

Rockstar HEG Chapter #4352



Newsletter

August 2021



Ron Maclean - New Road Captain



John Leone - New Historian



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Summer Riding: Brace for Heat, Humidity and Storms



Hello, Rockstar H.O.G. members. Happy August.

Sincere condolences to Carrie Stevens and Lucinda Anderson who lost family members in July. Your Rockstar H.O.G family stands with you during these difficult times.

August is upon us and with it the summer heat, humidity and afternoon storms. But that doesn't stop those of you who love to ride your motorcycles and enjoy that feeling of freedom that riding delivers. Your H.O.G. chapter continues to ride every Wednesday and Saturday throughout the summer. A welcomed development is that every ride in August has a Lead Road Captain and a destination. No 'RC Choice' or 'Riders Choice' rides. So come on out and join us.

Compared to June and July, August is a relatively quiet month for 'special' H.O.G. rides and events. However, Rockstar H-D continues special events every weekend. Be sure to stop by the dealership and take advantage of the festivities, free food and beer and other special offers.

H.O.G. activities will significantly increase in September, October and November. I hope you all plan on participating in the future events mentioned in the Activity officer's and LOH officer's articles, plus other items advertised in this newsletter and on the back of this month's calendar.

As echoed in other officer articles in this newsletter, I want to thank all our road captains for the fine job they do in creating interesting routes and excellent destinations. I also want to thank our many volunteers who help with grilling and other events.

Attendance at the July general membership meeting was the lowest in recent memory. I hope that was the result of your newfound release from COVID-19 restrictions and you're traveling to see relatives and on fun vacations. Attending monthly meetings is one of the best ways to get advance information on upcoming rides and events as well as stay in touch with friends, have a little fun, and even earn some VIB points. There will be some breaking news at the August meeting so I'm sure you'll want to attend. See you there.

Get Your November Party Tickets NOW at Rockstar Harley-Davidson Motorclothes !!





3RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Rockstar H.O.G. 3rd Anniversary Party

Saturday, November 6 @ 6:00 PM

Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport @ Town Center
(9931 Interstate Commerce Drive, Fort Myers)

Tickets on sale @ Rockstar H-D Motorclothes
TICKET PRICE

\$35.00 per Chapter member
\$35.00 per Chapter member guest

Choice of Three Meals
Sliced Sirloin
Chicken Marsala
Roasted Salmon Fillet

If you can't get it done in-person,
you can call Rockstar H-D Motorclothes
239.275.4647 to reserve a ticket before Oct 1.
Please have a credit card ready along with a
meal selection (see above).

!!! Win Two Nights !!!

Holiday Inn
Fort Myers Airport @ Town Center
(9931 Interstate Commerce Drive, Fort Myers)

Raffle tickets on sale at the
General Membership Meetings
until October 10, 2021

TICKET PRICE
\$5.00 for one (1) and \$10.00 for three (3)

The drawing for the winning ticket stub
will be at the
October 10th General Membership meeting.
You do not need to be present to win!



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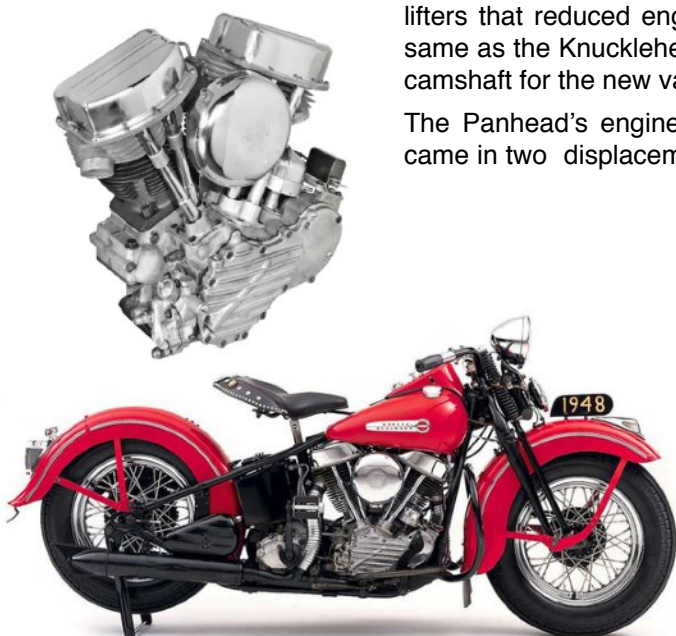
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Harley History

