MAY 2025



Next Chapter Meeting: May 9





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## **Director**





The open road is calling, and in the glorious month of May, it sings a particularly sweet tune here in Southern California. With the warmth of spring truly taking hold and the landscapes

bursting with color, there's no better time to throw a leg over your machine and explore the breathtaking routes our region has to offer. From the iconic Pacific Coast Highway with the ocean breeze in your face to the thrilling mountain passes and the scenic desert vistas, May is prime riding season. Dust off your vest, gather together, and get ready for some unforgettable adventures under the California sun!

But May isn't just about the pure joy of riding; it's also an opportunity for our incredible motorcycle community to come together and make a real difference. Later this month, we're supporting the *May Ride*.



This annual ride and family festival benefits the Armed Services YMCA, an organization that provides vital programs and assistance to the brave men and women of our armed forces and their families. These are the individuals who dedicate their lives to protecting the freedoms we cherish, including the very freedom that allows us to enjoy the open road.

This ride isn't just another day on two wheels; it's a chance to give back to those who give so much. By participating, you'll be directly contributing to the Armed Services YMCA's efforts to provide resources, support, and a sense of community for our military heroes right here in Southern California.

Whether it's through registration fees, baking, or simply showing up and helping out, every contribution makes a tangible impact.

Imagine the rumble of our engines echoing through the streets and canyons, not just as a symbol of our passion for riding, but as a powerful chorus of gratitude and support for our service members. This is our chance to show them that their sacrifices are not forgotten and that our community stands firmly behind them.

So mark your calendars, spread the word, and let's make this year's *May Ride* the biggest and most impactful yet. Let's combine our love for riding with our commitment to giving back. Together, we can make May a month of incredible rides and meaningful support for those who deserve it most.



We'll see you on the road!!!



Gene P "Tiki"

## **Assistant Director**

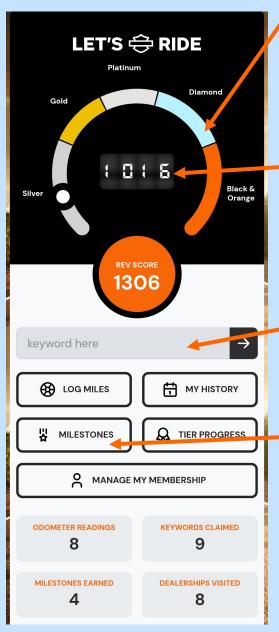
# Explaining the 2025 Let's Ride Challenge

The "2025 Let's Ride Challenge" runs through Oct 31, 2025. To get started on the challenge, take your bike into the dealer, either at service or ask a salesperson, and have your initial mileage reading. You will scan a QR code that will bring up an app that



you will enter in your phone number, VIN, and mileage. Then the H-D employee will verify your mileage and you have now officially entered the challenge.

Go back often to get your mileage updated and enter the weekly keywords. Each time you get your mileage entered you receive 20 points to your *Rev Score*. As your miles add up and your *Rev Score* climbs, you will be eligible for various prizes and the possibility to win a new H-D motorcycle depending on which tier you end up in at the end of the challenge.



#### **TIERS**

•Silver (1 - 2,500 miles) Nightster

•Gold (2,501 – 4,000 mi) Street Bob

•Platinum (4,001 − 5,500 mi) Fat Boy

•Diamond (5,501 – 7,500 mi) Street Glide

#### **MILEAGE READINGS**

- •20 points added to *Rev Score* each time (up to 56 times, 1,120 points total)
- Receive a Let's Ride sticker at first odometer reading.
- Receive a Let's Ride challenge coin after 1000 miles.
- •Receive a Let's Ride hat after 5000 miles.

#### **KEYWORDS**

- •10 points added to Rev Score for each keyword.
- •3 keywords each week.
- •Collect up to 84 keywords (28 weeks worth).

#### **MILESTONES**

See what milestones you have already reached along the way. This is where you claim your prizes of the sticker, challenge coin, hat, and patch.

So go in and sign up and then get out there and ride. Visit as many dealerships as you can to log your miles at different locations. And most of all...

HAVE FUN RIDING!

