

Rockstar HOG Chapter

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Newsletter

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Nothing But Fun In The Future



Bob Hotovy

Greetings All! It's great to see our Seasonal Members return and catch-up on each other's summer experiences. Welcome back all! We've had some excellent Wednesday and Saturday rides, in spite of the record hot weather. We look forward to having you join us as the weather improves.

Thank you to our Road Captains for their efforts in organizing and leading great rides! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with our Chapter activities! We appreciate your help!

The Bikes, Beaches and Bridges H.O.G. Rally will be in Clearwater, Florida from October 4th – 7th. This is about as close as we are going to be to a H.O.G. Rally. Our Chapter Ride to the Rally will leave at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 4th. We will meet members from the Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach Chapters in Arcadia for the ride to the Rally. We plan to return on Sunday, August 8th.

The "Raggae Vibrations" Sunset Pirate Cruise is Thursday, October 12th, 7:30 PM. See our Flyer in this newsletter for details. Make your reservations early! Fun, Fun, Fun.

We have the opportunity to grill for our Dealership on Saturday, October 14th. Please call me if you would like to Volunteer to help. Set-up will be at 10:00 AM and grilling from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM

"Oktoberfest" is celebrated the last two weekends of October at the German American Social Club in Cape Coral. This is one of the largest Oktoberfest celebrations in the country. The Opening Night Parade will be on Friday, October 20th, 8:00 – 8:15 PM. I plan

to have discounted tickets at our October Chapter Meeting, on Sunday, October 15th. We can meet at the German American Social Club at 6 PM for a fun evening with great food and entertainment.

After our November Chapter Meeting, we're planning a "Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch." Turkeys and tableware will be provided. We will have a sign-up sheet for dishes to pass at our October Chapter Meeting.

An offshore fishing trip, from Fort Myers Beach, is in our plans for a day in November or December. The offshore fishing trips are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Departure is at 9:30 AM and return at 4:00 PM, seniors: \$85.00 + tax. All fishing gear is provided. Bring what you want to eat or drink. Please watch our Weekly Blast for updated information.

Saturday, December 2nd, 6:00 PM, our Chapter Holiday Party, at Cape Cabaret in Cape Coral. Reservations can be made after our October Chapter Meeting at the Rockstar Harley-Davidson, Motor Clothes Sales Counter. Reservations are \$20.00 per person. Several entre' selections are available. We look forward to a fun evening with a great meal, music and dancing.

Saturday, December 9th, Christmas Light Canal Cruise from Fisherman's Wharf in Punta Gorda. This is a one hour cruise, departing at 6:00 PM. Adult tickets are \$30.00 per person. Make reservations at 941-639-0969 or book online: www.Kingfisherfleet.com. Tell them you are with the Harley-Davidson group.

We look forward to seeing you on our rides and at these events! Have a great quarter, and a Wonderful, Joyous, and Safe Holiday Season!

Just Bob





ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Updates

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of H.O.G.!

We hope this quarter's newsletter finds everyone well!

Fall weather is right around the corner. After the blistering HOT summer we've endured, I'm sure the cooler weather will enable everyone to enjoy much more comfortable rides. We've already had a nice increase in rider participation from some of our new members, and members returning to Florida for the winter. In the next 30 to 60 days, we anticipate increasing participation for our twice-a-week rides. It's great to see our friends, old and new.

The Florida H.O.G. Rally is fast approaching. The dates are October 4th through the 7th 2023 in Clearwater. This is our unusual opportunity to attend a National H.O.G. Rally very close to home. They have some great rides and activities planned, sure to please.

We've had two of our board members resign recently. Curt Wellington, our Activities Director, and Elle Shorter, our Secretary. Thank you both for your contributions to the board and the chapter. You will be missed on the board.

Kudos to Rockstar management for recently adding back the VIB tab to their new and improved website. Members can once again check their points and redeem them online. Thank You!

