

#### 2024



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### Director





Happy April Biggs HOG Family!!

No foolin', Spring is upon us and we have a lot of good riding in store.

I am looking forward to the Guy Woodward museum on April 6, a place that I've ridden by several times but never stopped. And that's the great thing about our Chapter. We learn about new places, roads, and points of interest you may have never seen on your own.

Now, I know that the last few weeks of March, we had some rain outs, most famously our ride to Idyllwild and Fratello's Restaurant. This ride has been rained out three times, and you may have heard the old adage, *third time's the charm*. Well, we are putting the ride back in the lineup for a future ride so *fourth time is a charm*.

We have our first overnighter in 2024 coming up to the USS lowa and an overnight stay on The Queen Mary. We'll be stepping back in time to see the power of a historic Navy ship that served in WWII, Korea, and the Cold War. Then, we'll spend the night on the Queen Mary, a luxurious ocean liner that made the transatlantic route decked out in Art Deco Style. Although I can't promise you the opportunity to stand on the bow with your arms outstretched exclaiming "I'm the king of the world!"

We have another rescheduled ride this month to the Palm Springs Air Museum to see some famous warbirds and to Babes BBQ .

You won't want to miss our Accident Scene Management Training on Thursday, April 25. The reality is we accept a level of risk with our hobby, and an accident can happen on any ride. It's all about preparation, so I would encourage you to make an effort to attend.

Lastly, on April 21, our green-roped RGiTs have their second evaluation ride (ooooooh). Let's wish them well as they get one step closer to earning their Orange Rope.

Let's keep our fingers crossed for clear skies in April.

See you on the next ride!





### **Assistant Director**

#### **Be Prepared**

When I was young, I spent many years in the Boy Scouts. I was taught to always *Be Prepared*. When I was 12-13 years old *being prepared* had a different meaning all together than it does to me today. Back then, it meant having what would be needed for a campout and having knowledge of things such as first aid, how to use a compass,



how to tie various knots, etc. And how often did I tie those knots? How often did I use that compass or first aid kit? Not very often, but I had them with me and knew how to use them just in case. Now, if you want a story about teaching other young scouts what it meant to *Be Prepared*, find Ken C and ask him.

A few Saturdays ago, we rode down to El Cajon to join up with the El Patrón HOG Chapter and support their St Patrick's Day Poker Run. It was 45 degrees when I rolled out of my garage in Temecula at 6:45 AM. Layered up with a base layer, T-shirt, long sleeve flannel, leather vest and then a jacket, I turned up the heated grips and headed out. It was a chilly ride but I was comfortable with my gear. OC Pat remarked that there was sleet in Orange County when he left his house that morning. Once we got to El Cajon I took the jacket off and stored it in the tour pack The weather in San Diego that day was perfect riding weather, high 60s and sunny. When we got back to El Cajon for lunch, I took the flannel off. But when I took off to head back home, I put the flannel back on, mostly for sun protection. Leaving El Cajon, I ran out to San Diego Harley for a look at what they had. While there, my wife texted me asking about the weather. I told her it was a beautiful day and she told me it was raining back in Temecula. I got on the bike and headed north. As I was getting close to Escondido, I could see the dark clouds ahead and it looked very grey to the northeast. I decided to stop and get gas at the Shell station on El Norte where we meet up for long distance rides and I put my jacket back on. As soon as I got on the freeway the first rain drops hit my visor. Luckily for me, when we were at ROC in February, Taz mentioned Rain-X for plastic and how good it works. I had bought a bottle and sprayed it on my visor last week. And I can attest that it works great. I rode the rest of the way in the rain.

I rode 233 miles that day and loved every mile because I was *prepared* for whatever came my way. Now, I'm not going to tell you that I always do that, I have been caught out in the rain with just a T-shirt and a half helmet and those tiny rain drops feel like needles at 60 MPH. At least I wasn't riding in GoldWing gear (shorts, flip flops & a tank top). The point is, riding is a blast and it's even better when you are *prepared* for those unplanned things that can happen along the road.

