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2023



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COME RIDE WITH US

### **Director**







Happy Holidays to all our Biggs HOG Family. Wow, how time has flown and I can't believe it, another year is coming to a close.

We had a lot of great rides, many new memories, lots of new restaurants, and not to mention, a lot of Miles with Smiles!

As we look to the next few weeks as we tuck our bikes in for their long winter's nap... Wait a minute! We don't have to tuck our bikes in like they do back east. We have plenty of great riding days and events in store over the next few weeks, including:

- Our Holiday Party and our Traditional White Elephant gift exchange
- Our Christmas ride to the Original Pancake House, (not the Imposter Pancake House)
- Our traditional New Year's Ride to Ritchie's.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

# Don't forget to stop in at Biggs H-D and get your year-end mileage recorded for Ride 365.

Was that Subtle enough :-)

Now, if you are looking for any last minute gift ideas, I have one for you, and the best news: it won't cost you anything but time.

Please consider applying to help the Chapter in some way. You may want to Co-Chair a position and help share the load of an Officer. It's a great way to learn more about the Chapter and give back.

Or, consider it as an apprenticeship as a future leader of the Chapter. Remember, many hands make the workload light.

I want to wish you and your family a Safe and Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year if I don't see you on a ride between now and then.





Gene P "Tiki"



### Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange

Wednesday, December 20 Rancho Grande El Toro

6:00 PM for Dinner 7:00 PM for White Elephant Gift Exchange

Who will take the beloved white elephant home to keep for the next year? Bring your wrapped gift (not to exceed \$20) and be ready to play. This is always a night full of laughter! Dinner is optional at 6:00 pm; the White Elephant Gift Exchange will start at 7:00 pm.



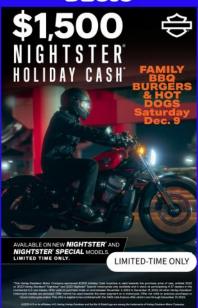
## What's Happening' at Biggs H-D

# BIGGS HARLEY-DAVIDSON DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

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DEC.29-30



HAPPY NEW YEAR HAP, HAP, HAPPY NEW BIKE!

## **Road Captain**

#### Thanks to Our 2023 Road Guards!!



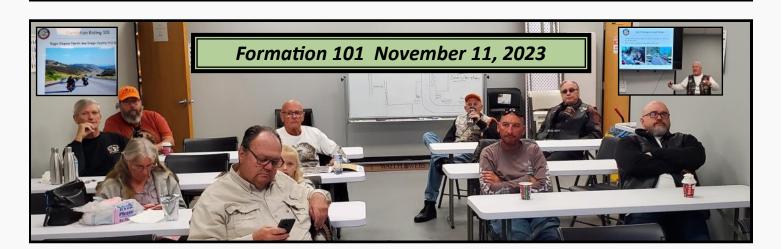


Left to Right: Ken F, Ken C, Dave H, Nate W, Terry W, Dale D, David L, Gene P
Not pictured: John S, our Black Sheep representative, and
David H, a Marine currently on deployment to Australia

This will be my last article as Road Captain. I decided to step down and turn the mantle over to someone else. I've had the pleasure of serving our Chapter in this position for four terms, the last three years and once in 2005. I couldn't have done it without our Road Guard's help, understanding, commitment, and training on all they do to keep our Chapter riding as safely as possible.

These guys are the best. So, you may be wondering about 2024 (if you haven't heard already). David "Taz" L will be your new Road Captain for 2024. He's already started diving in, heading up the Road Guards in Training (RGiT) program that is starting in December. As of last count there are four RGiTs. So, when you see them with their lime green ball cap and ropes, wish them luck and give them your support.

## Terry W "U-Turn"

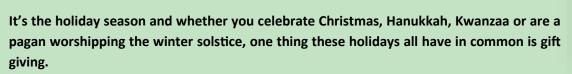






## Safety

#### Holiday Shopping List - Safety Style





So, I thought I would put together a list of some items for your motorcycle that have safety as a general theme. You could either drop hints for others to buy them or just go buy some yourself and blame me. Where to shop is your decision; some prices and sources are listed for your reference.

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There are so many things that I love about Harleys, but one thing I hate is that they still come with crappy light bulbs. There are LED replacements that fit easily into the housing for the rear lights and front turn signal lights. They are much brighter, and therefore, easier for the cars swirling around you to see you. *Prices: \$25 on Amazon to \$125 Custom Dynamics* 

#### ☐ <u>Driving / Fog Lights</u>

Speaking of lighting, one great upgrade you can make to your bike is adding driving or fog lighting to the front of your bike. These not only add a wider light pattern to light up the road but during the day the bright yellow lights stand out and help you get noticed by the driver reading texts.

Prices: \$60 on Amazon to \$550 Ciro3d Tac-10 lights

#### ☐ Battery Jumpstart Pack

No one wants to get somewhere and not be able to get back just because their battery died.

Prices: \$99 on Amazon to \$140 from Harley Davidson

#### ☐ Battery Powered Air Pump

These small but powerful air pumps can help you keep you tire pressure at the proper riding PSI as well as help pump up a flat tire on the side of a road.

