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Newsletter

September 2022

RON MACLEAN 1941-2022 OUR DEAR FRIEND AND DEDICATED H.O.G. MEMBER

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It's September Already!

Bob Hotovy

September! Greetings Everyone! We are squeaking through the season without a hurricane and enjoying daily rains in varying intensity. We have it made in Florida, with our normal temperatures. It's great to speak with our friends from the north and across the Atlantic and hear their concerns about temperatures we have every day. God, I love this country!!

Welcome to our seasonal members! It's great to have the opportunity to share experiences we've all had since spring. We hope that sharing some of these experiences, together, will inspire us to try some of the activities experienced outside of Florida.

i'd like to take this opportunity to introduce Allie LaValley, our new Activities Officer. Allie has been spearheading our grilling efforts for the past few months and generously sharing her culinary experiences as we work to step-up our grilling offerings. She has also volunteered to be our Activities Officer and take charge of all of our activities. We look forward to helping her with some great ideas!

Thank you to all of you who Volunteer to help with our Chapter events and activities. It's great to work with you and have the opportunity to learn more about each other. We have a lot going on, so come to help with excitement in your heart. We need to strive to have fun with everything we do!

I'm extremely unhappy to announce the passing of our friend and passionate Member, Ron Maclean! Ron passed on Sunday, July 31st. He bravely struggled with several health issues and was positive and active until he passed. Ron drove to meet us for lunch on our Wednesday Ride to one of his favorite restaurants, four days before he passed.

We will be having a "Celebration of Life" for Ron at our Chapter Meeting on Sunday, September 11th. Please watch our weekly blast for details about our Celebration as we are working on plans now.

Have a great month! Ride with a smile!

Just Bob

Tri-Glide's Ancestor was Built for Service

Steve Marshall

As a boy traipsing through downtown Cleveland, Ohio, during the winter, I vividly remember hearty police motormen astride slush-spattered three-wheelers: those Servi-Cars were workhorses for police departments and auto service garages until production ceased in 1973 after 41 years.

They provided a stable three-wheeled platform for traffic and parking enforcement: An officer could roll slowly along next to parked cars, using a chalk-equipped stick to mark tires and return to scribble tickets later.

In 1964, they became the first civilian Harleys to feature electric starting, according to ClassicCars.com. The police versions usually had red pursuit lights, a windshield and a fender-mounted front siren.

Automotive service stations used these workhorses to pick up customers' cars for service. A jumpsuit-clad employee would ride the trike to the customer's house and hook up the Servi-Car to the car's rear bumper using a rudimentary hitch. Then he drove the car to the station for service while towing the trike. When the car service was completed, the process was reversed.

The Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee features a colorful and interesting display of Servi-Cars in its bikes exhibit.

The huge rear cargo box was repurposed by clever civilian riders to haul snacks to Little League games or harder beverages to adult parties.

ClassicCars.com says the typical Servi-Car engine was a 45-cubic inch V-twin flathead. As deep as the snow got in Cleveland, I don't remember seeing police driving too fast — but they did stay upright!

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Road Captains - September Rides

Day Date	Time	Destination	Lead Road Captain	Sweep Road Captain
Saturday 9/3	9:30 AM	Thai Uden Cafe Naples	Janice Chartoff	John Leone
Wednesday 9/7	9:30 AM	Pelican's Larrys Naples	Bill Tatman	Chris Mangin
Saturday 9/10	9:30 AM	CJ's On Th Bay Marco iland	Larry Shorter	Fred Lamphear
Wednesday 9/14	9:30 AM	BJ's Brewhouse Fort Myers	Fred Lamphear	Chris Mangin
Saturday 9/17	9:30 AM	Horsin' Around Fort Myers	Janice Chartoff	Larry Shorter
Wednesday 9/21	9:30 AM	Roland Martin Tiki Bar Clewiston	Bob Hotovy	Chris Mangin
Saturday 9/24	9:30 AM	Shark Valley Miami	Bob Hotovy	Larry Shorter
Wednesday 9/28	9:30 AM	Ford's Garage Estero	Bill Tatman	Bob Hotovy

ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.

