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# The H.O.G. Insider

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Month's Chapter Meeting May 21, 2017 Lambs Farm Magnolia 8:00am Breakfast Café 9:00 am General Meeting

\*Note early start time\*

A Message from the Editor

Be sure to check out our "Meet a Member" profile on Page 14 This Month's member is Ron & Julie Alghini

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Be sure to print pages 12 & 13 for next meeting

May 7— Bike Bessing. Line up @ 10am/kickstands up @ noon. @LSH-D

May 13—Wheels & Heels—12-4 @ dealership

May 19—Weekend warrior ride with dealership

May 20—Rich Foster & George Lange take us to Mr. Beefy in Fox River Grove

May 24—Dave Jones & Dan Marcotte take us to Casa de Issac in Highland Park

May 27—LOH meeting @ Roxann's house. 1 pm—picnic lunch.

May 29—Bob Montgomery & Ralph Lenzini take us to Chocolate Festival in Wisc.



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## Bob Montgomery - Director



The riding season has started. If you haven't been on a chapter ride yet, there are quite a few coming up. Check the ride schedule on <u>Lakeshorehog.com</u>.

I would like to welcome all the new chapter members. The chapter is now 236 strong. If you haven't attended one of our events, I invite you to our 28<sup>th</sup> annual Bike Blessing on **May 7**.

Recently Lynda and I had a vacation to Las Vegas. We met up with Joey Smith, a longtime member and officer of the chapter. Joey moved to Las Vegas about a year and half ago. On Sunday, I rented a Street Glide and Joey and I had a very nice ride. We left Las Vegas and headed south. We had a rest stop in Kingman, AZ. We then headed to old Route 66 and stopped for lunch in Oatman, AZ. This is an old mining town with many tourist attractions, but no gas stations. The ride there was very challenging with many twists and turns. When we rode into town, there were wandering burrows in the streets, with people feeding them. After lunch Joey said he was low of gas. I checked with a local merchant and the next gas station was 14 miles. We made it to the gas station and then headed for Laughlin, NV. We took a tour of Laughlin and then headed back to Las Vegas. It was my first ride of the year and it was very nice to visit with Joey. He said to tell everyone hello. All together we rode 300 mile, not bad for my first ride of the year.

The May chapter meeting will start at 9:00 AM (breakfast @ 8:00 AM) instead of the normal 10:00 AM at Lambs Farm for those of us to attend the Little Angels ride. We will leave Lake Shore Harley right after the meeting and head to Woodstock Harley where the Little Angels ride starts. If you have never attended, this is a very nice ride and for a great cause.

We are making progress on our H.O.G. Lounge at the dealer. We will have a blackboard put up with our rides, a television for scrolling pics of previous events, a safety and historian area, chapter products and of course a couple of places to sit back, and relax with fellow H.O.G. members.

"I KNOW IT'S MOTHER'S DAY, MAW, BUT DON'T

FLIP THE BIRD TO BIKERS THAT ARE BIGGER THAN ME AGAIN."

Charles R. (Bob) Montgomery **Director – Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter**Director@LakeShoreHOG.com

## Doug O'Keefe—Assistant Director



Hello H.O.G. nation,

What happened to spring? Feels like November out there but it will get back to normal by this weekend.

Somebody at work asked me what is this H.O.G. thing you are talking about? As I thought about how to explain it to him, I realized it's a bit more complicated than one might think. To start with, just to be a member of a local chapter you must first be a member of national H.O.G.

But this is not what H.O.G. means to all of us at Lake Shore. Around here H.O.G. means a whole lot more than just a group of people. It means the people who you ride with will do just about anything for a fellow chapter member. It means you have a whole bunch of riding friends that all ride our way all the time, every time they throw their leg over that seat. The bond that develops with riding buddies is truly a unique situation. We are family but we really aren't . Yet, it's a whole lot more than just friendship. I guess the best way I can describe it is that it is our way of life. Anyone that doesn't ride will never get it. Face it, we are all just a whole bunch of nuts that beat to a different tune.

Doug (Patsy) O'Keefe Assistant Director & Proud LSH.O.G. Member Assistantdirector@lakeshorehog.com

## Ray Weimer-Treasurer



It's May and that means Bike Blessing time! I'm sure you have already read and heard a lot about it but for me it is one of the best organized and well attended rides around and you can have your motorcycle blessed to add a little extra protection for the upcoming riding season.