Prices: \$35 Amazon to \$80 Airmoto

#### ☐ <u>Tire Plug Kit</u>

These simple kits are small but can easily plug a punctured tire and get you back on the road until you can get somewhere that can replace the tire.

**Prices: \$15 - \$20 on Amazon** 

#### ☐ First Aid Kit

You never know when you will need this. But when you do, if you don't have one packed away you will regret it. There are several different models that fit nicely in a saddlebag. In the October Safety article I listed items that should be included in a first aid kit for a motorcycle. You can always start out with a smaller one and build it as you go.

Prices: \$15 - \$25 on Amazon to \$45 on lawabidingbiker.com

#### Safety Is No Accident!

Dave H





## Membership

#### **2024 Membership Renewals**

Hello Biggs HOG Family Members,

This will be my last newsletter article as your Membership Officer. Beginning in January, Shawn E. will take over the Membership Officer's duties. In January, I will take over as the Chapter's new Road Captain. It's been an honor serving as the Membership Officer for the past two years. As I depart, be assured that Shawn is standing by to pick up where I left off and bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to increasing our Biggs HOG Family Membership.

Currently, we have 135 Members and 43% have already renewed their Chapter Membership for 2024. Our goal is to have all members renew by 31 January 2024. You can fill out your Membership Renewal on our Website at <a href="https://www.biggshog.com">www.biggshog.com</a>, on the Membership page. Print it out, sign it, and <a href="https://www.biggshog.com">PLEASE date it on or after</a> <a href="https://www.biggshog.com">01 January 2024</a>. Bring the signed form and \$25.00 cash or check to any ride, the Christmas Party, or the January Chapter Meeting. You can also mail the signed form and your check to:

Membership

**Biggs HOG** 

**PO Box 610** 

San Marcos, CA 92079

The Chapter Officers are currently planning for many new rides, both local and long distance, for next year. We welcome ideas from our members for ride locations and restaurants. All are welcome at the monthly Activities Meetings, normally held on the last Tuesday of each month.

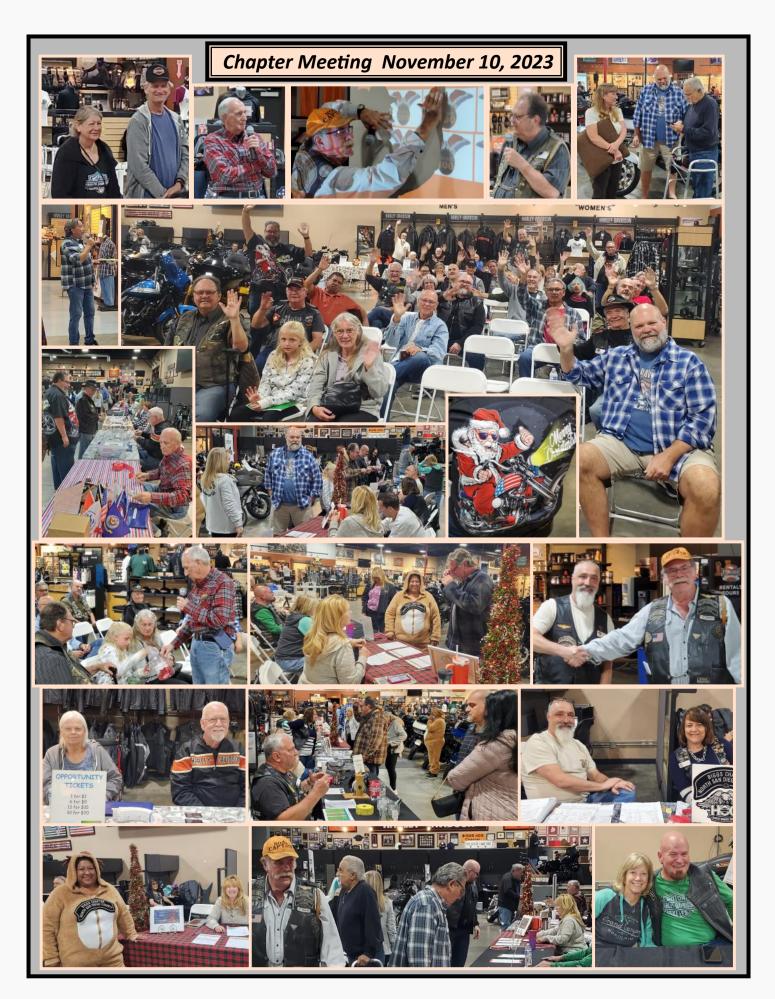
We are gearing up for a new Road Guard in Training (RGiT) program. We currently have four Members who have made the decision to increase their support of the Chapter and become Road Guards. We all want to "Ride and Have Fun", but it's the Road Guards who keep these rides Safe which results in a more enjoyable experience.



I wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2024 will no doubt be a Great Year to be a Member of the Best HOG Chapter there is.



