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2023



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April 14



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COME RIDE WITH US

Director



Well, the first quarter of 2023 is behind us and we have started off the year with a bang.

Now, as we head into the second quarter, we have a lot more in store.

Demo days is this month; so if you want to try out one of the new Harley-Davidson models this is your chance.

Our second Overnight Trip, "Five Lakes", and our First Long Distance Trip to "Reno" will be taking place and we are looking forward to many *Miles with Smiles*.

We have some new restaurants in store: Spirito's Italian Food in Oceanside, Notorious Burgers in Carlsbad, China Fun in Escondido, and Mikes Red Tacos in San Diego to name a few. Of course, we will have some old favorites including Penfolds, Lake Henshaw Café, and the Hat.

Last month we had a *fantastic experience* to the Midway Museum. (Special thanks to Rich and Jean B.) This quarter, we have some destinations planned as well: the Orange Empire Railway Museum, Salvation Mountain, The Motte Museum, March Air Museum, and the Veterans Museum.

I said it before and I will say it again, we have the best Chapter anywhere. Now I am going to ask each one of you to save two very important dates: May 20 and June 24. May 20 is the *May Ride* and we are looking for help to make this another success for the Armed Forces YMCA. June 24 is the *Biggs HOG Poker Run* and we will need all hands to make this Chapter event a success.



I look forward to seeing each of you on a ride soon.



Gene P "Tiki"

Assistant Director

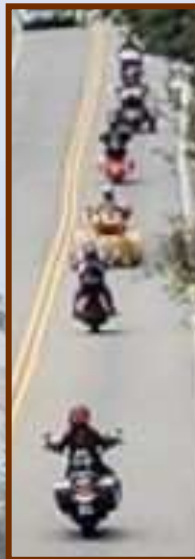


Have you stopped by Biggs Harley-Davidson Service Department to get your mileage read and inputted into *Ride 365*? I can tell you it was great to get my \$100 Gift card from Harley-Davidson to spend at the dealer!! Be sure to get your mileage checked!

With the spring weather upon us be sure you get your bike ready to ride. Also it is time to invite your friends to join you on a Biggs HOG Local or Long Distance Ride. Share with them why you enjoy riding with Biggs HOG and what kind of rides we do. We have some great local rides planned and more to be planned. Also, we still have two more Overnight Trips and three Long Distance Trips for the year.

See you on the road.

Ken C "Bobble Head"



Sniff & Eat Ride March 12, 2023



What's Happening' at Biggs H-D



APRIL



UPCOMING EVENTS BIGGS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

APRIL 1-2

Saturday
Breakfast
& Lunch!

**The All American
Motorcycle Event**

2 DAYS ONLY

all used bikes



APRIL 7-8

SATURDAY
LIVE MUSIC
FOOD!

**HARLEY
FACTORY
DEMO TRUCK**

10-4 PM



PLUS BLESSING
OF THE BIKES!

APRIL 15

Check in 9:45
KSU 10 am
BBQ 12-3

**Free
CREW RIDE**

to Handel's
Ice Cream



APRIL 22

DELI LUNCH
AND MORE!

12- TILL GONE!



**Biggs FREE
LUNCH STOP**



APRIL 29



**SOLUTIONS
FOR CHANGE**

9 AM- 3 PM

POKER RIDE

**FOR LOCAL
HOMELESS
FAMILIES**



BEST TIRE PRICE INSTALLED!



Safety

Check Your Helmet



Love them or hate them, in California we all have to wear them. Helmets are more than just a piece of safety equipment, they are an expression of your personal style. Whether you like a half helmet, a 3/4 helmet, a full face or a modular where the chin bar will lift up, what you decide goes on your head is a personal decision. I've worn several different helmet styles along my journey and I was completely happy with each decision. Although looking back at some photos from 20 years ago I have to say that the mushroom head half helmet look was not the best. I know many Harley riders think they have to wear black everything because...well, because they ride Harleys. But I know some that swear by their white helmet because it stays cooler in the summer. I have a friend that wears a day glow yellow helmet because he hopes those other people we share the road with might see him a split second sooner. But, at some point, it's time for a new helmet.

Here are some signs to look for when inspecting your helmet.

Fit – Make sure your helmet is not loose or too worn.

