

Rockstar HEG Chapter #4352



Newsletter

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Spring Greetings!



Larry (Smiley) Shorter

Well, I hope All is going well and we are all enjoying the rides that have been planned by our Road Captains. When you see your road captains please thank them for all the hard work they put into planning. I would also

like to share some news that we now have an activities committee they are in process of getting some events planned for us this year. I would like to thank Maury Wiese, Elle Shorter, Curt Wellington, John and Teresa Sullivan for volunteering, I look forward to seeing their plans for us. I would like to bring up that we are also in process of setting up grilling dates, breakfast dates and bake sales. We recently had our first bake sell at the Demo Days in which our volunteers were able to raise over 400 dollars, I feel very successful event. I would like to thank Elle Shorter, Mary farina, and John and Teresa Sullivan for baking and selling for our chapter. I would also like to bring

up the volunteers who helped with Demo Days. Please thank all our road captains that volunteered and the volunteers we had to help register the demo riders. We will be putting out volunteer sheets to sign up for our Upcoming dates and I would appreciate if we could get some volunteers to help the chapter with these dates / events. I am looking forward to our HOG Chapter Reunion Picnic that will have been on March 10th, 2024. Starting in April I will be sending out the invitation to our teams virtual meeting that we now have with the general meeting. This is so that if you can't make it to the meeting, you can still attend. This will be in the blast soon. Well, I hope we have a great spring and good and safe riding weather.

We have formed a new Activities Committee – Maury Wiese, Elle Shorter, Curt Wellington and John and Teresa Sullivan

Ride safe and enjoy your rides!

Larry (Smiley) Shorter





ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Spring has Sprung!

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of HOG!

Happy Spring and welcome Daylight Saving Time! The weather has been perfect for riding lately. We're experiencing very good participation on both Wednesday and Saturday rides. It's been great to see all of our seasonal friends return, and also many new members. Some of our road captains who enjoy taking longer rides have very nice destinations planned. We hope you can participate!

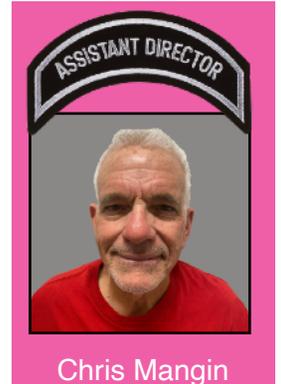
With our new board in place for 2024, we anticipate some new activities to be offered to our members. Stay tuned and keep an eye out for your weekly HOG blast.

If you have any questions or suggestions for anything that makes your HOG experience more fulfilling

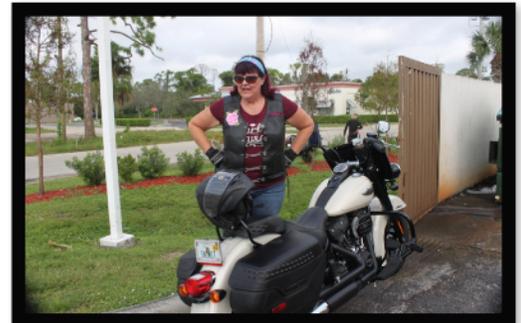
and enjoyable, please let any one of your officers know. We are always looking for new and exciting

