

Rockstar HOG Chapter

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Newsletter

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Exciting Start to 2022



Bob Hotovy

Happy February! Happy Valentines Day! February, the month of Love! We love being in Florida, we love to ride, share the love – come ride with us! As a bonus, Groundhog Day can come and go without a concern!

A big Thank You to our Road Captains for planning, leading and assisting with our Rides.

We've had some great destinations and I've heard a lot of compliments from new members and guests about how well our rides are organized and executed. Congratulations to you all for a Great Job!

A big Thank You, also, to all of you who Volunteer to help with our grilling and with our set-up, tear down and clean-up after our meetings. We appreciate all of your help!

We had a great January Chapter Meeting. If you missed this one, you missed a great start to the new year. Mimosas, coffee and home made banana-nut bread was first on the agenda. We had the opportunity to meet our new officers and a great lunch to finish the Meeting. We also had the opportunity to recognize our outgoing officers with a sincere token of our appreciation for their contribution and hard work.

As we move forward, I will try to keep things exciting and I look forward to seeing more of you as we,

hopefully, gain momentum on outpacing Covid and getting back to riding and having fun. Our Road Captains are anxious to lead you on great rides and we have some fresh ideas from our new officers and members. We are continuing to work on the recommendations from our Strategic Planning Committee as we move forward. We appreciate all of your input on these recommendations!

Our February, Chapter Membership Meeting will start with Breakfast and a Meet and Greet at 9:30 AM, on Sunday, February 13th. We will meet in the Triple Tree Room at Rockstar Harley-Davidson. I look forward to seeing more of our seasonal members and getting an exciting start to the new year.

We have two opportunities to grill for our Dealership in February:

Saturday, February 5th: Customer Appreciation Weekend, Set-up: 11:00 AM, Grilling – 5:00 PM

Sunday, February 6th: Customer Appreciation Weekend, Set-up: 10:00 AM, Grilling – 4:00 PM

Call, text, or e-mail me or contact John Lane to Volunteer. We appreciate your help and look forward to working with you. Please remember, this is an opportunity to earn money to help with our Chapter activities and events. Our Dealer provides everything, our Chapter gets the tips collected.

Have a Great Month! Happy Valentines Day!





ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Ride Safe, Take a Free S.M.A.R.T. Course

Warning — here comes a shameless plug for training that has been mentioned in recent Chapter newsletters as well as in the Weekly Blasts.

I'm speaking, of course, about the Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques Training Course (S.M.A.R.T.) taught for free by members of the Collier County Sheriff's Office motorcycle unit.

Over the weekend of January 15-16, seven students — four of them Rockstar H.O.G. members — showed up as the sun rose to take the 15-hour class.

The small class size meant quicker rotations through the different exercise courses set up on the range by Naples airport. And it meant that each student pretty much had their own rider coach.

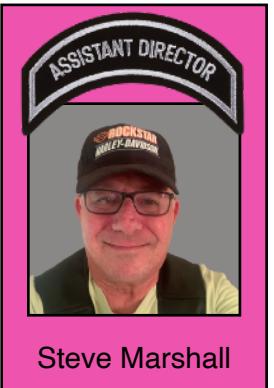
"The goal is to reduce the numbers of crashes and fatalities," said Sgt. Robert Reuthe, who coordinates the classes. Some interesting statistics: 32,000 Collier County residents have motorcycle endorsements on their driver's licenses; 13,000 motorcycles are registered in the county.

The crash-avoidance skills taught in the class "are going to save your life," Deputy Shawn Foley said.

Besides the range training, PowerPoint presentations provided more thought-provoking information. One short video from England showed The Smidsy, which

stands for "sorry mate, I didn't see you." You can imagine what that illustrated.

The officers do their best to break bad habits like duck walking our bikes in parking lots and using the front brake at low speeds. Some of us (me) need to work on that.



