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Director's Message

Rockstar H.O.G. is What YOU Make It!

Greetings to all my Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter brothers and sisters. I hope the Florida winter and spring months have provided you many opportunities to ride your motorcycle. As more of us get vaccinated and destinations continue to open up, I look forward to seeing more of you on Chapter rides and Chapter events.

Speaking of Chapter rides and events, our 2021 calendar is really starting to fill up. Twice a week rides, LOH rides and activities, grilling in support of Rockstar H-D, special Memorial Day ride, outdoor general membership meetings, Regional H.O.G. rallies, "Experience" sessions for new group riders, the "Fly Your Bra Ride" in support of cancer victims, a fall Chapter party (save the date-November 6), and more charity events, are all happening NOW, or are in the planning phases. What a huge change from a year ago, right? To keep this level of activity going, let's all do our part to act responsibly and wipe out this virus!

All of you play a very important role in the success of our Chapter. Please respond when our email blasts ask for your vote, your opinions, your suggestions, and your participation. Remember, the Chapter is what YOU make it. The Board of Directors is your vehicle to get your wishes accomplished and implemented.

Everblades Hockey tickets for June 4, 2021, are selling well. As of this writing we have sold 48 tickets. We need to sell 52 more to meet our target of 100. Of course, we don't have to stop at 100. Remember, for every ticket sold the Everblades contribute $5 to the "Fly Your Bra Ride" in October. The really cool thing about hitting 100 ticket sales is the Chapter gets to set up a table in the Hertz Arena concourse. I'm sure you'd all like to see the Rockstar Guitar Bob built in the arena that night. Plus anyone who wears their FYBR festive bra that night just might get to go on the ice. In between periods that is. :-) (we're still working on that, hehehe). You can buy your tickets at: BladesTix.com/hog

In order to keep up with the rapidly developing 2021 activities please continue to read your emails, check out our Chapter Facebook page, go online to rockstarhog.com and read this newsletter thoroughly.

I grow more encouraged every day as more members volunteer for all kinds of Chapter activities, such as grilling, Road Captains, setting up for general membership meeting, special committees, parking lot attendants, helping at the Chapter table during events, helping other members in need, and more.

A Sincere Thanks to all our member volunteers for all that you do.

RIDE SAFE
STAY HEALTHY

Assistant Director's Message

We've Had Great Rides This Year; Join Us for More Fun in the Works

Hello fellow Rockstar H.O.G. members,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the beautiful riding weather we have had here in Southwest Florida this spring. Our road captains have been staying very busy planning some great rides and I personally want to thank all of them for their dedication to our Chapter.

We have a great ride planned for Memorial Day; we will be riding to the Sarasota National Cemetery for a brief presentation to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Immediately following the ride, we will continue on to Stottlemyer's Smokehouse for lunch. I hope all of you can join us for this great opportunity to honor our fallen brothers and sisters.

Have you ever wondered what group riding is all about? Do you want to try it but aren't sure if you are ready for it? Well now is your chance to give it a try. "Experience the Ride" is a new program we have put together to get people acquainted with group riding in a very relaxed slower paced environment. This WILL NOT be a classroom type program; you'll be on your bike and riding. I promise you'll have a good time and make some new friends.

Ride Often and Ride Safe

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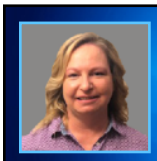

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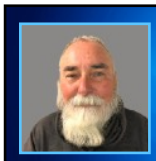

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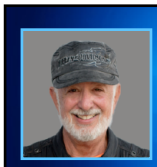

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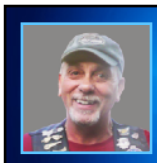

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ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.

Great Ride to Daytona and Planning for the Future!

Hello All! Happy May!

As always, thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help with our Chapter activities. Our grilling teams have done a great job and the money earned as Tips for Grilling is a great addition to our Chapter cash account. Your efforts help support everything we do for our members.

