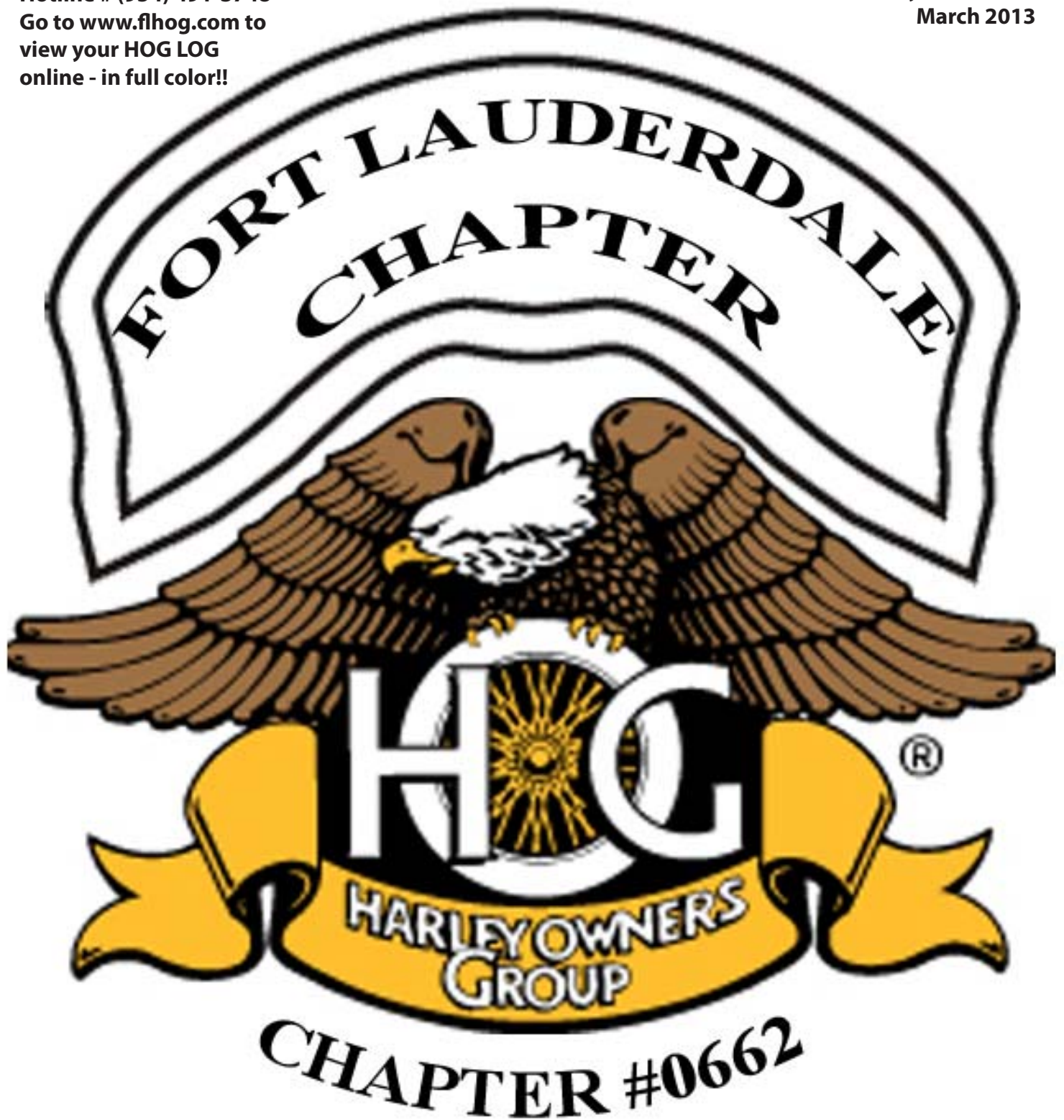




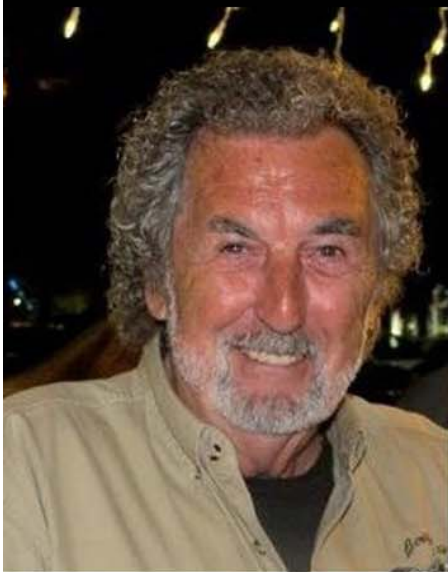
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Speaking Directly

“Screw It Let’s Ride”

After working the Miami Boat Show for the past 4 days, I realize more and more why we ride our Harley Davidson’s more than we ride our boats. Yes, we are limited to having only one person on the back of our bikes and a boater can, at times, have many friends with them, but sometimes that’s not a good thing. Yes, for the most part, we wear long pants, long sleeve shirts, leathers and boots, while boaters can walk around in bathing suits or less...but sometimes that’s not a good thing from both sides of the gender fence. Boaters spend \$5.00 plus a gallon and go 1 mile, if you have a small boat. Bikers can spend \$4.00 per gallon and go 40 miles and, yes, sometimes that’s a good thing. Bikers can go riding in all types of weather, as boaters can, but we don’t need to worry about the 8 to 10 foot waves that will ruin a day at sea and, yes, that’s a good thing.

