

The H.O.G. Insider

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This Month's Chapter Meeting

Sunday

March 19, 2017

9:00am Breakfast

10:00 am General Meeting

Lambs Farm Magnolia
Café

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Libertyville, IL

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A Message from the Editor

Due to the nasty flu bug the "Member's Profile" page will be starting in April. I look forward to gathering information and hearing your stories

IMPORTANT DATES



March 11- 12:00 to 1:00 Engine Performance Workshop
 March 17- 7:30 Social Event @ Ginger's in Highwood
 March 25- 1:00 to 4:30 Daytona Day @ Lake Shore Harley
 March 31- LOH to Harley Dealer on Michigan Ave.

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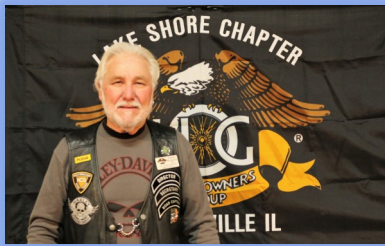
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Bob Montgomery – Director



We shall see if Punxsutawney Phil is correct in his prediction this year. So far the prediction is not very accurate. However I thought he was right and I have not gotten my bike out of storage yet, at which point a chapter member asks “what type of leader are you”? I guess I have been around long enough to know winter is not over yet. But when I do get it out of storage, I will be riding as much as possible.

I know a lot of you have been out riding in the beautiful weather, but be careful and take it easy. It's been a while since most members have been on their bikes.

The year is off to a very good start with the membership and there were over 80 people at the February chapter meeting. We are planning a spring event, which Corey will elaborate more on and there will be some other new things coming for the chapter.

There has been a change in leadership for the Little Angels ride. In the past the representative that led the group came to a chapter meeting and got those members that are interested signed up. As of this writing, I have not heard from the new leadership. If you are interested in riding this event (May 21, 2017), you can register on-line at LaPledgeRun.com. If you register before April 30 it is \$20 per person, after April 30 it is \$30 per person. The chapter has been attending and supporting this event for many years.

Congratulations to Lake Shore Harley for the Gold Award for customer satisfaction. They finished 1st in their district and 13th nationwide.



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Welcome all you new members to Lakeshore H.O.G.. One thing you may not realize is every single member was a new member at one time. We all tried to figure out how it all works just like you are now. Let me see if I can give you some basic information on how this all works.

One of your first questions is probably how do I find out about stuff? There are a few ways. First would be this news letter that comes out the 1st of every month. 2nd the monthly chapter meeting, the 3rd Sunday of each month at Lambs Farm Magnolia restaurant. Breakfast starts at 9, meeting at 10 a.m.

The 3rd way is to call any officer. The numbers are in each newsletter and any of them will be happy to talk your ear off about anything you want to know about Lakeshore H.O.G. The 4th is our website. It's got everything that's going on. Or you can always just talk to any member you see. I know they may look scary at times but they're really just a bunch of teddy bears that just love to ride their hogs and talk about their hogs. Oh... and eat ice cream.

The information is out there but it's up to you to come on out, get involved, meet new riding friends. Face it, now is the time to come out and play. Make this year your year to ride and enjoy your hog. Looking forward to seeing a whole bunch of new faces at the March meeting. Weather permitting we will have our ice breaker ride after the meeting

None of us are getting any younger so just come on out and play. Don't let this opportunity pass by. Just give it a try.

COLD WATER RENDEZVOUS RUN

Howdy all you cold water crazies. I want to give everybody the latest info we have. To begin with the host hotel has sold out all 56 rooms. That means about 110 hogs are heading north. It's about a fifty-fifty split from each chapter. In other words, about 55 folks from Lakeshore and 55 from the Grand Rapids chapter. Up from about 85 friends in total last year.

Both Friday and Saturday you will have your choice of about 5 or 6 absolutely incredible rides. Some of the rides will be self led and others will be chapter led rides. Or you might decide to head out on your own ride. I don't think they have any bad roads, just roads with unbelievable views. If you are looking for a day off the bikes then you may want to head to the beach at Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore's fantastic views from the 12 miles of beach front. Or maybe the glass bottom boat tours may strike your fancy.

Friday night it's party time. A huge cookout and party right on the host hotel grounds is planned.

As we get closer to the cold water road trip we will have a pre ride get together to fill in any blanks and try to answer any questions that have come up.

In less than 4 months we head out on the largest lakeshore ride I've ever heard of. This is going to be a blast all thanks to you guys for selling this out 3 weeks ahead of the cut off date. Thanks to all of you for making this ride happen.

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Dave Jones – Secretary



Sometimes I just want to know what the **heck** is going on!! Riding days in FEBRUARY! Not just a few – but members of our chapter have been out for a week or more (as I write this) and it looks like more to come.

