

# The H.O.G. Insider

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## This Month's Chapter Meeting

Sunday

October 15, 2017

9:00am Breakfast

10:00 am General Meeting

Fall Event after meeting @ dealer

See page 8 for details

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### A Message from the Editor

This month's message is about getting involved with the workings of the chapter. It was the smartest thing I've done. Being one of the discretionary officers made me meet and interact with people and I have truly built some great relationships. That happened because I got involved and interacted with these people more than I would have by just showing up at rides. If you think you want to help out the chapter in a discretionary role, talk to an officer and let them know which position you'd like to take a shot at.

You won't regret it.

10/8—A casual friends' ride—Pancake Breakfast @ 10:00am—HP Firehouse—after ride @ 11am

10/14—Corey's Surprise— Kickstands up @ 9:30am @ Lake Shore

10/15—Breakfast meeting & Fall Event

10/18—Wednesday Wanderings to Frankie D's Pizza in Kenosha—Kickstands up @ 7pm @ dealer

10/21—Noble House in Geneva, IL—Kickstands up @ 10am—leaving from BP @ 22 & Milwaukee

10/22—Fall Color Ride thru Southern Wisconsin—Kickstands up @ 10:30am—leaving from dealer

10/28—Halloween Tour of Chicago—Kickstands up @ 8pm—leaving from Ruby Tuesday parking lot W of Old Orchard

10/29—Pistols, Bikes, & Twisties II—Kickstands up @ 8am—leaving from McDonald's @ 176 @ River Road

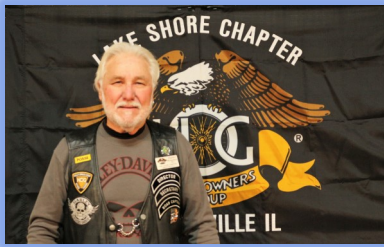


# Let's Ride

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## Bob Montgomery – Director



As I write this, it the first day of fall with record temperatures. I was out riding last night and when I got home at 10:15 it was 77 degrees. With that said there is still a lot of riding to be done this year. Check the website calendar.

Don't forget at the October meeting there will be nominations for the four primary officer positions. At the September chapter meeting I announced that I will not be interested in the Director position next year. I have served 2 years and feel it is now time for someone to take the reins for the chapter. If there is more than one person nominated for a primary office position, the elections will be at the November meeting.

At the October meeting John will be checking-in bikes for the mileage contest. I'm sure John will have more to say about that in this newsletter article.

This year's Fall Event will be after the October chapter meeting at the dealership. The last couple years we have had a Scavenger Hunt and everyone had fun with it. This year Corey has some fun games for us to test our skills. Hope to see you there.

The Teddy Bears collected for our DCFS fund raiser are coming in nicely, but we will not break last year's totals (2890 stuffed animals & 720 Hot Wheel Cars). One of the reasons is that this year all the stuff animals and Hot Wheel Cars that we donate will all be new.



As always, ride and drive safe,

Charles R. (Bob) Montgomery  
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## Doug O'Keefe—Assistant Director

.Morning H.O.G.s



No need to get all bummed out about that impending changing of the season, cause we are right now at the best time of year to ride in our little corner of the world. Head out towards the Mississippi river for a great fall ride. Take a day and head up to Holy Hill. The view in the fall will blow you away. Take a spin on our own lakefront. Ride up to Illinois Beach resort for a great Sunday brunch. While you're there you might as well book your room for the holiday party.

Doesn't matter where you ride just get out and do it. At this point in the year, if you keep putting off a great day of riding, then the next thing you know you will be counting down the days to the bike blessing (210). I can't even begin to deal with that number. So the only thing we can do is ride till you can't stand that open part of your chaps any more. That's At least 60 days away.. that brings the blessing number down to a manageable 150 . This must be that new math, or I'm already starting to lose it.

You know what we need guys? We need a big time winter thing to do. So at next month's meeting lets hear some ideas like maybe a chapter trip to Vegas or a mini cruise on a weekend . You guys get the idea. So give it a thought or two and lets talk about it at the chapter meeting. I'm thinking a supper club weekend.

This is our chapter. It's time to get this party started LAKESHORE H.O.G. STYLE.!