So make a day of it on **May 7**<sup>th</sup> and be part of the 28<sup>th</sup> running of the Harleys to St. Paul's in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Keep your knees in the breeze,

Ray (Pockets) Weimer
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## Roxanne Casillas—Ladies of Harley



We had a couple of outings so far this year. I would like to thank Victoria for being a tour guide for our Chicago trip. It was a little chilly, but it did not rain. We saw the Bean, some huge statue that none of us could figure out who it was, the beginning of Route 66 and the Harley Store on Michigan Ave. The employees at the Harley store were very nice and helpful. Thank you to Jamie for the gift for the ladies that attended. I always wonder what the big deal was about the Bean, but when you see it, it is pretty interesting. All

in all, we had a great time.

We also went to the Antique and Flee Market at the Lake County Fair Grounds. It was nice just to get out on a sunny day and walk around, even if I did not buy anything.

Next month, we will have a meeting at my house on a Saturday, **May 27** @ 1:00. Come and relax and get to know your fellow LOH members. We will have a picnic with chicken, potato salad, etc) Please come for a relaxing afternoon and get to know your fellow LOH members. You may also bring your bathing suits for the hot tub.

I hope everyone has a great spring and see you all at the Bike Blessing.



Roxann Casillas **Ladies of Harley**<u>LOH@LakeshoreHOG.com</u>

## **Corey Johnston—Activities Officer**



Here's hoping that all of these April showers bring May flowers and more importantly clear weather and an enjoyable riding season.

We are in the process of planning the chapter picnic (July 16) so look for more information to come. We will begin signing you up for the picnic at the May meeting. As we have done in the past we will ask for \$10 per attendee. This money will be given back to you on the day of the picnic if you attend. This allows us to get a better head count so we have plenty of food and fun for everyone!

I hope to see all of you at the Bike Blessing on **May 7** at 10 am at Lakeshore. Come out and start the season off right. Until next time ride safe and enjoy the road.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston "Listen to the wind, it talks..." Activities Officer Activities@lakeshorehog.com

## Manny Casillas—Photographer/Teddy Bear Drive



Looking through the lens I see a lot of people riding and enjoying the nice weather that we have had.

On your next bike ride stop by Lake Shore and check out the new "Teddy Bear/Hot Wheel" bin. Special thanks to Rick Cruz for building our new bin. He did a great job. Let's see how fast we can fill it up with new teddy bears or Hot Wheel cars. There are also donation contain-

ers in the Motor Clothes & Parts and Service departments and we can also accept donations at the chapter meetings. A little change from all of us will help make a big change in a child's life.

Hope to see all of you at the Bike Blessing.

The next picture I take may be of you, so show me your best smile. Ride on and be safe!

Manuel Casillas **Photographer**<u>Photographer@LakeShoreHOG.com</u>





## Anne Weimer-Membership



Calling all members believe it or not the Bike Blessing is here. I hope that you all are planning on attending. If you have never been you are really missing a wonderful event so I urge you to put it on your schedule for Sunday **May 7**<sup>th</sup> at Lake Shore Harley Davidson, kick stands up at 12 noon.

Welcome to the Lake Shore H.O.G. family to our newest members I hope you will all come out to the meetings, the many activities and the awesome rides that we have planned for the year.

Reminder: if you let your National H.O.G. membership expire, your membership with Lake Shore is inactivated until you renew your national membership. In addi-

tion if you would attend one of our rides you will be required to fill out another release form. Renewal can be accomplished easily by logging onto <a href="https://www.hog.com">www.hog.com</a>

I hope to see all of you at our **May 21st** meeting. Special Note: reminder the breakfast starts at 8:00 am and the meeting starts at 9:00 am. This is to allow for a timely arrival in Woodstock for anyone going on the after meeting ride to Little Angels.

Anne Weimer – aka "Flash"

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

Russ Freeman Andrea Minogue David Tapia Tapia

## Linda Hapner—Historian



It may be because I'm a relatively new rider compared to other chapter members, but I wear a helmet 99.99% of the time. I think last year, I may have ridden short miles in the heat without a helmet – I remember it felt so "naughty". My guardian angel protected me when I had an accident last year – I was wearing a helmet, but I don't believe I ever hit my head. I wish I had kept my jacket on though – I had stopped 15 minutes earlier and took off my jacket due to the heat. If I had dressed "for the slide" and not the ride, my arm would have only

been bruised. (Full disclosure, I do not wear a helmet when riding my bicycle.)

