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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Don't Miss All That's Happening In Your H.O.G. Chapter



Happy March! Happy St. Patrick's Day! March is a fun month! On March 17th, it's amazing how many of us feel like we're Irish and get the uncontrollable urge to celebrate! To all of you that are Irish, and all of you who think you are Irish, and to all of you who want to be Irish: "Have a Great Day!"

It's always important to start with a big "Thank You" to our Road Captains! As with all volunteers, this group of our members devote a lot of their time freely to plan and lead our rides. The whole purpose of our chapter is to ride and have fun. It's always good to see many of you on our rides and it's even better to hear our riders tell their road captain how they enjoyed their Ride. "Have you hugged your road captain lately?"

Rockstar Harley-Davidson, our sponsoring dealership, has offered to add our Wednesday chapter rides to the list of chapter activities to receive V.I.B. points, starting on March 1st. A big Thank You to everyone at Rockstar Harley-Davidson for this added benefit!

Thank you, also, to our members who volunteered to help with our chapter activities! It's great to work with you as we grill, set up and tear down from our meetings and activities. We appreciate all of your help.

Rockstar Harley-Davidson has offered to give double V.I.B. points for participating and volunteering for select events and activities in the future. They are starting off by awarding double V.I.B. points for volunteers to help park cars at the Rockstar Harley-Davidson Bike Fest on

Saturday, March 26th and Sunday, March 27th. Thank you, again, to everyone at Rockstar Harley-Davidson for this generous bonus.

We had a fun February meeting, starting off with heart shaped pancakes and bacon by Chef Gloria and served by chapter volunteers. You missed a fun chapter meeting if you missed this one. Plans for our March chapter meeting are still brewing.

There is a lot happening in March. Daytona Bike Week is March 4th – 13th. There is no Chapter Ride scheduled. If you are going, please have a safe trip, a great time, and enjoy all there is to see. Rockstar Harley-Davidson is planning a colossal bike fest on Saturday and Sunday, March 26th and 27th, please plan to attend!

The best strawberry short cake in the world is served in Plant City, Florida in March. Don't miss the ride to Plant City on Wednesday, March 23rd. Then we're on our way to the HardRock Hotel in Hollywood on March 26. Next up is a visit to Skunk Ape Headquarters on Wednesday, March 30th. Work to document the existence of this alleged distant relative to Big Foot is centered there. After a visit to the Skunk Ape Headquarters and Museum, the ride will continue on to Everglades City.

We have four opportunities to Grill for our Dealership in March. Contact me if you can help:

Saturday, March 5th: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 6th: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, March 19th: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 20th: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM





ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Sheldon On His Huge Milestone

By the time this newsletter goes to press, Chapter member Sheldon Barroquillo will have accomplished something few of us will do. Through careful planning, Sheldon is going to hit 1 million documented miles of Harley riding on February 19, his birthday. Happy birthday, and many more!

Sheldon told me recently that what has made him happy on most of these miles was having his wife riding with him on his Harley. That includes rides to Alaska and Central America, he said.

Sheldon, who has national H.O.G. number 13, makes every effort to join us on Rockstar H.O.G. rides, riding from his Florida home in Moore Haven.

And in his "spare time," he is a decorated volunteer firefighter with decades of experience. Always nice riding with you, sir! Thanks for being a first responder!

I'd also like to salute the members of the Chapter's Strategic Planning Committee, who are quietly toiling with meetings every two weeks to gear up for another year of strategizing. This isn't Ivory Tower stuff: already this year, one of the committee's ideas, giving members points for Wednesday rides, has been accomplished.

John Lane is the chair of the small group, which as of this writing includes Darien and Bri Burnitt and Maury Wiese, with me as the BOD liaison. Please let the committee know any suggestions you might have.

Thanks and ride safely.



Steve Marshall

1,000,000 + MILES !!!





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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 March 12-13 and April 9-10. Trikes welcomed. If dates are filled, put your name on a list for future classes.

Email Sgt. Robert Reuthe at 3817@colliersheriff.org to reserve your spot.





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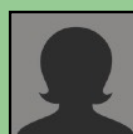
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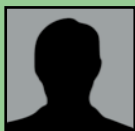
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ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.



MEMBER PHOTOS





SECRETARY'S REPORT



February 2022 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter Board of Directors was called to order at 5:50 PM on February 7, 2022 by Bob. The meeting was held at Cantina Laredo in Fort Myers.

Strategic Planning Committee Update: Susan McDonald resigned from the committee and a search is underway to replace her. Scott Sheppard submitted a list of suggestions which were discussed. Fred said they would be discussed at the Road Captains' meeting. Bob volunteered to ask the Dealer if VIB points could be awarded for Wednesday rides.

Regional Officer Connection takeaways: Brenda said: All chapters struggle with the same issues of attracting and retaining members. Membership/Renewal form is a legal document that must be signed and dated in the year it covers. Janice: It was interesting that many chapters had had a dealership close and a merging of chapters. She said it was much more common than she expected. And she thought it was interesting that ROC emphasized the dealer owns the chapter. Steve M. was disappointed that no bullet points were given as to how to actually retain members. Fred said it was interesting that there is no consistency between chapters when it comes to signing in members for meetings and events. Bob said the importance of no alterations to H.O.G. forms is emphasized since they are legal documents. He also mentioned that anyone, not just Road Captains, may lead a chapter ride.