Thank you all for the great participation we have been experiencing on our Chapter Rides. Our Road Captains put a lot of effort in preparing for our rides and your participation makes the effort worthwhile. Have you hugged your Road Captain lately?

As we jump into May, our first Wednesday ride is on May 5th, which is the celebration of "Cinco de Mayo," the Mexican Army's victory over France in 1862. It is also known as the Day of the Dead. Following in 1863 was the solidarity of the United States with Mexico against French rule. Appropriately, our May 5th ride will be to the Iguana Mia Restaurant in Bonita Springs to celebrate.

We are fortunate to get three grilling dates in May:

Saturday, May 8th

Saturday, May 22nd

Sunday, May 23rd

We appreciate all volunteers. This is a great way to meet and work with our members. Setup for all of these dates is 11 AM and we grill until 5 PM or there are no more customers. If you didn't sign up at our April Chapter Meeting, please call Bob Hotovy to volunteer.

On Monday, May 31st, Memorial Day, Tony Furst will lead a ride to the Sarasota National Cemetery to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country. There will be a special service at the cemetery. Afterwards, we will be going to Stottlemyer's Smokehouse for lunch. Please join us for a great ride.

You will see this several times throughout this newsletter, but get your tickets early for "Pink in the Rink," with the Florida Everblades, on Friday, June 4th. This will be a fun night and helps support our annual "Fly Your Bra Ride," which helps support Breast Cancer Victims.

The Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass Rally, in Lexington, Kentucky, is June 9th – 12th. The Great Smokey Mountain Rally, in Maryville, Tennessee, is September 28th – October 2nd. We are planning rides to both of these H.O.G. rallies. If you are interested in joining us, on either or both of these rides, please register for the rallies at: Harley-Davidson.com/hog

Hotels for the Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass Rally are listed on the rally website. If you are riding to Lexington with us, make reservations for June 9th, 10th and 11th, departing on June 12th. Tell them you are registering for the Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass Rally.

For the Great Smoky Mountain Rally, make room reservations at the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel, for September 28th, 29th, 30th, and October 1st, departing October 2nd. The rate is $129.00/night, phone number: 865-970-4300. Tell them you are registering for the Great Smoky Mountain Rally at Smoky Mountain Harley-Davidson.

We look forward to having a group from our Chapter ride to these events. Once you make your reservations, please notify Bob Hotovy. We need to know how many are riding so we can make room reservation for the trip to and from the rallies.

Please watch for more information on our "Experience the Ride" program. Tony Furst will be taking the lead on this program and we encourage you to participate, especially if you are a new rider or are new to group riding. Everyone is welcome.

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Exciting Upcoming Events @ Rockstar Harley-Davidson

Saturday	5/1	All Day	International Female Ride Day©
		12pm-5pm	Nacho Average Party
Tuesay	5/4	All Day	National Star Wars Day - “May the 4th be with you.”
Saturday	5/8	12pm-5pm	Customer Appreciation Weekend & Bikini Bike Wash
Sunday	5/9	All Day	Mother’s Day Specials
		11am-4pm	Customer Appreciation Weekend & Mother’s Day Gift
Saturday	5/15	12pm-5pm	Nacho Average Party & Demo Event
Friday	5/21	6pm-9pm	Stars & Stripes Bike Night & Bikini Competition & Bike Giveaway
Saturday	5/22	12pm-5pm	Spring Open House & Bikini Bike Wash
Sunday	5/23	11am-4pm	Spring Open House
Saturday	5/29	12pm-5pm	Nacho Average Party
Sunday	5/30	5pm-9pm	EOM Party
Monday	5/31	CLOSED	Memorial Day - Remember Those Who Gave Their All for Our Freedom

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2021

Opening: The regular meeting of the Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chapter Director Fred Lamphear. Fred, noting the sparse turnout, said he was disappointed.

Present: Fred, Tony, Kevin, Bob, Lucinda, Gary and Steve M. Not present: Rudy, Cierra, Carrie, Susan, Mike, and Steve E.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Tony to accept the minutes of the March 2021 BOD meeting and they were approved 7-0.