experiences to make your membership the best it can

be. And always remember, **LIFE IS A JOURNEY, ENJOY THE RIDE!**



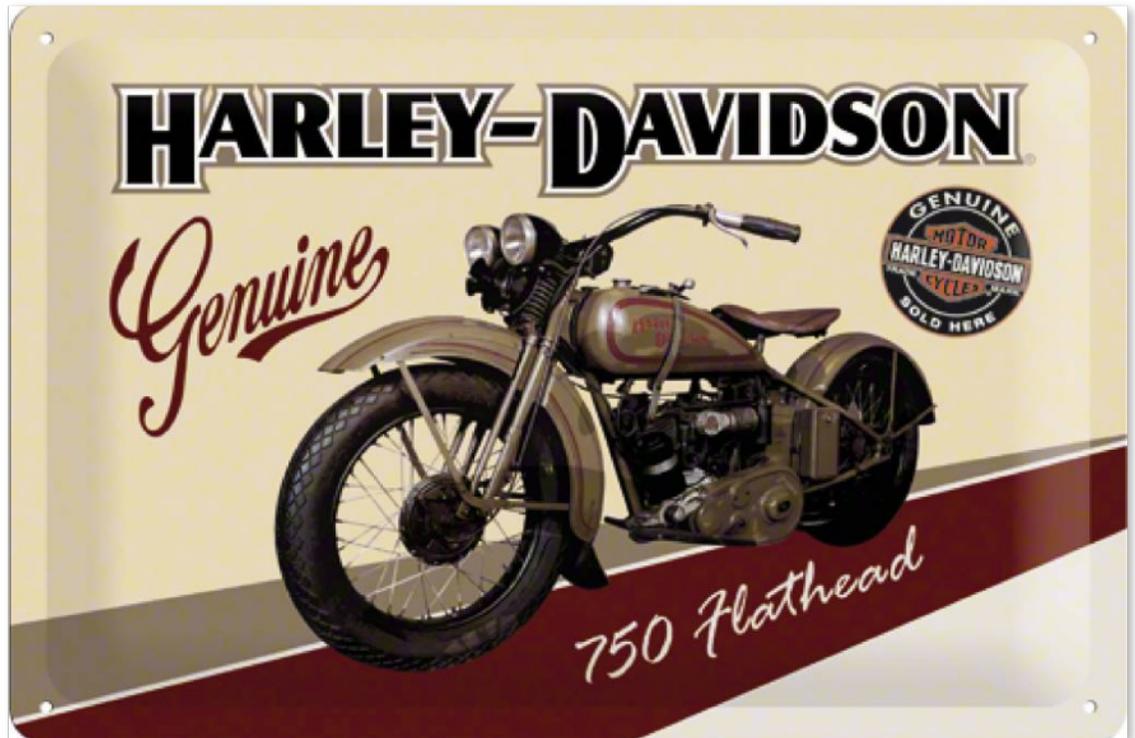
Chris Mangin





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CHAPTER ROAD CAPTAINS



Larry Burgess
Head Road Captain



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Callahan



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Kevin
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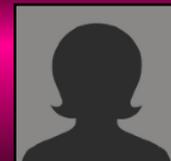
Paul
Thompson



Larry
"Smiley"
Shorter



Maury
Wiese



This
Could Be
You

ALL RIDERS AND THEIR PASSENGERS ARE WELCOME ON OUR RIDES.





HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



Make Your Reservations Now For the Three Upcoming Rallies



Larry Burgess

The Leesburg Bikefest is Friday April 26th thru Sunday April 28th I will be leading a group up on Friday & Larry Shorter will be leading a group up on Saturday for those who work and unable to get

off on Friday. The Myrtle Beach South Carolina Annual Bike week will be held on Friday May 10th Thru Sunday May 19th. I shall be leading a group ride departing on Wednesday May 15th thru Saturday May 18th.

The Daytona annual Biketoberfest will be held Thursday October 17th thru Sunday October 20th. I shall plan a group ride for anyone interested to attend this event. If you are planning to attend any or all of this upcoming events, I Strongly recommend that you make your room reservations NOW to secure the BEST room rates. If you are planning on attending any of these events please contact me as soon as possible so that I may get a head count for each of these . You may contact me via TEXT @ 863-273-0871 or E-mail: Larry.Burgess@outlook.com

We're off to a great beginning for 2024 with a great variety of weekly rides, short rides, long rides, rides to classic car/bike shows, rides to museums and a ride to

Hard Rock Hotel and an evening ice cream ride.

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 to escort demo rides, grilling and assisting with events when called upon by Rockstar dealership.

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 pre-ride briefings may sound repetitious. Some may think them to be patronizing. Bear with us. We often have new riders, guest riders and riders who don't ride often on most of our rides. It is the Lead Road Captain's responsibility to assure that everyone understands the rules and procedures on our chapter group rides. Hence the necessity of the Pre-ride briefings. For everyone's safety the Pre-Ride briefings, including all aspects of the ride, will always be the way the way we initiate a chapter group ride, You get out of your chapter membership what you're willing to put forth into it. Contact Larry Burgess if you'd like to become a Rockstar H.O.G. Road Captain.

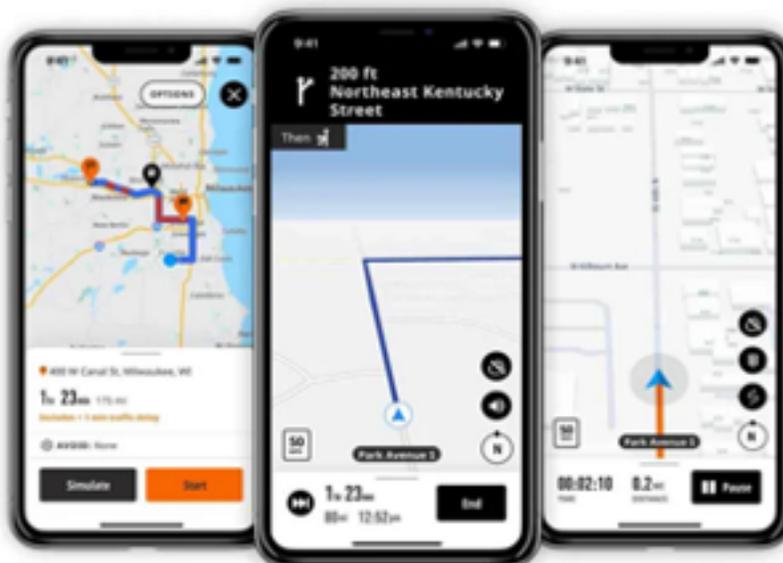
MEMBER PHOTOS



Got the H-D App?



