

Rockstar HEG Chapter

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Escaping the Deep Freeze, Enjoying the Ride



Aren't you glad you're in Florida! As I write this month's newsletter article, over half the nation, from southern Texas to the Canadian border, is in a deep freeze and under heaving snow, ice, and blizzard warnings. Let's all take advantage of our beautiful weather and get out and ride.

The February general membership meeting was well attended and participation was enthusiastic. We are back on our normal schedule of holding our general membership meetings on the second Sunday of every month, so mark your calendars. We continue to require masks and safe distancing at all meetings.

We are going to change things up a little bit for our March general membership meeting. On March 14, we will hold our meeting OUTSIDE, in the fresh air, at Pavilion C-1 at Lakes Park in Fort Myers. Contactless, Hot Box Lunches, prepared on site by Carballos, will be provided, free of charge for those in attendance. Water and soda will also be available. Lakes Park is located at 7330 Gladiolus Drive, 1/2 mile west of US 41. Turn right after entering the park and drive to the furthest parking

spaces in Lot 3. Pavilion C-1 is the largest pavilion at the end of the parking lot. I hope to see you there.

While we're not out of the woods yet with COVID-19, vaccinations are increasing and cases are trending down. All forecasts indicate these improvements will continue throughout this year and next. As a result, we have some really great events and rides being planned. We will continue to take precautions and follow recommended safety measures and restrictions. But our "RIDE" & 'FUN' level will definitely surpass that of 2020. Read all the Director's articles to find out more about what's in our future.

Our H.O.G. chapter is planning to establish a working committee to explore and recommend ideas that will make our chapter more exciting, fun, and attractive to existing and new members. This will be a 'long-term' planning committee formulating proposals for the board to consider. Committee members will be primarily made up of volunteers from our membership rolls. A mission statement and charter will be developed over the next several weeks. This is your chance to have input in the future of your H.O.G. chapter. If you are interested in being on this committee contact Fred Lamphear. fredrshog@gmail.com

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



H.O.G. TV is Live in the Rockstar Riders' Lounge

Hello fellow Rockstar H.O.G. members.

How is it that March Madness is already upon us, while we have been dealing with COVID for a year now? I have to say we are an amazingly resilient group. I have had the pleasure of leading some great rides to places like Solomon's Castle in Ona and Cowpokes up in Sebring. Ridership has picked up and I am really pleased to see all of the new folks on rides along with my many friends.

Last month I told you about H.O.G. TV, well it is now a reality. The new CMS Digital Signage is up and running in the rider lounge at the dealership. While I can take some of the credit, I have to say a special thanks to Gary Mayer, our ambassador and quartermaster, who kept "kicking the can" and asking us to get it working again. Gary was also my moral support while I got all the technical stuff worked out and up and running; make sure to say thanks to him. I'm really excited about this new technology as it allows us much greater

content that can be changed from the comfort of my living room.

Now that y'all know about the new CMS system please send ideas to me of what you think folks want to know about who we are and what we do. If you have any great motorcycle themed memes or cartoons please send them to me via email; oh yeah make sure they are G- or PG-rated. You can send me the adult themed ones — I just won't put those on the CMS board.

All of you are what makes our chapter great; it is the friendships and the good times we share whether we are riding or breaking bread together. Thanks to all of you for making us great.

Ride Often & Ride Safe



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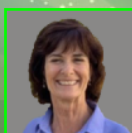
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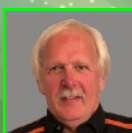
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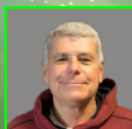
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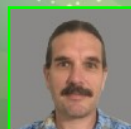
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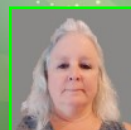
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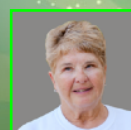
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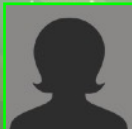
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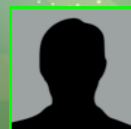
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ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.



ACTIVITIES & HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



Make Your Reservations Now for Two Upcoming Rallies!



Thank you to all of our members who volunteered to help with grilling and our chapter activities. It is great to see so many of you on our rides and at our February meeting. I know many of us still have concerns about social distancing and participating in group activities. We respect your concerns and welcome you to anything that we do that doesn't make you feel

uncomfortable. Riding in the fresh Florida air is a good way to get out and practice social distancing.

Galisano Children's Hospital has decided the Annual Easter Bunny Toy Run, to the Children's Hospital, should be canceled again this year, because of the pandemic.

Make sure you don't miss our March 14th general membership meeting at Lakes Park in Fort Myers. This is an opportunity for us to meet outside in an open pavilion and end our meeting with a nice boxed lunch. Lake Park is a beautiful area, with plenty of parking and a lot of activities to continue your enjoyment of the day.