Old Business: Newsletter distribution will remain via printed copy, website and email blast via Mailchimp. Tony made the motion to implement this and Kevin seconded.

Fly Your Bra Ride is making progress, with Susan contacting sponsors. She said she will welcome any help from other members. Ticket sales for the Everblades benefit event number 46 so far. T-shirts: she got an estimate of $600 for 100 two-color shirts. Susan is trying to get a commitment from Seed to Table owner Alfie Oakes for financial assistance. The next meeting for FYBR is Saturday, April 10 at 2 p.m.

Memorial Day Ride: Tony will lead the ride to the Sarasota National Cemetery on Monday, May 31, and the Chapter will ask the LAMA Riders to join the event. Tony will ask that LAMA sign rider waivers before the ride. Lunch is planned for Stottlemyer's Smokehouse, 19 E. Road, Sarasota.

Learning for Life talent show will be Saturday, April 17, at Rockstar Harley-Davidson. We have enough road captain volunteers to handle traffic control. Please arrive by 12:30 p.m. to assist.

New Business: The idea of a fall party was discussed. Tony made a motion to have a party following guidelines from Kevin, Lucinda seconded and the board approved the motion by unanimous vote. Fred will send an email to the board to see who might like to head the committee. The likely venue is the current Holiday Inn at Alico Road and I-75, which is rebranding as a Crown Plaza.

Fred announced that Harley-Davidson officer training, the Regional Officer Conferences, concluded at the end of March. Unfortunately, our chapter, and a few others, never got a notice that ROC was happening. In light of this, Pete Schwab, Harley-Davidson's regional H.O.G. manager, says he will offer a makeup session.

The idea of a "meet and greet" prior to the General Membership Meeting was discussed. With a start time of 9 a.m., this would give members a chance to mingle before the chapter meeting begins.

Future locations for membership meetings: Tony suggested an alternate meeting site in the fall, when temperatures are cooler. Suggestions included Barefoot Beach Boat Club. Also, Lakes Park for its Scarecrow Walk. Fred says he will follow up with Robin. Tony will check out the cost at Cape Coral Yacht Club.

New member protocol: Fred says the chapter needs a system to contact new bike owners to educate them about our chapter and the benefits of H.O.G. membership. Bob suggested sending a letter and then calling each person. Tony passed out a sample welcome letter. Tony says there are two database issues to resolve.

Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee: Steve M., the board rep on this committee, says it is off to a good start, choosing Anne Leone as the director and Darien Burnitt as the secretary. For now, the committee would like to meet every two weeks.

Kevin's treasurer's report noted about $13,000 in both accounts.

Ladies of Harley is planning mini-golf and a ride on May 24. Lucinda will lead and Patty will sweep. Lucinda noted that May 1 is International Female Ride Day©. Future LOH activities may include bowling and camping. Some events will be mixed and others just for women.

Bob Hotovy said the chapter has three new road captains: Charlie DeHart, Rod Maclean and Maury Wiese.

Bob announced May's grilling dates: May 8, 22 and 23.

Kevin suggested meeting for dinner before the Everblades game on June 4.

Adjournment: Fred adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The next BOD meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on May 3.

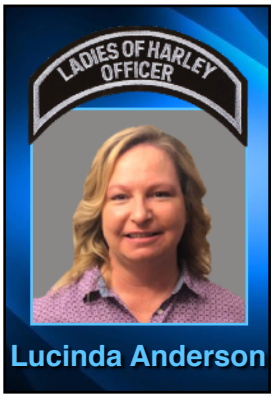
Ride with Ladies of Harley to Honor International Female Ride Day

Come out and ride with the Female Road Captains on May 1st in honor of International Female Ride Day© (IFRD). The first Saturday in May each year is a global day celebrating the cultural, social and active lifestyles of women who ride and enjoy motorcycling. The day also marks a call to action for fast-tracking gender equality, awareness, and respect for women in motorcycling or motorsport.