The Panhead V-Twin



The Panhead engine was introduced in 1948 and produced until 1965. It got its nickname from the rocker covers which resembled upside-down roasting pans. It replaced the Knucklehead engine. The primary changes were the aluminum heads which helped to reduce operating temperatures and the introduction of hydraulic valve lifters that reduced engine noise. The bottom section of the engine was basically the same as the Knucklehead with minor modifications to the engine cases as well as a new camshaft for the new valve system.

The Panhead's engine was a two-cylinder, two-valve-per-cylinder, pushrod V-twin. It came in two displacement versions: the 74 cubic inch, which was installed in the FL and

FLH bikes, and a 61 cubic inch, which was installed in the EL series bikes. With its 7:1 compression ratio, output was 55 hp at 4,800 rpm in the 74 cubic inch version. The transmission was a 4-speed unit.

The Panhead was redesigned in 1955 so that larger engine casings could be fitted to it.

Since the engine was taller than the Knucklehead, the frames were redesigned with double down-tubes. The frame became known as the "wishbone" frame and came with a mounting plate for engine guards as well as a steering lock.

The "Captain America" chopper ridden by Peter Fonda in the movie *Easy Rider* had a Panhead engine, as did the "Billy Bike" ridden by Dennis Hopper.

In 1966, the Motor Company replaced the Panhead with the Shovelhead, which was quieter, cleaner and more efficient.



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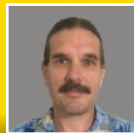
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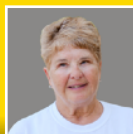
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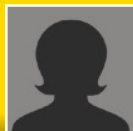
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Two Rides per Week
See Calendar for Dates & Times



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ABOUT TRAINING



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ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.

Congratulations to Ron Maclean on becoming our latest Road Captain



Congratulations to Ron Maclean on becoming our newest Road Captain! Ron has been riding with us frequently and has also helped us grill on several occasions. He is also very active in the Disabled American Veterans. In addition to our congratulations, we also thank him for his past and continued service to our great country.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered to help with our grilling opportunities and all of our Chapter activities.

Please join me in thanking our Road Captains for all they do to prepare and lead our rides safely. It's all about the ride, and we all appreciate your efforts!

Our recent trip to the Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass H.O.G. Rally, in Lexington, Kentucky, was fun and a great adventure in the rain. Thank you to Larry Burgess, who was unable to ride because of a recent foot injury, so he followed us in his truck, bringing drinks, snacks and carried additional and wet luggage. We had five bikes, six riders and Larry traveling to Lexington. We were met by Sparky, Charlie DeHart and Mary Jo Welch coming from their homes up north.

In spite of the rain and several freeway closures, we had a great trip and look forward to the next one.

Fred and I attended a Joint Activities Planning Meeting with members from the Alligator Alley and Palm Beach H.O.G. Chapters, in Sunrise on July 10th. We discussed opportunities to do some rides and trips together. We think these are great opportunities and will update you on these opportunities as they are assigned to dates in the future.

If any of you are interested in becoming a Road Captain, please contact me or Fred and we will be

happy to discuss how we can get you on our Road Captain Team.

Please watch our Weekly Blast for our grilling opportunities in August. Please remember, grilling for Rockstar Harley-Davidson gives us the opportunity to make money for our H.O.G. Chapter. All tips received from grilling go to our Chapter. We appreciate you volunteering to help.

The Great Smokey Mountain H.O.G. Rally is September 28th thru October 2nd, in Maryville, Tennessee. Our ride to the Rally leaves on Monday, September 27th. The distance to Maryville is 785 miles. There will be one overnight stop on the way to and from the Rally. We will depart Maryville on Saturday, October 2nd and be home on Sunday, October 3rd.