Dave H

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



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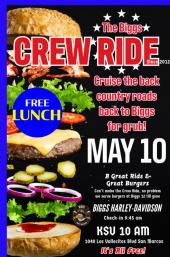
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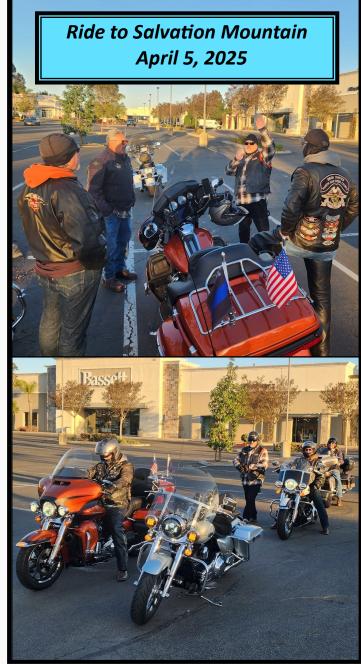
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# SAVE THE DATE Saturday, August 23, 2025 Biggs HOG Chapter Homes For Our Troops Poker Run

For the past several years, Biggs HOG has supported *Homes For Our Troops (HFOT)* and new specially adapted homes like the one currently being built in Valley Center for Corporal Antonio Ortega and his family. We have participated in motorcycle escorts to homes for Key Ceremonies and made financial donations at the events to support the cost of the homes. This year we are looking to step that up and take on a little more. We have decided to use our Chapter's Poker Run as a fund raiser for *HFOT*. Please help us support this great cause.



## **Road Captain**

#### Motorcycle Riding Skills

Over time, we develop riding skills through experience. There is no better way to learn these skills than to get out on the road. However, there are times when we need to stop and take a step back and attend a motorcycle riding class, either as a beginner, as a refresher, or to increase our riding skills in an advanced riding class.

Those new to riding should take a *Learn to Ride Class*. These are offered at many locations and Harley-Davidson Dealerships. Upon successful completion of many of these classes, there is a Practical Riding Test that, if passed, qualifies as your riding exam for your Motorcycle License. You may still be required to take the Written Exam at the DMV.

As you gain experience, you should consider taking an *Advanced Riding Class*. In these classes, you learn advanced skills such as quick braking in a turn, slow speed maneuvering, and riding over obstacles, just to mention a few. In these classes, you learn these advance skills while riding your own bike, so you learn how to handle your bike in extreme situations. Anyone can ride a motorcycle on a straight, smooth, and dry road, but when do we see these conditions? Seldom. There are many road conditions that challenge even the best, most experienced riders. We need to be prepared and these classes reenforce the skills we need to be safe riders. Why is his important?

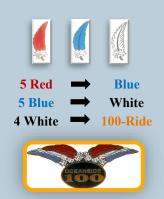
As a HOG Chapter, we ride in formation. How you ride in formation directly effects others in the group. You need to know how to ride so when riding in formation, and you find yourself in one of those tense situations that requires fast thinking and quick reactions, you have those skills so you can react in a way that keeps all group members safe. It's a good practice to retake the *Advanced Rider Class* approximately every 5 years, to keep your skills honed and learn new skills that may have been developed. You never know when you may need them.

#### Feather Pins & Milestones

# Your Feather Pins If you have 5 or more Red or Blue Feather Pins, please bring them to a ride or Chapter Meeting to "trade up" 5 Red pins for a Blue pin and 5 Blue pins for a White pin.

Please "Trade Up"





Congratulations to Mark M who earned his *500-Ride Pin* on the Ride to Cocina Tex Mex Restaurant on April 13, 2025.

## Safety

# Overnight and Long Distance Trips Tips and Advice (Part 2)



Greetings, Biggs HOG family! May flowers are here... Yea!!! Last newsletter we talked about setting the clocks forward and now that we've gained an hour of light in the evening, most of us have been able to ride a bit longer than we typically do during standard time.