We are also very blessed that even if we wanted to get the most expensive Harley Davidson available, it would not even touch the tip of the iceberg in cost to the most expensive boat.

All that being said, the biggest difference I see between a boater and a motorcyclist is what we enjoy most about our sport....our Harley-Davidson dealership and family. We are so fortunate that we have our dealership and our fellow members, but mostly we are enthusiasts and fanatics about being on our Harley-Davidsons. We are always looking for a place to go, or something to do so we can invite everyone to join us on his or her own Harley Davidson.

Boaters do have poker runs, but their’s is nothing compared to the poker runs that the motorcycle community puts together. By the way, our Ladies of Harley will hold their Poker Run this year on May 5th, 2013, Cinco de Mayo. Please mark your calendars.

Boaters do not have the camaraderie that we have with our Harley-Davidson dealership. Our Harley dealership is kind of like going to “Cheers” in Boston....”where everyone knows your name”. When I tell Diane I’m run-

ning to the dealership for a few minutes, she knows that I will be there a few hours. I don’t get to go there as much as before or as much as I would like, but I do enjoy being with our Harley family whenever I can. I have not been there a single time where someone hasn’t come up and

started a conversation that ends up taking up more time than I was allowed. Most of the time Diane is happy to see me out having a good time.

So, as I sit here and watch thousands of people milling around looking for something exciting, I can only think about stopping at the Sunrise dealership and feeling the energy and excitement when I see the sea of chrome.

See you on the road, at our rides or at the meetings. If I, or any member of the board, can do anything to make your HOG experience more exciting, Please feel free to contact us. We are here to help. Remember, when it all comes down to it, **“We are a motorcycle club. It’s all about the ride.”**

Jim Zimmerman, Director

Fort Lauderdale HOG 0662

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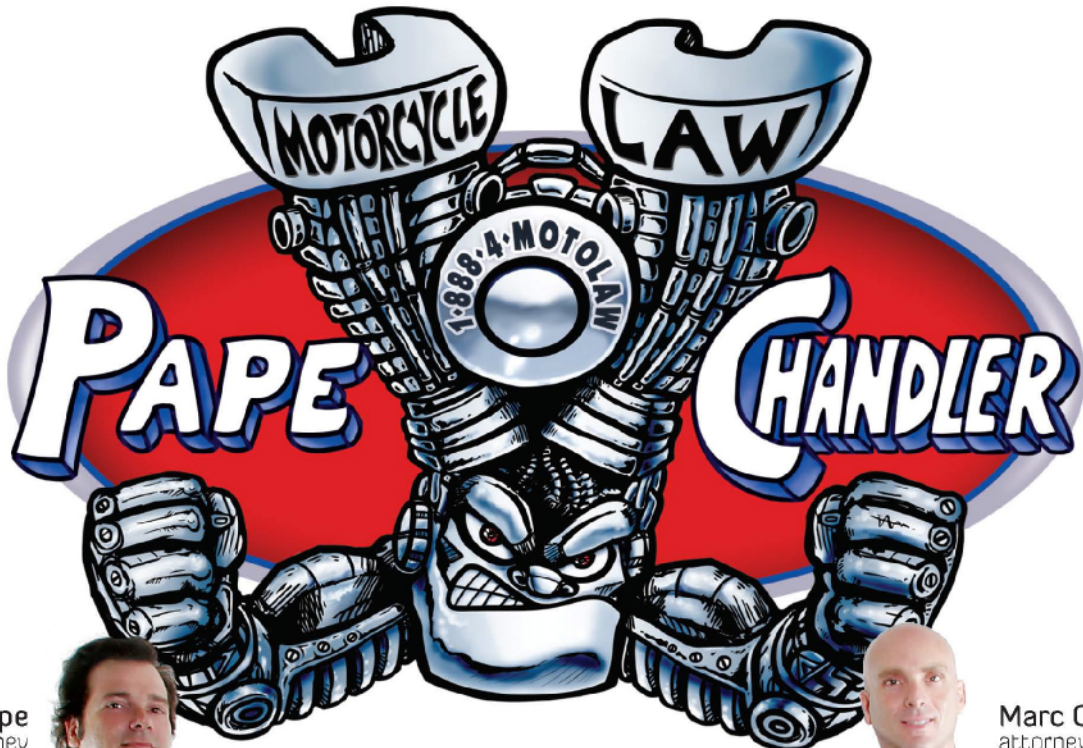
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**March 5th (TUESDAY)
HOG GENERAL MEETING**

