

The H.O.G. Insider

CHAPTER LAKE SHORE H . O . G .

> This month's breakfast & meeting: Sunday, May 20, 2018 Lamb's Farm Magnolia Café 9:00 Breakfast—10:00 Meeting

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

May 5—New to group riding with Lake Shore—Kickstands up @ 11:00am from dealership.

May 6—29th Annual Bike Blessing—Lineup starts @ 10:00am, Kickstands up @ Noon from dealership.

May 12—Nicko's Red Mill Inn—Kickstands up @ 10:30am from dealership. May 19—Off to Gus' Diner—Kickstans up @ 10:30am from dealership.

May 20—Monthly Chapter Breakfast/Meeting @ Lamb's Farm—After Ride to be determined.

May 26—Nick's Gnarly Run—Kickstands up @ 10:00am from dealership.

May 27—Starved Rock—Ottawa, IL—Kickstands up @ 9:00am from dealership.

May 31—Weekday Wanderings Dinner Club—Kickstands up @ 7:00pm from dealership.

Be sure to check out <u>Lake Shore Harley's</u> facebook events page for their list of rides & events

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Corey Johnston - Director



Wow what a great official start to our 30th riding season as a chapter! On Saturday April 21st 40 members gathered for donuts and coffee at the dealership where we were joined by our regional H.O.G. Director Thor Robinson! 20 bikes including Thor and his H.O.G. coworker enjoyed an hour and a half ride through Lake County and Wisconsin ending at Bertrand's Bowl in Waukegan. We met up with a number of H.O.G. brothers and sisters to enjoy pizza, bowling and prizes for all. I think everyone greatly enjoyed themselves. A big thanks to all who came out and especially all that planned the event.

Don't forget our annual bike blessing on **May 6, 2018**. Lineup will begin at 10am at Lake Shore Harley. As always the day promises to be a great time and a

wonderful traditional way to start off a safe season. So don't miss the fun, and please remember to bring canned goods for the food drive.

With riding season under way don't forget to check out the ride calendar on the Lake Shore H.O.G. webpage or at the dealership. I am sure you will find plenty of rides to enjoy with friends. Due to the cancelation of the Little Angels ride our May meeting will be at normal time- 9am breakfast followed by a 10am meeting. I can't wait to see you all at our many wonderful upcoming events!

Until next time enjoy the road.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston "Listen to the wind, it talks..." Director/RC director@lakeshorehog.com

Ray Weimer-Treasurer

Greeting Fellow Chapter Members,



I think spring has finally made up its mind to stay around a little bit. These last few weeks have been really tough for us bikers who just want to get out and ride. Speaking of riding, I was able to get in a nice ride a couple of weekends ago and broke the 1,000-mile goal on the new bike and now we can get it serviced and ready for the upcoming riding season. Nothing like buying a bike in the late fall and having it just sit there with no place to go because we live with snow and salt all around; but at least we had time to add all those little extras you think you need but probably not but you get them anyway, the Harley lifestyle.

So, have you been busy getting all your travel plans made this summer with all the trips you are going to be taking? Well the first trip should be to our 29th an-

nual bike blessing on **May** 6th to start the season off right with a little extra help from the man up above. We could all use all the help we can get. Then you can start packing those tour packs and heading out of town for all the great roads and sights this beautiful country of ours has to offer, and maybe win our mileage contest in the process.

Now it's time to saddle up and enjoy those Harley's wherever they may take you. RIDE AND HAVE FUN!

Keep your knees in the breeze,

Ray (Pockets) Weimer **Treasurer** <u>Treasurer@LakeShoreHOG.com</u>

Ralph Lenzini—Assistant Director



Well looks like Mother Nature (Chicago Weather) is finally going to let us ride. With that said we got two rides on the books. The first being our 30th anniversary spring event. Sorry I missed it but my Boss is and As* (that would be me). From what I heard we had a very nice turn out. Thank you Nita and all of the Road Captains and everyone else that made it possible. Corey finally got his ride in to Vickies place. And as I'm typing this Dave should be leading a group to Burt's Place for Week Day Wanderings, and hopefully Manny gets a good turn out to Buffos. Well here it is May and you know that means it's Lake Shore H.O.G.'s Bike Blessing and what a way to really start the riding season. I've been attending this event for the past 12 years or so, mostly as a citizen(non-Chapter Member). Before I

joined this group of crazies I thought the dealership ran this event. Boy was I wrong. I didn't realize that this was a Lake Shore H.O.G. event until my wife and I joined this group. Then we heard about the Teddy Bears, and all of the rides the Road Captains put together. But one of the best parts is the support and help we do for each other. So this isn't about Ride 365, Harley's 115th, or H.O.G.'s 35th. It's about us... Lake Shore H.O.G. We all have the same thing in common - we ride. Thank You Lake Shore H.O.G. See you all on the **6th of May.**

Till next month Chase all the Sunsets you can

Ralph "yoyo" Lenzini Let's Ride Assistant Director/RC Assistantdirector@lakeshorehog.com

Dave Jones-Secretary

Hi, Riders!



