

March 2017

Harley Owners Group, Decatur, Illinois Chapter



Members who received their "Pride Points" awards at the February Social.
Left to right: Tina Lane, Jerry Potts, Mike Kovach, Marla Henington,
Bob & Judy Griffin, Judy and Ken Workman



Longest Married Couple at
February Social:

**Ken & Judy
Workman**

New Member:

Jon Petersen



From the Director:



Martha Kendall
Director

As I sit here basking in the warm Texas sun and enjoying riding on the hills and curves of the Hill Country, I can't help but think of how anxious everyone in Illinois is for riding season to start. It has been mild and some have enjoyed those days but still the salt and residue keeps most of the bikes in storage until the spring rains get the roads clear. I trust you all had a good Christmas, survived the New Year, had some chocolate on Valentine's Day and looking forward to something green in March be it beer, corned beef and cabbage or new something!! Even though we call our Breakfast and Dinner 'Rides' in the winter months, we meet at the location in four wheels and actually ride when it is warmer. We have many great places to eat on the schedule this year. Some are old favorites and some are new ones to try. Would love to have you join us and be included in our fun times. You might even have a great new place for us to eat or ride to as we are always looking for someplace or something new and different to do.

Maybe spring will come early this year with warmer weather so we can all get out there and ride. The 'Blessing of the Bikes' is our first big event of the year and we are all hoping for a nice sunny day this year. It

is always a great time to see old friends and meet new ones and who doesn't love seeing hundreds of bikes in a row? Until then, stay warm and keep the chrome polished.

Come Join Us & Let's Ride,
Martha
Director

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All of this going on and we are gearing up for a great riding season within the dealership and the HOG Chapter is gearing up with a GREAT activities agenda planned- always with a little help from their friends-your suggestions- finding awesome roads to travel, good food to share and the friendships that come along with it all!! In the end, it doesn't really matter what you do...it matters who you do it with!!

We look forward to seeing you this season...at our events, the Blessing coming up, or wherever we may run into each other. We thank you for your support and thank you for supporting your local HOGS!!

Ride safe, have fun....
Tim and Debbie

Cozi's Corner..... by Debbie Coziahr

Welcome to Cozi's Corner and to 2017!!

We are experiencing a phenomenon that we are loving and that is ...it's very sunny out! It's 66 degrees out! It's the sound of laughter, the smell of exhaust & the sound of Harley Thunder! The feel of the riding season comin right at ya!!! Of course, being from the Midwest, this is not to say that it's here to stay. BUT for the middle of February, it's pretty darned nice so we'll take it!!

This time we are talking about some of the shenanigans that we've been up to in the past few months, in case you haven't been in for awhile. Because we're excited, and we hope you are too!!

We have several new employees within our family, first is Hannah, who is our first official Marketing Manager. Some of you may know her from Bike Nites and if not, you will be delighted when you do!! She is bringing a whole new energy to CHD !!

Next, we have moved Mason (from parts) into service as technician – We have added Matt into our service department in detail (like yesterday)!

And Greg is our newest Sales person.

New faces, new professionals to CHD and new friends to all of you!! Help us welcome them all when you're in the store!

Next, our new addition to the service department has added a huge archival canvas on one wall and on another, our logo and Bar and Shield where we stage all bike



Debbie Coziahr
Owner

buyers before they leave with their bike to have their photo taken. Again, into our service department, along the walls walking back to the write up (new) area, a group of photos. This is our Service Department....which , as of today, has 3, yes THREE Master Technicians AND we are now officially certified as an Express Lane Harley-Davidson Dealership. Watch for details after March 1st on that accomplishment!! BTW, a fabulous lady and photographer who you most likely know and love took those for us and ...well, come see for yourself! They are great!! AND, this year, our new addition was filled up and we have no idea how we did that before we built it !! If you wished you had used our storage program this year, remember to get your name in for next year before it's filled up again!!

Then, in our showroom- above the sales offices starts a series of canvasses copied from the Harley-Davidson Archives – shots that we picked because we liked them and the story that they tell of Harley-Davidson and relevant to CHD!!

This may not be as visible to you all but the wall was also painted and it was a challenge for our service guys, working at those heights and moving the wall displays to paint behind them- BUT it needed some sprucing up and they made it happen!!