Damage – Check for visible scratches, dents, or other damage.

Impact – Your helmet is only designed for one critical impact event.

Age – Your helmet is designed to last 3-5 years.

If your helmet is not quite up to the job then this is a great time to get a new one. Biggs Harley-Davidson is running a promotion for the entire month of April for 20% off when you trade in your old helmet. My good friend Taz would also want me to remind you of your Rider Rewards program where as a Biggs HOG member you will get double points when you purchase your new helmet. And if you do it on the day of the Chapter Meeting you will get 3x points. I'll let Taz do the math for you on those points, but it's a big bonus.



As you look for a new helmet there are a few items to keep in mind.

Certification – new helmets in the US are required to meet DOT standards but DOT is the minimum. There are separate agencies that conduct additional testing and award their own certification. Here are the current certification standards that you may see:

DOT FMVSS-218 SNELL M2020 ECE 22.05 FIM

Fit – Your helmet needs to be snug and should fit in a way that it will not come off your head in a crash. If you're not sure, check with the associates in clothing for a proper fitting.

Finally, keep in mind, *you get what you pay for*. A quality helmet is a well-constructed piece of safety equipment that is designed to protect your brain from injury. Expect to pay a price for quality. I would advise against buying a used helmet from eBay or other resources like that. You have no idea of the history of that helmet.

Dave H

Military

1st Maintenance Battalion



Thank you so much for all of your support to date. I have been coordinating with 1st Maintenance Battalion leadership in order to allow Biggs HOG to support 1st Maintenance Battalion in future events. These events include holiday parties such as Halloween and Christmas, rides with the battalion motorcycle mentorship program, and potential donation opportunities for items such as canned food for military families who may be struggling.

I am still working on all the above. However, I have been successful in getting permission for Biggs HOG Road Guards to provide Formation 101 training and help facilitate a Get Acquainted Ride. Currently, it looks like this will be occurring in June. I will be sure to provide more information in the coming months.

David H



Ride to El Cajon Poker Run March 18, 2023



Getting to Know Our Biggs HOG Family

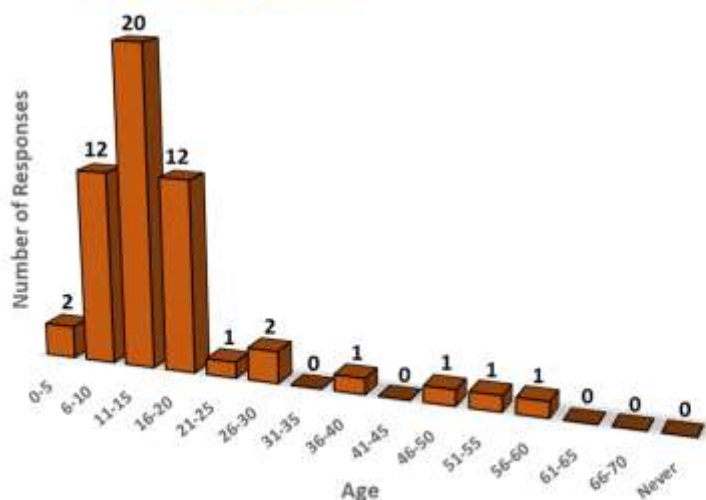
53 members completed February 2023 Survey

Congratulations to Terry W who won the gift card drawing.

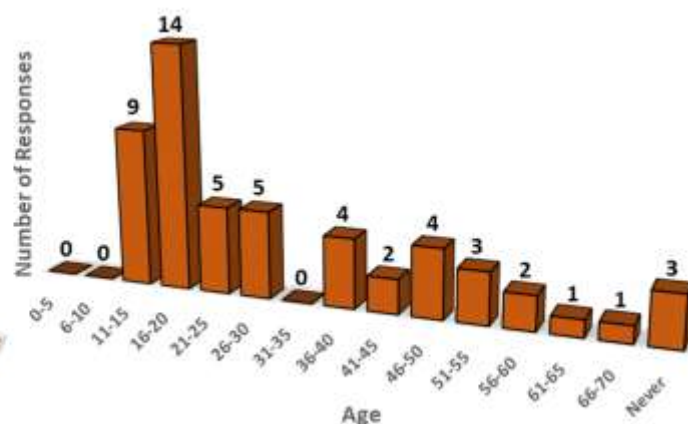
A new survey opens on the 15th of each month throughout 2023.