A couple of weeks ago, I went to bed and had the WORST nightmare. I dreamed that I'd been stuffed in a metal barrel with a dozen sharp, baseball sized rocks and rolled down a steep, rocky mountainside. Turns out, I developed the flu that this year's shot wasn't designed for. What a fun couple of days (weeks). Following that, I traveled to Florida – and was so out of sorts, I basically laid around by the pool / beach most of each day. Without the interest or energy to even rent a scoot for a bit of running around. Then I got back here mid April – to SNOW and FREEZ-ING weather. Talk about depression.

But, along came some fair weather. A nice outing for our 30th and another nice ride to get ready for our first Weeknight Wandering Dinner Ride and all of a sudden, things look a lot better. Cycle Therapy. Works for me, and I know it'll work for you. Get out and ride, people! Bike Blessing coming up quickly. Other rides on the schedule – take advantage, join some LS H.O.G. friends and hit the road. See you soon!

Remember

Ride out. Ride Home. Every Time!

Dave Jones Secretary / RC <u>Secretary@lakeshorehog.com</u>

Ladies of Harley Heather Johnston & Sammie Sweeney

Hello folks,



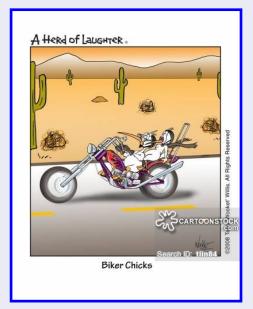
After many requests, we are bringing back our **Progressive Dinner Ride**.

When you say? **June 23rd.**And what time? **1:00pm**.
How much you ask? **\$17.00 per person**.



Tickets go on sale at our May meeting. The maximum for this ride is 30 people so sign-up as soon as you can. The deadline for sign-up is our June meeting. This event is a rain or shine event.

More information will be available at the May meeting, as well as on our LOH page on our website http://lakeshorehog.com/



Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire Heather Johnston LOH Co-Chair LOH heather@lakeshorehog.com

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Nita Cruz—Activities Officer



April was a bit tough with the cold weather and although we did get to ride for the 30th anniversary event ending up at Bertrand's for some great bowling, pizza, soft drinks and prizes! Any big winners??? We had Todd "THOR" Robinson our H.O.G. Regional Manager and his friend Paul riding with us to help celebrate our 30th. Thanks to John Sweeney, Scott Sears, Corey Johnston and Doug Wrobel for leading and sweeping the ride.

The next event will be our annual picnic **Sunday July 15th**. Don't forget to get your activities card signed when you participate in one of our many chapter events.

We continue to get the food and fun dialed in for the Ride to Crooked Lake. More information-will be coming soon.

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.



Nita Cruz Aka The Silver Streak Activities Officer Activities@lakeshorehog.com



Anne Weimer-Membership



I hope that everyone is planning on attending the Bike Blessing. 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 6**th at Lake Shore Harley Davidson, kick stands up at 12 noon.

New or renewing members this month are: Jose Delgado, Bruce & Nona Lisitza, Ron McLaughlin, Steve Mosias, David Smith, Mike Walsh & Diana Yarmoska. Please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome; remember we were all new at one time. We hope that you will all come and join us for meetings, rides, activities and

lotsa fun!!!

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 addition 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 www.hog.com



Anne Weimer aka "Flash" **Membership Officer/Volunteer Coordinator** <u>Membership@lakeshorehog.com</u>

John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Howdy Lake Shore H.O.G.,



Kory over at Lake Shore asked me to clarify something with all of our members. When you go into the dealership to check in your bike for the mileage contest, PLEASE tell Kory if you are doing the Ride 365, our Chapter Mileage Contest or both. He doesn't know all of our members and also, he doesn't want to assume your preference. So again, please be sure to tell him which contest you want to participate in. One or the other or both...For our contest, he'll fill out our entry form, for the Ride365 it is entered from the computer on Harley's website.

Well, we finally had a spring weekend and were able to have both of our scheduled rides. First we had the ride from the dealer to our 30th Anniversary Chapter Party (which by the way was great. Thanks Nita). We had the pleasure of having our Regional Manager, Todd "Thor" Robinson and his guest on our ride to the bowling alley. He is always fun to be around and great at answering our many questions about H.O.G. Then Corey was finally able to have his ride to Vicki's, since it got cancelled due to rain earlier this month. All in all, a very nice weekend and it was great to get out and ride with our brothers and sisters. Woohoo...