Our Chrome Consultant's counter/ area has been enlarged to make room for Branden, who now has some wall space to highlight cool stuff to our customers.

And on the catwalk, we cleaned things up a bit by taking down a lot of banners and stuff that seemed to dwarf a lot of the fun artifacts/ vehicles that we proudly display (plus made some room for any guest musicians that we might happen to have).

The HOG Wall is chock full of trips ready for sign ups for this season.....come in and check it out. You will find an awesome photo display happening on that wall, plus the latest Pipelines and also in that area, HOG memorabilia via scrapbooks full of pictures from the pastit's all about the HOG Chapter!!!! There is a stand with a book on it that shares memories of some who were such great people and fellow HOG members who have passed on, as well.

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David Swartz
Membership Director

Stay up to date!

For all those that have a smart phone, here is a way to make it just a little smarter. Go to your App Store on your cell phone or tablet and search for "Coziahr". You should see "coziahr harley-davidson". Click that to download. At the bottom of the application you will see five links to click on.

Inventory. Events. Decatur H.O.G. Messages. More.

The "Inventory" tab will list New, Used and Promotions at Coziahr Harley Davidson

The "Events" tab will show the Coziahr Harley-Davidson events for several months.

The "Decatur H.O.G." tab will take you to the H.O.G. page which will have the latest Pipelines newsletter, as well as the 2017 H.O.G. activities schedule. You can also download the Membership form for both National and Local H.O.G. Plus, there are several email addresses for all those positive comments.

Click on "Messages" to see if there are any current messages.

Click on "More" to sign up for the CHD newsletter, check the link to Facebook and More!

Your Decatur H.O.G. Chapter Activities Calendar will always be at your fingertips.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES IS COMING SOON

Check the H.O.G. Calendar and you will find the Blessing is scheduled for April 23rd this year. This is the event where H.O.G. goes all out to support the Dealership. There is a sign-up sheet on the HOG wall just waiting for volunteers. Or, send a note to hogchapter@coziahrhd.com and we will make sure your name gets added to the Blessing Volunteer sheet. Let us know if you need a Volunteer shirt. If you have a shirt and will not be able to help this year, please turn your shirt in so others will be able to wear the volunteer shirt.



Trish Caldwell
Jana Lamar
Activities Co-Directors

Activities

So, we're off to another promising year after what has, so far, been a rather mild winter. I've finally convinced the man to get the bike out of CHD storage this weekend, which is at least a month earlier than most years. Jana and I have put together a calendar that takes us in every direction, with dinners and day rides in many places we haven't been, or at least haven't been in recent years. We

have six overnight rides scheduled, ranging from one to three nights away, with a ride leader already committed to each one. Those rides will take us into Missouri, Kansas, Indiana and Kentucky, as well as through the Shawnee National Forest and along the Illinois River. As the year progresses, we will be printing "take-away" cards with information relevant to each specific ride. Those cards will be available on the HOG Wall at CHD. The basic sign-up sheets for each ride are already on the Wall, as are printed copies of the year's schedule.

There are many day rides planned for which we still need ride leaders. Please review the calendar and see if any of those locations are ones that you've maybe visited before or are in an area you are familiar with. If you would like to lead one of those rides, please give us a call. If you think you *might* want to lead a ride but aren't sure just what it would involve, we can help you with that, as well.

Remember, you can always view the H.O.G. calendar online. Just go to CoziahrHD.com, then go to Customer Corner, H.O.G. Chapter, Events Calendar. If and when the schedule changes throughout the year, we will update it on the website.

Spring is in the air, folks ... LET'S RIDE!!!

Trish Caldwell, Jana Lamar



Erin Valentine
Secretary

Secretary

I'm excited about this year's riding schedule!

The line up of overnight trips to new places we haven't been, and so many day rides to restaurants where we haven't eaten really has us looking forward to hopping back on the bike.

If you haven't tried an overnighter with the HOG group, or even a day ride, please give it a whirl!

Our memories of Galena, the Ozarks, southern Indiana, Paducah, Cave-in-Rock, Madison WI, the Dells and Iowa with our fellow HOGgies are ones we cherish. Now, we can't wait to add some of this year's new destinations to that memory book.

Trish and Jana have done a great job of taking Chapter members' suggestions and mixing them in with a few tried-and-true favorites.