David L "Taz"



## **Long Distance**

#### **2023 Overnight & Long Distance Trips**



Yuma Overnight Trip March 2023



California Coastal
Long Distance Trip August 2023



5 Lakes / Big Bear Overnight Trip April 2023



Grand Canyon / Williams, AZ
Long Distance Trip September 2023



"North Meets South" Rally Reno Long Distance Trip June 2023



Ronald Reagan Library
Overnight Trip October 2023

Fifty-two different people joined us on Overnight and/or Long Distance Trips in 2023.

The average number of trips taken by an individual was three.

- 29 Overnight and Long Distance Trips
- 14 Overnight Trips Only
- 9 Long Distance Trips Only
- 52 Total People



Thanks to all who submitted input about possible 2024 trips.

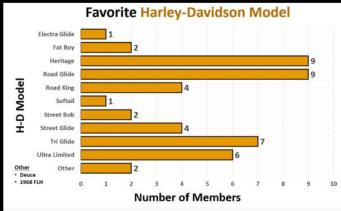
Information about locations and dates will be available in the first few months of 2024.

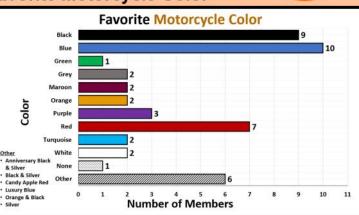


## Getting to Know Our Biggs HOG Family 47 members completed the October 2023 Survey

47 members completed the October 2023 Survey Congratulations to Jason S who won the gift card drawing. A new survey opens on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month throughout 2023.

#### Favorite H-D Model & Favorite Motorcycle Color





### **Volunteers**





Looking forward to a great 2024....

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.

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



Volunteers@BiggsHOG.com

Victor M

#### **2023 PRIMARY OFFICERS**

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Check the most current calendar www.biggshog.com

## HOGTIVITIES

Call our 24 Hour Ride Line (760) 736-2920



### December 2023

= Feather Pin Ride

SAT 2 -- Ride to Chicken Charlie's Table

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium distance on Back Roads to
Chicken Charlie's Table

12457 Rancho Bernardo Rd, San Diego, 92128

SUN 3 -- Ride to Stir Fresh Mongolian Grill

11:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Short distance on Back Roads to Stir Fresh Mongolian
Grill, 17120 Bernardo Center Dr, San Diego, CA 92128

WED 6 -- Officers Meeting
6:45 PM Rancho Grande El Toro
5:45 PM meal; meeting starts at 6:45 PM
825 Williamston St, Vista, CA 92804

SAT 9 -- Ride to Craftsmanship Museum
9:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Short distance on Back Roads to Miniature
Engineering Craftsmanship Museum. This museum
honors the work of craftsmen worldwide.
3190 Lionshead Ave, Carlsbad, CA 92010

SAT 9 -- Biggs Chapter Holiday Party
6:00 PM American Legion
Deadline to purchase tickets was Friday, Nov 24.
230 East Park Ave, Escondido, CA 92025

SUN 10 -- Ride to Surfing Crab
11:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Short Distance on Back Roads to Surfing Crab
202 E Via Rancho Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025

SAT 16 -- Wreaths Across America
9:00 AM BIGGS H-D
Short distance on Back Roads to San Marcos
Cemetery, 1021 Mulberry Dr, San Marcos, CA 92069

SUN 17 -- Ride to Boll Weevil
11:30 AM BIGGS H-D
Medium distance on Back Roads to Boll Weevil
2548 Main St, Ramona, CA 92065

WED 20 -- White Elephant Gift Exchange
6:00 PM TBA
6 PM for Dinner (optional); White Elephant Gift
Exchange at 7 PM
Everyone is welcome.

SAT 23 -- Ride to Tip Top Meats

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium distance on Back Roads to Tip Top Meats
6118 Paseo de Norte, Carlsbad, CA 92011

SUN 24 -- Annual Ride to Original Pancake House
8:00 AM STARBUCKS
Short distance on Back Roads to Original Pancake
House, 126 Knoll Rd, San Marcos, CA 92069.
This annual event is rain or shine! In case of rain, meet at the restaurant at 9:00 AM.

TUES 26 -- 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.

SAT 30 -- Field Trip to Air Museum and Babe's BBQ
8:00 AM STARBUCKS
Long Distance on Back Roads to Palm Springs Air
Museum, 745 N Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs and
Babe's BBQ, 71800 Hwy 111, Ste A-176, Rancho Mirage,
CA 92270. Don't forget to dress warm as we will be
going across the mountains.



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### Biggs HOG Chapter 2023 Rides Recap January 1 - November 30

Type of Ride	Number	Total Days	Total Miles	Ave Miles Per Day
Local Feather Pin Rides	85	85	4,580	54
Overnight Trip Rides	3	6	1,157	193
Long Distance Rides	3	13	3,685	283
2023 Total (Jan-Nov)	91	104	9,422	91

Local Feather Pin Rides mileage is "one way" from starting point to destination. Miles not included in totals:

- \* 11 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Outs
- \* 4 Canceled Rides
- \* 1 RGiT Eval Ride
- \* Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)

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