Holiday Party updates: Anne and Brenda are co-chairs. We have a contract for Dec. 10 at the Holiday Inn in Fort

Myers. Tickets are \$25 and there will be beef, chicken, fish and vegan options. Hors d'oeuvres will be passed. Two drink tickets per attendee and after that it is a cash bar. Tickets are for alcohol or soft drinks. Fred moved and Steve E. seconded that we sign the contract. All voted in favor.



Gary, our quartermaster, reported that shirt pricing will be the same as last year. He presented suggestions for what we should buy, which was 24 men's T-shirts in various colors and sizes and 24 women's T-shirts in various colors and sizes and 10 bike flags. Bob moved and Anne seconded to buy what Gary suggested. Eight voted in favor with one opposed. Then caps were discussed. The fitted, tonal model was chosen and it is a minimum order of 12, which we will do on a prepaid basis. Fred moved and Anne seconded that we should proceed with this.

Membership. We have 193 paid 2022 members and seven with no national H.O.G. numbers or who did not pay. We agreed that people must pay by Feb. 28 and Anne will purge the rolls on March 1.

Easter Bunny Toy Run at Golisano Children's Hospital: Bob is waiting to hear from the hospital if it is a go this year.

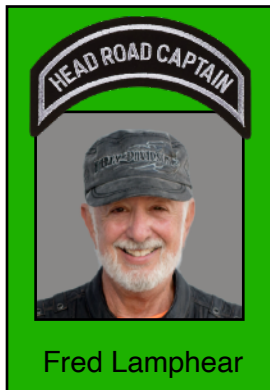
Treasurer's Report: The Chapter is in sound financial condition.





HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Variety is the Spice of Life



Fred Lamphear

We're off to a great start in 2022 with a great variety of weekly rides; short rides, long rides, rides to classic car shows, rides to antique bike shows, rides to bike fests, a ride to the strawberry festival in Plant City, a ride to the Hard Rock Hotel in Hollywood and more. Watch the Rockstar H.O.G. calendar and

the weekly blasts for more detail on these and more.

A very sincere thanks to all Road Captains for volunteering so much of your time. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to plan and organize every chapter ride. In addition, the road captains go above and beyond the normal call of duty and escort demo rides and help with parking and staging for events like the Rockstar Bike Fest on March 26 & 27.

Road Captains appreciate when riders and passengers follow the group riding rules and obey all traffic and safety guidelines. For those of you who ride often, our briefings may sound very repetitious. Some have called them "patronizing". Bear with us. We often

have new riders, guest riders, or riders who don't ride often, on every ride. It is the Lead Road Captains responsibility to assure everyone understands the rules and procedures on a chapter group ride. Hence the pre-ride briefing. For everyone's safety the pre-ride briefings, including all aspects of the ride, will always be the way we start a chapter group ride. Speaking of which, please remember, never run a red light. If a group gets separated the lead group will always wait for the second group to catch up.

If you are a new rider, new to group riding, or a seasoned rider who wants to brush up on their group riding skills, the Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter will be having a "Group Riding for Fun" course on April 9, 2022. First we meet at the dealership at 9:30 AM for a 45 minute classroom orientation. Then we hit the road. We've developed a route just for this course which lets you experience every situation and procedure discussed in the class. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Please join us on future rides. We ride every Wednesday and Saturday, weather permitting. All riders and bikes are welcome.





LADIES OF HARLEY MESSAGE

Welcome Ladies of Harley; Events Are in the Works

Welcome back to our Chapter's female riders! And congratulations to Lucinda, our former LOH officer, on her recent marriage to Chris. I wish them both many years of happiness.

I would like to have a meeting with the LOH to discuss some ideas and hopefully some upcoming events for us. I am asking if all our ladies would stay for a short meeting after our March 13th general membership meeting to set up some convenient meeting times for all, whether after the general meetings, or at a restaurant, if that is your choice. Please let me know how you feel and what you prefer. Feel free to email me at macktsbabe@gmail.com or text at 516-242-3818. I am here to listen to all concerns and ideas. Be safe and ride on.



Anne Leone





MEMBERSHIP & GOODWILL

Welcome Returning, and New, Members



We are in full swing with returning members once again enjoying the beautiful Florida sunshine and great riding weather. I would like to remind everyone that they must keep their national H.O.G. membership up to date as it is a requirement of every H.O.G. chapter across the world.

I have been busy mailing out membership cards. If you need one, please reach out to me and I will mail you one. Weekly information blasts are emailed to all members, on record, Sunday evenings. If you are not getting them please let me know so that I can update our database immediately.

I would also ask if you would kindly email me your VIB numbers as there are many missing, and this allows us to make sure you are getting your correct VIB point awards. So please feel free to email me at macktsbabe@gmail.com.

I continue to receive new and renewal forms and hope that anyone who hasn't rejoined our chapter will please do so. 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. I will be removing all those who have not renewed on March 1st. If you stop getting Chapter blasts this is why.

Our website is www.rockstarhog.com and the address to mail to is

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To renew your national H.O.G.
Call – 1-800- 258-2464
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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 Capt. Paul Thompson

He has been riding motorcycles for over 6 years.

Paul's first Motorcycle was a 2015 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited

To this day, Paul continues to ride that beautiful 2015 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited





SAFETY OFFICER'S MESSAGE

When Riding Always Be Prepared for Rain

Although our weather is wonderful at this time of year it's not too early to plan ahead for our raining season. 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, even plastic)

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

All Kleer Windshield Cleaner & Polish

More to come in future issues on Safe riding tips while riding in the rain.



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 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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