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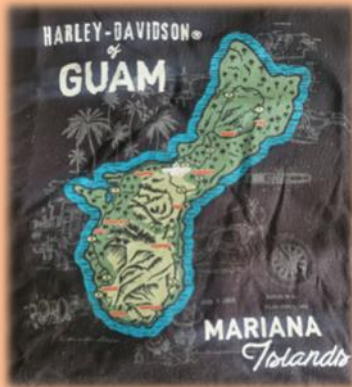
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## COME RIDE WITH US



## Director



*HafaAdai* from the island of Guam. As I sit writing this newsletter article, it is currently 10:34 AM Friday, January 26. However, back home in San Diego County, it is 4:35 PM on Thursday, January 25.

Yes, I am one day in the future on the island of Guam!

Today is our recovery day after two weeks of training throughout Hawaii and Guam. And tomorrow, I look forward to 24 hours of travel to get back to San Diego (Guam to Tokyo, Tokyo to Denver, Denver to San Diego).

I did have the opportunity on this trip to visit the local Harley-Davidson dealership in Guam, which is actually built into part of a car dealership. I picked up a few local items and a new Harley Guam T-shirt. Unfortunately, I did not get a chance to hop on a bike and have any recreation. It sounds like from my calls back home, many of you did not get a chance to ride over the last weekend. I can't believe all the rains that fell in San Diego County. I hope everyone is safe and no one experienced any damage to property.

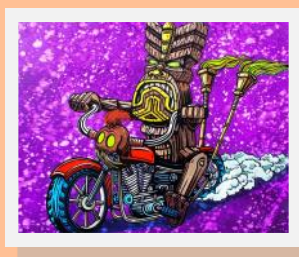
Looking ahead to the month of February, the primaries and a few delegates will head off to Rancho Mirage for the H-D Regional Officers Connection (ROC). We'll meet with Harley-Davidson staff and discuss ideas to help our Chapter grow and thrive in the coming months and years. This is always a great time to meet with officers from other Chapters, collaborate, get some ideas, and share some best practices.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. February is the month of love and I can't tell you how much I love this Chapter and the sense of family we all have. Sharing rides and fellowship is just another component of *Miles with Smiles*, all tied into our Chapter motto to *Ride and Have Fun*. That is why we all got into this lifestyle!

I know that many of you are looking forward to our Long Distance and Overnight Trips that should be starting soon. Stay tuned for updates and information.

And now I think I hear a Mai Tai calling my name. I'm gonna be so glad to get back home and see you all on the next ride!!!

Aloha!!!



Gene P "Tiki"

## Assistant Director

### HOG Ride 365



I don't know about you, but I'm going into withdrawals waiting for the next Long Distant Trip. I enjoy going on our local rides but there's something about getting out on the road for a few days in a row. My favorite Long Distance Ride is the next one. I hope to see many of you out there with us this year.

I hope you've all had time to stop in at the Biggs H-D service counter and have your beginning-of-the-year mileage recorded for HOG Ride 365. If you haven't, get in as soon as you can. The mileage that gets recorded counts toward your *Individual Annual* and *Lifetime Recognitions* and for the *Annual Chapter Challenge*. Your mileage can be from more than one motorcycle as long as they are registered with your HOG ID and you get the beginning and end of year mileage readings. If you are new to HOG or are just not sure what to do, please ask one of the primary officers.



#### INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL RECOGNITION

The Annual Recognition program rewards members throughout the year for meeting various milestones. Members validate their mileage at a H-D dealership starting January 1 and ending December 31, and then check in frequently to record their miles logged. It's that simple! Here's the Bonus: You will receive a *\$50.00 Gift Card* after you ride *2,500 miles* and a *\$100.00 Gift Card* after you ride *10,000 miles* for the year. Entering your miles often will get you your cash awards sooner.



#### INDIVIDUAL LIFETIME RECOGNITION

HOG members riding toward the ultimate goal of Lifetime Recognition can apply all the miles logged toward their lifetime goal. HOG will send you a patch ("*patches... we don't need no stinkin' patches*") at various milestones.



