



Winter Blues will be over soon

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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Carolyn Fox

Hello everyone...

It was so much fun spending time with our HOG family before heading for our winter retreat.



Pam Flint will be filling in for me as Membership Officer at the meetings. We had 50 members that either joined or renewed at the January Meeting. It was awesome to see so many members at the meeting and, hopefully a sign that we'll have more members on the 2023 rides. The 2023 Ride Summary Draft is completed and a copy is in this newsletter. Activities has locked the hotels for the overnight ones, so please be sure to read the Activities article.

Director: Scott Herbert

First, I want to thank everyone who came to the meeting in January. It was nice to see such an exceptional turnout.

We will be volunteering for the Salmon Assault again this year. For those of you who don't know what this is, The Salmon Assault is a fishing trip for Veterans. We will be looking for a few volunteers to put flags up along the channel. This year it is May 20. We have a ride that day for Blessing of the bikes. If you aren't going on the ride and want to Volunteer let me know. I previously signed up to lead the Ride to the Blessing, but I will need a Road captain to take this date for me. Let me know if anyone is able.

I am hoping to get information for the Grad ride by February for the June Graduation. We will be looking for a lot of Volunteers for that day. Last year we didn't have enough bikes and had to make a couple trips. It was a little embarrassing. I am thinking the date will be June 4th more to come. We do have a ride planned for that day we will just have to make sure to be back in time.

I hope everyone had fun at the Holiday Party. Thank you to everyone that helped put this together.

Thank you,
Scott Herbert

The JANUARY Newsletter also includes:

- JANUARY Meeting minutes
- **Activities** has some 2023 rides AND hotel information for your review
- 2023 Ride/Activities Schedule
- Message from our Regional Manager, Paul Blotske.
- **NEW** - H.O.G Officer Spotlight: ACTIVITIES
- FEBRUARY Calendar of events/rides for the Chapter and Hot Rod Harley Davidson.

Assistant Director: Scott White

Happy New Year everyone

I hope that the holidays were good to everyone and you are looking forward to nice weather, like I am, to get here sooner rather than later.

Thank you to everyone that participated in Ride365 last year, I am waiting for the totals to be posted by H.O.G. and will announce them when they are available. The ride schedule is completed, with Road Captains chosen their rides, just remember things are always subject to change. Activities did a great job setting this schedule up with some fun rides.

It was very nice to welcome 4 new members already this year, hopefully we get more soon. Be sure to say "hello" when you see them at the next meeting.

I am looking forward to the Holiday party and plan on having a good time.

Scott



J. Scott Zerlaut, Christine Johnson & Duane Johnson
(Kevin Lawrence – not available for picture)

Activities: Jamie Herbert/Terri White

Hi Everyone,
We have some great rides and events planned for 2023.
Below is all the information needed to book your rooms
for the trips.

Fingers Lake New York –

- July 28th - Hampton Inn and Suites Elyria OH - must make reservations by June 1

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly. Please share this link with anyone who needs to book their sleeping rooms.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CLEEHX&groupCode=CHHMH1&arrivaldate=2023-07-28&departuredate=2023-07-29&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Another way your guests can book their reservations is by calling our Hilton Reservations toll-free number at 1-800-HILTONS, have your guests mention the MUSKEGON HOG CHAPTER 1 Group Block at Hampton Inn & Suites Elyria or the unique code MH1 to receive your group rate.

- July 29th - Wingate by Wyndham Erie PA - \$179 plus tax Standard Double Queen. Must make reservations by June 3

Booking Link - 23.07.29 Muskegon Hog Chapter - Wingate by Wyndham Erie

If you are going to call the to make your reservation, tell the Code Muskegon Hog Chapter 814-860-3050

- July 30th – Aug 3rd – Microtel by Wyndham Penn Yan NY 315-517-1074 tell them you are with the Muskegon Hog Chapter they have rooms held for us.

The options are 1 Queen bed \$109 a night plus tax or 2 Queen Beds - \$119 a night plus tax. You must have your reservation made by June 1, 2023.

- Aug 3rd Hampton Inn and Suites Elyria OH - must have room reserved by June 1

Simply copy and paste the URL below into your browser to access the exclusive rates available for this group:

Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CLEEHX&groupCode=CHHMH2&arrivaldate=2023-08-03&departuredate=2023-08-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Another way your guests can book their reservations is by calling our Hilton Reservations toll-free number at 1-800-HILTONS, have your guests mention the MUSKEGON HOG CHAPTER 2 Group Block at Hampton Inn & Suites Elyria or the unique code MH2 to receive your group rate.