Steve Marshall

On the second day of class, new concepts are introduced, and the group goes on a 70-mile trip to try them out. There is more — much more — but you should discover it for yourself. "Just tell them to sign up," Sgt. Reuthe urged. The signup link is in the Weekly Blast or on the sheriff's website.

On another matter, by now you should have renewed your membership, and our new Membership officer, Anne Leone, gives you the scoop in her column. One of my duties as assistant director is helping with membership, so Anne and I talk a lot. Before she and husband John "Flash" Leone moved to southwest Florida, she was active in Nassau H.O.G., where she helped with membership, ran Ladies of Harley and ran the holiday party and picnic. She has ridden motorcycles as a passenger for 15 years and got her license endorsement five years ago. Nice to be working with you, Anne!





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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 February 26-27, March 12-13 and April 9-10. Trikes welcomed. If dates are filled, put your name on a list for future classes.

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





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ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.



MEMBER PHOTOS





SECRETARY'S REPORT



December Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter Board of Directors was called to order at 5:55 PM on January 03, 2022 by Bob.

Old Business

Strategic Planning Committee Update: John Lane is the new chairman as Anne Leone transitioned to the BOD. The Board approved that the Strategic Planning Committee remain intact with its original charter and goals. The committee will control its membership and the Board approves any committee proposals.

Regional Officer Connection is Saturday, Jan. 29, in Orlando, FL. The attendees are Bob, Brenda, Janice, Steve M and Fred. Anne will not be able to attend so Jerry is checking to see if he can attend in her place.

New Business

Membership: Bob made a motion that Anne should mail welcome letters to new members and Cierra seconded it. Bob will mail another letter of welcome to new members. All in Favor.

Speaker system: Anne made a motion, seconded by Jerry, to rescind the August 2020 vote that limited spending to things that offset by reductions in other expenses. All in favor. Fred moved and Jerry seconded to purchase a Proreck Party 15 portable PA speaker system. John is to purchase this system. All in favor.

Holiday party: A \$2,000 deposit was paid for 2021 banquet room which the Holiday Inn has agreed to transfer to a new date, Dec. 10, 2022. Fred moved and Anne seconded to have the holiday party on that date. All in favor. A party committee has been formed for the party: Fred, Gloria, Steve M., Anne, Brenda and Bob.

Treasurer's report: The Chapter is in sound financial health.

Next board meeting is February 7, 2022.





HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

2022 Off To A Great Start



Fred Lamphear

We've started 2022 with a January full of rides and activities. Road Captains are doing their best to come up with new and great ride destinations with interesting routes. Be sure to let them know you appreciate their efforts. Also, In January, The Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter sponsored, developed, and

gave a group riding orientation course, "Group Riding For Fun." In addition, The Collier County Sheriff's Office hosted their 4th in a series of S.M.A.R.T courses. (see page 4 for their latest schedule).

The "Group Riding for Fun" activity is designed for both the new group rider and for the more experienced group rider. This orientation updates and refreshes the riders on Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter Group riding rules and procedures. The goal is to make all riders feel less anxious and more comfortable when riding in a group. Watch for more courses throughout 2022.

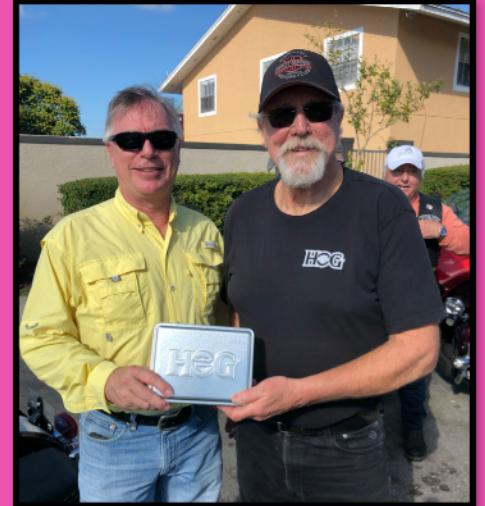
S.M.A.R.T. is an acronym for "Safe Motorcycle And Rider Techniques." We've had many chapter members

attend these courses since they began in October of 2021. I attended the January 2022 course. It was exactly as others had told me; intense, rigorous, eye opening.