Age when first rode (or rode on) a motorcycle



Age when first purchased a motorcycle



Road Captain

Throttle Control



Group riding is much like a team effort. Everybody in the group needs to be on the same page, riders as well as passengers. This is why we hold Formation 101 every month and the Pre-Ride Brief before every ride.

What is not talked about much is *throttle control*, striving to maintain a constant speed, especially if your route is on an interstate or highway. This increases safety, keeps all riders together, and improves fuel efficiency.

It's understandable that newer riders may not have the same experience with throttle control as riders who are more seasoned. Throttle control is something that is practiced and practiced. And yes, not everyone may be as good as you may be at taking curves. But backing off and creating a gap so you can go faster around a curve just messes with everyone behind you.



Try to be consistent. It's a lot easier to ride with people who are predictable and not "Rubber Banding". Hold your line, be smooth and steady with your speed, and pay attention to your surroundings.

And that, my compadres, is my advice for the month.

Terry W "U-Turn"

Chapter Meeting March 10, 2023



Membership

Ride 365 Program



Hello fellow Biggs HOG Members. It's hard to believe that it's April already. There have been quite a few Great Rides already and plenty more to come. I look forward to seeing you on a ride soon. So, as you ride, get credit for the miles you ride and earn cash rewards in the process. How? You may ask?

Last month, we went over many of the benefits of being a HOG Member. This month, I'd like to go over the *Ride 365 Program*. The *Ride 365 Program* runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Although this is a National HOG Program, each Chapter contributes to the mileage ridden by its members reporting their mileage. This is done by stopping by the Service Department and having one of the Service Representatives read and input your mileage into the *Ride 365 Program* database.

All Biggs HOG Members have been assigned to the Biggs Chapter in the National HOG Database. All miles ridden count towards the Biggs HOG final mileage total at the end of the year. All Chapters are ranked, in each region, based on the reported mileage. Here's the catch: Each Biggs HOG Member must go and have their mileage read at the Service Department at the beginning of the year, and at least at the end of the year, but occasionally throughout the year, if desired. Again, only Service Department Personnel can enter your mileage.

As you accrue mileage, you will receive mileage milestone patches and pins to add to your Chapter Vest. Provided you are enrolled, these come automatically once each milestone is achieved and the mileage is reported in the *Ride 365 Database*. You can have your mileage entered as often as you like.

Mileage Milestones include:

1,000	25,000
** 2,500	40,000
5,000	60,000
7,500	80,000
** 10,000	100,000
15,000	150,000



**** Here's the Bonus:** You will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card after you ride 2,500 miles and a \$100 Gift Card after you ride 10,000 for the year. Entering your miles often will get you your cash awards sooner.

So being a HOG Member definitely has its perks. It's up to you to take advantage of those perks. Log onto HOG.com, enroll into the *Ride 365 Program*, and get credit and cash for the miles you ride!!

David L "Taz"

Historian

One for the Books



"It's one for the books" is a phrase we use when an event is completed successfully. Having recently returned from the first LD/ON Trip for 2023 to Yuma, I can say that it was completely successful. There are photos and tales about the trip elsewhere in this newsletter.

As Historian, one of my jobs is to occasionally write about what happened in our Chapter 5, 7, 10 or more years ago. So, sit yourself down in my WABAC Machine and let's visit early 2013.

Biggs HOG ended 2012 with 922 members and by the end of the first quarter 2013 had 542 new/renewed members. The Chapter crossed the 1,100-member mark before the end of that year. Amazing.

We were always a Chapter that rides. A LOT. In 2013, the Chapter scheduled 4 Long Distance (LD) Rides and 2 over-nighters (ON). The first ON for the year was to Laughlin, NV in February. Other LD and ON trips planned were to Joshua Tree, Bryce/Zion, a California Coastal Tour, Carson City, and Apache Junction. While we may repeat these destinations over the years, the LD committee always manages to find new things to see and do if we return. Every LD or ON trip becomes "one for the books".

