



Harley Owners Group MOTOR MOUTH

2013 Is going to be a very good year!



Your PSHOG #0277 Officers for 2013

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DIRECTOR'S VIEW



Beginning of 2013 brings on new adventures. This year we now have a Facebook page. It is Facebook/pshog. Along with this new media, we have a new look on our Website, thanks to Ryan Hamel! Speaking of thanks, our members have a great team of officers to help make this a fun and adventurous year. It has been a blessing working alongside this great group.

We have posted over 4,000 miles and 35,000 calories for the year with more to come. Are we having fun, yet? Well, that's not all. Along with all of the rides we have enjoyed so far, upcoming is our annual Pre-Laughlin April 5-7, which is always a great event. We are going to have a VIP leading the ride on Saturday. Later that month we have a apple pie contest ride in the Julian mountains. It will finally be determine who makes the best apple pie—and we need your help to judge the pies. I would like to take this moment to thank each one of our members for their support and friendship. See you on the next ride.



By: Lou Garcia

The "Polar Bear Ride" started at the Starbucks near "Wal-Mart", Palm Desert at 9:30. A total of 39 members (23 bikes and 2 trikes) braved the 49 degree temperatures in Palm Desert, to enter the south entrance of Joshua Tree National Park. Entering the Park was 42 degrees. Reaching Keyes Point, temp was 37 degrees. We left the park using the northwest entrance and proceeded to "Pappy & Harriet's" for lunch. We were seated in the "pool room", which we were all thankful it had a "pellet type" heater to keep us warm. The weather was cold but very clear, so the views were excellent in the park. Overall, we had a great time!



ROAD CAPTAIN TRAINING AT KURT 'S HOUSE

January 13, 2013

At the beginning of the year, Kurt organized and presented Road Captain training. This was a good session to understand what is required to be a Road Captain. New Road Captains are always needed, due to the number of rides planned throughout the year.

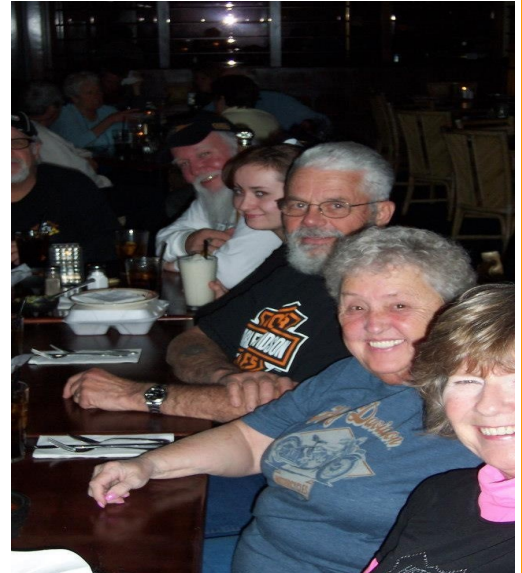
On this date the brave men who choose this assignment, met at Kurt's home to eat guacamole and chips, (Oops, they were supposed to be studying).

Many of those in attendance have been Road Captains in the past. However, it's good to review safety and share experiences.

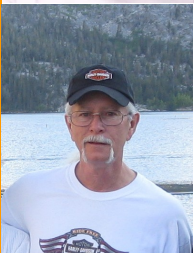
We also encourage our LOH and women riders to think about being a Road Captain. The information gained will make the chapter safer and stronger on our rides. See you at our next Road Captain training.



Ride-n-Dine at Margaritas January 17, 2013



We met at the Starbuck in Palm Desert and rode to the restaurant in a group. It was a clear night and everyone was smiling. Those who either had to work late or couldn't ride, met us at the restaurant to enjoy the evening. We had the back corner all to ourselves and the waiters were top notch. Everyone had a very good time getting to know each other again and catching up. It was a very good way for LOH to start the year off!