Dave H



# What's Happenin' at Biggs H-D

# BIGGS HARLEY-DAVIDSON APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS



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## **APRIL 27**



Can't make the ride, no problem serving burge H-Dogs at Biggs 12- 3 pm



### **Road Captain**

### Feather Pins & Milestones

Hello fellow HOG Members. Can you believe it's April already? How time flies when you're having fun or getting older. So, now that the weather is getting better, with an occasional rain out, we are starting to see our Fair Weather Riders emerge from their winter slumber and rejoining us on Chapter rides.

As we collect Feather Pins, please trade up when you are eligible, especially Red to Blue pins, to help keep our costs down on replacing pins if we get short. Pins cost the Chapter approximately \$2.00 each to replace. Trading up keeps them available for future rides.

Speaking of Feather Pins, we had 3 Milestones achieved in March.



Bill P earned his 6<sup>th</sup> 100 Ride Pin.







Gene P, our fearless Director, earned his 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Ride Pin.

The most impressive achievement belongs to Dale D who earned his 1,631<sup>st</sup> Feather Pin. Why is this number important you may ask? Well, Dale now has one of every pin made:



⇒ a 1000 Ride Pin
⇒ a 500 Ride Pin
⇒ a 100 Ride Pin
⇒ a 25 Ride Pin (White)
⇒ a 5 Ride Pin (Blue)
⇒ a Single Ride Pin (Red)



Congratulations, Dale!!

Speaking of rain-outs, we've had a few this year already and it looks like we may have a few more, based on the Pineapple Express of storms in the Pacific Ocean headed our way. As always, call the Biggs HOG Ride Line at 760-736-2920 for the latest updates on scheduled rides.

One last note, we are now using BaseCamp 4.7.5 W/City Navigator North America Map 2025.10 for our route planning.

So lets get out there and Ride, Have Fun and Make New Friends!!









### Safety

### **Group Riding Habits**

I'm sure everyone is aware that in our Chapter we change lanes from the back to the front; and we do not change lanes until the signal comes back from the Ride Leader. Often the Sweep will go out and capture a lane early, the thing to do is ignore him until you see the signal come back. Once it does, you should be checking your mirrors waiting your turn to



change lanes as the move has made its way to you from the back of the group. Before moving into the other lane, ALWAYS check that the lane is clear for YOU. Just because the other riders have made it, that doesn't mean someone in an adjacent lane isn't going to wedge their car into the open lane. They don't know what we are doing. Generally, our lane change method works well, but there have been occasions where a rider has seen traffic that looks like it might be an issue, so they've changed lanes as soon as the signal comes back. The problem is that rider is the third or fourth bike in a group of 15. All this does is confuse the rest of the group, who then switch lanes when they feel like it. This usually results in cars being cut off; and that, my friends, is dangerous.

Sometimes when we do our lane changes it's hard for the Ride Leader to tell if the Sweep has room to move over into the desired lane and capture it for the group. The signal will come on and in succession everyone in the group will signal. But nothing happens. We patiently wait and then our signal times out. The Leader signals again and so does the group. But nothing happens. That's because the Sweep can't move into that lane due to a vehicle keeping pace with the group and not allowing the Sweep to move over. What often happens is someone in the middle of the group will get tired of waiting and will just change lanes. Once people ahead of that person sees bikes changing lanes behind them, they follow the pattern and move over as well. This can separate the group and potentially trap cars in the group with riders still attempting to get into the lane with the rest of the group. Then, the driver of the car sees that they are surrounded by bikes and looks for the tiniest sliver of daylight to make their escape, thus putting riders at danger.

Here's another example: When stopped at a stop sign, the Ride Leader may signal a car that's coming from a cross street to go ahead, even if the group rolled up first. We do this to let traffic clear, which will help keep the group together as we leave the stop. Unfortunately, we've seen that some riders have noticed this and have tried to help out by making the same gesture to the car. The Ride Leader is trying to communicate with the driver of that car, and it can cause confusion if the driver sees multiple people gesturing. Plus, it can be dangerous. I have seen it where the Ride Leader had not gestured for the car to go, but another rider in the group did. The Ride Leader can't see it when that happens, and since it's his turn to go, he very easily could have rolled away from the stop – and right into the path of a car whose driver had been told to go ahead by someone else in the group. Luckily, the driver in this instance waived off the "go ahead" and gestured for our entire group to go. But it very easily could have gone the other way, and resulted in one, two, or even three bikes getting hit.