#### ANNUAL CHAPTER CHALLENGE

The Chapter Challenge makes things even more interesting by adding a competitive element among HOG Chapters. At the end of the year, Chapters with the highest total mileage and highest average mileage per member will be victorious.

FYI, when you buy a used bike, the dealer can't sign you up for HOG Ride 365. They can only sign up bikes with less than 5 miles. I recently got my Road Glide signed up. I called Harley Davidson customer service and got in touch with a HOG benefits representative. I sent her a scanned copy of my title from when I registered it in 2021. It took her a few days but my bike is now registered with the starting mileage that was listed on the title. I then went in on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> and had the Biggs service department staff read the mileage. And just like that, it added all those missing miles and I just received a new mileage patch and pin in the mail. But, because I put it off for over a year, I did miss out on the gift cards for the miles I rode last year. Not any more!



Dave H



# What's Happening' at Biggs H-D



**BIGGS HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

## **FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEB 3**



**FEB 9-10**



**FEB 17**



**FEB 24**





***Annual New Year's Day Ride January 1, 2024***



***Ride to Windmill Food Hall January 7, 2024***





## Road Captain

*RGiTS, 500 Ride Pin, Rainy Season*



Well, we are off and running with the next set of Road Guards in Training (RGiTs). We have five Chapter Members currently training. Their classroom training is complete and they are now actively training on each ride, learning the ins and outs of each Road Guard Position. This training is currently scheduled to complete in six months. That's a significant amount of time each RGiT is putting forth to become a qualified Road Guard. Please thank them for volunteering to help keep our rides safe.



I would like to congratulate Lewis M who earned his 500<sup>th</sup> Ride Pin on the Get Acquainted Ride (GAR) to Tom's Family Restaurant on January 13. We'll present him with his 500 Ride Pin at the February Chapter Meeting.



**Biggs HOG Ride Line: 760-736-2920**

We are in our Rainy Season. The weather is quite unpredictable, so monitor the Biggs HOG Ride Line for updates to weekly rides. Call the Ride Line for the latest information. The greeting will indicate if there is an update for the upcoming ride(s). Updates will not be posted any later than 90 minutes prior to the start of a scheduled ride.



**David L "TAZ"**

## Carlsbad Marathon January 14, 2024



## Thanks to Dale D and Terry W For Your Service to Our Chapter!!



Year(s)	Officer Position
2003 - 2004	Road Captain 2 years
2006 - 2007	Director 2 years
2008, 2020 - 2024	Road Guard at Large 5 years
2010, 2012 - 2019, 2021 - 2023	Activities Coordinator 12 years

Year(s)	Officer Position
2005 - 2006, 2021 - 2023	Road Captain 5 years
2006 - 2007	Assistant Director 2 years
2008 - 2009	Director 2 years
2014 - 2019	Road Guard at Large 6 years
2014 - 2022	Historian 9 years
2022	Safety Officer 1 year



# Safety

## *When We Slow Things Down*



SLOW can be just as dangerous as FAST ...

What do I mean by that? Most of us have a more heightened awareness of our surroundings when we are traveling at higher speed. We seem to have a tendency to reduce this awareness when we are traveling at slower speeds, such as single file on curvy mountain roads. We think it's OK to sightsee at the expense of concentrating on the road ahead. The problem is that at these slower speeds it is much more important to try and maintain that two-second gap. At these slower speeds and on curvy roads, you need to be more conscientious about being in a gear that will provide you with ample power to maneuver around objects. If you are not maintaining an adequate two-second distance to the rider in front of you, you may not have sufficient time to avoid an object or be able to stop in time under control. You may also be forced to make maneuvers you would not normally do if you had adequate distance. This requires practice and concentration on these slow curvy roads and we have a tendency to sightsee over the need for situational awareness.

The following are some techniques to practice for slow speed riding:

### PROPER POSTURE

Sit comfortably on the bike and keep your knees against the tank. Try not to move around too much as this transfers weight around and provides steering input to the bike. Keep your feet under you, on the footpegs or floorboards, not the highway pegs.

