



# The H.O.G. Insider

LAKE SHORE H.O.G. CHAPTER # 3522

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

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

March 10—Harley Museum Behind the Scene tour. [Click Here](#) for details. Sign up by March 3.  
March 18—Monthly breakfast meeting and annual Ice Breaker Ride. Immediately after meeting.  
March 24—LOH Pajama Party. See fliers in this issue for more details. Sign up by March 19th.  
March 25—Ride to Vickie's Place in McHenry. Kick stands up 10:30 from Dealership.

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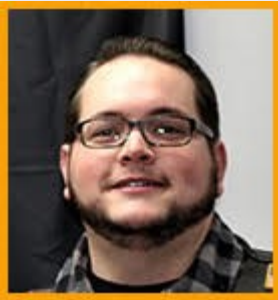


Let's Ride

CHAPTER RIDE HOT LINE 847-281-3141



## Corey Johnston – Director



Wow it is already March Y'all and you know what that means, the riding season officially begins. What a great turn out at our first chapter meeting, over 90 new and returning members. Don't forget to bring your activity cards with you to every event and ride. Have an officer initial a square and once you fill up the card return it, with your information filled out, to Anne for a new one. At the end of the year we will be drawing a winner for a fantastic prize. Mark your calendars for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride and Party on April 21<sup>st</sup>. We will soon have more information and a sign up form on the website and at the March Meeting so stay tuned.

We have a couple rides scheduled this month. So dust off those bikes, air up the tires and get out the chaps and jacket and lets Ride!

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



Hello to all My Lake Shore H.O.G. brothers and sisters. Well, February is in the books. There are only two things I like about February. 1. It's a short month and 2. Which is the best part of the month, is that it's our first Chapter meeting. What a GREAT turn out we had. It was nice to see old and new faces so let's keep it up. We had to get more chairs for everyone and rearrange things so that everyone could fit. Sorry about yelling "good morning" so loud but it did get your attention and it also rang some ears and woke some people up who had a really good time at the social that Nita Cruz put together the night before. We all had a great time. Thanks Nita. Now that my first meeting as your Assistant Director is over I won't be so nervous. So GOODBYE February and Hello March. This is the month where

I really start to get the itch to ride. The days are getting longer and the sun is getting warmer.

I have some important information for those who want to attend the 115th celebration in Milwaukee this year. Early sign up is the **7th and 8th of this month**. I'm putting a link at the bottom of this article so take advantage of it. Also it would be nice if everyone signed up for Ride 365. Whether you are in our own mileage contest or not you should register with Lake Shore Harley-Davidson service department for this ride. It's easy to do if you have your bike stored at Lake Shore. Register when you pick it up. If your bike isn't stored there and you want to go on that short ride that you're itching to do then ride there. The best part is that the contest is free.

We still have some rooms available for the Crooked Lake Journey so come on people sign up. In closing it's your Chapter. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact me. I'll do my best to answer you or help you. So let's do what we do BEST and RIDE.

Here's the link. Remember it starts at 12 A.M. on the 7th and ends at 11:59 on the 8th.

[www.hog.com/115packs](http://www.hog.com/115packs)

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## Dave Jones – Secretary

Hi, Riders!



Here we are – at the time of year when we’ve not been riding very much (if at all) and the touch of springtime (it’s MARCH, silly) gets us. If you’re like me, you’re looking out and checking the weather each morning to see if the bike can come out to play today.

It’s hard not to be on a motorcycle when it’s THE place to decompress after a hard day, week or season. Early spring is the time when I’ve lived through another Chicago winter and I start to fantasize about maybe living in another part of the country where I can ride year round. If not then maybe at least 10 or so months in comfortable weather.