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## Ray Weimer—Treasurer

Greetings Fellow Chapter Members,



Wow burning up with 90 degree temperatures at the end of September, what's going on with this weather lately? I was just thinking about all the great riding we can do in the fall and hopefully that will still happen but maybe on a little different level with Mother Nature calling all the shots. Fall is such a great time to be on a Harley twisting that throttle on some nice gentle curving roads in beautiful forests with the tress changing all around you. If that doesn't put a smile on your face you might have a serious problem. Of course fall is the time with all those little creatures in the forests running around and getting ready for winter. Be careful and be on the look-out all the time, which is how we should be riding all the time anyway.

Thinking of some great fall rides brings to memory riding the Mississippi up to La Crosse or spending time way up in northern Wisconsin in the Nicolet National forest to name a few. As I said earlier some of the best riding of the year is going on right now. Are you ready to take advantage of it? I know I'm getting out the maps and taking advantage of the often missed side roads away from the normal routes and experiencing all the beauty this area has to offer.

On another note this month is nominations for the primary positions for 2018. If you have any desire to fulfill one of these positions or any of the other discretionary positions please talk with any of the officers for more information before the October meeting, it's a great way to be more involved with your chapter. And to all of those that get nominated, good luck!

Till next time, ride safe and keep a watchful eye out for our little or big forest friends.

Keep your knees in the breeze,  
Ray (Pockets) Weimer  
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## Dave Jones – Secretary



In a few weeks (months?), at the close of this riding season, I will have officially been riding for 50 years. Half a century! With this year's Baby Butt 500 in the books, and the 12 hardy souls who braved the heat and finished the miles all home safe and sound, I thought it's a good time for a bit of reflection. Stories are the best when shared with friends who can relate!

When I started riding – it was even money as to my life expectancy. I remember being so careful, sneaking out after everyone was asleep, meeting up with a couple of friends and sharing the riding / driving on an old Honda (360?) where we were 3-Up on the long seat and have a grand time on the trails around my house in Virginia. We'd turn the bike off about a mile from home, push it to one of our garages and tip-toe into our respective homes. I'd sneak up the stairs, avoiding the squeaky ones, and head to my bedroom. From the darkened room where my mom and dad slept, came the soft call, "Welcome home. Did you have a good time" as only moms can say it. I was shot through and frozen.

"Yes, I did."

"We'll talk in the morning. Good night".

Dead. I was. Until next time...

Things have gotten better. My wife can track my phone to know where I am and if I'm still moving. Not a bad thing since she stopped riding years ago and worries. I'm comfortable with her being able to check on me, as I do not answer my phone on the bike. I do know she's called, and return her call when I stop during the ride – but she doesn't do that very often as long as she sees me getting the miles in.

Hope it's for about 25 more years before I give up the two-wheeled open roads. Until then, Stacey, keep on tracking!!

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

Dave Jones, Secretary / RC

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## Anne Weimer—Membership



Welcome fall, well at least that is what the calendar says but I think Mother Nature is saying summer heat!!! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the wonderful September weather we have been having. With October beginning, there are still plenty of rides on the schedule so get out there and enjoy while this weather continues to cooperate. Speaking of fall, we are having our Fall Event after the October meeting. October's meeting is on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Magnolia Café at Lambs Farm. Breakfast begins at 9:00 am and the meeting starts at 10:00 am. The Fall Event follows the meeting, across the street at our Dealership. Hope to see everyone there.

Our membership continues to grow, we are now up to 262 members. September added 2 more new members: Rick Graham & Kurt Szempruch. Welcome to the Chapter. Our motto is to "ride and have fun" so don't forget to check the ride schedule to see what is new.

Once again my monthly 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](http://www.hog.com)