Skybridge Ride - Boyne Mountain

- June 24th - Baymont by Wyndham, 989-731-6331
The **Group ID MHC624** - \$120 plus sales tax. You must have your room booked by May 24th to get the group rate.

We will be doing the Skybridge. Adult tickets \$25 and Senior 70+ \$20 for 3-hour Access We can't buy tickets yet for June but when they become available, I will let everyone know.

World's Longest Timber-Towered Suspension Bridge. Take a walk on the wild side. Panoramic valley views and extensive light displays are a guaranteed camera pleaser. Open year round, every season has a reason to take in the views from this architectural masterpiece. Guests ride the historic Hemlock Scenic Chairlift to the mountain's top, then venture out along the exhilarating 1,200-foot long and 118-foot-high pedestrian bridge.



Mystery Overnight Ride - Sept 16th \$142.50 a room. They will have double Beds. You must have this paid to Activities by the August meeting.

Valentines Dinner Fun – February 18th

We have some Valentines fun planned for February. We will be meeting at the Socibowl, Feb 18th at 5pm for bowling, food and fun. Please sign up if you are attending at the February meeting.



See everyone in February.
Jamie and Terri.

Meet your
2023
Road
Captains!



Tim Flint, Scott Herbert, Al Fox, Larry Foose, Ken Howe (Head R.C.), Mark Manthei, Jim Berlin, Scott White
And Greg Nowak - who was not available for the picture



2023 Muskegon HOG Chapter Riding/Activities Summary



Feb	KS up	July	KS up	September	KS up
Feb/12 HOG Chapter Meeting		Jul/01		Sept 2-3 Labor Day Weekend	
Feb/18 Valentines Dinner & /Fun - Socibowl	TBD	Jul/02		Sep/04 Labor Day	
Mar		Jul/04 Birth of July		Sep/09 The Trestle Shop, Hamilton	10:00a
Mar/12 HOG Chapter Meeting	1:00p	Jul/08 Duck Lake Tavern, Albion	10:00p	Sep/10 Lucky Girl Brewing, Paw Paw	1:00p
April		Jul/09 Kitchen 67, Grand Rapids	1:00p	Sep/11 Hog Chapter Meeting (Monday)	6:00p
Apr/09 EASTER		Jul/12 HOG Chapter Meeting (Wednesday)	6:00p	Sep/14 The Blind Squirrel, Fremont	6:00p
Apr/16 HOG Chapter Meeting	1:00p	Jul 13-16 HD Homecoming/40th Anniversary		Sep 16-17 Mystery Overnight	TBD
May		Jul/15 Picnic Ride (Mel & Alicia's Camp)	TBD	<i>Weather based impromptu Rides for the rest of the year</i>	
May/07 Spring Ride/Sue & Larry's	9:00a	Jul/16 The Win Tavern 33, Jenison	1:00p	October	
May/14 Mother's Day		Jul/18 The Fat Burrito, Holland	6:00p	Oct/08 HOG Chapter Meeting/Nominations	1:00p
May/15 Hog Chapter Meeting (Monday)	6:00p	Jul 19-23 Bike Time		Oct/18 Ironwood Bar & Grille, Marne	6:00p
May/16 Oh Brother's Dinner Ride	6:00p	Jul 28-Aug 4 Fingers Lake, NY Vacation Ride	TBD	Oct/28 Halloween Activity	TBD
May/20 Blessing of the bikes	10:00a	August		November	
May/20 Salmon Assualt for Veteran's Day		Aug/06 Alfano's Pub, Double Dip & Golf, GR	1:00p	Nov/12 Chapter Meeting/Voting/Dinner	1:00p
May/21 Impromptu Ride-weather permitting		Aug/10 Hog Chapter Meeting (Thursday)	6:00p	December	
May/27 Memorial Day Weekend		Aug/12 Idler River Boat & Dockside, S.Haven	10:00a	NO HOG Chapter Meeting	
May/28 Memorial Day Weekend		Aug/13 American Char, Zeeland	1:00p	Dec/09 Gift Wrapping at Hot Rod	10:00a
May/29 Memorial Day		Aug/15 Coopersville Brewing, Coopersville	6:00p	Dec/09 After wrapping lunch - TBD	3:00p
June		Aug/19 Buddies on the Beach, Lake Odessa	10:00a	Dec/16 Gift Wrapping at Hot Rod	10:00a
Jun/03 Clifford Lake Inn - <i>Donation ride</i>	10:00a	Aug/20 Ed DunneBack and Girls, GR	1:00p	Dec/23 Gift Wrapping at Hot Rod	10:00a
Jun/04 Brown Bear Shelby	1:00p	Aug/26 The Landing, Charlevoix <i>Donation Ride</i>	8:00a		
Jun/10 Larry's Pub, Gobles	10:00a	Aug/27 Dave & Busters, GR			
Jun/11 Herb Fire Pizza, Grand Rapids	1:00p				
June13 Hog Chapter Meeting (Tuesday)	6:00p				
Jun/14 Crazy Horse, Holland	6:00p				
Jun/17 McCourtie Park, Hillsdale & Two Lakes Tavern	6:00p				
Jun/18 Father's Day					
Jun 24-25 Sky Bridge Boyne Mountain	TBD				