With the official H-D app you can plan, navigate and connect with a network of dealers and riders by using the official app from Harley-Davidson®. Make new connections, create, or join groups, and find events in your local area or at your next destination. Create a custom profile, track your points, and connect with your local dealership. Just for signing up you get 50 reward points.





LADIES OF HARLEY

LOH Is Back

I want to welcome back all our lady riders. Just some information we will have a ride on Ladies International Ride Day, and I am hoping for a lady road captain. Also, Lisa Velsaco will be chairing The Fly Your

Bra Ride in October and will need volunteers. Be safe and ride on.
Anne Leone



Anne Leone





MEMBERSHIP & GOODWILL

Renew Your Membership Now



First, I would like to welcome all returning and new members to our chapter. I am aware that many have not received membership cards I will be disturbing them at our meetings. Please feel free to email me at

downloading it from our website or go directly to the dealership and drop it in the H.O.G. mailbox by the reception desk 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. As a reminder you must keep your National HOG membership up to date.

Our website is www.rockstarhog.com and the address to mail to is: Rockstar H.O.G. Chapter 4352, 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33913 Again, welcome all new and returning members and ride safe. We have new cards for members needing them.

MACKTSBABE@GMAIL.COM if you have any questions and I need everyone's VIB numbers, so you get your points. I have received many 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

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In an Emergency please notify:

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Phone: 555-1212

Phone: 677-4512

Blood Type: O+

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FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

CHAPTER #4352

MEMBER NAME: John Doe

NATIONAL H.O.G. #: US123456 EXP. DATE: 10/25

ROCKSTAR H-D VIB #: AV161222

CHAPTER EXPIRATION DATE: 10/1/25



SAFETY OFFICER'S MESSAGE



15 Smart Strategies for Streets - Part #2

6/Be Ready With the Power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. (Not everyone rides open-class twins, after all.) Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher revs might also alert more cagers to your presence.

7/Traffic Slowing? Stay Left (Or Right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a hood ornament if the car behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped, be ready--clutch in, your bike in gear and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know.

8/Practice the Scan

Constantly scanning your entire environment while riding--from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left and right rear--keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Dwelling on one area too long--watching only behind or in front of you, for instance--is just begging for trouble.

9/Left-Turn Treachery

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Your brights should be on so the driver can see you (during the day), but don't rely on this to save you. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

10/Study the Surface

Add asphalt conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Use your sense of smell, too; often you can smell spilled diesel fuel before your tires discover how slippery the stuff is.

11/Ride In Open Zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give

you additional room to maneuver and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. And vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

12/Use That Thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation.

A blinking signal might tell drivers waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you that you're about to turn when you aren't. So push that switch a few times each minute. Better to wear out the switch than eat a Hummer's hood, eh?

13/It's Good To Be Thin

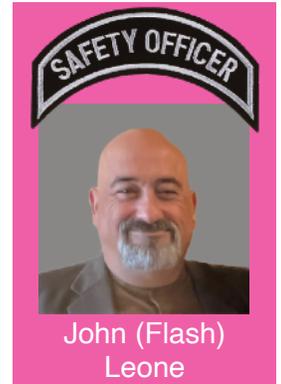
A huge advantage single-track vehicles have over four-wheelers is their ability to move left and right within a lane to enable the rider to see what's ahead. Whether you're looking to the side of the cars ahead or through their windshields, seeing what's coming can give you lots of extra time to react.

14/More Than One Way Out

Yeah, motorcycles fall down. But they're also light, narrow and hugely maneuverable, so you might as well learn to exploit their strengths when things get ugly, right? So don't just brake hard in a hairball situation. There's almost always an escape route. Swerving into Mrs. Smith's front yard could be a lot better than center-punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

15/Running Interference

This one's easy, and we'll bet most of you already do it: Let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the bonehead coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box van next to you, right? For the same reasons, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient, and use the vehicles next to you as cover.



John (Flash)
Leone



CHAPTER EVENT SCHEDULE

GUESTS WELCOME at ALL CHAPTER EVENTS



Weekly Rides



2 Weekly Rides

Wednesday & Saturday

KSU at 10 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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