Lucinda will lead riders from Rockstar Harley-Davidson to Miceli's in Matlacha. Arrive at Rockstar at 9 AM. Kickstands up will be at 9:30 AM.

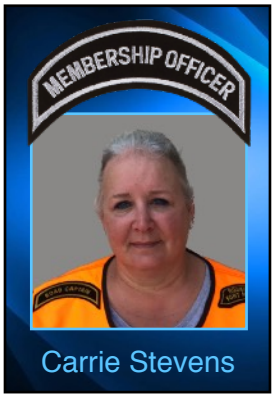
Appropriately, May 2, 1915, was the departure date for Wall Street banking clerk Effie Hotchkiss, 26, who had big dreams to see America on her way to San Francisco and the Panama Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

Using money left to her after her father's death, Effie bought a Harley and, according to the archives of Harley-Davidson, rigged the V-Twin with a sidecar dubbed The Bathtub for her mother, Avis, 52, who insisted on going along. Legend had it that Avis wanted to dissuade her daughter from speeding after a cop ticketed her for riding at 35 mph in Brooklyn. Leaving Brooklyn in May, the gritty pair took two months to complete the journey of over 5,000 miles. Along the way, they persevered through sweltering heat, blown tires, uncertain weather and an epically unpredictable terrain laced with narrow, muddy and dangerous roads. After dipping their toes in the Pacific (and—fun fact—nearly running over a man who would later become Effie's husband), the two simply turned around and headed back to New York. On the return trip, they logged another 4,000 miles on the odometer before arriving home in October.



According to Rider magazine, Effie and Avis Hotchkiss were the first transcontinental female motorcyclists in 1915. Augusta and Adeline Van Buren were the first women to cross the continental United States on their own solo motorcycles (in 1916) and were also the first women to reach the 14,115-foot summit of Pikes Peak on any motor vehicle.

Help Us Recognize Your Birthday — Tell Us When It Is!



Happy May 2021!

We currently have 283 members, 43 LOH (Ladies of Harley). Many great things are happening in our Chapter! Read about them in the other columns in this edition.

We would like to recognize folks for their birthday. Plus update our database – If you would, please email 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 CarrieS91@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

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 unable to read some handwriting.

We need to make sure you have an AV/VIB number. If you do not have one, please see the receptionist and she can hook you up with one. This is what we use to sign you in on rides and meetings.

Sites you may want to check out: National H.O.G.: www.hog.com; Dealer: www.RockstarHarley.com; and our chapter site: www.RockstarHOG.com

See you out on the road — Ride Safe!

WITH HONOR & GRATITUDE
WE REMEMBER THE FALLEN

ACTIVITIES & HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN CONTINUATION FROM PAGE 6

If you have an interest in becoming a Road Captain, please contact Bob Hotovy at: 239-770-8202 or: justbobret@gmail.com

Please arrive early for our rides. We enjoy this opportunity to meet you, get you signed in, do our Pre-Ride Briefing, and leave at the scheduled time.

Have a great month! Ride with a smile!

Just Bob

Turn Signals: Should You Trust Them?

Here are some things a turn signal could mean:

- The driver intends to turn in the direction indicated and will actually do so.
- The driver intends to turn in the direction indicated but will actually do something else at the last minute.
- The driver previously intended to turn but is now lost/dazed/ confused and may turn, or go straight, or turn in the other direction.
- The driver intended to turn in the other direction but doesn't know how the signals work.
- The driver turned a few blocks back and the signal is still flashing, but the driver can't hear it clicking because they're on the phone.
- Driver doesn't know the turn signal is wired up backwards so that left and right are swapped.
- The driver signals and is in a right turn lane for the immediate next street but decides to turn at the street following that street.

So yeah... let's see what they actually do. **The best thing to do is simply wait and make sure the vehicle is actually turning.**

Ride Safe and stay hydrated as the weather gets warmer.

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

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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.

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