Rockstar HOG Chapter #4352

Newsletter

April 2021

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We're Listening

Fred Lamphear

If you weren't at the outdoor General Membership Meeting at Lakes Park in March, you missed a good time had by all who attended. Comments heard after the meeting:

- "Great Meeting"
- "Wonderful Place for Our Chapter Meeting"
- "Let's Have More Meetings Here"
- "Let's Have More Outdoor Meetings"
- "The Food Was Delicious"

The Board of Directors has received the message and will make every effort to schedule more outdoor meetings in the future.

I hope you've all been able to ride during the absolutely gorgeous weather we had in March. Let's hope it stays around a while longer.

Get used to the following as this is all you're going to hear me talk about until June:

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR EVERBLADES TICKETS FOR JUNE 4TH?

The Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter has partnered with the Florida Everblades to fight Cancer. We need you, your relatives, your friends, your work acquaintances, everyone you know, to use the following link to buy tickets. For every ticket sold using this link the Florida Everblades will donate $5 to the "Fly Your Bra Ride" (held in October). PLEASE BUY NOW! BladesTix.com/HOG

Your Board does its best to communicate everything happening in the chapter, current and in the planning stages. But it's so frustrating when we send out emails and only 50% of members open them up and read them. Only a small fraction click on important links contained in the emails.

To you who do read them, Thank You.

Just as an example, we sent out a special email blast right after the March Meeting to more than 250 members. Only 139 people opened it.

Plus, we put much of the same information in the emails on the website. Yet I still get questions like, "what time is KSU?", "what are this week's ride destinations?", "where's the General Membership Meeting location?", "how do I submit my annual renewal?" and more. Please read your emails. If you're a Chapter member and not getting weekly blasts and other emails contact Susan McDonald, our secretary, and Carrie Stevens, our membership director. (their emails are in following pages)

On a more positive note, we sure have a lot of great rides, rallies and events planned for the rest of 2021. As more people get vaccinated and restrictions are modified and lifted, more opportunities for Rockstar H.O.G. to fulfill its goal to "Ride and Have Fun" open up. Be sure to read all the articles in this newsletter to get a taste of what's happening.

Thanks to all members who have been participating in our weekly rides. Attendance has been fantastic. If you haven't ridden with us lately come on out. Everyone is welcome. Also a big Thank You to all our grill and event volunteers. Without You we couldn't make good things happen.

STAY HEALTHY RIDE SAFE

Chapter Ride Photos

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THE AMAZING “SHELDON”

Sheldon Barroquillo is a member of our Chapter. He turned 88 years old in February 2021.

He's been riding motorcycles since he was 15 years old. Today he's still riding 2 wheels. He rarely misses a Chapter ride even though he must ride 48 miles just to get to the dealership, which is our ride starting point.

Sheldon has ridden to all 4 corners of the lower 48. He and his motorcycle have been to Alaska twice and to Mexico and South America.

Sheldon has kept meticulous records, 10 log books full, of all his motorcycle adventures and trips. He is nearing 1,000,000 motorcycle miles.

Sheldon is also National H.O.G. member 13 !!!

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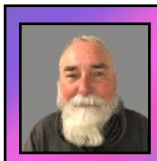

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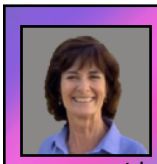

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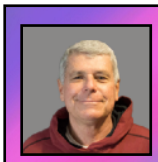

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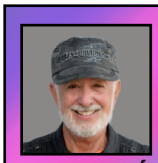

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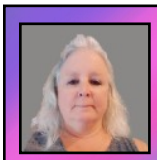

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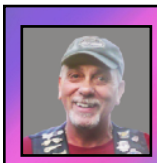

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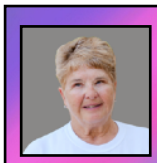

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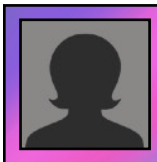

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TALK TO BOB HOTOVY
ABOUT TRAINING

JOIN US
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ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.

Great Ride to Daytona and Planning for the Future !

Bob Hotovy

Hello All! Happy April! No Foolin!

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to help with our Chapter activities, grilling, and support of our Chapter. As we continue to trudge through the COVID-19 pandemic, we appreciate your participation in our activities and our rides.

Our ride to Daytona Bike Week went very well. We had great weather, a very nice and fun group, and several compliments on the trip. I hope this ride will be continued in the future.