The instructors are all members of the Collier County Sheriff's Motorcycle Patrol Division. They are all excellent S.M.A.R.T. instructors.

Every motorcycle rider should take the S.M.A.R.T. course. In January, Ron Maclean 'broke the ice" and was the first trike to participate in a S.M.A.R.T. course. The instructors welcomed him and his trike as they learned how to incorporate a trike into the learning process. And Yes, Ron did most of the cone exercises as well. One word of caution, try hard and follow the instructor's guidelines, but don't expect to successfully complete every cone course. The instructors have spent 80 hours on these same courses to gain their expertise. S.M.A.R.T students get 8 hours. Don't let that scare you. Take the course and gain some valuable knowledge and improve your skills.

If January is an indicator of what's ahead in 2022, I am truly excited. I hope to see you all on a Wednesday and/or Saturday ride very soon.





LADIES OF HARLEY MESSAGE

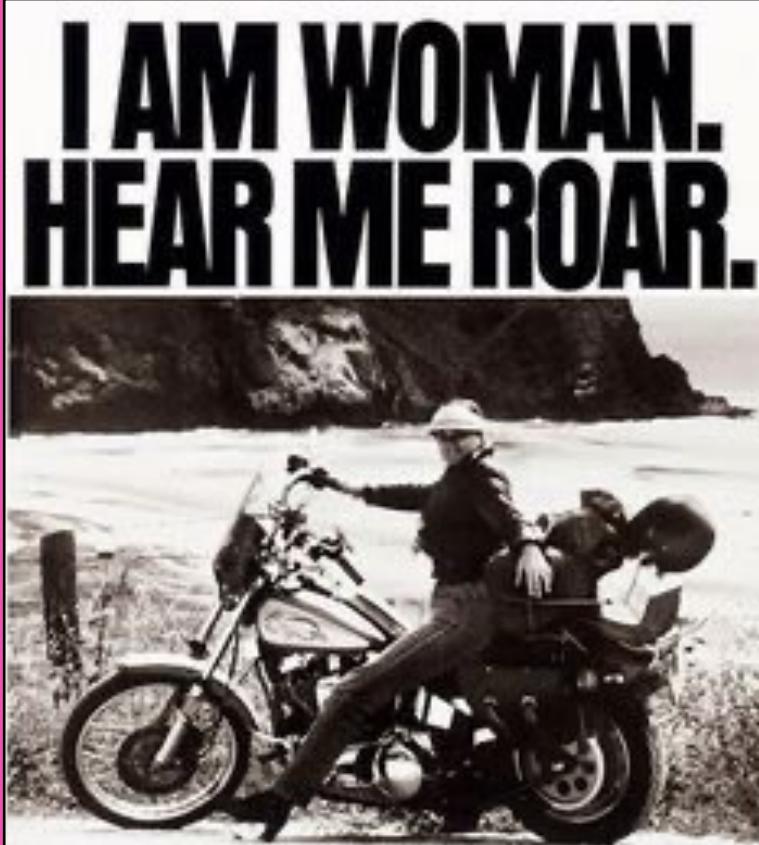


Welcome Ladies of Harley; Events Are in the Works

I would like to welcome all our lady riders to a wonderful new year and hope it brings everyone health and happiness. There are a few events I am in the early stages of planning as well and would like to have a meeting of all our LOH members in mid-February. Please check the Weekly Blast for the meeting date. I would also like to mention that men are invited as there are as many female riders as women passengers and they must also feel welcome. I am open to hear any suggestions you might have for rides or events. Please always feel free to reach out to me at MACKTSBABE@GMAIL.COM. I again want to welcome all the ladies and their significant other to our meetings and events and hope we have a great year.