I was poking around on the AllState motorcycle rider website recently and found some history on helmets that I thought I would share. Here is the link to the source: <a href="https://www.allstateridernews.com/bike/evolution-history-modern-motorcycle-helmet">https://www.allstateridernews.com/bike/evolution-history-modern-motorcycle-helmet</a>

"Motorcycle helmets manufactured in the early part of the twentieth century seemed to focus more on style than safety. Often made of leather, they were thin and soft, not providing much protection from impact. Advertisements touted their ability to keep hair from getting dusty or grimy over any true safety features.

In the 1960s, helmets made with fiberglass shells and cork lining became popular, and offered a bit more protection than their predecessors. These helmets, while they did offer protection around the head, did not have any parts that wrapped around the face, any faceplates, or any eye shields. This still left motorcycle riders vulnerable to face and head injury from frontal impact.

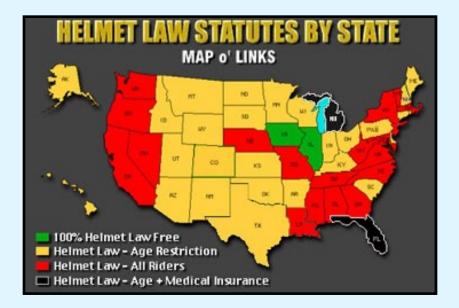
It wasn't until the mid-1970s that facial protection was added to motorcycle helmets, and became popular. This was due in large part to motorcycle and car racers like Kenny Roberts and Mario Andretti, respectively, wearing them in race events, and touting the helmets' increased safety.

**In 1981**, the same company that designed the Porsche 911 also designed and manufactured a motorcycle helmet. It came in a fiery red, and advertisements pointed out how its aerodynamic design diminished drag better than other, more traditionally shaped helmets.

**Today's motorcycle helmets** have the added benefits of science and government safety standards. Their construction is more advanced than ever, using the strongest and most shock-absorbing materials to protect the wearer from impact and head injury. Most contemporary motorcycle helmets are full-face, and include a visor to protect the eyes as well.

The U.S. Government has established standards with which motorcycle helmet manufacturers must comply, and which increase the likelihood of helmets saving riders' lives in the event of motorcycle crashes. Helmets that comply with government safety standards have labels affixed at the time of purchase to let riders make informed buying decisions."

In Illinois, we have the luxury of choice with no laws regarding helmets. If you travel out of state, however, you should check the law. Here is a state table from <a href="http://www.bikersrights.com/states/50state.html">http://www.bikersrights.com/states/50state.html</a>



I will close with a posting I saw today on Face Book. This picture was posted with the notation that this helmet saved his life and his good looks. I have to agree.



Still Riding Like I Stole It
Linda "Happy" Hapner
Historian
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## John Sweeney, Jr. HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

So far, we have had an excellent sign-up for the "Mileage Contest", but I'm still missing some regulars and we are getting new members every month. So stop by the service department at Lake Shore or see me at a meeting, on a ride or at a dealer event and we'll get you checked in.

Next Sunday, **May 7th** I hope to see many of you at our Bike Blessing. We are in our 28th year and it gets better every year. A fully blocked ride all the way to St. Paul's, thanks to the help of the Lake County Sheriffs Department. Refreshments and pins are available at the church. For those that will be volunteering to help that day, you are welcome to join us at Lamb's Farm at 8:00am. We always gather there for breakfast, before the day starts. Please remember that though you'll be getting over to the dealership around 8:45 or 9:00 after breakfast, there won't be any thing to do for while, so please be patient. Things will start to pick up around 9:30 to 10:00.

We always talk about getting more participation on our rides, getting members to try different types of rides and what better way to get to know your chapter brothers and sisters, then on a ride. With that in mind the chapter is sponsoring a new incentive to help promote more participation on our rides and help everyone make more friendships. For this riding season, we are going to be giving away a \$15 gas card on one or two of our rides each month (chosen completely at random). How you can win the card will be up to the Road Captain for that ride. Last month on our Welcome New Members ride lead by Woody and Doug O'Keefe, they had the participants draw cards from a deck and the highest card won. How you can win will vary and which rides they will occur on will be a mystery. So the more rides you go on, the better your chance of winning. So get out there and ride and have fun and the chapter just might buy you a tank of gas...;—)

As in past years, our May breakfast and meeting will be an hour early and the meeting is normally shorter. Then we'll be heading over to Woodstock HD for the Little Angels Run. Even if you are not going to do the actual run, you can definitely join us for the ride over there.