Register for the Rally at: Harley-Davidson.com/hog

The host hotel is the Hilton Knoxville Airport, or any hotel listed on the Rally website. We plan to arrive on Tuesday, September 28th and depart on Saturday, October 2nd.

Once you have registered and made your hotel reservation, please send me, by e-mail, your name (names), hotel name, and your cell phone number.

I will contact you with our exit number and a list of hotels at our exit for our trip to and from the Rally. I will finalize our route and stops soon.

Please register and make your room reservation early for the Rally. There was a very good turnout at the Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass Rally and expectations are that the turnout will be greater at the Great Smokey Mountain Rally. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions: 239-770-8202. If you miss me, please leave a message.

I look forward to seeing you at all of our activities, on our rides, and volunteering for our H.O.G. Chapter!

Have a great month! Ride with a smile!



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Highlights from Board of Directors Meeting - July 7, 2021



• Fly Your Bra Ride (FYBR) – Susan gave update on FYBR progress. Band has been booked. BOD approved T-shirts. Gary motioned to approve, Tony second, all in favor

• Experience the Ride – Tony – Total of 18 bikes.

Lots of things happened that helped the course, even had a breakdown. Great experience for all. Everyone got something out of it and suggestion made that Tony should plan another one for this fall. Fred asked if there was a list of semi- new and/or new members that can be retrieved from member input on June 26, 2021

- Fall Party Status – tickets are available. Tickets are pre-numbered and can be purchased in motor clothes at the dealership. When purchasing tickets, chose your meal from the menu choices. If you have a paper ticket, ask for new printed one. Another committee meeting after general meeting has been planned
- Freedom Ride Status - to call attention to child sex trafficking. 20 people from this location have registered so far. Ft Lauderdale drill team will be doing a short demonstration and there

will be speeches and then back to respective dealerships. Ride leaves from ROCKSTAR H-D with registration at 9am. No escort. Pack a lunch?

- Planning for joint rides with Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale – Bob and Fred meeting with both groups to plan future activities this Saturday. Will keep BOD updated.
- Carrie – Suggested having a member spotlight as a filler for the Café TV, example, the birthday winner could be spotlighted. Carrie, Tony and Gary will take ownership of this project. John Leone is taking over TV and will get training from Tony. Carrie is also heading up our goodwill for members.
- Steve M – Long-term Strategic Planning Committee status – formulated a survey for members to take. Discussion followed on best way to send out by MailChimp. Let Fred know before Kevin sends survey so a Blast can go out to our membership making them aware that survey is coming.
- Treasurers report was given by Fred. We are in a healthy financial position at this time.
- John welcomed as our historian.
- Lucinda still working on bowling outing for July 17
- New Grilling dates: July 17, 18 and the 31st Volunteers are needed.



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.



2021 FLY YOUR BRA RIDE

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

\$20/RIDER
\$20/PASS.
INCLUDES LUNCH

Save The Twins



13th Annual
Fly Your Bra Ride

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RAFFLE TIX,
& 50/50**



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LADIES OF HARLEY MESSAGE



LOH Ride will Honor Longtime H-D Ambassador Nancy Davidson

Join the LOH for a ride to honor Sturgis Hall of Famer Nancy Davidson, 89, who died July 12 after a long battle with cancer.



Our memorial ride will be on Saturday, August 21 under the BIG sign at Rockstar Harley-Davidson. Arrive at 9 A.M., kickstands up at 9:30 A.M.

Nancy and Willie G. Davidson married in 1957. She was working as a schoolteacher and when Willie joined Harley-Davidson in 1963, she focused on raising her family.

When Harley-Davidson launched the Harley Owners Group in 1983, Nancy and Willie connected with Harley-Davidson customers through shared riding experiences. Together, Willie and Nancy logged thousands of miles, getting to know some of Harley-Davidson's most loyal and committed riders.

The couple traveled together to hundreds of motorcycle events, including Daytona Bike Week, Sturgis and many international events. In 2010, Nancy was inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame, in recognition of her long-term positive impact on the motorcycling community.