Check your calendars and pencil in at least one overnighter or day ride...you may find yourself adding a few others down the road!



Brian Buxton
Road Captain

Road Captain

Hope all had a great New Year and looking forward to another year of great rides with friends to new places. The two main focus on our rides is having fun and safety, on the safety issue would like to welcome Paul Gorden as our Chapter's new Safety Officer. He will be sharing his insight on riding safe. HOG is focused on safety and they have some things that are required to ride on and work events that is a HOG function. #1. You must be a HOG National member, these forms are available at Coziahr's on the HOG WALL or can register online. #2. You must be a member of the local HOG Chapter, forms are also available at Coziahr's on the HOG WALL. Only exception to riding is if you sign a Single Event Release Form the day of the ride, event etc. for that ride, event etc. only. Before leaving, the Ride Leader or a Road Captain will ask if there are any nonmembers and have you fill out a release before the ride leaves. This applies to both the rider & passenger. These forms are at Coziahr's on the HOG WALL and a RC or RL will have them also. Also a Single Event release form can only be

signed three (3) times to ride with the chapter and then that person will need to become a National and Local HOG member. The RL and/or RC will go over planned trip before leaving concerning the overlay of the route, fuel stops, lunch or other stops planned along the way. We always have a Leader and a Sweep and possibly more than one set depending on size of group and route to be traveled. Again our goal is to have fun riding and sharing times with each other and doing it safely. So hope you will join us on as many breakfast, dinner and overnight rides as you can. Hope to see you on one of the upcoming events.

Until then ...Ride On & Be Safe
Brian Buxton, Road Captain

How I Spent My Summer

As I think about how to tell my story, I find it difficult to fit the experience into a couple of pages. What a fantastic trip/summer. I have decided to start with the end; 42 days, 10,826 miles, 29 states, 8 National Parks, Lake Placid, Cadillac Mountain, entire length of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Dragon twice, XXXX parkway, Johnson Space Center, Galveston Beach, Pikes Peak, and the list goes on. Jessie and I begin our trip with a couple of goals.

First, to avoid interstate highways as much as possible. We completed the trip traveling less than 1000 miles of the 11,000 on interstate highways. That did result in several detours because bridges were out, traffic accidents, and highway construction. Only got misplaced a couple of times.

Second, to visit as many friends and family as possible. We visited friends in New York State where we spent about 4 days. Friends from Georgia met us in Virginia to ride the Blue Ridge Parkway. We then spent a couple of days in Atlanta visiting friends and getting the bike serviced to include new tires. From there we went to Houston to visit family, what a great time. Got to visit with family we had not seen in a long time. After about 5 days in Houston we headed to Colorado Springs to visit Jessie's little brother. We had not seen him or his family in several years. On the way to Colorado Springs I was contacted by an old friend that I worked with 28 years ago, he noticed from FB that we were in Colorado. We decided after Pikes Peak we would make a slight detour to Durango, Colorado (about 300 miles) to visit with my old friend. We also met many great people on the trip some of which we still communicate with.

Now some highlights of the trip. We travel through the Amish country of Pennsylvania on our way to New York State. Rode through the Adirondacks on the way to Maine, because we had never been to Maine, where we rode Highway 1 along the coast. Rode up Cadillac Mountain in the Acadia National Park. Stopped for a Maine Lobster dinner, so good. After a couple of days enjoying Maine we headed for the Blue Ridge Parkway. The weather during the first entire day was rainy and foggy, must have been 300 miles of the ride, which was some of the most challenging riding I have encountered. At times the fog was so heavy you could only see the lane lines for about 30 feet with no less than 6 deer jumping onto the road. The good part is we had the whole parkway to ourselves, nobody else traveling in those weather conditions. After we reached the end of the Blue Ridge Parkway we were on to the Dragon, since we were in the neighborhood. Jessie said, no way! So, I left her at Deals Gap and rode down and then back up to get her. Spent the rest of the day riding the north Georgia mountains. After Atlanta, we travel to Houston Texas where we had the opportunity to see the Johnson Space Center and Galveston Beach, and some great eating places. After 5 or 6 days, we lit out for Colorado Springs, took forever to get out of Texas and hot, hot, hot. We met some great people from Ohio whom we rode with for a couple of days, on the same trail so to speak. Rode up Pikes Peak where we enjoyed yet another fantastic view. We then made a slight detour to Durango, Colorado (about 300 miles) which was not part of the planned trip. Since we were in the neighborhood we went to Mesa Verde National Park with the Indian Villages in the side of the cliffs, amazing. We then rode on to the Grand Canyon North Rim, had lunch with bikers from, I don't remember. Then on to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park with many adventures along the way. Spent a couple of days in Yellowstone before going north thinking we would go to Crater Lake in Washington State. Ended up close (about 100 miles) from Glacier National Park so we decided to go. After staying the night somewhere in Montana, we decided it was time to head home. Rode through the Black Hills of South Dakota, a week ahead of Sturgis. Went through the Badlands since Jessie had never see them. We got a little misplaced and low on fuel. Stopped by the local Indian reservation and got some fuel, no premium but glad to get it. Badlands National Park before going due east to the house. Then we jump on the interstate and headed east to the house. As we all know there are so many 'between the line' experiences and adventures as we ride. What a great country.