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Sunrise Harley Davidson, 201 International Pkwy
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**March 12th (TUESDAY)
ROAD CAPTAINS' MEETING**

**If you're a Road Captain, or interested in becoming one,
please come join us for our meeting and dinner afterwards.**

**7:00 PM at Sunrise Harley Davidson
201 International Pkwy
Sunrise FL, 33325 (866) 408-7405**

Sunshine Column

Hello Hog Friends,

I am out of town as I write this column. This time Bernie and I are visiting family in Israel. By the time you read this column, we will be home. Thank you all for keeping in touch with me so I can share our Hog Family news.

Some of our friends are needing a message of support from us. Barry Greenberg is recovering from knee surgery. He has been waiting for this and looks forward to throwing his cane away and getting back on the road. Scott Fettner suffered a stroke in January. He is home recuperating under the care of his wife and nurse, Karen. Jane Ann Springston had surgery on her leg to replace the rod and repair the previous surgery. Heal quickly and completely dear friends. We all wish you good health.

Our sincere condolences to Marc Addis on the passing of his mother, Bette Berggren of Port Charlotte, Florida. Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimers Association, Charlotte County Chapter, 4075 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL. 33952.

Jim Seidler's sister, Donna Hogson of Ohio, lost her battle with cancer in February. May all your memories help you through this difficult time.

Congratulations to Kathy Bressler on her successful completion of the Motorcycle Safety Class and earning her motorcycle license. Here's to lots of safe and fun miles ahead.

Looking forward to seeing you whenever you can.

Come When You Can and Leave When You Must!

Keep in touch with your news: Contact me at Sunshine@flhog.com.

Barb Weiss
Sunshine Officer

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Tires

The tires on our bikes are amazingly tough, but they confront an imposing array of threats. Potholes, punctures, slashes, and accelerated wear from lock-up and wheel spin are everyday hazards that can ruin or degrade your tires' condition in an instant. You can't always avoid these dangers, but you can check to see if they have inflicted any visible damage to your tires. Inspect your tires for visible damage before every ride. The T in your TCLOCS pre-ride inspection stands for TIRES - the most important thing on your motorcycle.

Some things can be checked without viewing the entire perimeter of the tire. You can easily check valve stems, for example. A tilted valve stem on a tube-type tire is trouble. It usually means the tube has been spun on the wheel, which can pull the stem loose. The valve core should also be seated tightly. Avoid flimsy valve stem caps, and use caps with sealing rubber O-rings inside. Check that balance weights are firmly attached. Look for dented or cracked rims. Check the tread for foreign objects that might cause a puncture down the road.

Under-inflation is the number one cause of tire failure. A tire doesn't have to deflate entirely to get you in trouble. An under-inflated tire decreases stability, affects steering and maneuvering ability, limits traction and has increased susceptibility to catastrophic failure. While a

significantly over-inflated tire decreases traction and does not allow for air expansion as the tire heats up. Both result in the tire wearing much faster.

Tire pressure checks and adjustments should be a regular part of every motorcyclist's regimen. They should be made when the tire is cold. Even sitting out in the sun or riding a mile to the gas station can change the pressure. Check pressures first thing in the morning.

Keep your tires pressures at the recommended values. If you are unsure of the recommended pressure check the owners manual or tire psi on the sidewall. If you don't get around to checking them often enough, set the pressures slightly high, so they settle into the pressure range you want. A couple of extra pounds can also improve a tire's traction in the rain.

Most riders notice a tire that's getting thin in the tread. Wear bars have made it easy to tell when the tread is getting down to its last miles. But a motorcycle tire may have already exceeded its useful life well before then, if it has worn so badly that its profile has changed significantly. That nice round profile can be worn flat by hard use or too much straight-lining. Replace it if the center or sides get flattened losing the rounded profile creating an edge by squaring or "V"ing the tire.

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Tires (continued)

Of course, a tire should also be discarded if it is significantly damaged. How much damage is too much? There is some disagreement on what's repairable, but most tire manufacturers will tell you that sidewall punctures make a tire unsafe. Deep ozone cracking can also damage a sidewall, but that's rare. Some things you look for in your pre-ride inspections are slashes and cord or tread separations.

Make a Call

If you are unsure if a damaged tire can be repaired, ask the manufacturer. All have toll-free numbers just for such situations. The tire manufacturers are also happy to field calls about which tire to use on your bike, what tire will mate with that aftermarket wheel, whether one of their tire models is compatible with another or even another brand. (However, expect them to be properly skittish if they have not tested the combination you are proposing.)

