

Rockstar HOG Chapter #4352



Newsletter



January/February/March 2024

Welcome our new Director
Larry 'Smiley' Shorter



Thank You Bob Hotovy for your
years of service to the Chapter.



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year



Larry (Smiley) Shorter

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season! Most of you know me as your Head Road Captain last year, I had a great time with our members and our road captains. I will be your director for 2024 and really am looking forward to the new events and rides we will have this year.

I ride a Harley 2021 ultra-Limited. I have been riding most of my life but took a break till I bought my current bike and am loving being back to riding.

I would like to welcome our **New Board Members**, please see page 4. We have great plans for 2024.

I am glad to have our Seasonal Members back! As most of you know already Kevin is back as our General Manager of Rockstar Harley-Davidson! Savannah Doyle is our Chapter Manager. We are looking forward to working with her the year.

I would like to give out a big Thank you to our Awesome Road Captains who have taken us on

some great and safe rides. Thank you to everyone who has Volunteered to help with all our Chapter activities. All you do is appreciated and is a big contribution to our Chapter. We will be discussing our grilling opportunities in our first Board meeting in January. We will have Sign-up Sheets for these Grilling Dates at our January Chapter Meeting.

Our Chapter Holiday Party was a lot of fun! It was great to see all of you and spend a great evening together. Our Party Room at the Cape Cabaret was very nice. The food was great, as were the desserts and a good DJ. There was a lot of dancing and members having fun. Thank You to our Board for a very nice Holiday Party!

It is always great to see you all on our Rides. I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year! Ride safe and enjoy your rides! We are also looking for an Activities Officer and Editor for our newsletter. If you are interested, please send me an email, or call me or any of the board members. See you on our rides!

Larry (Smiley) Shorter





ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It's Been a Very Busy End To 2023

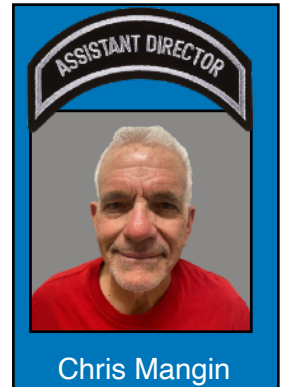
Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of HOG!

I want to wish all of you a Very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year filled many Enjoyable Hours Riding Your Motorcycles.

If you have any suggestions for rides, activities or anything 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





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director
Larry (Smiley)
Shorter

Assistant Director
Chris Mangin

Secretary
Elle Shorter

Treasurer
Mary Farina

Activities Officer
This Could be YOU

Membership &
Goodwill
Anne Leone

Head Road Captain
Larry Burgess

Safety Officer
John Leone

Historian
John Leone

Ladies of Harley
Anne Leone

Quartermaster
Kevin Jarrett

Webmaster
Steve Eagels




Chapter Manager
Savannah Doyle

Photographer
Jerry Sowka





CHAPTER ROAD CAPTAINS


Larry Burgess
Head Road Captain




Paul "doc" Callahan




Charlie DeHart



Greg Holmes




Bob Hotovy



Kevin Jarrett



Kevin Johnson




John "Flash" Leone



Chris Mangin



Bill Tatman



Paul Thompson



Larry "Smiley" Shorter



Maury Wiese




This Could Be You

ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.



Wind Therapy for Fun & Pleasure In 2024



Larry Burgess

Welcome to 2024!! I hope everyone had a very happy holiday season and enjoyed the festivities with family and friends.

As your new incoming HEAD Road Captain, I'm looking forward to many great rides this year as I'm sure you do as well. Our current slate of road

captains will do their best to add new, and less frequently visited destinations to our chapter rides this year. If anyone has suggestions for new destinations, please us know so that we may add them to our ride plan for this year. Currently it is my desire to plan a few long distant rides this year if we have significant membership interest. By long distant, I mean H.O.G. rallies such as Daytona, Leesburg, Saint Petersburg, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and maybe Marysville, Tennessee. Of course, these rides will require several overnight stays.

Please be sure to let all of our road captains know how much you appreciate all of their efforts to plan and lead us safely on all of our rides. If you would like to become a Rockstar H.O.G. Road Captain here are the requirements: 1) You must be able to safely ride a motorcycle, two wheel or three wheel. 2) You have to be friendly (NO scrooges allowed). Next, we will take you through a Road Captain Orientation to familiarize you with our processes, rules and guidelines. Then we will take you on some road exercises to learn Road Captain riding positions and methods of communication. A CB radio is very helpful but

NOT required. The final step will be experiencing the LEAD and SWEEP positions yourself along with an experienced Road Captain advising you along the way. Finally after successfully accomplishing those tasks, you will receive your Road Captain Patch which should be proudly worn on your vest or jacket.

I would highly recommend EVERY motorcycle rider take the S.M.A.R.T. course. This a FREE course sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Motorcycle Patrol Division. S.M.A.R.T. is an acronym for "Safe Motorcycle And Rider Techniques." The instructors are all members of the Collier County Sheriff's Motorcycle Patrol Division. I encourage everyone to try hard to 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 only with tighter parameters to gain their expertise. S.M.A.R.T. students only get 8 hours of instruction with expanded parameters. Therefore our courses are less difficult than the ones the instructors had to use to qualify. But don't let that scare you because the instructors are excellent teachers and you will gain some valuable knowledge and improve your skills no matter how long you have been a motorcycle rider. We have had many chapter members attend these courses since they began in October of 2021. I personally attended the very class offered. It was an intense, rigorous , eye opening experience and I will most likely do it again at some point in the future.