And please remember that we welcome any and all suggestions for a destination or event that you would like to see us plan a ride to. We plan these rides for the members, so your input is always welcome and encouraged.

See you next month...

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

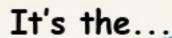
## Look up in the sky...



What is it?



Is it a bird...





It's a plane...



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

OKAY... Our mileage contest is officially on.

Stop by Lake Shore anytime in the service department and sign-up or come see John Sweeney and check in that bike. Then ride, ride, ride and we'll see who wins.

# 28th Annual Bike Blessing Sunday, May 7th, 2017

Come ride with your fellow motorcycle riders and have your bike blessed

Staging at 10am
Ride leaves at Noon Sharp
Lake Shore
Harley Davidson
14000 Rockland Road
Libertyville, Illinois
Phone: (847) 662-4500
Destination:
St Paul's Lutheran Church
8760 37th Ave
Kenosha, WI 53142

(262) 694-3101



For more Information call:

Bob Montgomery (847) 571- 3593 John Sweeney (847) 651- 4469

Event Patch \$5 Year Rocker \$3

Hundreds of bikes participate every year, an excellent way to start a new riding season.

ALL BIKES ARE WELCOME -----

After Entering Positively NO line hopping - NO favorites (All Participants MUST sign a waiver)

## DAN MARCOTTE—SAFETY OFFICER

Let's test your knowledge of safety on a motorcycle.

How many test questions can you answer from the Motorcycle Knowledge Test? Answers will be shared at the next HOG meeting. Passing Grades will receive an extra initial on the Activities Card (must print out questions with answers and bring to the meeting).

#### 1. A plastic, shatter-resistant face shield:

a) is not necessary if you have a windshield, b) only protects your eyes, c) helps protect your whole face, or d) does not protect your face as well as goggles

#### 2. More than half of all crashes:

- a) occur at speeds greater than 35 mph, b) happen at night, c) are caused by worn tires, or
- d) involve riders who have ridden their motorcycle less than six months.

#### 3. When riding you should:

a) turn your head and shoulders, b) keep your arms straight, c) keep your knees away from the gas tank, or d) turn just your head and eyes to look where you are going.

#### 4. Usually, a good way to handle tailgaters is to:

a) change lanes and let them pass, b) use your horn and make obscene gestures, c) speed up to put distance between you and the tailgater, or d) ignore them

#### 5. To reduce your reaction time, you should:

a) ride slower than the speed limit, b) cover the clutch and brakes, c) shift into neutral when slowing, or d) pull the clutch when turning

#### 6. Making eye contact with other drivers:

a) is a good sign they see you, b) is not worth the effort it takes, c) does not mean the other driver will yield, or d) guarantees that the other driver will yield to you

#### 7. Reflective clothing should:

a) be worn at night, b) be worn during the day, c) not be worn, or d) be worn day and night

#### 8. The best way to stop quickly is to:

a) use the front brake only, b) use the rear brake first, c) throttle down and use the front brake, or d) use both brakes simultaneously

#### 9. When it starts raining it is usually best to:

a) ride in the center lane, b) pull off to the side until the rain stops, c) ride in the tire tracks left by cars, or d) increase your speed

#### 10. If your motorcycle starts to wobble you should:

a) accelerate out of the wobble, b) use the brake gradually, c) grip the handlebars firmly and close the throttle gradually, or d) downshift

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#### 11. If you are chased by a dog, you should:

a) kick it away, b) stop until the animal loses interest, c) swerve around the animal, or d) approach the animal slowly, then speed up

#### 12. Passengers should:

a) lean as you lean, b) hold on to the motorcycle seat, c) sit as far back as possible, or d) never hold on to you

#### 13. When riding in a group, in-experienced riders should position themselves:

a) just behind the leader, b) in front of the group, c) at the tail end of the group, or d) beside the leader