The ride to Daytona Bike Week looks to have a good turnout. Ten rooms were blocked at the Hampton Inn in New Smyrna Beach. After 11 rooms were booked, we added 5 more to be held at \$145, plus tax, per night, to be held until February 12th. If you would still like to join us, the number for the Hampton Inn is: 386-898-9444. The reduced rate was for the blocked rooms. We will depart Rockstar Harley-Davidson at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9th and plan to return on Thursday, March 11th.

As there was very little interest in a double overnight ride to Brooksville for the Leesburg Bike Fest, that trip is canceled.

There was very little interest in a St. Patrick's Day evening dinner ride. We will have our regularly scheduled Wednesday ride, on March 17th, at 9:30 a.m., and work toward an Irish lunch.

As we meet for our Wednesday and Saturday rides, please enter the dealership through the main entrance, by the reception desk, or through the gate and side entrance into the Biker Café. The Rockstar sales staff hold their morning meetings near the Sales Department entrance so entering the building through those doors interrupts their morning routine.

We are working to ensure none of our riders are left behind if our rides are split up at traffic lights or other traffic situations. If we are split up, as if by a traffic light, and our route requires a turn, we are asking the last person in the group that made it through the light to stop at the turn and wait for the rest of the group so they can see where to turn. The remainder of the first group will slow down or wait in a safe area until everyone catches up.

The Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass Rally, in Lexington, Kentucky, is June 9th – 12th. The Great Smokey Mountain Rally, in Maryville, Tennessee, is September 28th – October 2nd. We are planning rides to both of these rallies. If you are interested in joining us on either or both of these rides, please register for the rallies at: www.hog.com.

Fred and I and Gloria have made room reservations at the Hyatt Place Lexington Hotel, for June 9th, 10th, & 11th, departing on June 12th. The rate is \$119/night, phone number: 859-296-0091. Tell them you are registering for the Bikes, Bourbon and Blues Rally and this is a H.O.G. REGIONAL Rate.

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ACTIVITIES & HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Events are Picking Up - Daytona & H.O.G. Rallies Scheduled

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Fred and I and Gloria have made room reservations at the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel, for September 28th, 29th, 30th and October 1st, departing on October 2nd. The rate is \$129/night, the telephone number: 865-970-4300. Tell them you are registering for the Great Smokey Mountain Rally at Smokey Mountain Harley-Davidson.

If you are interested in these rides, please register. These hotels appear to be Rally Host Hotels. Please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. It

would be great to have a number of members from our chapter attend these rallies.

I will update you as I receive more information and can make a trip plan.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Have a Great Month!

Ride with a Smile!



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2021



Opening

The regular meeting of the ROCKSTAR H.O.G. CHAPTER was called to order at 5:33 PM on FEBRUARY 8, 2021 by Fred.

Present

Fred, Tony, Kevin, Susan, Steve, Mike, Gary, Bob, Carrie (via cellphone) Not present: Lucinda, Steve E., and Cierra. Guest: John Benson

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was distributed to members of the board

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tony to accept the minutes of the January 2021 BOD meeting. Carrie 2nd. All in favor

Old Business

1. Valentine's Day general meeting was discussed. Bob will purchase round red tablecloths and Susan will get 6 dozen donuts.\$80 budget. Fred asked for volunteers to set up meeting room at 10am on Friday. Kevin, Gary, & Steve He also asked for greeters to sign in chapter members as they arrive for the meeting. Carrie, Mike & Bob. Motion made by Tony to accept Valentine's day plan, Susan second – all in favor (Tony working on ride for after the meeting-Possibly Sir Pizza.)

2. March membership **kick off** meeting at Lakes Park. Food situation for March meeting was discussed. Fred said that Carballo's will supply hot packaged meals. Cost should run about \$800+/- Susan made motion, Carrie seconded, 8 in favor, 1 nay by Gary.

3. April's Fools Day Challenge – Tony is working on details. Hopes to make announcement during 2/14 general meeting. Discussion took place regarding insurance of chapter events opened to the public. Will there be an award for the ride. Send out voting email to board when plans come together.

4. Distribution of newsletter. Should Chapter members be asked if they would prefer digital or paper copy of the newsletter. BOD prefers to continue as is. Tony motioned, Bob seconded. All in favor.

5. Café TV was discussed. PC stick has been ordered at \$200. Tony to give invoice to Kevin. Tony is running test to make sure it works. Tony plans on getting with Don to get the H.O.G.TV up and running by 2/18.