Anne Leone



A woman's place, we all know, is wherever she wants to be. And there's no better way to get there than on a Harley®. So join the club that put the "most" in the women's movement, the Harley® Owners Group by visiting your local Harley-Davidson® dealer or calling 1-800-CLETHOG®.

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MEMBERSHIP & GOODWILL

Hello from the New Membership Officer



Anne Leone

First, I would like to introduce myself as your new membership officer and welcome all new and returning members for the 2022 riding year. As we all know, 2020 – 2021 brought us many challenges but I am hopeful that 2022 will be a good year for all. I am aware that many have received their membership cards

and many have not, so I am asking for your help. Please email me at MACKTSBABE@GMAIL.COM if you have not received your membership card and I will be more than happy to mail one to you. I would also ask that you include your VIB number as I am adding them to your membership information.

I have received many new and renewal forms and hope that anyone who hasn't rejoined our chapter will please do so. You can fill out a membership application by downloading it from our website or go directly to the dealership and drop it in the H.O.G. mailbox by the reception desk with your \$20 cash or check. You may also mail it directly to the dealership if you are out of town or just find it easier.

Our website is www.rockstarhog.com and the address to mail to is: Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter 4352, 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33913

Again, welcome all new and returning members and I truly hope we have a great year.



Member Spotlight

Meet John Benson

He has been riding motorcycles for over 18 years.

John's first Motorcycle was a 2003 Harley-Davidson 100th Anniversary Road King.

John currently rides a 2020 Harley-Davidson Road Glide Special



SAFETY OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Avoiding Dangers at Intersections

One of the most common risks is when a driver approaches an intersection opposite of us and turns left across our path. It's something we always have to be prepared for.

As motorcycle riders, we should remember any vehicle approaching an intersection from our right could also turn into our path of travel. Here are some reasons why:

1. Motorcycles are much smaller than cars or trucks and can be misperceived as being further away than they really are.
2. A driver planning to make the right on red may look right at you and misjudge your distance and speed, turning into your path.
3. At night, your single headlight may become visually blended with a vehicle behind you with a right turn signal blinking—the driver turning right on red doesn't see you and pulls into your path

How to limit the risk:

There are things you can do to help protect yourself. When riding, consider:

1. Approaching all intersections with alert caution
2. Reducing your speed, Don't speed up just to make the Light!!

3. Maintaining 360-degree awareness

4. Actively scanning for traffic approaching the intersection from all directions

5. Using the center lane on multi-lane roads to increase your space cushion and visibility

6. Turning off your turn signal after you complete a turn

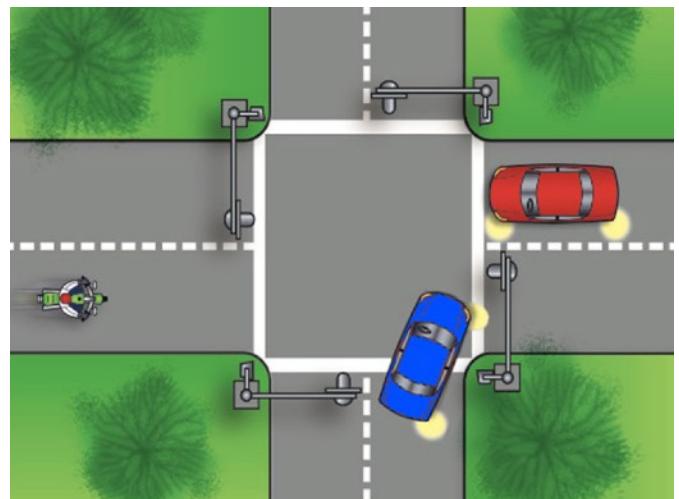
Be alert when approaching all intersections!!

Ride Safe

Steve Eagels



Steve Eagels





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 Date &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.

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