Note: Unless specified, we will meet at Hot Rod Harley Davidson, 149 Shoreline Drive, Muskegon, 30 minutes prior to kick stands up time.

Donation Rides are for our "Adopt-A-Family" initiative

Most rides are "Closed", which means only members and their guest. So if interested in riding with us, give us a call and be our guest.



Muskegon H.O.G. Chapter #1962 - Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2023

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen Bikers, Friends, Family and Military was led by Scott White

DIRECTOR: Scott Herbert

Membership dues for year 2023 is \$20 per person starting this month. National HOG membership needs to be active to join local HOG chapter. Holiday Party is next Saturday. Today is the last day that tickets are available.

ASSITANT DIRECTOR: Scott White -

- Thank you everyone for participating in the Ride 365. I didn't get a chance to look at the rankings for 2022 before they took them down, but we should be in the top 10 for our region.
- We would like to welcome three new members. Scott is a math teacher for Grant school district and rides a Heritage. He has a wife and kids. Duane and Chris Johnson, he is and truck driver and she works at Paramount Wax Foundry. They ride a Street Glide.
- Spring Run will be a little different this year. Instead of going to Mel and Alicia's for breakfast, we will be going to Sue and Larry's for lunch. Details to follow.

TREASURER: Pam Flint

We received interest payment this month, no expenditures.

SECRETARY: Michelle Berlin

Nothing new to report. Minutes from last month have been approved and filed

EDITOR/COMMUNICATIONS: Carolyn Fox

The Gift wrapping and donation to Harbor of Grace Food Pantry totaled \$600. A big thank you to all that helped us make this effort successful

Al and Carolyn delivered our gifts and food to the adopted family for Christmas. The single mom lives in the projects with two of her three children being special needs. Carolyn noticed when mom was putting food in the pantry, it was empty before our food was delivered. It was quite a moving experience for Al and Carolyn. It makes you stop and think about how thankful we should be, not only do we have resources to put food on our table and a roof over our families head, we have wonderful friends to spend our holidays with.

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN: Ken Howe

We have our first meeting this afternoon

MEMBERSHIP: Carolyn Fox

New membership year starts this month. She will still be taking renewals after the meeting.

APPAREL: Jim Berlin

Tan and brown patches are half off this month. Let me know if you would like to place an order.

Webmaster: Greg Marczak

The Chapter owns the website domain but modifications and security are done through WIX, he is looking at changing to Go Daddy as a cost savings. He will be investigating it more before making his suggestion for change.

ACTIVITIES: Jamie Herbert and Terri White

- 2023 Road Captains meeting today after lunch at Al and Carolyn's house. Anyone interested in leading rides this year please come to the meeting.
- Fingers Lake, NY July 28- August 4, 2023. We Have 10 cabins reserved. We will have more details to come on motels for the trip with links for reservations. You will need to book those yourself.
- Blessing of the Bikes in Baldwin this year we will be going on Saturday May 20th. The plan is to make bigger trip out of the ride. We will be going in to Baldwin, having lunch somewhere and of course ICE CREAM.
- Beyond Mountains Sky Bridge trip is scheduled for June 24 and 25. The sign-up sheet is in the back.
- Milwaukee Trip is up in the air, if you are interested let Jim and Michelle Berlin know.
- Chili Cook Off will be done by another group this year. Josie is organizing it and we will be supporting them.
- Don't forget your white elephant gift for the party at Hagar's this Saturday. It can be anything you have laying around the house. If you got something for Christmas you didn't want, but didn't return, now is the time to get rid of it.

SAFETY: Greg Marczak

Going into a corner do you brake or glide through? You need to use brakes. *Pre load coming into an intersection and going into a curve. It will make you reaction time much quicker. Preloading the front brake means keeping the lever close to the engagement point so that there is little to no acceleration before the brakes react to the motion and they, therefore, don't bite down as quickly and aggressively. This should, in turn, result in a smoother, easier-to-control maneuver.*

Misc. business:

- There was a discussion regarding the use of gift cards for charity at the holidays.
- Sue Foose won the DING A LING award. During the mystery overnight she left her lights on and her battery went dead. It took someone with a truck and jump cables to get it started.