I, myself, get my bike out of the shop each year on March 15th... that lets me relax knowing that each year I will be able to commit the garage space for care and cleaning of my bike. (Sorry to my car – over the summer / riding months it's in the driveway or on the street). I depend on this consistency to stay sane over the winter.

Some years I win..., snow lasts until later and I can mess with the bike in the warmth of my garage. Other years, like 2017, I miss out on some great riding weather. But, all in all, I can bank on the "Ides of March" as the day I get to start my riding season.

I don't mind this arrangement. Like I said, it keeps me from second guessing myself – should I do it or wait? But now, now that it's March – I'm ready to get going and hit the open road. I'll do some laps around the block..., a bit of starting and stopping and a few weaves and loops to get ready to ride after the winters lay off and I'll be good to go.

OK, now while I wait the last few days until the 15th, I'll be planning and mapping out my riding season. My rides all ready include area dinner rides, city rides (Ginza Festival and Halloween Night), a long ride south (BB500) and a solo multistate ride south and east in October. I'll also 'Bless my Bike' with our annual trot to Kenosha and in June head north with LS-HOG and our Grand Rapids sister chapter for a bit of Cold Water. And I'm sure there will be a lot of other opportunities to ride as the summer progresses.

Soon, I'll be ready. Join me?

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

Dave Jones, Secretary / RC

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Ray Weimer – Treasurer



Wow what a month February has been; I read that many of you have been out riding several times, I know I was able to get out one day and log more than 100 miles of great wind therapy. Now let's just hope that spring doesn't come back to haunt us and keep us from our passion to ride.

As you probably read already in some other officers articles HOT training was attended by a few of us last month and as in previous years new ideas are always coming out of these informative sessions. One thing is for sure, we really have a GREAT chapter and outstanding dealer support compared to other stories heard from other chapters around the country. So next time you visit

Lake Shore take the time to thank Zack and his team of talented professionals for all they do for your chapter.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

Ray (Pockets) Weimer

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Corey Johnston—Activities Officer



I would like to congratulate Lake Shore Harley, our sponsoring dealer, on being named an Elite Dealer for 2016. They will be hosting a Daytona Party on **March 25 from 1-4:30pm** with lots of fun and food. Let us all try to support our dealer as they continue to do so much for us.

Something new this year for our chapter is an activities card prize program. Starting after the March meeting you can pick up a card at chapter meetings or at the dealership, have one of the chapter officers initial one of the 12 spots when you attend and event or ride. Once all 12 spots are initialed, fill out your information on the card and at the end of the year we will do a drawing for an awesome prize. There will be no limit on the amount of cards you have filled out so the more you participate the better your chances of winning.

As we all know on March 17 we all become Irish for the day, so sport some green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our next social gathering is planned for Friday **March 17 at 7:30 pm** at Ginger's 254 Green Bay Rd Highwood, IL, come and raise a glass and celebrate with your H.O.G. family, and don't forget to wear your green! Hope to see many of you there. Until then Sláinte!

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."
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Roxanne Casillas—Ladies of Harley



A few of the ladies got together for our February meeting (thanks Victoria and Lake Shore for lunch) and came up with some pretty great ideas for the year. I think there will be something for everyone from self-defense class to just chillin' at the beach, and a couple of bike rides in between.

I am looking forward to having a fun day with everyone visiting the Harley Dealer on Michigan Ave in Chicago on **March 31, 2017**. For those who would like to take the train we will meet at the Libertyville station around 7:30. We will take the 8:00 (give or take a few minutes) train to Chicago and meet up with Victoria for breakfast and then off to the Harley Store on Michigan Ave. If you would like to drive, we will plan a place to meet. Victoria lives in the city so she will be our tour guide for the day. Time permitting, we might be able to check out a few other things also. We will find a cool place to have an afternoon snack before heading home.

April 8th we will meet at Egg Harbor at 8 am in Libertyville for breakfast (energy food) and then off to the Lake County Fair Grounds for the Antique/Flea Market. Who knows what kind of interesting things we will find.

Please check the LOH website for any updates on the activities. We are always open to suggestions. Remember, you do not have to ride your own bike to belong to LOH.

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Anne Weimer—Membership



.Our first meeting for 2017 was held on an absolutely gorgeous, warm, sunny day that brought out over 80 members!!! The 2016 Perfect Attendance awards were given to the following 11 people: **Ron Alghini, Julie Alghini, Steve Bachner, Linda Hapner, George Lang, Ralph Lenzini, Bob Montgomery, Lynda Montgomery, Joel Pasternak, Don Robinson & John Sweeney.** Congratulations everyone!! Each recipient received a certificate and a free breakfast coupon. In order to achieve perfect attendance you must have attended each monthly meeting. This includes attending the chapter picnic in July. It does not include the December breakfast social. So for all who attended the February meeting keep it going and you too can achieve perfect attendance.