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

**Rick Graham**

**Kurt Szempruch**



## Roxanne Casillas—Ladies of Harley

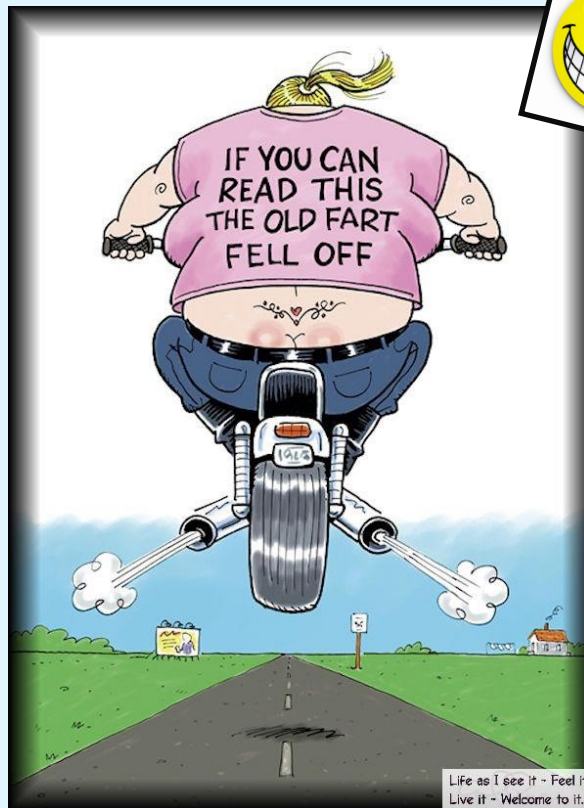


I would like to thank all who donated for the Bake/Craft Sale to support the Teddy Bears. Thanks to Sammy, Lori, Liz, Cassie and Michelle for helping throughout the day.

Sadly, our season is coming to an end. I hope you enjoyed some of the activities and/or rides that we did this year. I hope you can join us for our annual White Elephant Christmas Dinner on **November 16** at 6:30 at Anastasias in

Waukegan. You can meet up for dinner or just to hang out and enjoy a night with the other ladies. Please remember to bring a White Elephant gift if you wish to participate. It is fun to see what people bring to exchange. Remember, it is something around your house that you do not want anymore, a re-gift, etc. Please email me if you plan on attending.

Hope everyone has a great fall. I for one cannot wait for cooler temps and the pretty fall colors.



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## Corey Johnston—Activities Officer



As the leaves begin to change and a chill comes into the air it signals that we are about to begin one of the most beautiful times of the year to enjoy riding our Harleys.

Don't forget our Fall Event, which is being held after the October 15th meeting in the Lakeshore parking lot. We are going to have Turkey Bowling, other games, treats, and prizes. We will also be drawing the winning activity card on the 15th at the dealership. The winner receives a new set of tires and installation from the dealership. All activity cards must have all 12 spots initialed before turning them in. If your card is not full: worry not! Keep ahold of it for the prize drawing next

year.

Bring a teddy bear to the event for an extra round of bowling, which means an extra chance at a prize. Next month we will be delivering the bears, so let us show the children of Lake County Lakeshore H.O.G.'s love through our donations. You don't want to miss out on all the fun at the fall event.

Mark December 9th on your calendars for our annual Holiday Party. More information will follow about the party next month. We will be having our soiree at the Illinois Beach Resort, 1 Lake Front Dr. Zion, IL. Reservations can be made at [847-625-7300](tel:847-625-7300).

Until next time, enjoy the road!



*"How rude of me. Our first date and I've talked about my bike all night. I haven't given you a chance to talk about my bike."*

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston  
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."  
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# **Lakeshore H.O.G. ★ FIRST EVER ★ TURKEY BOWL**

**Sunday October 15, 2017  
Following the meeting**

**Join us in the Lakeshore**

**parking lot after our**

**October meeting for a**

**morning filled with**

**Turkey Bowling**

**and other games.**

**Treats and Prizes!**





## DAN MARCOTTE—SAFETY OFFICER

### 10 Hazards with Autumn Motorcycle Riding



With autumn and autumn motorcycle riding officially here, the realization that the riding season is drawing to a close shifts the focus of riders from lavishing the dog days of summer to catching the final riding days before storing our bikes. The predictable and cyclical changes in nature occurring at this time of year create unique hazards for motorcyclists. Even though we can be temporarily teased by unseasonably warm weather and sunny skies, the unstoppable reality is that leaves are falling, temperatures are dropping and daylight is diminishing.

