Rockstar HOG Chapter #4352

Newsletter

September 2021

Director's Message 2
Assistant Director Message 3
Board of Directors 4
Your Chapter Road Captains 5
Activities & Head Road Captain Message 6
Secretary's Report 7
Fly Your Bra Flyer 8
Ladies of Harley (LOH) Message 9
Membership & Goodwill Message 10
Safety Officer's Message 11

9501 Thunder Road
Ft. Myers, FL 33913
239-275-4647
www.rockstarharley.com

The Time Has Come to Begin Planning for 2022

Hello, fellow Rockstar H.O.G. members. I hope you are all in good health and have been enjoying everything Florida summers have to offer. i.e. Rockstar Harley-Davidson weekend events, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, cooling ocean breezes, sandy beaches, airboat rides in the Everglades, excellent outside dining, and of course, twice a week Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter rides and special excursions.

As summer ends and the fall season begins our chapter activity is also spiking. Please read our Activities Officer's (Bob Hotovy) article and join in with all the fun items planned over the next three months. Your Board members have been working hard to provide you with plenty of interesting rides and events in addition to our weekly rides. To get the most from belonging to our chapter it's up to you to participate and join in on the fun.

As we approach the end of 2021 it's time to start planning for 2022. My plan is to retire as Director on 12/31/2021, but remain on the Board in another capacity, if the new Director will have me. I've had an interesting and rewarding two years as your Director but it's time to pass the baton. If you are interested in becoming Director, or any other Board position, contact me at fredrshog@gmail.com no later than September 30.

It's been an absolute pleasure to work with such a great group of people actively participating in our chapter. A BIG THANK YOU to this year's Board members, to our Road Captains, and to all our grilling and event volunteers. Let's all keep working together to make Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter the best H.O.G. Chapter in the country.

Greetings From the New Assistant Director

As your Chapter Editor since January, I've worked behind the scenes, editing articles and huddling with Don Fischer and Fred to learn production of our colorful and informative newsletter.

But as Assistant Director, I figure I have to crawl out from behind the editor's desk and say hello. Many thanks to Tony for his many contributions to our Chapter and I know I have big boots to fill.

I've loved all things Harley since I was a kid growing up in Cleveland. In fact, I was such an enthusiastic H-D fan that the Motor Company's Public Relations Department added me as a subscriber to "The Enthusiast," which at the time was a black and white product on slick paper.

Before moving to Naples in June, 2020, I belonged to two H.O.G. chapters in northern Virginia, where I was an active member. At the Manassas H.O.G. Chapter, I served as the Assistant Director, Secretary and the Safety Officer.

Serving on the board enabled me to take advantage of Harley corporate's Harley Officer Training (HOT) and Regional Officer Conference (ROC), where I learned more about H.O.G. as an organization.

I hope to use that knowledge (what I can remember, at least) to benefit our Board of Directors and Chapter Members. I hope to see you on future chapter rides and at upcoming Chapter and dealership events.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON™

Board of Directors

Director Asst. Head Road Capt. Fred Lamphear 586-612-2397 fredrshog@gmail.com	Assistant Director Steve Marshall 703-477-0240 stevem20194@yahoo.com	Secretary Susan McDonald 864-915-1474 hdsusan2011@gmail.com	Treasurer Kevin Johnson 561-371-4870 mydiamonds88@yahoo.com
Activities Officer Bob Hotovy 239-770-8202 justbobret@gmail.com	Membership & Goodwill Carrie Stevens 239-357-3021 carries91@gmail.com	Head Road Captain Bob Hotovy 239-770-8202 justbobret@gmail.com	Safety Officer Steve Eagels 630-710-8184 seagels@comcast.net
Historian John Leone 516-984-4806 macktower@gmail.com	Editor Steve Marshall 703-477-0240 stevem20194@yahoo.com	Quartermaster & Ambassador Gary Mayer 973-202-3859 garywmayer@gmail.com	Webmaster Rudy Schilder 239-313-0569 rockstarhog@gmail.com
Ladies of Harley Lucinda Anderson 484-942-9133 rockstarhogloh@gmail.com	Chapter Manager Cierra Crystal 239-275-4647 marketing@rockstarharley.com	Photographer This Could Be You !	