Nancy is survived by her husband, three children, and one granddaughter. Willie G., 78, the grandson of one of the company's founders, is the son of William H. Davidson, Harley's second president. He retired in 2012 as senior vice president and chief styling officer.

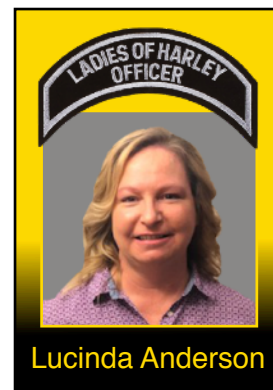
The first Sturgis Motorcycle Rally was August 14, 1938.

Since August hosts the world's largest bike rally, let's take a look at how it all began. The first Sturgis motorcycle rally was held on August 14, 1938. The event was organized by the town's motorcycle club called the Jackpine Gypsies, who bought and developed large tracks, hill climbs and field areas where the rally would be held.

Clarence "Pappy" Hoel was credited with founding the event when he bought a franchise of the Indian Motorcycle Company (a manufacturer of motorcycles in North Carolina) in Sturgis during 1936. After that, he organized the Jackpine Gypsies.

During the first few years, the Sturgis motorcycle rally focused on racing and stunts, testing the participant's various riding skills, courage and stunt creativity. By the 1960s, the rally action expanded with hill climbs and motocross. Audiences saw more daredevil maneuvers like the half-mile track racing, ramp jumps, head-on automobile crashes and board wall crashes, the reasons for the tremendous popularity of the event today. The only time that the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally was canceled was 1942, at the height of World War II.

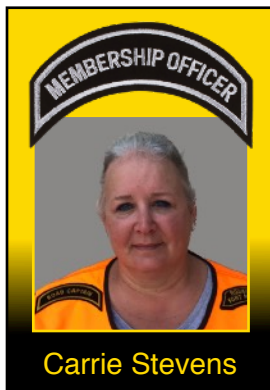
The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally continues to reap the support and attendance of both participants and motorcycle fans all over the United States and in some parts of the world. In 2015, a record 739,000 attended the rally's 75th anniversary, including entire families who came with their RVs and rode the few last miles to Sturgis on their motorcycles.





MEMBERSHIP & GOODWILL

Ensure You're a Very Important Biker



Happy August 2021!

We currently have 302 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 or old AU number. Please

send to me via email so I can get all of you up to date. CarrieS91@gmail.com. In addition, please send me your month and day of your birthday, year is not necessary. 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 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 McDonald, the Chapter secretary. 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

Our Chapter: www.RockstarHOG.com

See you out on the road.

Ride Safe!





SAFETY OFFICER'S MESSAGE

How to Handle a Motorcycle Tire Blowout

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.

However, if one of your motorcycle's tires should fail while you're riding, you'll need to react quickly and decisively to avert a crash. So take a few minutes now to familiarize yourself with the following steps for successfully handling motorcycle tire blowouts:

1. Ease off the throttle and slow down gradually.
2. Do not use the brakes. Braking, especially braking hard, will only make keeping control of your motorcycle even more difficult. If you must use some brake, apply gradual force to the brake on the good tire and ease your motorcycle to a safe stop.

Caution: Using the brake on the wheel with the bad tire can cause the tire to separate from the rim, resulting in immediate loss of control. Be aware, however, that integrated braking systems don't permit rear-brake-only applications, while linked braking systems do not allow for single-

brake operation. On motorcycles with either of these two systems, braking with the good tire only may not be possible. Any braking necessary should be done very lightly and with great care. Avoid downshifting too. Like braking, this will only make your bike less stable.

3. Firmly hold on to the handlebars while keeping your arms bent. Do not "fight" the steering to correct the wobble or weave that will likely develop. Focus instead on maintaining control by keeping your motorcycle directed in as straight a line as possible until it comes to a stop.
4. Remain seated until your motorcycle has come to a full stop.
5. Once stopped, push your motorcycle as far away from the travel lanes as possible.

While tire blowouts are not common, the absolute best way to "handle one" is to avert it before it happens.



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 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.