Ron Maclean 1941-2022 RIP

August 2022 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Bob Hotovy. Minutes of the July meeting were approved 8-0 on a motion from Joe and seconded by Jerry. Bob introduced Allie to the BOD as the new Activities Officer.

Treasurer's report: Jerry moved and Joe seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Brenda said we are slightly under $10,000 at this point.

The approval motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Fly Your Bra Ride Update: Lisa set up a nice FYBR T-Shirt table with a bra donation bucket near the MotorClothes department. Posters are on display and available.

Holiday Party update: Brenda noted that another $2,500 was paid to the host hotel.

New Business:

The next Chapter potluck will be held Sunday, Nov. 13, following the General Membership Meeting. It will take place in the Triple Tree Room.

Ron Maclean's death and arrangements: Bob said he has been in touch with Ron's daughter, who lives in Indiana, and there is no viewing scheduled. Bob indicated he is working on a memorial display to honor Ron.

Janice Chartoff

Membership and renewal update: Because Anne was enroute to the Sturgis rally, we didn't have an exact membership figure, but the Chapter has about 235 paid-up members.

Cooking equipment update from Allie: She will be buying metal pans to be used instead of the flimsier foil pans. Motion to approve the purchase and reimburse Allie was introduced by Brenda, seconded by Steve Eagels, and passed 8-0.

Dealer-chapter relations: Kelsea Kosko discussed the upcoming Biker Breakfast on Saturday, August 13, and we will set up at 8 a.m. so employees can get their breakfasts before the dealership opens.

Joe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Eagels, and the meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

RON MACLEAN - Road Captain Extraordinaire

Fred Lamphear

If you joined any chapter ride in the last 3-4 years, you know Ron Maclean. If you've volunteered for any event in the last 3-4 years, you know Ron Maclean. If you've helped grill in the last 3-4 years, you know Ron Maclean. If you've attended any Chapter Meeting in the last 3-4 years, you know Ron Maclean. Maybe you never got to know him personally, but he was always present and willing to help the chapter and dealership any way he could.

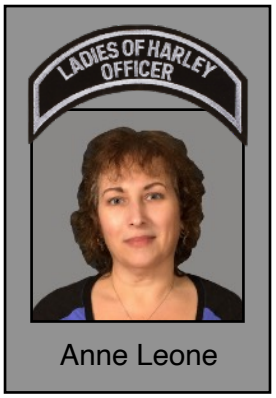
After the Covid restrictions started to be lifted in 2020 Ron was often the only Road Captain to volunteer to lead and sweep rides. Sometimes he was the only rider to show up at our regularly scheduled rides. He was dedicated to the max when it came to the Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter.

Even after a terminal diagnosis, Ron continued to participate in Chapter activities. Ron was a fighter. In addition to his time, he donated many personal items to the chapter and its members.

Ron, We miss you so very, very much. RIP

LOH Activities Update

We had our August meeting right after our regular chapter meeting and I want to thank all those that stayed and joined our meeting. We discussed the Fly Your Bra ride, and we will need volunteers on the day of this event we had our signup sheet at our chapter meeting and will also have it available at our September meeting. We do need volunteers on October 15th for the ride and we will need help to put the baskets together. That date will be emailed and hopefully some members can join us. We will be selling T-shirts for this event at $20 each which will be available at our meetings and at the dealership cash only. Carrie has volunteered her time to "Bling" out the shirts for the ladies and men and turn them into V-necks if you want. This will happen on September 17th at the cost of $10 but will be $5 if you bring your own Bling. All the money she raises she is giving back to this wonderful cause. Also, the ride will be $20 per rider and $15 per passenger so ladies if you don't ride your own, please have your riding partner join us on this police escorted ride and back to the dealer for food, music and raffles. Just remember Breast Cancer doesn't just affect women but, men also suffer from Breast Cancer.