Your Chapter Road Captains

Lucinda Anderson
Ladies of Harley Director
Road Captain
484-942-9133
rockstarhogloh@gmail.com

Joe Belanger
Road Captain
239-682-0021
joenrobin2010@gmail.com

Bill “Sparky” Berry
Road Captain
812-239-5617
nhrwbracer56@frontier.com

Larry Burgess
Road Captain
863-273-0871
larry.burgess@outlook.com

Paul “Doc” Callahan
Road Captain
414-870-7291
paul_b_callahan@hotmail.com

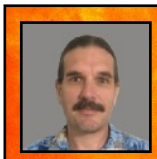
Charlie DeHart
Road Captain
217-652-3054
cdehart@peoplepc.com

Greg Holmes
Road Captain
239-738-5077
gregholmes0556@yahoo.com

Bob “Just Bob” Hotovy
Activities Officer
Head Road Captain
239-770-8202
justbobret@gmail.com

Joe Ingegno
Road Captain
516-779-1545
jaisurveyors@aol.com

Kevin Johnson
Treasurer
Road Captain
561-371-4870
mydiamonds88@yahoo.com



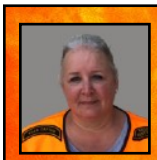
Kent Kappler
Road Captain
262-352-0674
k_kappler@yahoo.com

Fred Lamphear
Director
Asst. Head Road Captain
586-612-2397
fredrshog@gmail.com

Ron Maclean
Road Captain
239-368-5482
senecatrader@outlook.com

Chris Mangin
Road Captain
472-976-6470
chrismangin72@gmail.com

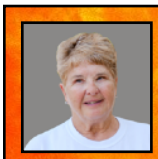
Steve Price
Road Captain
678-491-6693
skprice422@gmail.com



Carrie Stevens
Membership & Goodwill
Road Captain
239-357-3021
CarrieS91@gmail.com

Terry Stewart
Road Captain
902-222-3369
pontiacgtp00@hotmail.com

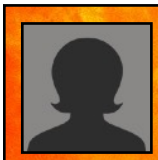
Paul Thompson
Road Captain
631-566-5457
captpthompson@hotmail.com



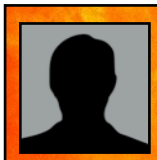
Joan “the Hand” Wells
Road Captain
518-706-6268
minniebear08@gmail.com

Join Us on a Ride!
Two Rides per Week
See Calendar for Dates & Times

Maury Wiese
Road Captain
920-585-5273
maurylwiese@gmail.com



THIS COULD
BE YOU !
TALK TO BOB HOTOVY
ABOUT TRAINING



THIS COULD
BE YOU !
TALK TO BOB HOTOVY
ABOUT TRAINING

ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.

Get Ready for Lots of Activities Coming Up Soon!

Greetings All!

Thank you to all of you who volunteer to help with grilling and our Chapter activities!

Thanks to all our road captains for planning, leading and sweeping our rides safely!

Thank you to Carrie Stevens for sewing patches on Saturday, August 28th, and to Gary Mayer for selling Chapter patches.

Grilling dates for September are:

1. **Saturday, September 4th**, Bikers' Breakfast, 10:00 AM until gone, Set-up: 9:00 AM
2. **Saturday, September 18th,** Tailgate Party, 12:00 -5:00 PM, Set-up: 11:00 AM
3. **Saturday, September 25th,** End of Summer Open House, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Set-up: 11:00 AM
4. **Sunday, September 26th,** End of Summer Open House, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Set-up: 10:00 AM

We appreciate all volunteers! Come join us for a fun day of grilling and working together!

A special thank you to John Lane for sharing his extraordinary culinary and kitchen organization skill with our grilling teams!

Please read your emails to keep current on event changes.

The Sunrise/Sunset Ride is being organized for Friday, September 17th and 18th. We will ride to the East Coast on Friday, September17th. We will have dinner with the Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale Chapter Members and spend the night on the East Coast. Saturday morning, we will all enjoy a Sunrise Breakfast (not exactly when the sun comes up) and all depart for Fort Myers. We will have a lunch stop in Clewiston, have lunch at Roland Martin's Tiki Hut. After lunch we will proceed to Fort Myers and lead the East Coast group to their hotel. We will have a Sunset Dinner at a restaurant on Fort Myers Beach. The East Coast group will return home on Sunday morning. Please watch the Weekly Blast and your email for details and updates. Please contact me with any questions.

Monday, September 27th, we leave on the Ride to the Great Smoky Mountain H.O.G. Rally, in Maryville, Tennessee. This ride will have one overnight stop at Tifton, Georgia, Exit 62, on I75, on the way and on the return trip, October 2nd. Please register for the rally at: Harley-Davidson.com/hog. Hotels in Maryville are on the rally website. Please contact me at: 239 770 8202 or justbobret@gmail.com once you have registered and made your hotel reservation in Maryville. I will send you a route plan and a list of hotels at Exit 62, in Tifton. This will be a fun trip and I hope that many of you will join us.