Memorable local rides during the first quarter of 2013 included the annual NY Day ride to Richies in Murrieta, helping with the Carlsbad Marathon, rides to Dana Point, Peterson Auto Museum in LA, the San Diego Police Museum, the California Science Center to view the Space Shuttle Endeavor, and the Leatherneck Museum.

In March 2013, there were 2 rides worth mentioning in detail. The first was the Cat in the Hat ride to Monte Vista Elementary School. Members read to the kids in celebration of the birth of Dr. Seuss. During recess, they saw the bikes and asked us for autographs!

The second ride was the John & Jane Wayne Day with the 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion (AABN) at Camp Pendleton. This was a day-long event designed to showcase the talents, dedication, and professionalism of the troops and give us a feel for their daily challenges. Chapter members rode in the trucks and participated in "a day in the life".

LOH held a "Queen of Hearts" ride and focused on their "Dinner and Spring Fashion Show" featuring the new Spring 2013 Men and Women's fashions from our Biggs H-D Motor Clothes Department: "from jewelry to helmets and everything in between." Anybody still have some 2013 H-D clothing?



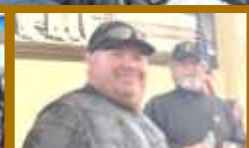
I hope you enjoyed this stroll down Memory Lane. Maybe it will give you some ideas for a future ride or event that becomes "one for the books".

Mark B

Photos from the April 2013 HOG Express

YUMA, AZ OVERNIGHT TRIP

MARCH 2023



Long Distance

Overnight & Long Distance Trips



We had a great *Yuma Overnight Trip* this past month!! We had 30 people on the ride on 15 bikes and two cars. After a great breakfast at Farmhouse 78, we stopped at Osborn's Overlook in Glamis, Yuma Territorial Prison, and Bobby's Territorial Harley-Davidson. We enjoyed hanging out in the Tiki Suite at the hotel. On the way home we visited the Wisteria Candy Cottage and Pacific Southwest Railway Museum, and a few stopped for a late lunch at DZ Akins. What a great Kick-Off to our 2023 Long Distance Season!!

There is still time to book your room for the *Big Bear Overnight Trip* April 22-23. We will be seeing 6 lakes (including the newly named Lake YAK)!! We will be having our Group Dinner at Steer and Stein in Victorville and stopping in the Big Bear Village and maybe even Alpine Slides in Big Bear. We have over 30 people signed up for the trip on 20 Bikes and two cars.

**BIG BEAR /
6 LAKES OVERNIGHT TRIP**
APRIL 22ND - 23RD

We are headed up to Big Bear and 5 other lakes on our way to our overnight stay at Comfort Suites Victorville.

We will see Big Bear, Baldwin, Arrowhead, Gregory, Silverwood and the New "YACKEL" lake.



Possible Stops at Route 66 Museum, Death Valley Harley-Davidson and Alpine Slides.

Comfort Suites Victorville
Room Rates (Includes Tax and Fees)

Deluxe 2 Queens	\$138.92
Deluxe King	\$132.28



Call Hotel directly at 760-245-6777 and let them know you are with BIGGS HDG.
CANCELATION POLICY: 7 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

Once you have booked your room(s) please send an email to longdistance@biggshog.com and include the names, emails and cell phone numbers of those in your room.

**2023 WILLIAMS, AZ
LONG DISTANCE TRIP**
SEPTEMBER 15TH - 18TH

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GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK
SOUTH RIM.



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Big Bear and *Williams* Flyers are available at biggshog.com/events/

Save the dates: August 4 - 7 Monterey Long Distance Trip Details available soon.

Reminders: After you book your room for any of the Long Distance or Overnight Trips please send an email to longdistance@biggshog.com with your name, email address and phone number. If for some reason you can not go on a trip and you have booked your room please email longdistance@biggshog.com before you cancel your room because we often have limited number of rooms at the special price and we might have other people looking to book a room at the special price.

Ken C "Bobble Head"

Ladies of Harley

Let's Party!



Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's Party"! (Robin Williams)

So.....*Let's party*, everyone! April has arrived! The birds are chirping (louder), the trees are blooming, and the sun is starting to shine more (rain, rain go away). This is when we start dreaming of warmer days to go along with longer rides. LOH gatherings (every other month) are now a Feather Pin Ride to the restaurant, Cocina Del Carmen, 1350 E Vista Way #8, Vista.