Tires don't require much to serve you well. Simply keep them inflated properly and check them frequently for damage. Tires should be your number-one maintenance assignment, because if they don't work right, nothing else matters.

See you on the next ride.

Ride Safe!

Bernie Weiss
Safety Officer
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Fort Lauderdale



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HOG Pen New Look - New Location

The HOG Pen is open Saturdays from
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3/30/13, 4/13/13, 4/20/13, 4/27/13,
5/4/13, 5/18/13, 5/25/13,
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4/13/13, 5/7/13 and 6/8/13



RIDE ON, MY FRIENDS

Ladies of Harley - "I'm just sayin'..."

Hello!

Welcome March!

Welcome to all new Ladies of Harley!

Congrats to Kathi Bressler for getting your motorcycle endorsement! We look forward to riding with you!

Thank you to all the Ladies of Harley that came to the Ladies Night Out at Pizza Time. We had a great time!

Mark your calendar for May 5, 2013; this will be the date for our Poker Run this year. We raise funds for toys for Chris Evert Children's Hospital Sandy Weston Toy Run and Christmas Eve Toy Run.

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Ladies of Harley

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| 3/3 - Danny Tominovich | 3/19 - Robert Gianantonio | 4/2 - Brian Weinstein | 4/17 - Howard Orne |
| 3/8 - Ben Barrocas | 3/21 - Wilma Colby | 4/4 - Juan Acosta | 4/18 - Michael Ingino |
| 3/9 - Connor McClery | 3/22 - David Wheeler | 4/4 - Amy Montellanico | 4/18 - Barry Johnson |
| 3/10 - Victor Aponte | 3/24 - Michael LaBozzetta | 4/5 - Alan Cohn | 4/19 - Aimee Bushman |
| 3/10 - Rick Morales | 3/24 - Steven Shankman | 4/6 - Shari Starbuck | 4/19 - Paul Corey |
| 3/11 - Jeffery Yarish | 3/28 - Brian Hodggers | 4/7 - James Hanrahan | 4/19 - Kathi Mosier |
| 3/12 - Ahamed Allih | 3/31 - Bruce Haber | 4/8 - Ellen Sherman | 4/22 - George Lenkowitz |
| 3/14 - Helen Morgen | | 4/9 - Illiana Seidler | 4/23 - Sanford Berman |
| 3/15 - Edward Hartmann | | 4/12 - Diania Lionts | 4/24 - David Ehrlich |
| 3/16 - Ron Bauer | | 4/13 - Sonia Manson | 4/25 - Harriet Prato |
| 3/17 - Patricia Albanese | | 4/14 - Patrice Kirner | 4/26 - Mat Blahnik |
| 3/18 - Palmer Lee Bell | | 4/14 - Keith Rose | 4/28 - John Lebold |
| | | 4/15 - Judith Hartmann | 4/30 - Ron Chasse |
| | | 4/15 - Felix Miraglia | |

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March 2013 - Schedule of Events



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Mar 1st - FRIDAY

ENQ TO SUNRISE HARLEY DAVIDSON BIKE NIGHT

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Fort Lauderdale Harley Davidson at Sunrise 201 International Parkway Sunrise, FL 33325 (954) 414-4135

Hosted by your Chapter



Mar 2nd - SATURDAY

GILBERTS TIKI HUT



Sit beachside and enjoy lunch in their newly expanded tiki bar while you enjoy live entertainment.

107900 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo, FL 33037 (305) 451-1133 .

Departs SRHD @ 9:30am Hosted by AL K.

Mar 3rd - SUNDAY

COWBOYS "STUART"

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Depart PTR@ 10:00am Hosted by Karla & Scott D.



Mar 5th- TUESDAY

HOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & LOH MEETINGS



LOH Starts @ 7:00pm & GENERAL starts @ 7:30pm

Hear follows up's from the prior month's activities, Have a chance to win prizes and see who wins the sought after HOG of the month.

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Mar 9th- SATURDAY

RIDING ORIENTATION/BIKE-N-BAGEL DAY!

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Mar 10th - SUNDAY

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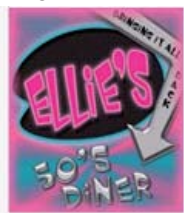
Mar 12th- TUESDAY ROAD CAPTAIN'S MEETING

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Dinner ride after the meeting.
Hosted By Dave S



Mar 15th – FRIDAY FNO to ELLIE'S 50'S DINER



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Depart PTR @ 7:00pm
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Mar 19th – TUESDAY BIRTHDAY BIKE NITE - "CORAL SPRINGS BRU'S ROOM"

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Mar 16th – SATURDAY DAYTONA 4X4X4



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If you plan on going YOU MUST RSVP to roadcapt@flhog.com by 3/6.