Looking further ahead, please plan to support the "Fly Your Bra Ride" on Saturday, October 2nd. Susan McDonald has been working diligently to organize this event. Money we raise all goes to help local breast cancer patients.

Schools are open now and school buses are on the roads. Please be cautious as they make many stops and our little citizens are unpredictable, at best!

If you are interested in becoming a Rockstar H.O.G. Road Captain, please contact me or Fred. We will be happy to answer any questions and help you get involved.

Have a Great Month! Ride with a Smile!

Highlights from Board of Directors Meeting - August 8, 2021

Fly Your Bra Ride – Susan displayed T-shirts to BOD. They have been inventoried. We will sell on grilling dates and on showroom floor, $20 ea. Volunteers are needed. The sheriff requested the route and asked if it's the same as 2019.

Our Chapter is planning for joint rides and events with Palm Beach and Ft Lauderdale. Bob did get a Crystal River flyer with no dates. Bob is working on a Sunset/Sunrise ride. This is an overnight ride from east coast to west coast in September.

Carrie's "Member Spotlight" suggestion will use birthday and trivia winner(s) at general meetings. A picture and answers to a few biographical questions will be obtained at each general membership meeting. Picture and biography will be placed in the monthly newsletter and on the H.O.G. TV in the dealership cafe. Gary will obtain the pictures and answers to questions.

The Assistant Director position was open. Steve Marshall volunteered to fill that position and also keep the editor job. Fred will inquire at the General Membership meeting and in the Blast and newsletter to see if anyone is interested in filling a Board of Director's position.

The December General Membership meeting Location is Lakes Park on 12/12/2021. Always a lot of fun. Everyone thought it a great idea. Pavilion rental fee is $50 for the day.

Fred attended a ZOOM meeting with O.U.R. and sister chapters. They agreed the 2022 Freedom Ride will be on April 2. Also discussed what went right and what went wrong on the 2021 Freedom Ride on June 24, 2021.

Rudy suggested to build a bike fest/event. Bob talked about his work on a state rally and said it was a lot of work and very expensive. The BOD was not in favor. The idea was tabled.

Steve Marshall, reporting on the Strategic Planning Committee progress, said that there was a very poor return from members on the survey that was sent out. The survey return process was complicated and contributed to the poor returns. Carrie suggested we print the survey out and hand out at the meeting. Steve said it would give us more responses.

Board Member's Reports and Comments – Gary asked if we could put FYBR t-shirts out for sale at the general meeting. Bob talked about large calendar hanging in the cafe. Price for that calendar fluctuates depending who prints is. It was agreed not to spend more than $20 to have the calendar enlarged.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office is offering a two-day free course designed to enhance your motorcycle safety and riding abilities. Course dates are August 28-29, October 9-10, and November 6-7.

Email Sgt. Robert Reuthe at 3817@colliersheriff.org to reserve your spot.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2ND
REG. 8AM
KSU 10AM

Save The Twins
FT. MYERS, FL
10-02-2021
13th Annual
Fly Your Bra Ride

$20/RIDER
$20/PASS.
INCLUDES LUNCH

VENDORS, RAFFLE TIX, & 50/50

ROCKSTAR CHAPTER FORT MYERS FLORIDA
HOG
HARLEY OWNERS GROUP

LIVE MUSIC ON SITE!

Partners for Breast Cancer Care, Inc.
Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support, Inc.

IN-HOUSE POKER RUN ($5 DONATION NON-RIDERS)
BRA DONATIONS • POLICE ESCORTED RIDE • SWFL PINK HEALS
T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE • PINK FIRE TRUCK ON SITE!

RIDE STARTS & ENDS AT
HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES
ROCKSTAR HARLEY-DAVIDSON
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

ROCKSTARHARLEY.COM
9501 THUNDER ROAD • FORT MYERS, FL 33913

Do You Recognize Yourself in This List?

Many seasoned motorcycle riders have done or experienced some or all of these things. We thought it'd be fun to share the list we came up with so new riders can find some peace in knowing others have been there or are experiencing what they are.

1. You're going to drop your motorcycle at least once.

2. You are going to be nervous for awhile.

3. You are going to get frustrated.

4. You are going to hear "crash" stories from non-riders, whether you like it or not.

5. You are going to get advice on riding from others, whether you ask for it or not.

6. You are going to realize at some point that you're not wearing the gear that fits properly, like sunglasses that make your eyes water, gloves that are too bulky, pants that expose your back side, etc.

7. You are going to struggle with how to manage a new hair style called "helmet hair."

8. You are going to spill gasoline all over the tank at least once.

9. You are going to realize riding your own motorcycle is cooler than you ever imagined.

10. You are going to find yourself smiling a lot more, both on and off the motorcycle.

If We Don't Have Your AV Number, We Want IT!