Respectfully, Michelle Myers Berlin



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Happy new year! Every fresh season brings with it the excitement and anticipation of new riding adventures waiting to be discovered. This year is no different. If anything, it feels extra special for a few reasons. Let me begin by welcoming all new and returning H.O.G. officers to the first H.O.G. Officer Connection newsletter of 2023.

This year we are celebrating Harley-Davidson's 120th Anniversary and the 40th Anniversary of the Harley Owners Group, along with the 100th anniversary of the Laconia rally in New Hampshire, one of the "big three" rallies in the United States. Major milestones like these bring people together to create a bountiful harvest of indelible memories that will last a lifetime. I hope you are as eager and excited as I am about the year ahead.

Earlier this week we made some major announcements about entertainment for the Harley-Davidson Homecoming in July and the special edition motorcycles that will be available to celebrate the company's 120th Anniversary. I won't spoil it for you if you haven't seen the news yet, so head on over to [h-d.com](https://www.harley-davidson.com) for all the details.

This year will be a very busy and fun one for the H.O.G. team. We kicked it off earlier this month with the first of 21 Regional Officer Connection training sessions we are hosting around the country. Whether you are a new chapter officer or an experienced veteran, attending ROC is a great way to kick off your own riding season. I promise you will leave with new ideas for running your chapter and fresh enthusiasm for your role. If you haven't already attended one or reserved a spot in an upcoming session, I encourage you to do so. You can register [here](#).

One of the topics we discuss at ROC is the power and importance of H.O.G.'s Ride 365 program as a tool to encourage more members to ride more often. Ride 365 recognizes members who achieve mileage goals and complete riding challenges, but it's more than simply a rewards program. It's also a way to engage in shared experiences, solo and collectively, to share the bond of riding with a larger community and to participate in something bigger than yourself. This year, I encourage you to think about creative ways you can use Ride 365 to plan rides for your chapter and encourage your members to spend more time in the saddle.

Usually, I end this with a reminder to make sure your members get their mileage readings taken, but this month I'll also throw in a reminder to make sure to have your members sign a new annual waiver and release form. This must be done every year after January 1! As always, thanks for everything you do to make the Harley Owners Group the biggest and best riding club in the world, and I hope to see you on the road soon.



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H.O.G. Officer Spotlight: ACTIVITIES OFFICER



Next up in our H.O.G. Officer spotlight series is the Activities Officer. A discretionary chapter officer role, the Activities Officer is responsible for "assisting in planning and administering chapter events." Additional duties include:

- Assisting the sponsoring dealer and Chapter Director in upholding the H.O.G. Chapter Charter
- Overseeing the administration of chapter events
- Recruiting and instructing volunteers for chapter activities
- Ensuring all liability insurance requirements are met for chapter events
- Overseeing the collection of required release forms for chapter events
- Assisting the Director and Secretary with the implementation of the Risk Management program, including procuring insurance and release forms

Activities Officers should also consider formally or informally surveying chapter members to generate feedback about past events and solicit new ideas with a goal of increasing participation in future events.



Get Ready to RIDE 365 in 2023

The 2022 Ride 365 Annual and Chapter Challenges are in the books and the H.O.G. team has begun auditing the results before declaring the official winners later this year (hopefully in April). Now it's time to start thinking about the 2023 challenges and planning chapter events and rides around them. Encourage your members to have mileage readings taken as soon as possible. Remember, at least two readings must be recorded every calendar year for the miles ridden in that year to count for annual challenges. These readings should be taken as close as possible to January 1 and December 31 to capture every mile ridden during the year.

Based on member feedback, this year we've also enhanced some existing Ride 365 programs to increase the incentive to participate or make it easier for members to earn rewards and recognition for the miles they ride. Dealership Check-In Challenge participants will now be rewarded for more achievement levels along their journey, with awards received for 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 or more check-ins. 10 for '23 Challenge participants will also receive a unique H.O.G. 40th Anniversary challenge coin for each location visited in addition to a poker chip. For all the details, visit the Ride 365 program page.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13  - Chapter Mtg. 1:00p	14	15	16	17	18 Valentine Fun Socibowl - 5pm	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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FEBRUARY 2023 Events

Feb 7 to 14: 20% off H-D Jewelry

Feb 11 and Feb 25: Souped up Saturday (Free soup from 12p to 2p)

Feb 16: Ladies Night

