can go. By meeting other Harley riders that are passionate about riding you form relationships that could last forever and with that you start planning your vacations with these H.O.G. people. Great adventures are out there, enjoy the times with your new friends and you to will be telling others about your next long trip with your riding friends and memories that last a lifetime.

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It's July and that means Happy Fourth of July to all of you. Celebrate your independence safely and ride those great American made Harleys everywhere!

Don't forget the annual picnic on **Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>**, see you all there.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

Ray (Pockets) Weimer

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## **Anne Weimer—Membership**



The calendar finally says it is officially summer and the thermometer agrees, however, we do seem to be in a bit of a rainy spell. But try not to let it dampen your enthusiasm because we still have so many upcoming activities, including our annual Chapter Picnic and Teddy Bear Ride. Then, I hope you all have your reservations for the Journey to Crooked Lake which should be a fantastic adventure. Hopefully everyone will come and join us for some meetings, rides, activities and tons of fun in these upcoming summer months, I promise you won't be disappointed. Don't forget our motto is to always "ride and have fun" so check the ride schedule to see what is new for the month of July.

Wishing you all a very safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!

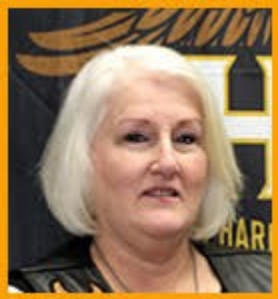
Anne Weimer

aka "Flash"

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## Nita Cruz—Activities Officer



Hee Haw, it is picnic time.

Come join us at this year's picnic on **July 15th.**

10 am line up and Kickstands Up at 10:30. Arrive at Nippersink at Noon for picnic.

We will have some good food and some goofy games to play and as always our motorcycle games.

Make sure you bring your Teddy Bear and or Hot Wheel car to receive your patch.

It is still not too late to sign up for the picnic. Print out the form and mail it to me and I will get you all signed up.

See all you Rednecks there.

Nita Cruz  
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This Month on July 15th we have our annual chapter picnic. It's always been a good time. So come on out and join us. And remember to bring a **New** stuffed animal or Hot wheel for our Teddy Bear drive to get your 2018 Teddy Bear rocker.

Ride on and be safe.  
Manuel Casillas  
**Photographer**  
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*Lake Shore H.O.G.*

## **COUNTRY PICNIC**

\$10 per member to reserve your space.

\$10 non refundable fee for all guests

\$5 for all members or guests under 10 years of age.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CASH OR CHECK

If you would like to donate your \$10 before the Picnic Please check the box

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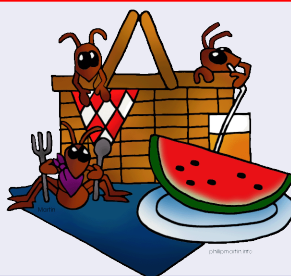
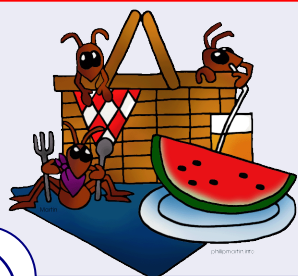
Please Sign Up at the May or June Meeting or Mail a check made payable to Lake Shore H.O.G.

to

Nita Cruz

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NO LATER THAN JULY 9, 2018



# BIG TRIP WEST(2018)

## 10 nights - 11 days OF MEDIATION BY MOTORCYCLING (Trip Summary by Joe Geraci)

Adventures abounded - totaled 4073 miles. That's an average of 370.27 miles per day, but that is only on the slow days. On days 1 & 2 and days 9 & 10 the mileage was 500 + per day. Not too shabby for 8 "HIGHWAY MEN" traveling down (sorry it's up) the roads west, 9 June (Sat.) thru 19 June (Tuesday). Our group: Larry (route planner, leader), Tom (sweep/lead some), Kevin, Dale, Royal, John (Indian), Al & Joe.

The temperature range was a high of 104 with a low of 42. The main daily events were: RIDE, EAT, SLEEP and repeat RIDE EAT AND SLEEP and repeat. Stops were made on a regular basis between 100-125 miles (+/- 2 hours) for gas, rest, water, ice, bathrooms, snacks, phone calls. We saw and passed over a lot of pavement both red, white and black colored staying between the white and yellow lines. The weather was unpredictable and typical. Lots of sunshine, some heat, a bit cold, light rain (on occasion), windy (at times), very blustery (it seemed - a lot) and a combination of rain and fog (with a smell of fire smoke.); From the 23,000 acres of wild fire (12 % contained) N of Durango (Hwy 550), 1200 firefighters working the blaze. I-70 detour overcome by lunch in Frisco, Co., (D-3)

Sleep we did in: Lincoln, NE.(Day-1), Loveland, CO. (D-2), Grand Junction, CO. (D-3), Tropic (Byrce), UT., (D-4), Springdale, UT.(D-5), Zion Lodge Cabins, UT., (D-6), Kanab, UT.(D-7), Durango, CO.,(D-8) Limon, CO.(D-9), Blue Springs, MO.(D-10). We only passed thru Iowa, Kansas, Arizona and New Mexico. Fun and laughs missing?... stay west.