### EYESIGHT

Failure to look ahead is one of the most common errors with slow speed riding. Keeping your eyes up and looking the proper distance ahead gives your mind enough time to plan a route, so you don't have to make so many last-minute corrections. Force yourself to look as far ahead as you can see.

### FRONT BRAKES

All things being equal, I would say you should apply both brakes when needing to slow down or stop. At slower speeds, proper application of the front brake is a valuable skill to keep improving on. Applying just a little too much front brake at very slow speeds while the front wheel is turned can pull your bike right to the ground. However, while going through curvy roads at a fairly constant speed, applying just a little front brake as you approach and enter a turn can shift the weight of the bike forward and apply a little more downforce to the front tire thus giving it better traction. This technique is called trail braking. It takes time to develop the skill of gently applying just a little brake and not grabbing a handful.

### SLIPPING THE CLUTCH

A great tool to slow speed control is the clutch. Unlike cars with manual transmissions, most motorcycles have wet clutches, which means that the friction plates are bathed in oil to keep them cool. This means that slipping a clutch in and out of the friction zone is not a problem for a short time. When riding at a speed that is slower than your idle will let you go, control your speed by pulling in the clutch past the friction point to disengage the engine from the rear wheel. When you feel unsteady because you are going so slowly you feel you almost have to put your foot down, then let out the clutch a bit to speed up until you're steady. You can do this for quite some time without hurting the clutch.

**Safety Is No Accident!**

**Dave H**



*Ride to Silverback Café and Pegah's Kitchen January 6, 2024*





# Membership

## Rider Rewards Program, Membership



As a Biggs HOG Member, one of the benefits is that you have been enrolled in the *Rider Rewards Program*. Every Member has a *Rider Rewards Program* Number. Every time you make a purchase at Biggs Harley-Davidson, you earn points. The *Rider Rewards Program* gives *one point for every dollar spent* at the dealership. The points accumulate and can be redeemed as cash rewards.

Points are accumulated by purchasing:

- ☐ New or Used Motorcycle (300 Points)
- ☐ Parts
- ☐ Motor Clothes and Gifts
- ☐ Service / Repair-related Parts not covered by the Extended Service Plan (ESP)  
(Labor does not qualify for points.)

### Double and Triple Points

Biggs HOG Members receive Double Points for all purchases listed above and Triple Points for all purchases listed above made the day of our Chapter Meetings. Biggs H-D closes at 6:00 PM on the day of our Chapter Meetings, so shop early before the Chapter Meeting or anytime during that day and you'll earn *Triple Points*!

<u>Rider Rewards Program Points</u>	=	<u>Cash Rewards</u>
500 Points	=	\$25 Gift Certificate
1,000 Points	=	\$50 Gift Certificate
1,500 Points	=	\$75 Gift Certificate
2,000 Points	=	\$100 Gift Certificate
5,000 Points	=	\$250 Gift Certificate
10,000 Points	=	\$500 Gift Certificate

All Members are enrolled in the *Rider Rewards Program*; I enroll new members as they join our Chapter. To find out how many points and how much cash you have available to use, stop by the dealership and talk to anyone in Motor Clothes. If, for any reason, your name doesn't show up in the *Rider Rewards Program* system, please let me know. Remember, the best thing about these points is that they accumulate fast and NEVER EXPIRE.

### 2024 Biggs HOG Chapter Membership

Members who had not renewed their membership by January 31, 2024, will lose access to the Biggs HOG Private Facebook page and the Chapter e-blasts. They are still very welcome to ride with the Chapter, however, they will need to sign a Waiver for each ride until they renew.

If at any time you have questions regarding your National HOG Membership, Biggs HOG Chapter Membership, or the *Rider Rewards Program*, please let me know. I'm here to serve you.

LET'S RIDE!!!