6. Meeting with Robert...will discuss VIB points because the program is not working. Is he okay with us running ads on the TV. What is Robert's interest in and what is the chapter participation in this Learning for Life event. To speak to Bob about insurance for FYBR.

New Business

1. Easter Bunny Run – will be postponed for another year. Other events may be considered. A Memorial Day ride will just be a special Monday ride for chapter only. May possibly ride to Mission BBQ.

2. Creation of long-term planning committee to explore and make recommendations as to what the needs of the membership are in the present and future. Only one board member will sit on this committee. Kevin says this is a very complex issued and it's purpose should be very grounded so as to develop a foundation to sustain 200 active members. Fred and Tony agree that we need to give guidance to the committee so that they understand the task in which they have been charged.

3. Kevin gave treasurers report. Grilling has been a great source of revenue for us at this time.

Mike mentioned VIB numbers are not matching with member names. February looks better. However, he needs to speak with Sam about better coordination.

Database management has been very time consuming for Carrie. BOD is to help clean up chapter member list. Carrie has been through member list and she is up to the "R's". She is cleaning up archived members and going through National membership updates.

Bob has two members in training for new RC and they have been shadowing on rides, He needs grilling dates before the 17th and wants to know what is included in the ice cream thing.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Fred. The next BOD meeting scheduled for Mar 8 at 5:30 pm the dealership.



LADIES OF HARLEY



Exciting Upcoming Events @ Rockstar Harley-Davidson

Ladies of Harley (LOH) is a program sponsored by the Harley Owners Group to support female motorcycle enthusiasts (both drivers and passengers). It is not a separate organization, but a benefit within H.O.G. established to encourage women to become more active in H.O.G. and their local chapters. There is no extra cost to join LOH.

As LOH members we represent the “voice” of the ladies for the Rockstar H.O.G. chapter. As your LOH officer it is my privilege and honor to bring new ideas to the monthly officer and chapter meetings; anything from a new charity, to a ride, to a sponsored event,



or just about anything else.

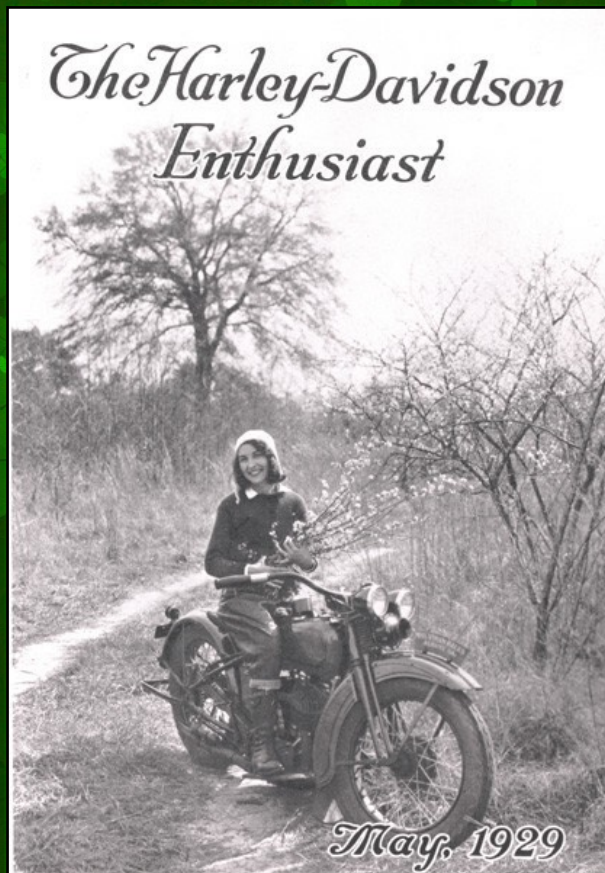
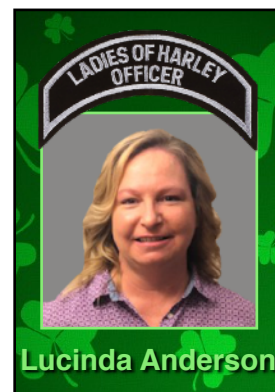
So come on, ladies, let your voices be heard!

LOH has periodic meetings to discuss upcoming events and solicit new ideas from our members.

Bring any ideas to our next

meeting at 9:30 a.m. right

before the general membership meeting at Lakes Park on March 14. In the meantime you can forward any ideas via text or call 484-942-9133. My new email address is rockstarhogloh@gmail.com



Motorcycling’s first “cover girl,” Vivian Bales went on a 5,000-mile solo tour of the country after her appearance on the cover of *The Harley Davidson Enthusiast* in 1929. Visiting various towns from Albany to Milwaukee, Baltimore to Washington D.C. (where she toured The White House and met then-president Herbert Hoover), Bales is best remembered for the goodwill and exposure she brought to women motorcyclists on her 78-day journey. Later that year, she chronicled her experiences on the road in a two-part article for Harley-Davidson’s magazine (and appeared on the cover again).