Oh yes! We saw a lot more than pavement on our visits to six (6) National Parks which included: Rocky Mountain, Bryce, Arches, Zion, Great Sandunes and the Grand Canyon (North Rim). Let's not forget the canyon RT. 128, along the Colorado River to Moab, UT., plus RT. 12, the "Devils Backbone" ride to the top of the world (with no looking down either side) or the results would have been disasters (you really had to be there). Let's remember the 4-Corners Monument (a Navaho \$ enterprise) that cornered the states of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Adventure highlights were many: WE RODE NO BAD ROADS. The scenery was fantastically amazing and beautiful. Mother nature's sculpting of the land, rocks (various colors) and vegetation types are truly "works of art". Words do not describe "the many vistas" in an appropriate way. Fellow traveling folks of interest were; Conner (18 year old H.S. grad) on an around the country trip he planned for two years, on his self-modified Sportster. The biking couple from Australia who bought either, one or two machines, in the USA to ride here; the guys (one very big & tall) riding a bike with a side pannier box that read "Adventure Before Dementia"; and the two Italian men from Italy.

DAY 12: ONE OF REST, REFLECTION, RELAXING, HI TO THE LADY & DOG.

## **Ladies of Harley**

### **Heather Johnston & Sammie Sweeney**



Hello folks.,

We would like to thank everyone that participated in this years' "LOH Progressive Dinner Ride". Because of all of you, the wonderful weather, some really great food, pretty riding on the back roads, the much appreciated hospitality and generosity of our hostesses/hosts, we had a wonderful and successful dinner ride. And let's not forget the beautiful artwork created by Lizzy Marcotte.



Everyone seemed to love it, so we may try it again, next year.

Don't forget to bring a teddy bear, stuffed animal and/or Hot Wheels cars to the Teddy Bear Ride heading over to the Chapter Picnic. Your donation will get you your rocker for free. Picnic info is on the website.

Until then, be safe and dry... ;—)

Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets  
your soul on fire  
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## **John R Sweeney Jr** **HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN**

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



Well our luck with the rain and cancellations, continues. So far 26 rides with 8 cancellations. It can ONLY get better, we hope. ;—)

Now that hopefully we are in riding season, check out our calendar. You will definitely be able to find a ride to your liking. We have a wide variety of rides from dinner/ice cream rides, to a half day of travel for museums, bike shows, great hidden roads and then maybe lunch or even the whole day, long distance to all different types of places. Something for everyone. Pick one and have a great time with your fellow chapter members. Or heck, pick 10 or 20. The more you ride, the more fun you'll have and

friendships you'll build.

Hope to see many of you for our Annual Teddy Bear Ride to the Chapter Picnic. We line-up at Lake Shore at 10:00am. Don't forget to bring your bears, stuffed animals and/or Hot Wheels for the kids. This gets you on the ride and gets you your rocker for free. The main patch is sold separately for those that haven't done this ride before.

Last months winner of the "Gas Card Give-away" was Jeff Marcotte. Don't forget that periodically throughout the year (you never know when), a Road Captain will be awarding someone on their ride with this "Gas Card", courtesy of the chapter. Nothing like getting in a great day of riding and then getting a free tank of gas to boot. It's a win—win...

A shout out to all of those that participated in the "LOH Progressive Dinner Ride". You where a great group, glad you liked the routes and boy that was some GOOOOOOD food. I'm still stuffed...

See you next month...

John

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

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## Dan Marcotte—Safety Officer

### 24 Tips to Prepare for a Long-Distance Motorcycle Ride



Nothing captures the spontaneous spirit of motorcycling like hitting the open road. But don't be fooled – it takes planning to make a long-distance ride as carefree as it looks. Use this motorcycle road trip checklist to make sure you don't cruise straight into trouble.

#### **Packing for your motorcycle trip: what to bring:**

Since they can't rely on the ample space of a car, motorcyclists have to pack efficiently (and sometimes a bit creatively).