The Road Guards are taught that being the Ride Leader is like driving a big rig truck & trailer. The Ride Leader has to feel like the rear tire of the Sweep is his rear tire. And he has to lead the group with that mindset. When the Ride Leader, Mid-Pack, and Sweep are all on the same page and working together, it makes the ride go as smooth as possible. There will always be things that come up on any given ride but it is important to let those designated to serve the group that day do their job and the rest of us do ours by following the Chapter guidelines we learn at Formation 101.

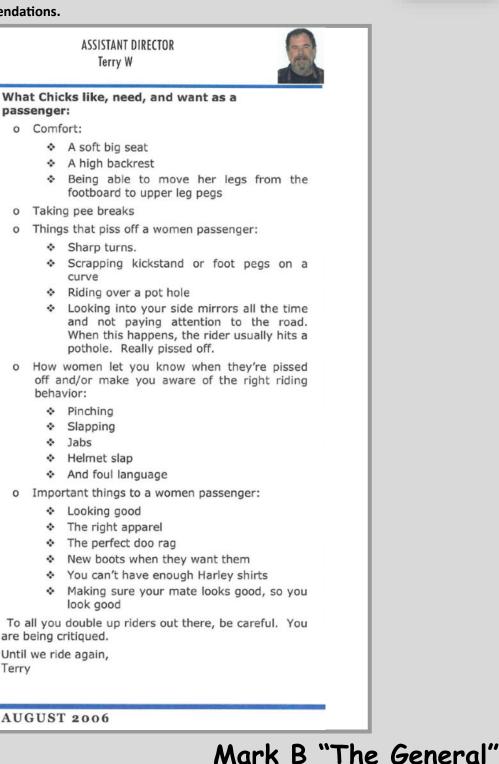
Safety Is No Accident!



### The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

As Syd and I work our way through the boxes of historical files for this Chapter, we often find an article from years ago that captures our attention. A few months ago, we were working on the HOG Express newsletters from the late 2000's and came upon some true words of wisdom from the then-Assistant Director. Even today, I can't think of any way to improve upon these recommendations.

Historian





### Membership

#### **Biggs H-D Rider Rewards**

Greetings to all our Biggs H.O.G. family members! April showers bring May flowers (and the southern California weather we all know and love). I don't know about you, but I'm tired of seeing wet roads and umbrellas! So with that intro out of the way let's get into this month's membership portion of the HOG Express Newsletter.



Do you have a *Rider Rewards* account at Biggs H-D? If you don't know the answer to that question, you can contact me and I will make sure you are set up with a *Rider Rewards* number and provide you with that number so you can begin enjoying this awesome benefit.

Speaking of benefits, here is just one more benefit of being a Biggs HOG Chapter Member. Instead of the standard 1x points for every dollar you spend in the Biggs H-D Parts, Motor Clothes, and Service departments (labor not included), as a Biggs HOG Chapter Member, you earn 2x points for all your purchases and 3x points on the days of monthly Chapter meetings.

For every 500 *Rider Rewards* points you earn, you can redeem those *Rider Rewards* points for a \$25.00 certificate which you can use for any purchase at Biggs Harley-Davidson except for sale items.

To earn a \$25 certificate at the 1x multiplier level, you will need to spend \$500, which equates to a 5% discount. To earn the \$25 certificate at the 2x multiplier level, you will need to spend \$250, which equates to a 10% discount. And to earn the \$25 certificate at the 3x multiplier level, you will only need to spend \$167, which equates to a 15% discount. It pays to come to the Chapter meetings.

Please wait 72 hours after any purchases for your newly earned points to be available in your account to use towards a *Rider Rewards* certificate.

You can also earn *Rider Rewards* points in other ways throughout the year; some of these include buying a motorcycle from Biggs H-D or by being one of the first riders to sign-up for a Biggs Harley-Davidson Crew Ride on the morning of the scheduled ride.