When the kids were younger (college age), one of my twins went to Savannah, GA to school. My wife and I visited during spring break, and while my bike was still “up” here at home, there were a number of riders out and about there – light jackets at best. I talked with a couple of guys while waiting for my wife and daughter outside a shop, and was surprised to learn that – 1) one of the guys was from Chicago (south-side) and had moved to Savannah several years prior so he could ride a much longer season and – 2) the other guy was his friend (VISITING) from Chicago (south-side) on his friend’s dime as friend #1 was trying to talk friend #2 into moving there to join in the extended riding season. I had a good chuckle and had to walk away – because if I had heard the same argument applied to me right there, right then – well I’d have been hard pressed to refuse.

That being said..., this month we get to start again. Wheels down, shiny-side up and miles under our belts is the way to do it. 2018 looks to be a great season to ride – and I sincerely hope that you take a break from day to day stress and join us in any (or all) of the multiple opportunities to ‘decompress’ with a little bike therapy.

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

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## Ray Weimer – Treasurer

Greetings Fellow Chapter Members,



First meeting of 2018 is in the books and it was a great one. Corey did a fine job as our new director and kept the meeting lively and on point and the cast of characters that supported him did well also. That leads me to my passion about this chapter and how exciting it is when everything comes together and all of us have a fun time and look forward to the next meeting, event or ride. That’s what this chapter stuff is all about.

Talk about rides and events, when Ralph got up and shouted out everyone knew something was up and so he continued to talk about Crooked Lake, our extended weekend ride for this year. I for one can’t wait to explore the back roads of North-West Wisconsin and the Lake Superior shoreline. But before this ride gets kicked off we have our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Blessing to start out with and then our annual picnic to name a few. There is plenty to do this year with all our chapter rides and numerous other events to spend with our H.O.G. family.

So let’s get this long winter behind us and soon we will be hearing the rumble of our Harleys, which to me is music to the soul.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

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## Ladies of Harley Heather Johnston & Sammie Sweeney



Heather Johnston & Sammie Sweeney, LOH Co-Officers

## Nita Cruz—Activities Officer



March is just around the corner, won't be long and we'll be able to get the bikes out and head on down the road.

Just a friendly reminder that we have the Harley Davidson Museum "Behind the Scenes Tour" scheduled for Saturday **March 10, 2018 at 11:00AM**. (We're going to meet at the Museum) All you need to do is send me an email at [Activities@LakeShoreHog.com](mailto:Activities@LakeShoreHog.com) if you're interested in going. You don't need to send any money as we'll just pay at the Museum. 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.

I'm working on the events for the Ride to Crooked Lake and our upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. A good time will be had by all! More on both of these will be coming out soon so stay tuned!

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.

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Save the Date  
Harley Davidson Museum



Behind the Scenes Tour  
Saturday March 10, 2018  
11:00AM  
\$20.00

If you plan on attending  
RSVP Nita Cruz by  
Saturday March 3, 2018 at:  
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## Anne Weimer—Membership



Well it's hard to believe that February is already over and hopefully that means that spring is quickly approaching. It was a cold February day that brought out 76 members that signed in to see Corey do a fine job for his first official meeting as the Director of this fantastic Lake Shore Chapter. It was so good to see so many smiling faces.

The 2017 Perfect attendance awards were given to the following 12 people:

**Steve Bachner, Rick Cruz, Corey Johnston, Dave Jones, George Lang, Dan Marcotte, Bob Montgomery, Joel Pasternak, Don Robinson, Scott Sears, John Sweeney & Ray Weimer.**

Congratulations everyone!!!! Each recipient received a certificate and a free breakfast card. 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 get perfect attendance.

Please welcome our new members this month: **Lori Davis & James Maki Jr.** Please remember to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Also, we are still accepting membership applications. You can sign up at the next General Meeting on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Lambs Farm Magnolia Café. If this doesn't work for you, nothing could be easier than mailing your completed application form (which you can download from the website) along with \$24.00 annual membership fee, to me at 1502 Providence Dr., McHenry, IL 60051. We have a very exciting year planned so if you haven't renewed yet I hope you will take one of these opportunities to do so.