Depart WPBSP @ 8:00 AM
Hosted by: The Chapter

Mar 24th – SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF SMILES RIDE

BBRCF is asking for YOUR help and your commitment to help make kids smile.

Come ride to raise money for The Chris Evert Children's Hospital. www.weride4kids.com

Departs PTR @ 8:00am
Hosted by Lauren P.



Mar 30th – SATURDAY LUNKERS SPORTS GRILLE



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4825 Highway 441S, Okeechobee, FL 34974 (863) 763-1900

Departs SRHD @ 9:00am
Hosted by: Nick & Joy G.

March 2013 - HOG Chapter #0662

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-----------------------|---|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| 24 SWAMP CABBAGE FESTIVAL | 25 | 26 HOG BOARD MEETING | 27 | 28 | 1 FNQ SRHD BIKE NIGHT | 2 GILBERTS LUNCH AT TIKI HUT |
| 3 COWBOYS STUART | 4 | 5 HOG GENERAL & LADIES OF HARLEY MEETINGS | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 HOG WELCOME TO FAMILY ORIENTATION |
| 10 Daylight Saving Time begins DIXIE GRILL AND BAR | 11 | 12 HOG ROAD CAPTAIN'S MEETING | 13 | 14 HOG Log Article Deadline For Next Month Submissions | 15 FNQ ELLIES DINER | 16 DAYTONA 4X4X4 |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 HOG BIRTHDAY BIKE NIGHT | 20 Vernal Equinox | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 CELEBRATION OF SMILES RIDE | 25 | 26 HOG BOARD MEETING | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 LUNKERS SPORTS GRILLE |
| 31 Easter Sunday | 1 April Fool's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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FOR UPDATED RIDE INFO AND/ OR CANCELLATIONS**

April 2013 - HOG Chapter #0662

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|--|--|
| 31 Easter Sunday | 1 April Fool's Day | 2 HOG GENERAL & LADIES OF HARLEY MEETINGS | 3 | 4 | 5 FNQ to Pizza Loft | 6 |
| 7 Palm Beach LE Memorial Ride | 8 | 9 HOG ROAD CAPTAIN'S MEETING | 10 | 11 | 12 Pirate's Cove Overnighter | 13 Pirate's Cove Overnighter |
| 14 HOG Log Article Deadline For Next Month Submissions | 15 Tax returns due | 16 HOG BIRTHDAY BIKE NIGHT | 17 | 18 | 19 FNQ to Park Avenue BBQ | 20 |
| 21 Mangoe's in Marco Island | 22 Earth Day | 23 HOG BOARD MEETING | 24 | 25 | 26 FNQ to Catfish Dewey's | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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Mark Your Calendars!! - Future Schedule of Events



Here are the events we have on the calendar beyond this month. These are subject to change so please always refer to our online and email communications for the latest information

Go to: www.flhog.com for complete details

❖ April 2013 ❖

2nd TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting
 5th FRIDAY FNQ to Pizza Loft
 7th SUNDAY Palm Beach LE Memorial Ride
 12th FRIDAY Pirate's Cove Overnighter
 13th SATURDAY Pirate's Cove Overnighter
 19th FRIDAY FNQ to Park Avenue BBQ
 21st SUNDAY Mangoe's in Marco Island
 26th FRIDAY FNQ to Catfish Dewey's

❖ May 2013 ❖

3rd FRIDAY FNQ to SRHD Bike Night
 4th SATURDAY Black Point Marina
 5th FRIDAY LOH Poker Run
 7th TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting
 11th SATURDAY Activity Meeting
 12th SUNDAY Roland and Martin's Tiki Hut
 18th SATURDAY Overnighter to Key West
 24th FRIDAY FNQ to LaBamba

❖ June 2013 ❖

1st SATURDAY Log Cabin BBQ, LaBelle
 2nd SUNDAY Boston's on the Beach
 4th TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting
 9th SUNDAY Big Chill, Key Largo
 15th SATURDAY Misses Mack's Kitchen, Key Largo
 16th SUNDAY Father's Day Ride
 22nd SATURDAY Manatee Island Bar & Grill, Port Salerno
 23rd SUNDAY Miccosukee Brunch
 29th SATURDAY Whiskey Joe's, Key Biscayne
 30th SUNDAY Seminole Inn

❖ July 2013 ❖

2nd TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting

❖ August 2013 ❖

6th TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting

❖ September 2013 ❖

3rd TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting
 11th WEDNESDAY 9/11 Memorial Ride
 13th FRIDAY Overnighter to Breezy Palms, Islamorada

❖ October 2013 ❖

1st TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting
 22nd TUESDAY 2013 FL State Rally, Ft Walton Beach
 23rd WEDNESDAY 2013 FL State Rally, Ft Walton Beach
 24th THURSDAY 2013 FL State Rally, Ft Walton Beach
 25th FRIDAY 2013 FL State Rally, Ft Walton Beach
 26th SATURDAY 2013 FL State Rally, Ft Walton Beach

❖ November 2013 ❖

5th TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting
 11th MONDAY Navy SEAL Museum, Fort Pierce
 24th SUNDAY HOG Picnic

❖ December 2013 ❖

3rd TUESDAY LOH and HOG General Meeting
 6th FRIDAY Holiday Party at Galuppi's
 8th SUNDAY Toys in the Sun Run
 14th SATURDAY Wreaths Across America
 15th SUNDAY LOH Brunch
 21st SATURDAY Sandy Weston Toy Run

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Biker Humor



Miss Beatrice, the church organist was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all.