And remember to visit the Biggs Service Department to log your mileage for *Ride 365*. It's advisable to do this at least twice a year. HOG suggests recording your mileage as soon as the new year begins and again toward the year's end to ensure no miles are lost. Keep in mind, only the Biggs H-D Service Department can officially log your miles to qualify for *Ride 365* program incentives. You must <u>EXPLICITLY</u> make a verbal request while visiting the Service Department to have your mileage recorded; the logging of your mileage is not part of any other service you are having performed at the dealership. If you're riding with a passenger, make sure to ask to have their mileage recorded as well.

Additionally, Non-Member Guests are always welcome to join us on our Chapter rides. All they need to do is sign the appropriate waiver paperwork prior to the ride.

Should you ever have any inquiries about your membership status, benefits, or anything else, please don't hesitate to reach out to me! I'm here and eager to assist you in any way I can. You can reach me at membership@biggshog.com.

LET'S RIDE!!!

### USS Iowa and RMS Queen Mary Overnight Trip Sat, April 27 - Sun, April 28



#### **ALL ABOARD!**

Join us on another of our world-renowned Biggs HOG trips! We will tour the USS Iowa and then escape to a night of luxury dining and accommodations aboard the RMS Queen Mary.



#### **NOW BOOKING!!** See full details at: <u>bit.ly/AhoyBiggsHOG</u>

Saturday: Freeway blast up the 5 to the USS Iowa with a stop for breakfast along the way. After we explore the rich history of the USS Iowa, we will make a short hop over to the RMS Queen Mary where, after check-in, we enjoy a fine dining experience, followed by a night dreaming of ships and, of course, motorcycles.

Sunday: We can eat breakfast on the ship and tour the ship before checking out and heading back. Those of us traveling towards San Diego will stop for a late lunch in San Juan Capistrano.

<u>FLOTSAM and JETSAM</u>: USS Iowa General Admission: \$29.95; Seniors, Active Military, and Veterans (but not family members): \$26.95. Parking: first hour is free and every additional hour (or part) is \$2.

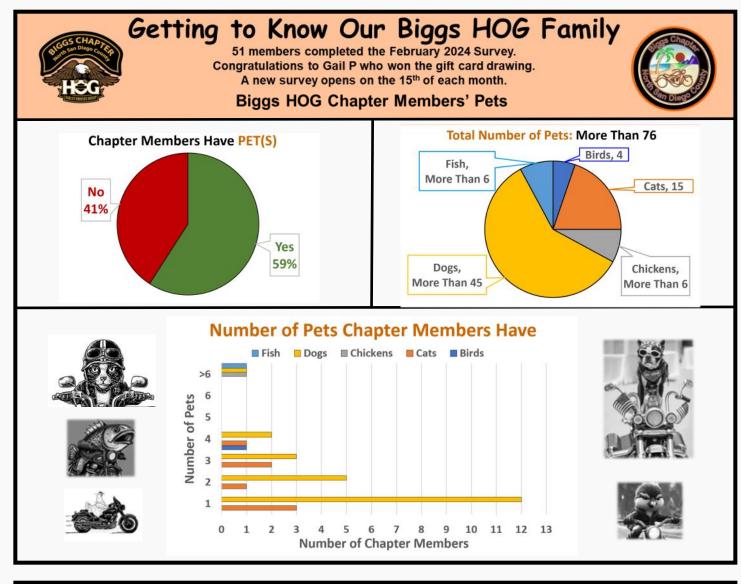
The reservations for the RMS Queen Mary are <u>NOT</u> part of a block of rooms. You are responsible for making your own reservations. Rates are currently from \$205 plus tax for an inside stateroom and from \$215 plus tax for a standard stateroom. There are also deluxe staterooms and suites available for an additional cost. Call 1-888-217-1153 to make your reservation, or book on-line at <u>www.queenmary.com</u>

If there is enough interest, we will arrange for a group dinner at one of the restaurants on board the ship and breakfast on Sunday morning.

<u>THE FINE PRINT</u>: Once you've made your reservation, please email <u>longdistance@bigsshog.com</u> with your name, email and cell phone number, names of people in your group, whether you will be riding a motorcycle or arriving by cage, and if you're interested in a group dinner Saturday night and/or group breakfast Sunday morning. <u>We will need a final headcount by April 18, 2024.</u>

There are good ships and wood ships, & ships that sail the seas, but the best ships are friendships, and may they always be!