If you know of anyone who has not renewed their membership yet please encourage them to do so by either coming to the March General meeting or they can simply mail the application form along with the \$24.00 annual fee directly to me at 1502 Providence Dr., McHenry, IL 60051. So see how easy this is!!! We are looking forward to a very exciting 2017!!!!

I hope that everyone will come out and join in all the fun and excitement. The next general meeting is on **March 19th** at Lambs Farm Magnolia Café, breakfast begins at 9:00 am and the meeting follows at 10:00 am, I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Just a reminder that you must keep your National H.O.G. membership active or your Lake Shore membership will be inactivated.

Looking forward to an early Spring,

Anne Weimer – aka “Flash”

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

**Mike Draegert Dan Kaminski
Paul Meirthew**

HISTORIAN'S CORNER



A friend of mine just bought a 1960 Duo Glide pan head that has had only three owners and was originally in a police department fleet. The final owner was the mechanic for the department, so I suspect it is pretty clean. I can't wait to see it in person. He pulled up a YouTube video on how to start the vintage bike so I could hear the engine (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EzoZnBsOh_g). I was more fascinated by the multiple steps needed to start it – the gas tank has oil on one side, gas on

the other – there is a primer, fuel valve, choke and then you have to “wind up” the kick starter before you actually throw a hip out kicking it to start – not to mention working the suicide clutch. The rear suspension is in the seat, which doesn't look all that comfortable. The Duo Glide is a second bike to his Ultra, so he doesn't plan on riding it more than locally. I think he needs to start going to the gym, it looks like a work out to me.



My Heritage Softail Classic is a 2000 and I feel rather vintage with having a choke and fuel valve. After seeing this video, I appreciate the convenience of the electric start, the advances of the suspension and comfort of the seats. I do remember kick starting bikes – I had a Honda 350 in the 70s that was a kick-start – though much easier than the 1960. The Honda's seat also had to be cut in half so I could reach the ground comfortably. Now you can find most of the Harley models with a lower model or you can have the bike lowered. Seats can be changed to better fit the rider as well. Progress is good.

I marvel at how far we've come and wonder what will we see in the near and far future?

The new Road King announced recently to the Harley Owners Training (HOT) has a retro look to it and as they say “The 2017 Harley-Davidson Road King Special fuses 1950's look with a modern powertrain.” It has the new Milwaukee-Eight engine, larger wheels, bigger sweeping saddlebags and a blacked-out styling.

What will the 2037 Harley look like and what advances will we see? In my head, I'm seeing Tron-like motorcycles and motorcycle only roads. I'm hoping they retain their current appearance with some safety features not invented yet, like a bill board sized hologram saying “CAN YOU SEE ME NOW?” when a car approaches.

Last year I remember seeing a BMW video of the bike of the future – a self-balancing unit with interactive rider glasses. I wasn't too impressed, but it does look a little like the ones used in the movie Tron – glorified crotch rockers.

One day at the gym, an older woman saw my Harley shirt and asked if I rode. I told her I did and she immediately got her husband's attention and said “Harold, this young lady rides a Harley like we did!” We had a very nice discussion and they told me about their matching bikes and the trips they took. You could still see the Harley sparkle in their eyes as they talked. That was a look at my future, but hopefully I'm still able to ride – it might be a trike, but I hope to be able to ride for years to come.

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Join me in some fun this season. Have you done the ABCs of Touring yet? “Earn awesome prizes for riding, with the H.O.G. ABCs of Touring Contest.” Click below for contest rules and form to print. We can compare points at the end of the year. It looks like fun. <https://members.hog.com/website/membership/benefits/abcs-of-touring.jsp>

The form and cover to download have 2016 on them and H.O.G. is going to change so they don't have a year on them. They tell me these are good to use. The only change is how to submit photos – they want only digital now.

Did you know that you can read all the H.O.G. magazines since they started in 2009? The digital archives can be found at this link on the H.O.G. members' website.

<https://members.hog.com/website/live-to-ride/hog-magazine/magazine-archive.jsp>

I found some very interesting articles about trips taken, safety tips, information on tires, maintenance, and much more. It was fun flipping through the magazines – good, free reading the next time you are stuck in an airport.

Linda “Happy” Hapner

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OUR HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



Well, I'm keeping it short and sweet this month. We are working on revising our Mileage Contest. This will be our 6th one and we want to include more people in the contest. So there will be some changes to the prizes and requirements, as well as a simplified way to compete. Since our main goal is to **Ride** and **Have Fun**, we are taking that to heart.

See the flyer in this news letter and watch for an email blast from us, when everything is finalized. We are still shooting for March, but the email will have all of the final information.