One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea. As he sat facing her old Hammond organ the young minister noticed a cute glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this?' pointing to the bowl.

'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease.'

Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter!

Journey by Gregg Manson

It wasn't but two years ago that Gary and Chris Jones and Sonia and I first attended a Ft Lauderdale sponsored ride. Shortly after, we were standing in front of the group at a Chapter Monthly Meeting introducing ourselves as new members. We have met so many great people and created some great friendships in this short time. My how time flies, it still feels like yesterday. Shortly after becoming a member Gary and I learned about the Road Captain position and the important role they play in creating safe rides. It seemed like the logical thing to do. We both engaged in the learning program and a few months later I was handed a Road Captain rocker. Make no mistake; I was beaming inside reflecting on the work, learning and accomplishment. Through that program I began my journey of becoming a better rider and ride leader, even though I've been riding for almost 40 years (yes I started riding in the womb). I thought I'd reached the top of my riding game. Then I witnessed some really great riding talent. I remember seeing the Ft Lauderdale Drill Team for the 1st time. All I kept saying was wow, they make it look so simple. I remember Sonia asking me at that time if I'd ever be interested in joining the team. My answer was a resounding NO, never! I don't have that kind of time to practice. Work, life and family seemed to take up more time than I had.

Lesson one; never say never! Last year we attended the HOG rally in November. What a great time we all had. Beautiful riding along with great evenings sharing stories with our HOG friends. We traveled to Leesburg on Saturday to partake in watching the drill team. It was then that I got the itch to give it a try. Couldn't be that difficult, right? Gene Fiamma invited me to the practice on Saturday. What the hell, I've always wanted to see just how far I could push myself and the bike. After all, it looks fairly easy and I'm a pretty good rider. One Saturday in early December I showed up at practice, just to see what it's all about. Welcoming me, I began to partake in some of the drills. Now wait a minute, I'm just here to improve my skills. But this is a bit addictive. Sure enough I'm going every Saturday. Can't get enough! Then came the snowman. Seemed simple enough.

Ok, lesson two; it's harder than it looks. But I was addicted. So addicted that another bike was soon to be in my future. Wife thinks I'm crazy, another bike just for drill team in the garage, yep - addicted. I remember

the day I first conquered the snowman. Oh what a feeling, finally beating those dreaded circles! It was through the help and encouragement of Gene, Mike Fonseca and Thom Feally (along with others) that this finally was accomplished. Dragging the cones out on Sundays, providing guidance and pointers to become successful. Now it was onto the dreaded "intersection". I thought "can't be that difficult now that the snowman has been conquered"!

Lesson three; the snowman is the easy part. Seemed I couldn't get that dam bike to move like the other riders. More instruction, practice, dropping the bike, pushing myself and learning. Practice upon practice. Am I ever going to be able to get this? Well, last Saturday towards the end of practice beating the intersection became a reality. I was walking towards the bikes with Scott Thomas at the end of practice. The 8 man group had just finished running their routine for the 3rd time. Scott asked when I was going to attempt to qualify. I explained that I was running out of time today as I had committed to be a Road Captain for the HOG Chapter ride to the Antique Bike Show in Davie. He smiled and said "we have time, and no better time than the present". With that, cones were set up for both qualifying exercises and I attacked them like no other time. While the 1st attempt at the snowman wasn't successful, the 2nd attempt was. Now, onto the intersection. Again, attacking like I had never done before and behold - success. Sonia had arrived shortly before by taxi with Gloria Fonseca so they could ride with Mike and me to Sunrise for the HOG ride. She couldn't watch for fear she would jinx me! I think it was just the opposite.

Lesson four; qualifying is the easy part. Now it's onto learning the routines and practice, practice and more practice. I can't explain just how exhilarating it is accomplishing the qualifying routines and learning the show routines. Yes, it's a drug (for me anyway) and I can't get enough. Can't wait to run my first routine in a show!

Lesson five; it always seems easy when someone else is doing it and seems impossible when you're the only one. If you have a passion for improving your skills, want to embark on some hard work and of course drop your bike a time or two, come on out to practice. If anything they can always use moral support!



Road Captains

Interested in joining this great team?