We have more rides scheduled for May, but our main events have always been our 29th Annual Bike Blessing and the Little Angels Ride. Unfortunately, The Little Angels ride has been cancelled this year. Those that would like to join us for breakfast the day of our bike blessing, we will be at Lamb's Farm at 8:00am on May 6th. If you want to volunteer, please remember that after breakfast, there won't be much to do till about 9:30 or 10:00am. If you want to help out in the parking lot, please see me. If you want to help inside or getting people signed-up or sell our rockers, please see Anne Weimer. This is our biggest event of the year and always fun, so don't miss it. Unfortunately, there will be no Little Angels Ride this year. After the dissolution of EAO and new ownership of Little Angels in Elgin by Markland, they wanted to change things, so after 30 years of one of the most successful charity rides in this area, it is finished, as we've known it. Hopefully a reorganized version will start up again next year. So this year are meeting will be at the normal starting time and we will have a after meeting chapter ride, so watch the calendar for more information.

See you next month!

John

"It's not the destination; it's the journey" Head Road Captain & Webmaster – Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter HeadRoadCaptain@lakeshorehog.com

Dan Marcotte—Safety Officer



SPRING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

After a rough winter, most motorcyclists are looking forward to breaking out their hogs and going for a ride. Spring is one of the best riding seasons, but it can come with its own set of dangers as well. Between poor road conditions, more motorcycles out and about and a wet season, springtime can make the chance of getting into an accident significantly greater.

Oh, the weather outside is ...

Spring weather is notoriously unpredictable, with temperatures all over the place and storms appearing suddenly. Remember that old saying before heading out for a ride in the spring, "April showers bring May flowers." Even past April, spring rainstorms can make roads slick and potentially dangerous for motorcycles.

If your thinking about heading our for a ride, take a look at the weather forecast before you get too far from home. If it starts to rain while you're out, you might want to consider getting to someplace dry and waiting it out. Spring showers are common and can be brief, with sunshine immediately following; however, roads are slickest right after rain falls, so riders should be wary of heading out right after a storm.

Birds of a feather flock together.

If you've been itching to get back on the road, you're not alone. Spring is one of the most popular seasons for motorcyclists, meaning there will be more of them along U.S. highways and roads and the risk of getting into an accident is higher. As a result, May has been deemed as the official Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month by many insurance providers in an effort to promote safe riding practices. With more riders out there, it's important that all bike owners invest in motorcycle insurance with full coverage in case of an accident.

Road conditions

Another major and potentially harmful obstacle to motorcyclists is potholes. After such a brutal winter, potholes have become one of the biggest issues cities face this spring and pose a huge threat to both bikers and car owners. Motorcycles are very susceptible to potholes and cracks in the road, which could cause a rider to lose control if they hit one. To avoid injuring yourself or your motorcycle, stay alert while riding and be on the lookout for any potholes in the road.

The best thing to do if you spot a pothole or disruption in the road is to avoid it. If you are unable to avoid it, the next best act is to slow down when approaching it. In either instance, it's important that you don't come to screeching halt or swerve too quickly, as you could end up damaging your front-end suspension, losing control of your bike or hitting another vehicle.

Riding safely

Of course, no one should get behind the wheel of a car or on the seat of their motorcycle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Motorcyclists should remember that riding under the influence is illegal and greatly increases the risk of getting into a fatal accident. On the road, bikers should always wear protective gear, including a helmet, boots, gloves, and warm leather layers.

So let me hear from you. Thanks for your time and input,

Dan Marcotte
Safety Officer/Road Captain
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ake Shore H.O.G. Chapter #3522 29th Annual Bike Blessing Sunday, May 6th, 2018

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



Corey Johnston (217) 259-3112 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)



MAY 6, 2018 FOOD & HOUSEHOLD GOODS DRIVE

Benefiting COOL Ministries Food Pantry

The Lake County Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff's Unit is collecting nonperishable food and household items to benefit COOL Ministries food pantry. Items will be collected during Lake Shore Harley Owners Group's 'Blessing of the Bikes' ride event. Head out to help the community and meet members of the Auxiliary Deputy Unit and support Lake Shore HOG and other local riders before they kick off this riding season.



WHEN:

May 6, 2018

10am

WHERE:

Lake Shore Harley
Davidson

14000 W Rockland Rd. Libertyville

Go to coolministries.org for a list of needed items

ORGANIZATION WEBSITES

<u>Lake County Auxiliary Deputy</u> <u>Unit</u> –

Auxiliarydeputy.com

Lake Shore H.O.G -

Lakeshorehog.com

Lake Shore Harley -

Lakeshoreharley.com

COOL Ministries -

Coolministries.org





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



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.

Store Hours

- MON—FRI 10AM-7PM
- SATURDAY: 10AM 6PM
- SUNDAY: 10AM 5PM

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