Shawn E



## Chapter Meeting January 12, 2024





**Congratulations, Andrew K-R!!! Biggs HOG 2023 Volunteer of the Year**



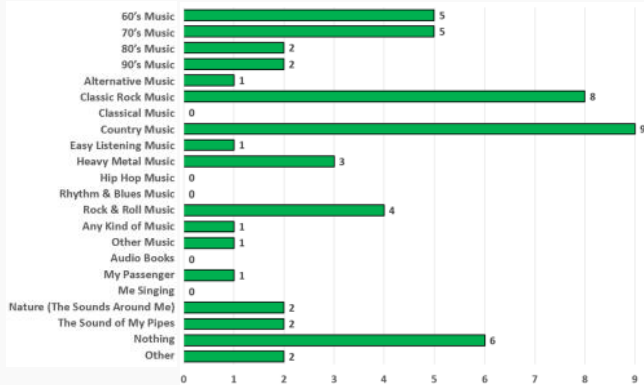
## Getting to Know Our Biggs HOG Family

55 members completed the December 2023 Survey.  
 Congratulations to Jona K who won the gift card drawing.  
 A new survey opens on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

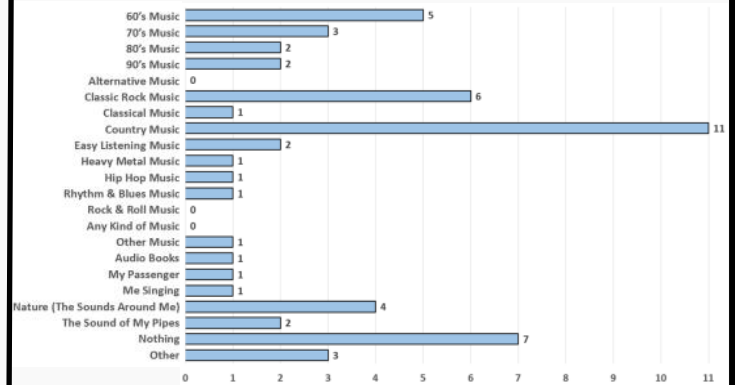


**Listen to THE MOST and SECOND MOST when riding a motorcycle**

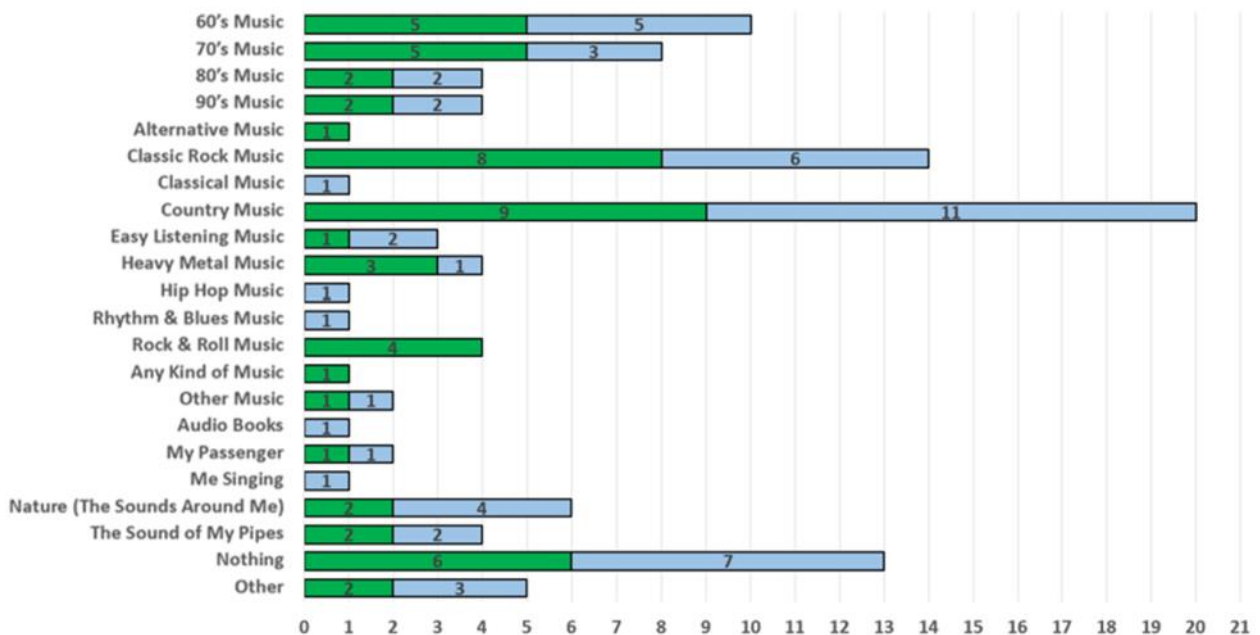
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### Listen to **SECOND MOST** Riding a Motorcycle