## **Volunteers** *All Hands on Deck for the MAY RIDE and Family Festival Saturday, May 18. Come out and have some fun!*

We need help with the following:

- □ Bakers: bake goodies before the event & drop off the morning of the event.
- □ Set up 7:00 am 8:00 am
- □ Registration (Pre Reg & On-Site Reg) 8:00 am 10:30 am
- □ Collect Waivers 8:00 am 9:30 am
- Poker Draws ~ 1st Draw 8:00 am 10:30 am, 2nd-5th Draws 10:30 am 2:00 pm
- □ Poker Draw card collection 11:00 am 2:00 pm
- Membership / Bake Sale Chapter Booth 9:00 am 11:30 am, 11:30 am 2:00 pm, 2:00 pm 4:00 pm
- Parking control 8:00 am 10:30 am, 11:30 am 1:00 pm
- □ Trash Pickup during day 10:00 am 12:30 pm, 12:30 pm 3:00 pm
- □ End of day clean up 3:30 pm 4:30 pm
- □ Road Guards to lead rides

Please sign up to help:

email me or stop by the Volunteer Table at the back of the Chapter Meeting.

Volunteers@BiggsHOG.com

#### **2024 PRIMARY OFFICERS**

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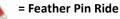
Andrew K-R

# HOGTIVITIES

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







WED 3 -- Officers Meeting
6:45 PM The Mining Company
5:45 PM meal (optional); meeting starts at 6:45 PM
579 Grand Ave, San Marcos, CA

SAT 6 -- Ride to Guy Woodward Museum 9:00 AM BIGGS H-D Medium distance on Back Roads. This museum is devoted to preserving and sharing Ramona history. 645 Main St, Ramona, CA

SUN 7 -- Sniff & Eat Ride 11:30 AM BIGGS H-D Short distance on Back Roads to 2666 Flower Fields Way, Carlsbad, CA

FRI 12 -- Chapter Meeting
7:00 PM BIGGS H-D
Arrive early at 6 PM to socialize, sign up to volunteer.
Everyone is welcome.

SAT 13 -- 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 13 -- Get Acquainted Ride (GAR) 10:15 AM BIGGS H-D

After Formation 101, put your knowledge to work during our popular Medium distance ride on Mixed Roads and then eat lunch with your HOG family. Destination: This changes every month, but it's always someplace to eat!



SUN 14 -- Ride to Breakfast at Penfold's Cafe 7:00 AM STARBUCKS Short distance on the Freeway to 28250 Old Town Front St, Temecula, CA

SAT 20 -- Field Trip to Air Museum - Rancho Mirage 8:00 AM STARBUCKS Long distance on Back Roads to Air Museum at 745 N Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, and Babes BBQ at 71800 Hwy 111, Rancho Mirage, CA. Don't forget to dress warm as we will be going across the mountains.

SUN 21 -- RGiT Training Ride #2 This is invite only.

TUES 23 -- Activities Meeting
6:45 PM Coyote Cafe
6 PM meal; 6:45 PM meeting; everyone is welcome.
1450 North Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA

THURS 25 -- Accident Scene Management Training
6:00 PM Rancho Grande El Toro
5 PM meal (optional); 6 PM - 8 PM meeting
All Chapter Members are invited to attend this training.
825 Williamston St, Vista, CA

SAT 27 -- Ride to OUI Pancake & Eggs 9:30 AM STARBUCKS Short distance on Back Roads to 40408 Winchester Rd, Temecula, CA



SAT 27 - SUN 28 -- RMS Queen Mary and USS Iowa Overnight Trip TIME TBD LOCATION TBD

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## Patrick & Mary D

### **Biggs HOG Chapter 2024 Rides Recap**

### January 1 - February 29

Type of Ride	Number	Total Days	Total Bikes	Ave Bikes Per Day	Total Miles	Ave Miles Per Day
Local Feather Pin Rides	14	14	185	13	606	43
Overnight Trip Rides	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long Distance Rides	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024 Total (Jan-Feb)	14	14	185	13	606	43

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

- \* 2 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Outs
- \* RGiT Training Ride
- \* Biggs H-D Autism Poker Run (Not a Chapter Event)
- \* Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)

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