Tickets for our H.O.G. Chapter Christmas Party will be available very soon at Rockstar motor clothes. Don't forget to mark your calendars for December 2nd. The event will be held at the very nice Cape Cabaret in Cape Coral featuring dinner, music, and dancing. It's sure to be a fun evening. Watch for ticket purchase details soon.

In closing, if you have any suggestions for ride destinations, activities, or anything else that makes your H.O.G. experience more fulfilling and enjoyable, please let any one of our officers know. We are always looking for new and exciting things to do.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER, LIFE IS A JOURNEY, ENJOY THE RIDE.



Chris Mangin





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ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.





HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Report From the Head Road Captain



Larry (Smiley) Shorter

Hello All,

Hope all is going well with everyone. These past three months we have had a lot of rides, with our most recent to Immokalee Casino in Immokalee.

Thanks to all the Road Captains because without them we

wouldn't have had great organized safe rides.

We are still doing Wednesday rides as Riders Choice due to a few of our Road Captains being up north. Riders' choice basically means that there may or may not be a road captain showing up, but all the members can just decide on a destination and then one will lead the ride. If there are no road captains present, I have asked Jack to collect the VIB numbers and he will send them to me to log all the riders in.

As for the statistics, we now are doing yearly stats starting from October 2022 through August 31st,

2023. For that period, the total rides were 98. The average number of riders per ride is 11. The average trip miles destination is 77 and average round trip miles per ride is 120. Lastly, the total mile's for all riders is 128,016.

I would like to recognize the Road captains who have led the most rides. Bob (Just Bob) Hotovy with 28 leads and 18 sweeps, Lawrence (Smiley) Shorter 17 leads and 18 sweeps, Larry Burgess with 11 Leads and 21 Sweeps.

We are also always looking for more Road Captains. If you would like to learn more and maybe interested in joining our crew, please contact me or Bob (Just Bob) Hotovy.

KSU is still currently 9:30 am. Be sure to thank all your Road Captains. With that I would like to wish you safe and exciting rides and miles on your bikes.

Larry (Smiley) Shorter





MEMBER PHOTOS





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Raggae Vibrations Sunset Pirate Cruise

Rescheduled- Thursday, October 12

Depart 7:30 PM, 90 Minute Cruise

Live Raggae Band – Steel Drum Music

Adult Pirate Show

Full Bar on Board

\$39.00 Per Person (Adults Only) Cash or Credit Card

Meet at Marina: 7:00 PM

Check-in: 7:15 PM

Depart: Promptly 7:30 PM

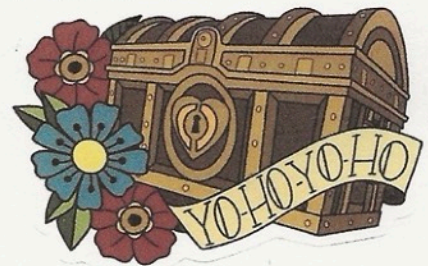


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ROCKSTAR H.O.G MEMBERS RIDE ROUTE 66





MEMBERSHIP & GOODWILL

Key Membership and Renewal Information



Greetings fellow Rockstar bikerholics and welcome back to you who have returned from your summer haven.

After clearing our membership roster of those who failed to renew either their national or local membership dues, we currently have 132 members. 29 of those are national life

members. We also have several NBO (New Bike Owners) pending while awaiting their national numbers.

Since this will be the last quarterly newsletter for the 2023 year, I feel compelled to ask you to begin your renewal process for the 2024 year Rockstar HOG membership. Please remember that your National membership must be in good standing in order to maintain membership in our local chapter.

Your current Rockstar membership expires on 12/31/2023. Renewal may be accomplished by:

- 1) Pick up a form in the dealership café , legibly fill it out date it 01/01/2024, drop it in the HOG

mailbox next to the receptionist desk at the dealership along with your cash or check for \$20.00.