We are looking for Chapter Members (men and women) who are interested in becoming part of our award-winning Road Captain Team.

If you're an experienced rider with good riding skills, have a CB radio on your bike, and are interested in participating in the training program to become a Road Captain, please contact Dave Spallinger (Head Road Captain) at roadcapt@flhog.com.

Our team of Road Captains thanks you for your consideration.

Remember, "We Don't Make The Ride, We Make It Safer"

The team consists of:

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- Marc Addis
- Ben Barrocas
- Bob Belano
- Jerry Bernard
- Jim Bettelli
- Jim Day
- Jacques Desautels
- Leo Dodier
- Duke Ehrlich
- Thom Feally
- Gene Fiamma
- Michael Fonseca
- Nick Glaug
- Marc Green
- Ed Hartmann
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- Allan Kaplan
- Gregg Manson
- Nick Marando
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Be at Sunrise Harley dealership at 9:00 am on **Saturday March 9th**, be ready to make new friends and most of all, be ready to ride!

For more information contact

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CHAPTER RIDE INFORMATION

RIDE DEPARTURE INFORMATION



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Dave Spallinger
Head Road Captain



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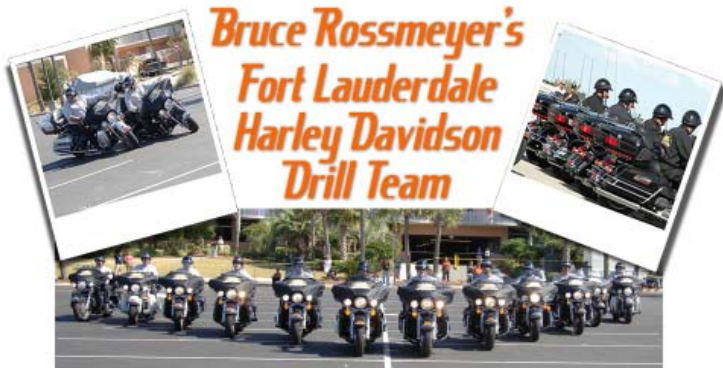


In the event that inclement weather interferes with our scheduled rides, please be advised of our long-standing policy regarding cancellation of a ride. While it is always a member's option to go on a chapter ride whenever we have inclement weather, a decision will be made by the Lead Road Captain whether the SANCTIONED ride will take place. Riding in inclement weather is a safety issue we should always consider. The formal cancellation of a ride will occur at the time and place the ride begins. The Lead Road Captain running the ride will be present at the designated time and place the ride begins to advise those present of the decision.

While the H.O.G. Ft. Lauderdale Chapter #0662 always promotes riding, we have a responsibility to our members, H.O.G. National, our sponsoring Dealer and Harley-Davidson. All participants in our rides must be a current member of H.O.G. National and our local Chapter. All members are issued a local membership card that must be shown at the time of the ride. If the card is not available, a waiver must be signed prior to the ride. Guests are allowed on up to 3 rides and must sign a waiver prior to each ride. At the 3rd ride, Guests will be asked to become a member. Participants without membership cards or signed waivers will not be allowed to participate in any Chapter events. Guests are not allowed to participate in the fourth event. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Dave Spallinger
Head Road Captain

Drill Team Corner



We are in full swing for 2013! Gene Fiamma has been hard at work to secure us some performances this year. By the time you read this, we will have already performed at the Healing Heroes Freedom Fest in Lakeland on February 23rd, and we have the Smiles Ride performance at the Mardi Gras Casino coming up on March 24th!

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Mike Fonseca has been fast-tracked to learn the routine to perform with us. He wanted to see things first hand, so he hopped on the back of Patrick "PC" Sandner's bike for a bird's eye view during practice! Mike is a quick learner and has impressed us all with his determination.



Let's see, what else.. Oh yeah, Gregg Manson busted his rump and didn't quit and successfully qualified as the newest member of the Fort Lauderdale Harley Davidson Drill Team! Congrats Gregg!



Mike Fonseca was happy to hand over the cones to Gregg. Mike holds the record for being the "Cone B*tch" the shortest time ever in the history of the team!

You can always see videos of most of our performances on my youtube account at <http://www.youtube.com/user/jpilone>

The drill team is open to chapter members who want to broaden their

horizons in regards to motorcycle riding ability and precision. If you have the desire to get involved, contact me and we will invite you to check us out at practice! After the rally, we are now regrouping to prepare for our 2013 performances and lineup, so now is the time to get involved!



If you want to know more about the drill team, visit our website at <http://www.flhdt.com>

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Dinner at your leisure - (Walking distance suggestions forthcoming)

Saturday, April 13:

Depart PTR at 10:30 am to have lunch with your HOG family that left on Friday
Dinner - 1 Prize Raffle – Celebration at the resort

Please e-mail Di diannaddis@yahoo.com with questions or to advise after a reservation is booked so we can forward "**What You Need to Know**" for those attending.