1. Weather Appropriate Gear – depending on the month, you'll want gear to deal with the sun and heat (cool neck wrap, sunglasses, sunscreen), the cold and rain (gloves, long underwear, heated vest liner, waterproof outerwear, ect) or often both
2. Maintenance Supplies – tire inflation kit, tool kit, jumper cables, bike cover, and motor oil are some basics to consider. If you're particularly handy, you might also include things like spare spark plugs, replacement fuses, or a clutch cable
3. Personal Comforts – motorcycling is all about traveling light, but there may be some personal items you need to ride comfortably and safely – toiletries, lip balm, ear plugs, or others
4. Emergency Supplies – include a first-aid kit, list of personal contacts and medications, waterproof matches, emergency blanket, energy bars, water, flashlight, and phone charger
5. Roll Up Clothing – by rolling up your personal clothing, you'll be able to fit more than you can by folding
6. Choose Synthetic Clothing Over Cotton – they dry much faster after being washed or rained on
7. Compare Lists with Other Riders – don't needlessly duplicate items with your spouse or riding buddies, and look for things you can share (toothpaste, sunscreen, ect)
8. Buy Instead of Pack – If you're short on room, leave cheaper items at home that can be purchased a convenience store
9. Arrange Your Gear Low and Toward the Front – This is the bike's center of gravity. Dispersing your stuff evenly in this area will help you ride smoothly, even with the added weight.
10. Group Similar Items in Zipper-lock Plastic Bags – your stuff can be arranged more neatly and is easier to access
11. Get a Bag Guard for Saddlebags – even if they hang clear of your tires when sitting in the garage, saddlebags can suffer tire burns during your ride as they move about.
12. Situate Luggage Safely – avoid hanging saddlebags around drive chains or exhaust pipes, or strapping items to the front fender and blocking airflow to the engine. It never hurts to use extra straps to keep bags or other items secure.
13. Arrange Items Based on When You'll Need Them – accessing a right-side saddlebag is safer than reaching towards the left (and closer to oncoming traffic). Keep items you might need while riding on the right and others on the left
14. Use Trash Bags – if your luggage isn't waterproof, a trash bag makes a fine option

### **Getting Your Bike Ready To Roll**

15. Note Your Bikes Load Limits – your owner’s manual and VIN plate should both list the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). This is the maximum total weight your bike should carry at one time. Try to stay under this limit.
16. Tighten Suspension Accordingly – Stiffening the suspension is a good countermeasure as your luggage, racks, and other items transform how your bike handles
17. Inflate Your Tires – the tire pressure you usually maintain when riding about town may not be enough for your bulky, long-distance trip, so check the instructions in your owner’s manual and adjust as needed
18. Aim Your Headlamp – with gear strewn about make sure not to block the path of your headlamp
19. Inspect Key Components – check the belt or chain for weak spots, test the spark plugs, look at the fluid level in each battery cell, check or replace dirty air filters, fill up low fluids, lubricate the brake and clutch cables, and ensure all lights are working
20. Go For A Test Ride – this is the best way to know what to expect when you set off (and what needs adjusting so you can make it past the driveway)
21. Plotting the Finer Details  
Map Out a Route – we’re guessing you probably haven’t decided to quit your job and roam the highways full time. In which case, you’ll likely need to map out your basic route so you can keep yourself on at least a loose schedule
22. Bring Proper Documents If Crossing The Border – heading into Mexico or Canada? Don’t forget your passport, other necessary documents, and maybe even some local currency
23. Plan Sleeping Arrangements – whether camping outdoors or living the motel life, figure out which towns offer places to stop ahead of time
24. Find Your Fill-Up Spots – gas stations can be few and far between on scenic back roads, so scout your path before you leave or bring along a touring map that lists where to find them.

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

Thanks for your time and input,

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# LAKE SHORE

LIBERTYVILLE, IL



Kickstands up at 6 pm every Wednesday and everyone who participates will have a chance to win some free goodies along the way. Go to the events page on Facebook for list of dates and more info.

Facebook Events page:

@lakeshoreharley

Click here for our July events calendar

<https://www.lakeshoreharley.com/events-calendar-motorcycles-dealership--xcalendar>



We are heading home **August 29th!** Join us as we ride to Milwaukee for the 115th anniversary. Kickstands up @ 11am. Stay tuned for more information.

## HOURS

### SHOWROOM HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY	10AM - 7PM
SATURDAY:	8:30AM - 6PM
SUNDAY:	8:30AM - 5PM

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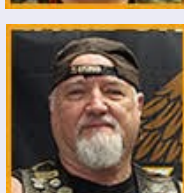
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