RIDING SAFETY——PASSENGER ON BOARD

By Safety Officer— Les Cartwright

With riding season in full swing and Pre-Laughlin coming up, here are some things to think about on riding with a passenger. Yes, most of us ride every weekend with the wife or girlfriend on the back and really think nothing of it. Until something happens that makes you think about it. Like a quick stop or a quick swerve to avoid something in the road. That's when you notice the difference in how your bike handles and/or reacts to sudden commands from you that are completely different when you are riding solo.

Keep these things in mind whenever you ride with a passenger:

1. Adjust your suspension and tire pressure as per your owner's manual to compensate for the added weight.
2. Remember that the extra weight will make your braking distances longer, so give yourself plenty of room ahead of you to slow down or stop.
3. If you don't have an intercom system, make sure you have hand signal or body language communications with your passenger that each of you understand.
4. Passengers should lean slightly forward when you leave from a stop or are accelerating on the road.
5. When braking, the passenger should firmly brace themselves against the riders' waist and lean back slightly into their backrest.
6. When leaning into a corner, the passenger should lean also, but not more than the driver. A good rule of thumb is to have them look over your shoulder in the direction of the turn as you go through it; this will keep the weight where you want it.



On February 2, 2013 , 15 bikes and 22 HOG members had a great ride to Idyllwild to do some sight seeing and shopping. The ride was lead by Daniel Garcia who I guess ended up taking the picture because he is not in it, but his lovely wife Gloria Garcia is.



BORREGO SPRINGS LUNCH

February 9, 2013

25 members survived the cold on a trip to the Galleta Meadows Estates in Borrego Springs where Dennis Avery, land owner envisioned the idea of adding 'free standing art' to his property with original steel welded sculptures created by 'Perris Jurassic Park' owner/artist/welder Ricardo Breceda. There are 129 metal sculptures located throughout Borrego Springs, and here are only two in these pictures.



The HOG members had a lovely Mexican Meal at Carmelita's Mexican Grill & Cantina which was located behind the Sheriffs Station. The place was packed, the food was plentiful and price was even better.

BLACKSHEEP BREAKFAST RIDE ---FEBRUARY 16, 2013



On February 16, 2013, 66 riders attended the Black Sheep Breakfast held at the BIG BOYS in Calimesa. There were so many people that they had to put some members in an "over flow" room. The temp on the ride reached 80, beautiful riding weather, degrees. From the breakfast, we headed to Temecula for lunch. If its not riding; we're eating...Along they way, the group came along a car show. The red hot rod got Daniel's and Gloria's attention. Maybe because he's a retired fireman. Even his bike is red.

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HELPING OUT OTHER BIKER GROUPS

On February 22, 2013, 41 members From other chapters of WOMEN IN THE WIND arrived at Palm Springs Harley Davidson on their way from Joshua Tree Monument. Members Gloria and Daniel Garcia along with assistance from Craig Woollven, Jodi Richards, Joyce and Ken Hunt and Marilyn Travers--served the very hungry ladies hamburgers with all the fix'ns. It was very much appreciated and a good fund raiser towards the pop-up shade tent for the club.

REMINDERS:

- 1) Chapter meetings March 16 and April 20
- 2) Pre Laughlin trip April 5,6,7 reserve your space now!!!
- 3) Ladies of Harley Meeting March 12 and April 9
- 4) Ride and Dine-- March 27, 2013

TEXAS ROAD HOUSE FEBRUARY 23, 2013

After the chapter meeting , we all headed down to Temecula for lunch. I couldn't tell you how many bikes or members there were because I was too busy laughing and having a good time.

On the way back we went on route 74 and ran into some snow.



Another LOH win— When Gloria Garcia planned a Ride-N-Dine February 25, 2013 at the Mariachi Monday at Morongo Casino!!!



RUN FOR THE WALL, February 24, 2013. This was a fund raiser for the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall. It was held at the Palm Springs Air Museum which is spectacular in and of itself. The wall is consistently moving throughout the United States as a reminder of the sacrifice these brave men and women gave for this country.



Thank you to all that have served and continue to serve this great nation!

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