Join us and celebrate!!!



THE FIRST - LAST WORD

Here we are, my first regular column as Assistant Director. I've been married to my lovely wife, Chris, for 34 years – and I have NEVER had the Last Word until now! I'll have to choose my words carefully or this could be my last Last Word.

First, let me say that it is truly an honor to be able to serve the chapter in this role. I will do my very best to uphold the great foundation that has been put in place by the many officers that have gone before me.

I know you've heard it before from many of the board members, but if there is ever anything I can do to make the chapter better, please grab me and let's talk about it.

We continue to have wonderful turn outs for our various rides. The Road Captains have been busy covering the multiple groups that we have for almost every ride. I love seeing this, because for me the chapter is all about riding!

I do need to remind everyone to do your best to RSVP through one of the various means such as Facebook or email. Also, it is becoming increasingly important that you arrive at least 30 minutes before the ride departure time. Late arrivals cause a lot of shuffling and I worry that at some time we might have trouble covering last minute additions in a safe manner. You know we insist on the safety of our rides and won't allow that to be jeopardized. Out of respect for your fellow riders, please do try to be prompt.

We all had a great surprise at the February meeting when Jim announced the dealership would be staying open after the meeting and offering most items at employee prices. Since combining the Fort Lauderdale and Sunrise locations they have a lot of extra inventory that needs to move. I know Chris and I did our part to help with that problem. You never know what surprise might await at one of our general meetings, so please try to join us each month.



So what's with the picture of the Editor Rocker?

Since assuming my new role, I'm looking for a lucky victim, I mean member that might be interested in taking on the Editor role. The rocker shown above, along with all the fortune and fame that comes along with it could be yours. If you have an interest in computer software for doing layout work and would like to continue to push the envelope of what we can do with our monthly newsletter, please contact me and let's discuss it.

Also at the February meeting I invited Brian Donnelly to speak to our group. Brian has a great foundation that honors fallen law enforcement officers across Florida and provides great support for their families. He does some great work and I wanted him to give the group a little glimpse of what the foundation is about. You can learn a little more at the web site: www.sgtchrisreyka.com. I also hope he will be back at the March meeting to sell some t-shirts to help support the annual state ride.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on our upcoming rides and events.

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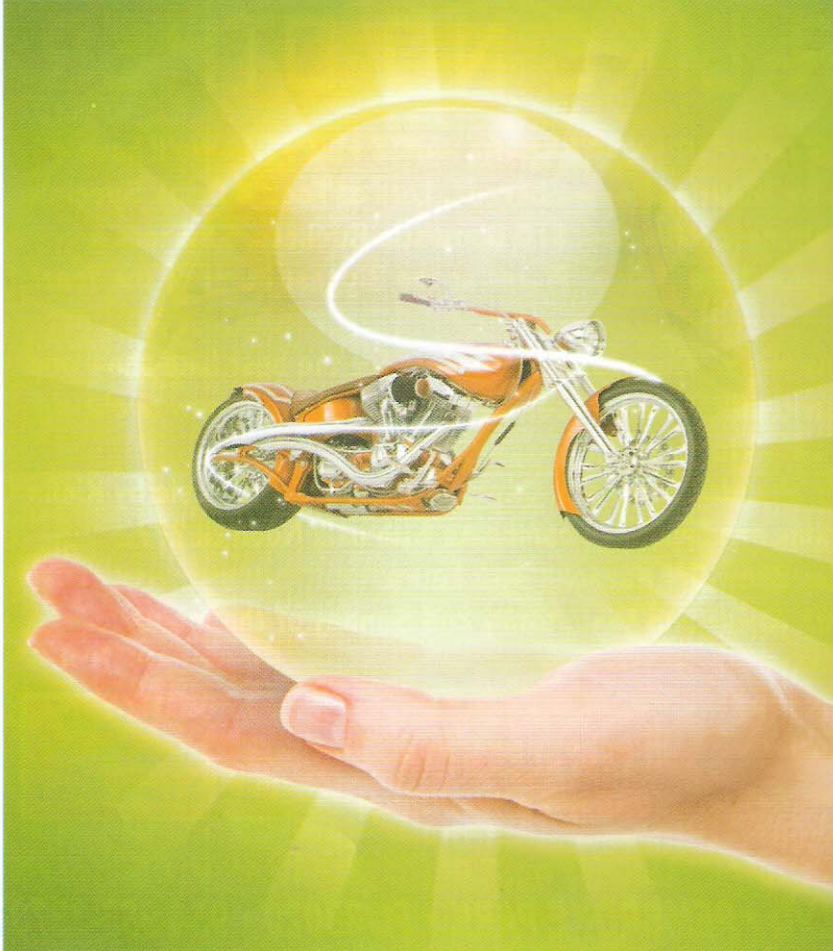
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