#### Here are ten conditions to prepare for

- 1. Leaves on roads.** Dry leaves can camouflage potholes and other road irregularities. Wet leaves are slippery and can appear unexpectedly in shaded areas. Use caution particularly during those scenic autumn rides as conditions can change.
- 2. Shorter days.** If you do much riding at all, you're likely going to be riding in the dark. Take extra care to make sure bulbs in headlights, brake lights and turn signals are working and lens are clean. Wear high-visibility and reflective gear to make yourself as obvious as possible.
- 3. Sunlight glare.** The sun is lower in the sky and glare can be an issue for much of the day, unless you're facing north. Along with this, as trees become barren of leaves, the patterns of light and shade can be like riding in a strobe light and very distracting.
- 4. Deer migration and mating season.** More collisions with deer occur now than at any other time of the year as a result of the dramatic increase in their movement. Be especially vigilant at dusk and dawn.
- 5. Cold tires.** While touring tires with their harder rubber compound are generally more suitable for cold weather, sportier tires are not. The sportier the tires, the softer the rubber. This is fantastic in hot weather and gives them their grippy characteristics, which aid traction. In the cold, they're hard and that traction is gone.
- 6. Cold riders.** Cold is fatiguing and in turn can cause greater impairment than moderate alcohol intake. Even when you're wearing good gear and staying warm, the ambient temperature takes its toll. You don't notice when you're riding, especially over long distances and it can be startling when you stop to realize how tired you really are. Staying hydrated and taking regular rest stops help with this.
- 7. Improper gear.** Bundling up with lots of layers can be a great strategy for dealing with fluctuating temperatures during the day. However, too much bulk is not only fatiguing, it can impede your ability to react. Heated gear is a fabulous invention. You need fewer layers and it effectively – and comfortably – extends the riding season.
- 8. Icy road surfaces.** Frosty mornings mean that pavement can have a thin layer of ice and you can lose traction. As the temperature drops in the evening, be particularly cognizant crossing bridges and shaded areas as they'll ice up first. Be prepared for changing conditions even during the day if you're travelling through mountains and changing elevations.
- 9. Fewer riders out.** This means that car drivers, who don't see us at the best of times, are now expecting to see motorcycle riders even less often. Be more cautious and alert. Make yourself as conspicuous as possible and assume they don't see you.
- 10. Isolation.** Scenic back roads, which weave through quaint small towns, particularly in tourist areas have a whole different feel to them. Seasonal businesses close and rest stops and favorite watering holes may not be available. Plan accordingly for gas, food, lodging and emergency contacts.

Let me hear your ideas for future topics... I can be reached at [safety@lakeshorehog.com](mailto:safety@lakeshorehog.com)  
Thanks for your time and input,

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## John R Sweeney Jr HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Well hi everyone,



Sorry I missed last month... That is the first article I've missed in some 13 years that I have been an officer. Different positions of course, but still a long time of writing articles. I had my MacBook Pro crash and burn, right before leaving on vacation and a client project that went south on me. All in all, a rough couple of weeks. But everything is back on track and I'm loving my new MacBook Pro. :)

As I mentioned at our August meeting, the October meeting (October 15th) will be the end of our Mileage Contest for 2017. Check in your bike with me at the meeting or at the dealership, after the meeting for our Fall Event or in the service department at Lake Shore, on or before October 15th. That is the deadline for this year to be eligible to win. Also remember, that this mileage becomes your starting mileage for the 2018 season. If you aren't able to check in by October 15th, still do as soon as you can. Then any miles you ride after October 15th start counting for next year. We are also introducing an additional recognition for our Mileage Contest. More information to come about that in the near future.

So I'm playing a little catch up this month. I would like to congratulate our August winners of the Chapter Gas Gift Cards that we have been giving away all year. On Manny Casillas's ride to New Glarus for LOH, Nona Lisitza was our winner and then on Dan Marcotte's ride to the Geneva Car Show, Steve Bachner was the lucky winner. Also the first winner for September was Deanette Wooster on Dave Jones's Baby Butt Ride. Congratulations to all three winners. And hope you enjoyed the free gas on us. We also had one more winner. Dave Jones added a shot glass from Chuck's Harley Davidson on the Baby Butt Ride and that was won by Bob Ogg.

We've had a great riding season so far, but its not over yet. Still good weather ahead and plenty of rides on our calendar left for you to choose. We have a Casual Ride lead by Steve Bachner, Corey Johnston's Surprise, a Wednesday Wandering with Dave Jones, Nick Strom (one of our newest RC's) heading to Geneva, IL, a Fall Color's ride with George Lang, Dave Jones' annual Halloween Ride, which is ALWAYS a blast and I'll be heading back out to Buffalo Range in Starved Rock for some outdoor shooting. Plus keep an eye on our calendar on the website, as we might fill a couple of more open dates. You never know...

See you next month...

John R Sweeney Jr – aka Motor Mouth

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

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