### Listen to **THE MOST** and **SECOND MOST** Riding a Motorcycle





# Volunteers

*Put me in, Coach, I'm Ready to Play...*



With playoffs occurring or having occurred, we're headed to the big show, otherwise known as the Super Bowl. With this in mind, it's worth taking a moment to consider how volunteering can benefit everyone. As with sports, there are different ways for team players to contribute to the overall effort, so I urge you to find something that you enjoy and VOLUNTEER!

We may not all be first-stringers, but everyone matters, so get off the bench and get involved. For more information on how you can help the Chapter, please stop by the Volunteer Table at the back of the next Chapter Meeting on Friday, February 9th. I look forward to seeing you there!

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**Andrew K-R**

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# HOGTIVITIES



## February 2024



= Feather Pin Ride

**FRI 2 - SUN 4 -- Regional Officer Connection (ROC)**  
Rancho Mirage This is Invite Only.

**SAT 3 -- Ride to Notorious Burgers**  
10:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium distance on Back Roads to Notorious Burgers  
6955 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92009

**SUN 4 -- Ride to Swing Inn Cafe**  
7:00 AM STARBUCKS  
Short distance on Back Roads to Swing Inn Cafe  
28676 Old Town Front St, Temecula, CA 92590

**WED 7 -- Officers Meeting**  
6:45 PM The Mining Company Steakhouse  
and Saloon  
5:45 PM meal (optional); meeting starts at 6:45 PM  
579 Grand Ave, San Marcos, CA 92078

**FRI 9 -- Chapter Meeting**  
7:00 PM BIGGS H-D  
Arrive early at 6 PM to socialize, sign up to volunteer.  
Everyone is welcome.

**SAT 10 -- 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 10 -- 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: Somewhere to eat!

**SUN 11 -- Ride to Pieology Pizzeria**  
11:30 AM BIGGS H-D  
Short distance on Back Roads to Pieology Pizzeria  
2647 Gateway Rd, Carlsbad, CA 92009

**SAT 17 -- Ride to Barona Resort & Casino**  
10:30 AM BIGGS H-D  
Medium distance on Back Roads to Barona Resort &  
Casino.  
1932 Wildcat Canyon Rd, Lakeside, CA 92040

**SUN 18 -- RGiT Training Ride #1**  
This is Invite Only.

**SAT 24 -- Ride to Mariscos del Mar de Cortez**  
10:30 AM BIGGS H-D  
Medium distance on Back Roads to Mariscos Del Mar  
de Cortez  
109 10th St, Ramona, CA 92065

**SUN 25 -- Hamburger Factory Family Restaurant**  
11:30 AM BIGGS H-D  
Short distance on Back Roads to the Hamburger  
Factory Family Restaurant  
14122 Midland Rd, Poway, CA 92064

**TUES 27 -- 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 29 -- Road Guard Meeting**  
This is Invite Only.





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## Biggs HOG Chapter 2023 Rides Recap - FINAL

January 1 - December 31

Type of Ride	Number	Total Days	Total Miles	Ave Miles Per Day
Local Feather Pin Rides	94	94	4,908	52
Overnight Trip Rides	3	6	1,157	193
Long Distance Rides	3	13	3,685	283
<b>2023 Total (Jan-Dec)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>86</b>

Local Feather Pin Rides mileage is "one way" from starting point to destination.

Miles not included in totals:

- \* 12 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Outs
- \* 4 Canceled Rides
- \* 1 RGIT Eval Ride
- \* Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)

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