This month, Wednesday, April 19, bring your A game (or your B game)! Looking forward to a night of laughter and great food.

Kathie C "Wonder Woman"



Volunteers

Come by the Volunteer Table at the Chapter Meeting and sign up. We have several opportunities to help. You can sign up to help Set Up and Take Down at the Chapter Meetings each month.



- ♦ Friday, April 14 Chapter Meeting: arrive by 5:45 PM
- ♦ Save the Date: May Ride, Saturday, May 20
We will need many hands to help make this event a success.

Remember, this is our Chapter and when we all work together it will grow and thrive.

Volunteers@BiggsHOG.com



*"Volunteers are not paid
-- not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."*

Victor M

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April 2023



= Feather Pin Ride

SAT 1 -- Ride to Salvation Mountain

7:00 AM STARBUCKS

Long distance on Mixed Roads to Salvation Mountain
Beal Rd, Calipatria, CA 92233

SUN 2 -- Bug Splat Ride and Picnic at Bates Nut Farm

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Short distance on Back Roads to Bates Nut Farm
15954 Woods Valley Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082

WED 5 -- OFFICERS MEETING

6:45 PM Old California Mining Co

5:45 PM meal; meeting starts at 6:45 PM

1020 W San Marcos Blvd #118, San Marcos, CA 92078

SAT 8 -- Ride to Spirito's

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Short distance on Back Roads to Spirito's Italian Diner
2508 El Camino Real, Ste E, Carlsbad, CA 92008

WED 12 -- Weekday Ride to Lake Wohlford Café

9:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium distance on Back Roads to Wohlford Café
25484 Lake Wohlford Rd, Escondido, CA 92027

FRI 14 -- Chapter Meeting

7:00 PM BIGGS H-D

Arrive early at 6 PM to socialize, sign up to volunteer.
Everyone is welcome.

SAT 15 -- Formation 101

8:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Come learn how we ride as a group. If you haven't
been in a while, come refresh your knowledge.
Coffee and doughnuts. Members receive a Rider Pin.

SAT 15 -- Get Acquainted Ride (GAR)

10:15 AM BIGGS H-D

After Formation 101, put your knowledge to work
during our most popular ride and then eat lunch with
your HOG family. Destination: Someplace to eat!

SUN 16 -- Cars & Coffee

8:00 AM STARBUCKS

Short distance on Back Roads to Cars & Coffee at
Kit Carson Park

3333 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92025

WED 19 -- Ride to LOH Dinner

6:00 PM BIGGS H-D

Very short distance. Ride ends at Cocina Del Carmen for
Ladies of Harley Chapter Dinner.

WED 19 -- LOH Chapter Dinner & Meeting

6:00 PM Cocina Del Carmen

6:00 PM meal, speaker at 7:00 PM. Hosted by LOH
1350 E Vista Way Unit 8, Vista, CA 92084
Everyone is welcome.

SAT 22 -- Ride to Motte Museum Big Barn Classic

9:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium distance on Back Roads to Motte Museum
28380 Highway 74, Menifee, CA 92585

SAT 22 - SUN 23 -- Big Bear / 5 Lakes Overnight Ride

TBD SHELL

TUES 25 -- Activities Meeting

6:45 PM Coyote Cafe

6 PM meal, 6:45 PM Meeting at Coyote Café
1450 North Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92083
Everyone is welcome.

THURS 27 -- Road Guard Meeting This is Invite Only

SAT 29 -- Ride to Janet's Montana Café

9:00 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium distance on Back Roads to Janet's Montana
Café 2506 Alpine Blvd, Alpine, CA 92901

SUN 30 -- Ride to Penfold's

7:00 AM STARBUCKS

Short distance on Mixed Roads to Penfold's
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Biggs HOG Chapter 2023 Rides Recap

January 1 - March 31

Type of Ride	Number	Total Days	Total Miles	Ave Miles Per Day
Local Feather Pin Rides	20	20	1,007	50
Overnight Trip Rides	1	2	419	210
2023 Total (Jan-March)	21	22	1,426	65

Mileage is "one way" from starting point to destination.

Miles not included in totals:

- * 5 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Outs
- * 1 RGiT Eval Ride
- * Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)

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