#### 14. If you wait an hour for each drink before riding:

a) you cannot be arrested for drinking and driving, b) your riding skills will not be affected, c) effects from drinking may still remain, or d) you will be okay as long as you ride slowly

#### 15. It is most important to flash your brake light when:

a) someone is following too closely, b) you will be slowing suddenly, c) there is a stop sign ahead, or d) your signals are not working

#### 16. The front brake supplies how much of the potential stopping power?

a) about one-quarter, b) about one-half, c) about three-quarters, or d) all of the stopping power

#### 17. To swerve correctly:

a) shift your weight quickly, b) turn the handlebars quickly, c) press the handlegrip in the direction of the turn, or d) press the handlegrip in the opposite direction of the turn

#### 18. What is the best way to stay out of trouble while riding a motorcycle?

a) to see it coming by looking well ahead, b) by avoiding high density traffic areas, or c) by increasing the following distance between your motorcycle and the vehicle in front of you.

#### 19. A primary cause of single vehicle motorcycle collisions is:

a) motorcyclists' tendency to drive too fast for weather conditions, b) motorcyclists running wide in a curve or turn and colliding with the roadway or a fixed object, or c) motorcyclists running off the road while trying to avoid a collision with another vehicle.

#### 20. You should operate the engine cut-off switch and pull in the clutch when:

a) the throttle is stuck and you can't free it, b) you start to lose control is a curve, or c) the motorcycle starts to wobble.

\*Remember...print out page 12 & 13 and bring your answers to the next meeting\*

Dan Marcotte
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### Meet a Member

# May member profile Ron & Julie Alghini



Ron and Julie have been married for 10 years. Their family is made up of Julie's two kids, Megan and Jonathan and their two furbabies—Chompie Bear (bulldog) and Giada (Staffordshire bull terrier).

Ron grew up on the southwest side of Chicago. He has lived in Northbrook, New Jersey and Lake Forest. Currently Ron and Julie live in Round Lake Beach. Ron's biggest passion and de-stresser is cooking. We've all seen the pictures on FB as we were drooling.

They joined the Lake Shore H.O.G. chapter in 2012. Steve Bachner—also a member encouraged them to join. To Ron and Julie, the chapter is like a second family.

Ron has been riding for 35 years and Julie joined him about 7 years ago. Having a Harley has always been on Ron's bucket list. His first bike was a 1982 Honda V75 Magna. He moved on to a 2001 Dyna Super Glide T-Sport then a 2005 Road King Classic. Currently they ride a 2014 Harley Ultra Classic. Looks like you can mark owning a Harley off your bucket list Ron.

Their first long motorcycle trip was also their most memorable. It was Beach Bash IV. Experiencing 3 different weather seasons in one day in the end of July would certainly make it memorable. It was a weekend trip with LS H.O.G. and they went through rain, hail sunshine and rainbows!!

Being part of the Lake Shore H.O.G. family makes Ron and Julie very happy.



Thank you to Ron and Julie for sharing with us. I love getting to know our LSH.O.G. family better. I'd like to note that every time a member tells me about a ride before my time they always bring up Beach Bash. Hmmm seems Ralph & I missed a great time.

I'd love to get to know more of you. Please contact me at <a href="editor@lakeshorehog.com">editor@lakeshorehog.com</a> if you would like me to tell your story. It's easy....answer a few questions and I'll take it from there. We all love to hear other member's experiences.

## **DEALER HAPPENINGS**



#### May 7

Meet up with your fellow bikers at Lake Shore Harley-Davidson for a ride to St. Paul's Lutheran Church to have your bike blessed! Line up starts at 10am / Ride leaves at noon from LSH-D to St. Paul's church in Kenosha—8760 37TH AVE. KENOSHA. WI 53142 Year Rocker: \$3 Patch: \$5







#### May 13

12:00 to 4:00 Lake Shore Harley-Davidson has joined on as a #2017MissMotoblot pin-up contest sponsor! see link for more details: http://motoblot.com/wheels-heels/

#### **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 6:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**May 19th**, kickstands up at 6pm for a ride to Great Lakes Dragway for real street drag races. The party doesn't end there! We are going to head into Racine, park the bikes at the hotel, and head over to a local hangout! Come on out and hang with the Lake Shore gang for the evening. Be ready though, we will be up and moving the next day for AMA races back at the Dragway.

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