MEMBERSHIP & GOODWILL

Database Housecleaning is Underway

Happy March 2021!

As of now, we have 231 members, 41 Ladies of Harley (LOH). We have been in the process of cleaning up our chapter database. Those who have not renewed for the 2021 season, or new bike owners who did not take part with our chapter activities and rides have been removed.

We have given over four months for folks to renew with our chapter at no charge due the pandemic.

We would like to recognize folks for their birthday. Please update our database — If you would please email me your month and day of your birthday. It is not necessary to send year, unless you would like to do so. Please email to me at CarrieS91@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

If you are not receiving the weekly blast, please reach out to me or Susan McDonald. We could have an error

when listing your email, or perhaps be unable to read some handwriting.

We need to make sure you have an AV / VIB (very important biker) 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.

Sites you may want to check out:



National H.O.G.: www.hog.com



Dealership: www.rockstarharley.com



Our chapter site: www.rockstarhog.com

See you out on the road and ride safely!





SAFETY OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Strategy for Safely Crossing Train Rails

(Reprinted from Motorcycle Consumer News, written by David L. Hough)

Railroad tracks have caused more than a few motorcycle crashes. That may be because steel rails don't look especially dangerous. The crashes are rarely fatal, but any crash can be painful and expensive.

Let's consider a few hazards created by rails in the road surface, and offer some tactics for keeping the shiny side up.



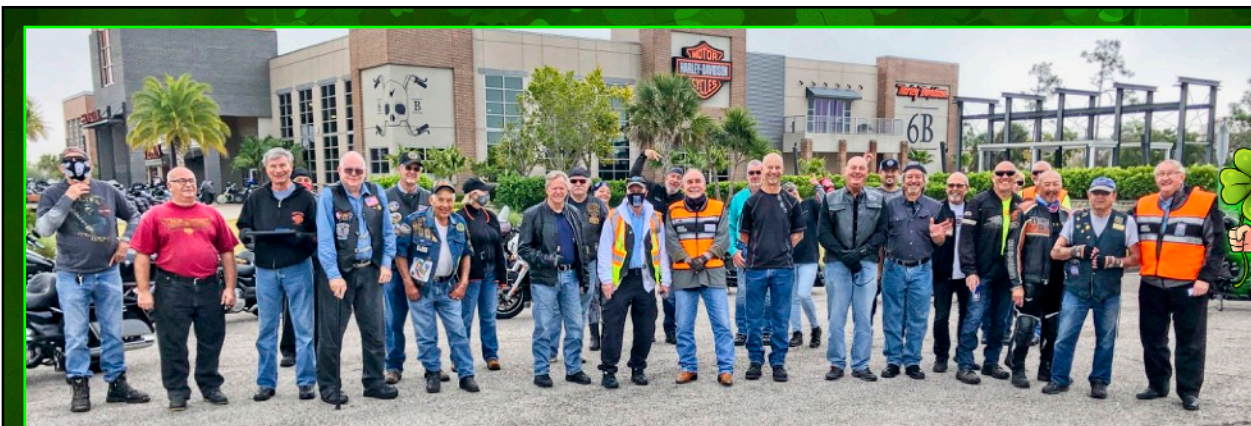
Shiny surfaces, such as rails, are a specific problem for motorcycles because balancing a bike is mostly a matter of steering the front wheel to adjust the position of the contact patch. If your front tire slides for more than a second or two, you can lose control of steering, and not be able to keep the bike upright. A polished steel rail or groove can allow the front tire to slide.

Many cities have industrial areas once served by railroad sidings. Today most commercial shipments are by truck, but often the abandoned rails remain, creating surface hazards for the unwary motorcyclist.

Where two tracks join or cross each other, there will be V or X-shaped slots shaped to allow train wheels to roll through. There are often thin plates lining the slots to help prevent pavement and debris from clogging the train wheel grooves. The slots and grooves can easily capture your front tire, wresting steering from your control.

If you don't have to cross the slippery rails, avoid them. But when you must cross, cross at a maximum angle, with the bike as vertical as possible. If multiple tracks converge, plan a line that provides the best traction and keeps your tires out of any V or X grooves.

As with any surface hazard, it will help to keep your weight firmly on the pegs or floorboards when crossing railroad tracks.





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 - See Calendar Insert
- ✿ 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.

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