Just a reminder on keeping your 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)



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## John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



It was great seeing so many friendly and familiar faces at the February meeting. And a big “HOWDY” to the many new members I saw there. Welcome... Dan and I got to speak to about a dozen of you after the meeting, welcoming you and filling you in on what is happening the next couple of months. Hope to see all of our new members at our **April 8th** “New to Group Riding with Lake Shore” ride. This ride is to welcome you and answer any and all questions you may have about riding with us and to learn how we ride as a chapter. It’s informal and specifically for our new members. All of the info can be found on the calendar of our website <http://www.lakeshorehog.com>. Check it out... Lots of info, pictures, news, announcements and more...

Also for our new members, we have our own “Mileage Contest” that runs all year. It’s free and you can win money and recognition in our “H.O.G. Corner” at the dealership. Get all the info on our website under the “Chapter Events” section called [“LS Mileage Contest”](#). For our current members, if you haven’t checked in with Corey over at Lake Shore to record your mileage, please do it as soon as you can. Start counting up those miles now.

Harley has started a new program called “Ride 365”. They are trying to promote more riding individually, with the chapter and all year long. Similar to our contest, except this one is done through our dealership. So

**What is Ride 365?**

Ride 365 is The Official Mileage Recognition Program for The Official Riding Club of Harley-Davidson. Ride 365 includes the existing Lifetime Recognition and two new programs—Annual Recognition and an annual Chapter Challenge.

So [<click here>](#) to look at or download the PDF with all of the information. Then just sign-in and ride, ride, RIDE...

If you have started looking at our [<ride calendar>](#), we already have 47 rides set-up and more to come. We’ve covered every type of ride, but that is not to say we

aren’t open to more suggestions. If you have an idea for a route, destination, or event to attend, please let me know and we will do our best to get it on the calendar. We say it time and time again and it is so very true, “this is your chapter”. Let’s grow the fun together...

See you next month...

John

“It’s not the destination; it’s the journey”

Head Road Captain & Webmaster – Lake Shore H.O.G.

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## Dan Marcotte—Safety Officer



Winter is departing, and as the weather warms you're awaiting the first chance to hop on your motorcycle and go for that long awaited ride. Both your motorcycle's operational ability, and your reflexes need to be in top form to ensure a successful start to the season.

Whether you've picked up your motorcycle from its winter storage at a dealership or you've winterized your bike yourself, the following provides you a check list to ensure you're both ready. Follow this motorcycle ride ready inspection and tips to make sure you're off to the best start.

Along with the following guide, be certain to refer to your motorcycle owner's manual to best manage your motorcycle maintenance needs.

### Liquids

- Remove and thoroughly clean all the grease you've placed on the bike as anti-rust proofing over the winter. You can use gasoline for this, brake cleaner or a general motorcycle de-greasing specialty cleaner
- Check your oil level to ensure sufficient oil.
- Check your brake fluid levels front/rear. If needed, top up or change (refer to owners manual)
- Inspect coolant if applicable. If low, fill.
- Inspect gas level.

### Chain

- Inspect the tension of the chain and adjust if needed. Refer to your owners' manual.
- Check front and rear sprocket wear. Inspect points of the teeth.
- Grease your chain if needed.

### Tires

- Check the tire pressure level with your gauge; add or reduce air amounts if needed.
- Inspect tire rubber/wear level and look for objects inside the treads.

### Battery

- Hopefully your battery has been on a charger over the winter. If not it's likely dead and will need an immediate charge and test to ensure its health.
- Check the electrolyte levels if a standard battery and add distilled water if needed.
- Install the battery and ensure connections are clean.

### Brakes

- Check brake pads visibly for wear (pads may be worn down; check your owner's manual)
- Pull in the front brake lever and ensure smooth responsive application/use
- Press on rear brake lever/pedal to also ensure smooth application/use.
- Inspect brake cables for wear.