Our Chapter Meeting at Lakes Park was fun and it was great to have a meeting in the fresh air. Following the meeting, we had a terrific lunch, and it was good to see many of you attend. We should consider meeting like this again in the future.

At our meeting, Tina Pegler, director for "Learning for Life" spoke to us about the upcoming 11th Annual "Learning for Life, Got Talent Show," on Saturday, April 17th, 2:30 – 5:30 PM, at Rockstar Harley-Davidson. We have been asked to help with parking for this event. A volunteer sign-up sheet was provided at our meeting and thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. Once we receive them, we will post the starting times for our volunteers in the Weekly Blast. Seating for this event is $5.00 per person. Thank you for supporting "Learning for Life" and Rockstar Harley-Davison by volunteering and attending.

We have the opportunity for two Gilling Dates in April:

Saturday, April 10th, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, April 24th, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

These are opportunities for us to make money for or chapter activities. Please contact me to volunteer.

Please join us for the "Pink in the Rink" event with the Florida Everblades on June 4th, at Hertz Arena. Please remember that the Florida Everblades will donate $5.00 to the "Fly Your Bra Ride" for everyone who buys a ticket on the link provided. This should be a fun night: BladesTix.com/HOG.

The Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass Rally, in Lexington, Kentucky, is June 9th – 12th. The Great Smoky 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

For the Bikes, Bourbon and Bluegrass Rally, make 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 Bluegrass Rally and this a HOG REGIONAL Rate.

For the Great Smoky Mountain Rally, make room reservations at the Hilton Knoxville Airport Hotel, for September 28th, 29th, 30th, & October 1st, departing October 2nd. The rate is $129/night, phone number: 865-970-4300. Tell them you are registering for the Great Smoky Mountain Rally at Smoky Mountain Harley-Davidson.

It would be great to have a group of our Chapter members attend these rallies.

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

We are always looking for new ideas for activities and rides. Please contact me with any ideas you have that you feel will be interesting and for our members to attend. We appreciate all ideas and destinations.

Please be sure to thank our road captains for all they do to lead us to great destinations safely.

Have a great month! Ride with a Smile!

Chapter Ride Photos

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter Board of Directors was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chapter Director Fred Lamphear.

Present

Fred, Tony, Kevin, Mike, Bob, Lucinda, Steve E, and Steve M. Not present:Cierra, Carrie, Susan and Gary.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Tony to accept the minutes of the February 2021 BOD meeting and they were approved 8-0.

Old Business

The picnic general membership meeting set for March 14 was discussed: there is room for 100 people at Pavilion C-1 at Lakes Park. Caterer Alberto will be serving 100 boxed meals at a cost of approximately $800. Fred will purchase soda and water and could use some bags of ice and large coolers.

Increasing the value of prizes was discussed and the board agreed to leave the value as it currently stands.

April Fool's Day Ride: Fred leading with Paul Thompson assisting.

We will use VIB numbers, alternating with odometer readings, for Liar's Poker on random chapter rides.

St. Patrick's Day Ride: Bob Hotovy will lead.

Newsletter distribution will be discussed at the General Membership meeting.

Steering Committee to plan the Chapter's future was discussed: Fred will bring up one more time at the General Membership Meeting.

New Business

Fly Your Bra Ride: Fred passed around the Ride Plan on an Excel spreadsheet. Susan is spearheading along with members Ally and Joe who are assisting. The Chapter is sponsoring this event but not funding it.

The June 4 Everblades game was discussed as a way to help benefit cancer funds. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. game will be $16 each for the game at Hertz Arena. Tony suggested buying T-shirts for give-away from Rockstar Harley-Davidson.

Veterans Day Ride: Tony offered to lead this ride with a destination of the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda.

Steve Eagels suggested the Chapter furnish a suggestion box for members' ideas.

Kevin presented the treasurer's report; he noted that grilling has been a great fund raiser for the Chapter.

Membership report: The Chapter currently has 259 members, which includes 13 more honorary members from the Palm Beach H.O.G. Chapter. She noted that the dealer pays membership dues in National H.O.G. and Rockstar H.O.G. for one year for buyers of new Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Ladies of Harley: Lucinda is hoping for enough female riders to plan women-only rides. She will be leading the March 13 Ride to Log Cabin Barbecue in LaBelle. She will also lead the May 1 ride for International Female Ride Day.

Historian: Mike needs VIB Numbers when people join our Chapter. He will get together with former historian Steve DiPietro to work out a new process to track member mileage and other statistics.