The third goal was to ride the Pacific Coast Highway from Washington State to southern California, but we ran out of time, too many detours and extended stays. We will save that for another ride. We made it home in time for the daughter's wedding, the fourth goal.

Next year...Rt. 66.

Jim & Jessie Bond

H.O.G. SCHEDULE – 2017

JANUARY

January 7th – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Everyone's East End Grill
 January 10th – Social – 6:30 PM – Soup & Salad Night
 January 18th – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – Locals 101, Decatur
 January 24th – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting

FEBRUARY

February 4th – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Downtown Café, Decatur
 February 14th – Social – 6:30 PM – Valentines/Italian Night
 February 22nd – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – Benny's, Decatur
 February 28th – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting

MARCH

March 4th – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Four Star Diner, Mt. Zion
 March 11th – CHD "Destination Decatur" Event – H.O.G. Table & Best Vest Contest
 March 14th – Social – 6:30 PM – Chef's Choice
 March 22nd – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – Coz's, Mt. Zion
 March 28th – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting

APRIL

April 1st – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Mystery Destination – Meet at CHD
 April 11th – Social – 6:30 PM – Cajun Night
 April 19th – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – The Old Brickhouse Grill & Pub, Mt. Pulaski
 April 23rd – BLESSING OF THE BIKES
 April 25th – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting
 April 29th – Day Ride – Walnut State Park, Oakland

MAY

May 6th – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Talk of the Town, Elkhart
 May 9th – Social – 6:30 PM – Cinco de Mayo/Mexican Night
 May 17th – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – Schooners, Bloomington
 May 20th – Day Ride – Sidney Dairy Barn, Sidney
 May 23rd – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting
 May 27th-29th – Memorial Day Ride to MO, led by Ed & Flossy White

JUNE

June 3rd – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Shannon's 5-Star Restaurant, Bloomington
 June 10th – Picnic Ride – Monticello/Allerton Park
 June 13th – Social – 6:30 PM – Fried Chicken supplied by H.O.G. Chapter, bring a side or dessert
 June 17th-18th – Overnight ride – Turkey Run/Covered Bridge Ride, Indiana
 June 21st – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – The Old Bank, Leroy, IL
 June 27th – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting

JULY

July 1st – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Red Wheel, Monticello (possible ride afterwards)
 July 11th – Social – 6:30 PM – Hotdogs and Picnic Food – Hotdogs supplied by H.O.G.
 July 14th – 16th – 3-Day Ride to Kansas City, MO, Tour of Harley Plant, led by David Swartz
 July 19th – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – Witt's Smokehouse, Effingham
 July 25th – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting
 July 29th – Day Ride – Evandy's Boatel, Naples, IL

AUGUST

August 5th – Breakfast Ride – 8:00 AM – Yoder's Country Kitchen, Arthur (possible ride afterwards)
 August 8th – Social – 6:30 PM – Pizza Party sponsored by H.O.G.
 August 12th – 13th – Overnight Ride to Psycho Silo, Princeton, IL
 August 16th – Dinner Ride – 6:00 PM – German Restaurant, Gibson City
 August 19th – Day Ride, Homer's Soda Pop Stand, Homer, IL
 August 22nd – 6:30 PM – Officers' Meeting

Rest of the year is on Coziahrs, web site