If January is an indicator of what's ahead for our 2024 Chapter Rides, I'm very excited. I hope to see you all on a Wednesday and /or Saturday rides very soon (weather permitting). Ride Safe!!





TREASURER

New Treasurer On The Team



Mary Farina

Hello H.O.G Family!

My name is Mary Farina and I have joined the team as your Treasurer for 2024.

My husband Tim and I moved here from Fort Worth Texas last fall. I have been riding for 20 years and had a 2019 Sportster when I moved here and bought a new Heritage Classic last January. Her name

is Snow White, and I have put 5000 miles on her so far! Tim likes to hang out with us even though he doesn't ride.

I am a full-time project manager and accounting specialist for an ERP software company. I travel for work quite a bit. It makes me miss the Wednesday rides, but I usually make Saturdays!

I have been in leadership and director roles though other volunteer organizations. I was the treasurer for my church's kids club ministry, and I was on the Board of Directors for a software users group. I offered to help because I want to see this chapter succeed in holding members for the long term. You are my family now and I want to get to know all of you for the long haul! Let's have fun, ride safe and make memories together!





LADIES OF HARLEY

LOH Is Back

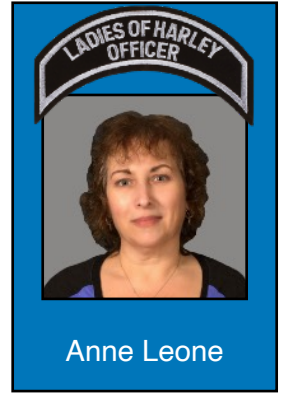
I would like to welcome all our lady riders to a wonderful new year and hope it brings everyone health and happiness.

There are a few events I am in the early stages of planning as well as 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 women 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.

We are also in need of female road captains please think about it and try it out, especially as we would like a female to lead International Women's Riding Day in May.

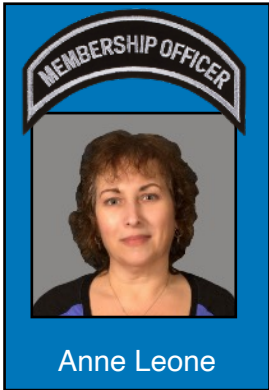


Anne Leone



MEMBERSHIP & GOODWILL

Renew Your Membership Now



Anne Leone

First, I would like to reintroduce myself as your returning membership officer and welcome all new and returning members for the 2024 riding year. As we all know 2023 brought us many challenges but I am hopeful that 2024 will be a good year for all.

I am aware that many have their membership cards and some might 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.

As you submit new and renewal forms, I hope that anyone who hasn't rejoined our chapter please do so as this year we have a new director Larry Shorter. You can fill out a membership application by downloading it from our website or go directly to the dealership and drop it in the mailbox 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.rockstar.com and the address to mail to is

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





SAFETY OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Motorcycle Riding in the Rain

Hi All, I am glad to be back, I am looking forward to a productive year and I am honored to be your Historian/Safety officer/Road captain. I hope everyone had a good holiday. Being in Florida 3 years now, I figured out that you basically must have eyes everywhere. During season we have drivers from all over the country and this makes it difficult to determine certain driver habits, but I think that this is an interesting tip and some good safety tips for everyone. Be safe.

John "Flash" Leone
Road Captain / Safety / Historian

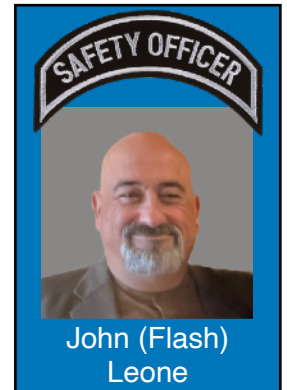
15 Smart Strategies for Streets - Part #1

Close your eyes (not while you're riding) and recall your last ride in heavy traffic. Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be. And those drivers with cell phones, newspapers or screaming kids to deal with...imagine trying to guess what they're going to do.

Riding in traffic can be a nightmare, especially for street-riding newcomers. Is it any wonder so many motorcyclists crash and burn while riding on congested streets? It's amazing how many different tasks motorcyclists deal with on a normal traffic-choked commute. Doing it successfully means processing a multitude of items at once and reacting correctly to each. Doing it wrong can mean roadkill--the human kind. Here are 15 smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets.

1/Watch Drivers' Heads and Mirrors
Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another (even if they don't check their mirrors).

2/Trust Your Mirrors, But Not Totally
Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot knowledge to your info-gathering tasks.



3/Never Get Between A Vehicle and an Off-ramp
This sounds almost too simple, but drivers who decide to exit at the last minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule, then, is to never position yourself between a vehicle and an off-ramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no, but in this day and age it's sometimes necessary. So if you do it, do so between exits or cross-streets.

4/Cover Your Brakes
In traffic you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. When that cell phone-yakking dork cuts across your path trying to get to the 7-Eleven for a burrito supreme, you'll be ready.

5/Be Noticed
Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ride with your high beam on during the day (as a courtesy, turn it off when sitting behind someone at a light), and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket. Hi Vis yellow suits and jackets aren't just hugely conspicuous, they've also becoming more fashionable, so now you don't have an excuse.

Part #2 In the 2nd Quarter Newsletter





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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