### Connectors, Bolts and Fasteners

- Check and adjust mirrors
- Inspect footrests/pegs/floor boards that bolts etc are tight and in place.
- Check license plate holder to ensure adjusted/fastened and don't forget to update your license plate sticker/registration for the New Year!
- Check the rear shock shaft and fork tubes for rust that may have accumulated during winter storage to avoid torn seals.

### Lights and Lighting Systems

- Confirm that lighting is in good working order.
- Check rear brake light by depressing the rear brake pedal (reach and hold your hand in front of the brake light to see illumination)
- Check headlight, high beam and horn.
- Test indicator/turn signals as well.

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## Riding Gear

Before you ride ensure your gear is clean and ready for the season. At the first good sign of riding weather, you don't want to rush out on a ride with an old helmet visor you can't see through.

- Clean inspect boots, buckles/fasteners and bottom soles ensuring good grip. If not, replace.
- Inspect pants for rips and/or deterioration of material.
- Inspect knee and hip protective inserts and that they will stay in place.
- Clean and inspect jacket and protectors – shoulders, elbows back. Be sure zippers etc. are not old/worn and still work.
- Clean helmet and inspect. Remember a helmet needs replacing every 3-5 years.
- Clean and inspect gloves. If material has thinned, get a new pair.

## Ride Refresher

This is often overlooked in the excitement of getting out on the road yet is extremely critical. Be certain you head to a parking lot to **refresh your skills** after a long winters' pause. It will just take a few minutes!

- Practice an emergency stop in a straight line.
- Practice push steering
- Practice a lane change and using your hand signals.
- Practice going slow
- Practice a sharp right hand turn from a stop

## Traffic Preparedness – Mental Readiness

•**Unpredictable Road Conditions.** Many riders wait until there have been a few rain showers to help clean off the roads before taking their first ride of the season. If you can't wait for the roads to get cleaned off, be aware of the hazards you may meet. Road crews typically use salt or sand to melt ice on the roads during the winter and much of it is still waiting for you in the spring. Also look out for ice hiding in the shadows and snow melt running across roads that can be extremely slippery. Corners and intersections are where you are most likely to encounter bad traction, so stay alert to avoid logging your first crash of the year.

•**Ride Defensively:** You need to be aware that other motorists haven't seen motorcycles on the road for months and they may have forgotten they share the road with you when spring comes around. During this time of year more than any other, you need to be on the look out for cars straying into your lane and turning in front of you. It's your life on the line, so take responsibility and assume they don't see you — always drive defensively.

•**Getting in Riding Shape:** It's great to be riding again and it may feel like you haven't missed a beat but your skills are not going to be as good as they were last fall. Your reaction speed and timing can be a little off and corners can sneak up on you unexpectedly. Start out with a nice easy pace and slowly blow off the cobwebs on both man and machine. The first ride isn't the time to be pushing your limits. An accident now could easily end your riding season before it's even begun.

•**Review your blocking and lane positioning tactics** including your traffic checks (looking over both shoulders after a stop etc.)

## More!

Temperature may still be cool on your first ride which includes the temperature of the road where it will take longer for your motorcycle tires as well as engine, to warm up.

- Snow melt, hidden ice and wet roads are all hazards to contend with during early spring rides. Sand and debris is common on the roads after winter's snow plows have dominated the roads. Watch for sand and grit near the edge of the road/in many sections in curves, corners (off/on ramps)
- Watch for potholes from frost damage.
- Automobilists have had quite a number of months driving without the presence of motorcycles or scooters among them. Be extra alert while they realize you too share the road and have come back out to play.

Despite all the dangers of early spring rides, there's nothing like the feeling of being back on the bike again.

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 >>](#)

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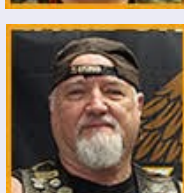
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# Journey to Crooked Lake

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,  
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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 >>