Anne Leone

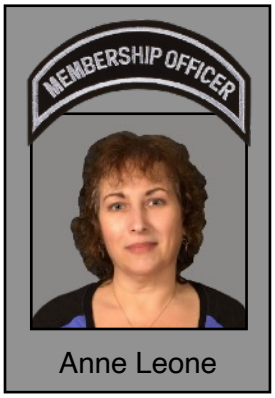
I want to also be able to celebrate us every month whether it's an engagement, wedding, birth of a child, grandchild, or anniversary I want to say congratulations in this column every month. So, I want to say thank you to Janice Chartoff for all your hard work as secretary making sure everyone gets the weekly blasts and as a female road captain. Ladies you too can become a road captain please speak to Fred we always need more road captains.

I also want to give a shout out to Allie LaValley she is our new Activities Officer and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to this position.

Please let me know if you have any question or ideas moving forward as they are always welcome. You can reach me by email or text me at Macktsbabe@gmail.com or text at 516-242-3818. I am here to listen to all concerns and ideas.

Next meeting will be in September after the chapter meeting, as always ride safely.

Membership News And Updates



Anne Leone

I want to welcome all our new members and new bike owners to the Rockstar H.O.G. chapter. We now have 244 active members, and we keep growing. Please remember to keep your national H.O.G. membership up-to-date. When renewing, please email me the new expiration date.

Please email me if you haven't received your membership cards and want one. I do mail them out but have no control over USPS. Membership cards are also available at our monthly meeting. If you're not getting the weekly blast, email me and I will check to make sure your email address is correct in our database.

We had our first membership Potluck, and it was a great success. Join us for our next Potluck on November 13.

If you haven't already, please email me your VIB numbers. It's critical to keep our database up to date. MACKTSBABE@GMAIL.COM.

If you know anyone who is not a member, please encourage them to join our chapter or just come to a meeting and check us out. The membership application form can be downloaded from our website or can be obtained from the dealership receptionist or in the cafe. Legibly complete the form and along with $20, drop it in the Chapter mailbox at the entrance to the dealership. You can also mail it to the dealership.

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

To renew your national H.O.G , Call – 1-800- 258-2464, or use the Website - H-D .com/HOG

Remember one nice part is roadside assistance 1-888-443-5896 (24 hours a day.)

Again, welcome all new and returning members and I truly know we will have a great year and remember to keep open December 10th for our Holiday Party.

Member Spotlight

Meet Larry "Smiley" Shorter

Larry has been riding motorcycles for over 20 years.

Larry's first motorcycle was a 1980 Honda 350

Larry currently rides a 2021 Road Glide Limited

Larry joined our chapter in December 2021 and is a Road Captain

Windshield, Visor & Glasses Visibility

As I mentioned at the last chapter meeting, it's a good idea to purchase and have on hand one of the products used to help bead water on our shields, visors, or glasses. These products apply beading technology and will dramatically enhance visibility during rain. Remember if using Rain X, it comes in the plastic compatible form.

Always, clean the plastic really well, with something that doesn't deposit anything on it. Then rub this on with a synthetic cloth (like the microfiber dust cloths, quickie et al), and just keep rubbing until it is evenly foggy. Then take a dry spot of the cloth and rub until it's clear again. Instructions explicitly tell you not to use paper towels.

Although we can't endorse any one product, some of our members have had good experience using some of these commercially available products such as:

Rain X "Plastic" Water Repellent

Top Coat F11* (it is entirely safe to use the F11 on all the components that even made from plastic) (available at Rockstar Parts)

Steve Eagels

BugSlide Spray (Leaves a protective, microscopic finish that continually repels dust, dirt, water & fingerprints)

All Kleer Windshield Cleaner & Polish

Ride Safe

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Chapter Event Schedule

GUESTS WELCOME at ALL CHAPTER EVENTS

Weekly Rides

2 Weekly Rides

Wednesday

Saturday

See Calendar Insert for Dates & Times and SPECIAL Rides

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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