So till then, you'll just have to wait. :)

Rides are filling in! LOH has added some rides, as well as the dealership is talking about adding rides, so keep your eye on our calendar as we get into the riding season and please remember that when you do get out there, shake off the dust and remember that your skills and timing have to get back in the swing of things. Just be a little extra careful and safe, when you start out.

See you next month...

John R Sweeney Jr. – a.k.a. Motor Mouth

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

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DAN MARCOTTE—SAFETY OFFICER

Get Your Motorcycle Ready for Riding Season



The beginning of spring marks the first time in a few months that many motorcycles have been out of the garage. Before you ride, take a close look at your ride from the ground up.

Tires – Start by checking the air pressure in both tires. Tires lose pressure slowly over time. Low tire pressure can make motorcycles hard to handle and increase wear and tear on the tires. This is a particular concern after your bike has spent a winter in the garage because air pressure decreases with colder temperatures. While you're looking at your tires, check for cracks, dry rot, or other damage, and make sure your tread is in good shape. If you left your motorcycle sitting in the same position for a while, the tires may

have developed flat spots that could cause handling problems.

Brakes – While you're down there checking your tires, take time to inspect your brake pads. Worn pads that got you through the end of last season may need replacing before you hit the road this year. Check your brake lines for cracks and leaks, and make sure that your brake fluid reservoir is full. Test your front and rear brakes separately to make sure that they work and listen for scraping or squealing noises that can indicate trouble.

Battery – If your bike has been sitting for a while, the battery may need a charge. Before you start up, check both terminals for dust, dirt, and corrosion. Make sure the terminals are clean and the cables are securely connected.

Fluids – Motorcycles need a lot of fluid to run smoothly, from oil and gas to hydraulic and brake fluids. Checking your fluids at the end of a long winter means more than just making sure all the reservoirs are full. Fluids left sitting for a couple of months may degrade, so look for changes, in color and consistency, and replace any fluid that looks dirty or different than it did when you put it in. This is a good time to check your manufacturer's suggested schedule for changing fluids. If you missed a scheduled change over the winter, now you can atone for the lapse. Remember to check your oil filter and inspect fluid lines for cracks or signs of leakage.

Controls – Try out your steering, throttle, clutch, and other controls to make sure they still work. Check cables for fraying, signs of corrosion, or damage to coverings. Check lines and hoses for cracks, cuts, or other signs of a leak. Make sure that none of your control cables or hoses are folded or kinked, and test the steering to make sure you can move freely without snagging anything.

Belts and Chains – Whether your bike has a drive belt or a drive chain, make sure it's in good shape and has the correct tension. Check your drive belt for signs of cracking or tearing, or check your drive chain for damaged teeth.

Lights – After an accident involving a car and a motorcycle, drivers often swear that they never saw a bike. Your safety depends on your ability to get drivers' attention. Make sure your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and flashers are all working and connected securely. And make sure your lenses are clean, and test both the high and low beams. Test your horn while you're at it – it could be a lifesaver.

Safety Equipment – Before you ride, check your helmet for cracks, dents, or other damage. Make sure the inner lining is clean. Try your leathers on to make sure they still fit comfortably. Pull out your emergency kit and take a quick inventory – verify that nothing is missing, expired, or broken.

Yourself – Take it easy when you first hit the road. You will be relying on skills that you may not have used for a few months, so give yourself some time to get up to speed.

Still looking for your ideas for future topics... I can be reached at safety@lakeshorehog.com

Thanks for your time and input,

Dan Marcotte

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DEALER HAPPENINGS



BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

Lake Shore Harley Davidson earned the Gold Bar and Shield Circle of Excellence Award, making them 1st in the district and 13th in the nation!

March 11th - Engine Performance Workshop - To Stage 5 and Beyond - 12:00 to 1:00 - Free Wings - Last chance to put your name in the drawing for the \$500 gift card (must be present at workshop)

March 25th - Daytona Event - Can't make it to Daytona this year? No worries! We are bringing Daytona to YOU! On Saturday the 25th, starting at 1:00, come indulge in \$1 beers, Patch'n Dan, free food (until gone), bikes, body painted gals, and more! We wouldn't be paying proper homage to Daytona unless we did what we all love, hopping on our bikes and going for a ride. Ride starts at the dealership and ends at Mickey Finns to hang out with our Lake Shore family and friends! Kickstands up at 4:30! Be there or miss out on a great time! Cheers!

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 5:00 pm
- *Sunday:* 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Look up in the sky...



What is it?



Is it a bird...



It's a plane...



It's the...



6th Annual Lake Shore H.O.G. Mileage Contest



We're making some changes/additions, so that everyone can participate and everyone can win. Details and guidelines will be sent out in about a week via an eBlast from the chapter. Ride more, win more and most importantly... HAVE MORE FUN while we RIDE...

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