Happy September 2021!

We currently have 303 members, 60 Ladies of Harley (LOH). Many great things are happening in our Chapter!

I need to have all our members reach out to me with their VIB (Very Important Biker) number. AV/AU # Please send to me via email so I can get all up to date: CarrieS91@gmail.com While you're at it, please send me your month and day of your birthday. It is not necessary to send year, unless you would like to do so. Please email to me at your earliest convenience.

We need to make sure you have an AV / VIB number. If you do not have one, please see the Rockstar H-D receptionist and she can hook you up with one. This is what we use to sign you in on rides and meetings. This is very important so I can update our system.

If you are not receiving the weekly blast, please reach out to me or Susan. We could have an error when listing your email, or be unable to read some handwriting.

Sites you may want to check out:

National H.O.G.: www.hog.com

Dealership: www.RockstarHarley.com

and our chapter site: www.RockstarHOG.com

See you out on the road, Ride Safe!

Member Spotlight

Introducing Lisa Velasco, who has been riding a motorcycle for almost six years.

My first bike was a 2016 Heritage Softail, which I'm still riding today.

Ray Addison convinced me to buy a bike after I took the Basic Riding Course at age 50. He rode a different bike with me every weekend until I felt safe.

I'm a weekend rider, getting ready to put on my first new set of tires.

Know Your Motorcycle Tires' PSI

Your tires are two of the most important parts you depend on to have a safe, comfortable and enjoyable ride on your motorcycle. To get the best handling and comfort know your PSI.

Know Your Pressure Level and Load Limits

- Become familiar with your motorcycle manufacturer's inflation guidelines. Look in your motorcycle manual to find the right PSI (pounds per square inch) of air pressure for your tires.
- Know your vehicle weight and load and follow the PSI recommendations specific to your motorcycle. Failure to do so can result in adverse motorcycle handling (wobble & weave) or tire failure, or both.
- Check your tire pressure often and adjust as necessary, using an accurate tire gauge. Motorcycle tire manufacturers recommend checking pressure at least once a week. After all, you ask more of your motorcycle tires than you do your car tires. So, it's wise to ensure they're roadworthy each time you ride.

Tire Wear and When to Buy Replacements

- Take the time to frequently inspect your tires for sidewall and tread groove cracking, punctures, blisters, knots, cuts, excessive or irregular wear. As with tire pressure, it only takes a few minutes. Every time you ride is not too often. If you do find any of these tread wear conditions, immediately replace the damaged tire. In addition, most tire-safety experts recommend replacing rather than attempting to permanently patch a tire.
- Check your tires for signs of aging, including dry rot and cracking. Even barely used tires become hard with time or exposure to the sun. When tire rubber gets hard and stiff, it tends to crack and cannot grip the road to provide proper traction. Replace old or dried-out tires even if they still have plenty of tread on them.

- When your tread is worn down to the level of the built-in tread wear bars on your tires, the tread won't provide good traction.

What to Consider Before You Tire Shop

- Make sure you get a matching set of front and rear tires. Unlike car tires, you need to make sure that your motorcycle tires are a matched set. At a minimum, they should have complementary tread patterns, should both be either radial or bias ply, and ideally be the same make and model.
- Size matters. It's best to choose replacement tires of the same size as the motorcycle's original equipment tires.
- Remember that front and rear motorcycle tires are not designed to perform the same functions and are not interchangeable. You'll need one front tire and one back tire of a complementary make, model and size. With today's tubeless tires, actual blowouts are rare, but may still occur. When tires do fail, the most common cause is improper tire pressure, usually pressure that's too low. Checking the overall condition and pressure levels of your tires frequently can go a long way toward ensuring you'll never experience a blowout.

Chapter Event Schedule

GUESTS WELCOME at ALL CHAPTER EVENTS

Weekly Rides

2 Weekly Rides

Wednesday - Road Captain's Choice

Saturday - Scheduled Destination

See Calendar Insert for Dates & Times

Monthly Events

- Road Captain Planning Meeting - 1st Thursday
- BOD Meeting - 1st Monday
- General Membership Meeting - 2nd Sunday
- Chapter Grilling @ Rockstar H-D - Various Weekends

See Calendar Insert for Dates & Times

Annual Events

Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter is involved in several charity rides, memorial rides and events throughout the year. Read this newsletter, our calendar, our Facebook page and our website for up-to-date information and scheduling.

A Monthly Publication of Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter
Ft. Myers, Florida
Editor - Steve Marshall
Design & Layout - Don Fischer

rockstarhog.com

@RockstarHOG