- 2) OR go to our website: www.rockstarhog.com, on the home page scroll down to the PDF at the bottom, click on it, fill it out, MAKE SURE the date shows 01/01/2024, print it, sign it and get it to me with your \$20.00 cash or check by way of the HOG mailbox at the dealership or send it by USPS to the dealership at: Rockstar HOG chapter 4352, 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

- 3) I will also be available to receive your completed applications at the October, November or December monthly meetings. It is important that you renew on or before 12/31/2023 if you wish to go on our annual "HANGOVER RIDE" in 2024. Otherwise you will have to complete a waiver form as all NON members must do.

I look forward to seeing you on our weekly rides and monthly meetings.





SAFETY OFFICER'S MESSAGE



T-CLOCK

Normally at this time of year, some of us would be doing a check to put the bike into winter storage. But being in SWFL, the best riding season is ahead of us. Please follow these guidelines to ensure that your motorcycle is operating safely.

T-CLOCK Safety Inspection Checklist

The T-CLOCK inspection checklist was devised by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for inspecting your motorcycle to make sure there aren't any equipment or mechanical hazards.

Motorcycle Safety Checklist

T-CLOCK stands for:

- Tires & wheels
- Controls
- Lights & electrics
- Oil & fluids
- Chassis
- Kickstand

Tires & Wheels

Before hitting the road on your bike, be sure to check that your tire pressure is within safe parameters along with the condition of your tire's tread. You should also look for unusual holes, cuts, or punctures from sharp, foreign objects.

Inspect your wheels to see if your spokes are firm and intact, your rims are in proper position, the condition of the bearing seals are okay, and the ability for the wheel to spin freely.

Controls

Inspect your levers regarding the condition of your pivot bolt, if pivots are properly lubricated, and whether the action and position are correct. Check cables to determine that their ends and shafts are properly lubricated, signs of fraying, and no kinks or binding when turning your handlebars. Inspect your bike's hoses for any leaks and damage and make sure they connect to the proper terminals. Last but not least, check your throttle to ensure that it isn't too loose and that it freely snaps closed when released.

Lights & Electrical

Check to see if your brake and taillights are functioning properly. Switch on your headlights to see if they are angled correctly and their brightness level to determine whether they need replacement. Inspect your battery for adequate charge and to ensure that it is secured tightly. Check for any loose, frayed, pinched or corroded electrical wiring from the battery.

Oils & Fluids

Check fluid levels for your fuel, oil, brakes, transmission, coolant, and final drive. Make sure there aren't any fluid or oil leaks. Furthermore, you should inspect the color of your fluids to make sure there isn't any grime, carbonation, or contaminants that could interfere with the safe operation of your bike's essential systems.

Chassis

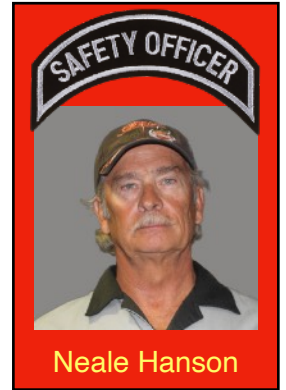
Inspect your bike's chassis for signs of wear and tear – and possibly cracks in your chassis – such as peeling or lifting in the paint along with damaged, loose, or missing fasteners, clips, and pins. You should also check your bike's chain or belt for proper tension and lubrication. Examine your bike's suspension system for smooth motion and proper adjustment.

You should also check the bearings for your bike's steering head and swingarm: While the front wheel is off the floor, pull and push the lower fork legs to see if they are loose. Do the same thing for the rear wheel while it is off the ground.

Kickstand

Inspect your motorcycle's kickstand to see if it retracts properly. Examine it for warping or other damage. If your sidestand or centerstand is loose when retracted, check the cut-out switch and springs for damage or wear.

*Copies of checklist will be in the H.O.G. area at the dealership.



Neale Hanson





CHAPTER EVENT SCHEDULE

GUESTS WELCOME at ALL CHAPTER EVENTS



Weekly Rides



2 Weekly Rides

Wednesday & Saturday

KSU at 9:30 AM (Usually)

See Calendar Insert for Dates & Times

Monthly Events

- ◆ **Road Captain Planning Meeting - 1st Wednesday**
- ◆ **BOD Meeting - 1st Thursday**
- ◆ **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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