Activities: March grilling dates are the 20th and 27th. Parking assistance is needed April 17th for the Learning for Life talent event held on the Riding Academy range. Bob discussed upcoming H.O.G. rallies in Kentucky and Tennessee. Road captains had a really good turnout. We welcome road captains Mike Tompkins from the S.W. Florida Chapter as well as Charlie DeHart and Maury Wiese.

H.O.G. TV – Tony says the TV in the café area is updated for March with a new motorcycle background. He'd like ride photos sent to him and will generate copy to educate people on what the Chapter does.

Adjournment

Fred adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. The next BOD meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on April 5.

Chapter Ride Photos

With 259 Members, the Chapter Continues Growing

Happy April 2021!!

Hope everyone had a fantastic March. Daytona Bike Week was amazing as always!

The chapter currently has 259 members, 54 LOH. We are growing!

We had a great turnout for our March General Membership Meeting at Lakes Park, with great food afterwards.

We would like to recognize folks for their birthday. Please update our database by emailing 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, our chapter secretary. We could have an error when listing your email, or unable to read some handwriting.

We need to make sure you have an AV / VIB number. If you do not have one, please see the receptionist at Rockstar Harley-Davidson and she can hook you up with one. This is what we use to sign you in on rides and meetings.

Carrie Stevens

Sites you may want to check out:

National H.O.G.: WWW.HOG.com;

Dealership: WWW.RockstarHarley.com;

and our chapter site: WWW.RockstarHOG.com

See you out on the road, Ride Safe!

Recognizing Hazards and Riding Defensively

Steve Eagels

Recently, the local news has reported several serious motorcycle accidents. One of the recent tragic accidents occurred in Cape Coral when a fellow Harley Davidson motorcyclist failed to recognize the road ending in a cul-de-sac and entered the adjacent canal. This occurred at night and the driver may have failed to adequately recognize the limited posted warning signs. One of the tips listed below is "know your route," so please be aware of dead-end roads and canals all around us and remember that when driving at night it's always a good idea to reduce your speed and be prepared for the unexpected.

Tips for Defensive Riding

1. **Maintain Your Ride** - When it comes to driver safety, a motorcycle is much less forgiving than a car. Blow a tire in an SUV and you can easily maneuver the car off the road. Blow a tire on your bike and it can quickly become a matter of life or death. That means it's extra-important to make sure your bike is in perfect working order every time you ride. Before each trip, check your oil and fluids, belts, brakes and tire pressure.

2. **Wear the Right Protective Gear** - Your protective gear is an extension of your bike's safety features. Always choose an outfit that fully covers your body. No shorts and no sandals. In the event of an accident, you'll be surprised how a layer of leather or denim can make the difference between a few scratches and an extended hospital visit. And choose accessories like goggles, boots and gloves that are specially made for motorcyclists, as these will preserve your full field of vision and range of motion. And of course, always wear a helmet. Even if your state doesn't require it, there's enough statistical evidence to prove that helmets save lives.

3. **Look Around** - New motorcyclists tend to focus on a single spot on the road in front of them. Get in the habit of checking your mirrors and looking to your sides and far ahead to anticipate changes in traffic patterns. Defensive driving means giving yourself the time and space to react. You can't do that if you're unaware of your surroundings.

4. **Know Your Route** - On a related note, make sure you know your route ahead of time. If you're driving in an unfamiliar location, take the time to look at a map and memorize the basic directions. Although you can "feed" audio directions from your GPS into your helmet, a little pre-planning will let you focus on the business of safely driving your motorcycle.

5. **Stay Educated** - If you're unsure about certain driving laws or travelling to a state or country where the laws may be different, take the time to educate yourself. Driving-tests.org has several state-specific exams that can help get you up to speed. And it can never hurt for more experienced motorcyclists to have a little refresher.

6. **Be Confident** - Hesitant, indecisive drivers are unsafe drivers. They make sudden unexpected maneuvers and force other drivers to react suddenly. Motorcyclists need to be assertive, whether by creating a car-free bubble by speeding up or braking in traffic or by staying close to other vehicles as you pass through stoplights to shield you from left-turning traffic in the opposite lane.

7. **But Never Aggressive** - Avoid aggressive maneuvers like sudden and unsignaled lane changes or impatient acceleration and deceleration through heavy traffic. This only creates an opportunity for accidents. Remember, defensive driving is about sharing the road but also having the skill and patience to control your small part of it.

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.

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