Last month we saw the group take its First Long-Distance trip of the year to Cottonwood, AZ. These rides often entail riding several hundred miles per day and can easily exceed 1,200 miles over the course of 4 or 5 days as we mentioned last month. So here is Part 2 of prepping for the Overnight trip or the 1,200+ mile Long Distance Trip:

#### Is Your Bike Road-Ready?

A well-maintained bike is a safer bike. Do the T-CLOCS check:

- Tires, Wheels & Brakes Check air pressure, tread life, and brakes.
- C Controls Ensure levers, pedals, cables, and hoses are in good condition.
- L Lights & Electric Verify the battery, lights, and mirrors are functioning properly.
- O Oil & Fluids Check brake fluid, engine, transmission, and primary fluids.
- C Chassis & Suspension Inspect fasteners, suspension, and belts.
- S Side Stand & Center Stand Make sure they function correctly.

#### Don't forget

Have any required maintenance done well in advance—tires, oil, brakes, battery, spark plugs, air filter.

#### **Follow the Leader**

Be aware of subtle cues. If the ride leader:

- ✓ Gets fuel, YOU get fuel!!
- ✓ Doesn't remove their helmet, YOU shouldn't remove your helmet; be ready to roll.
- ✓ Prepares to depart, YOU prepare to depart; get your helmet on and be ready to roll.

Don't hold up the group by lingering—respect each other's time!

If you are the only one talking and others are intently listening and watching you they are most likely waiting for you before they can depart!

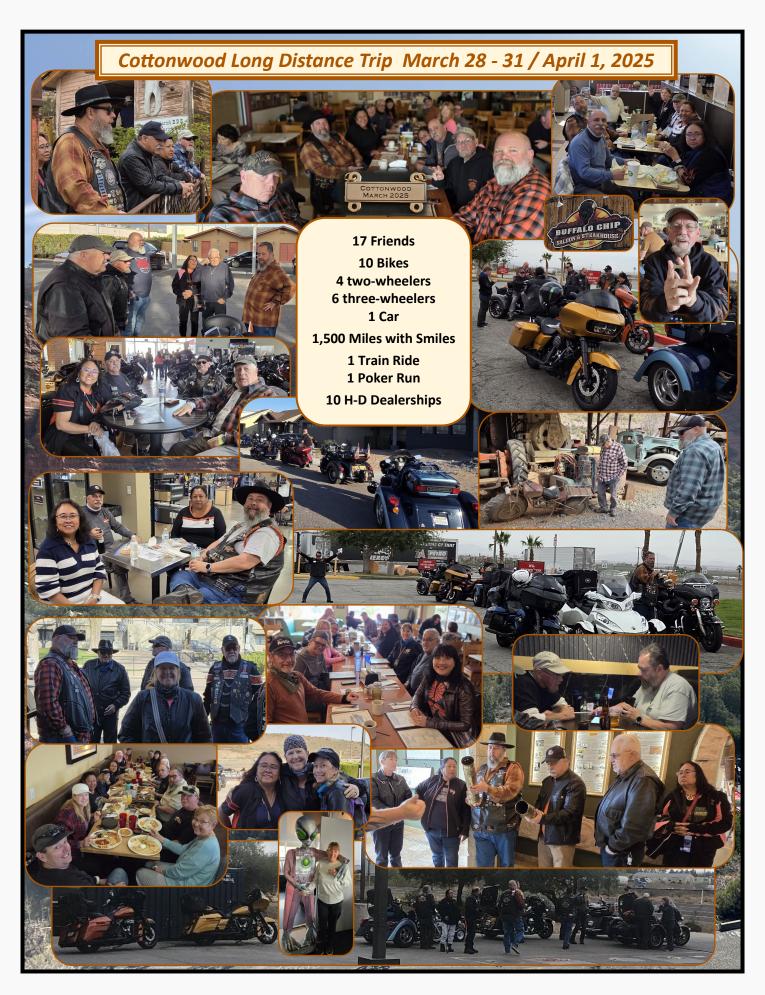
#### Alcohol & Riding - Zero Tolerance

HOG policy prohibits riding under the influence of alcohol or substances that impair judgment. Once at the destination and bikes are secured for the night, you may imbibe RESPONSIBLY at your discretion. Don't forget you have to ride tomorrow; and others must ride with you.

#### Remember, Safety Is No Accident!

Let's continue to take a good look at our bikes, gear, and accessories. Stay safe, have fun, and I'll see you all out on the road!

Shawn E





## Membership

#### **Biggs HOG - Something for Everyone**

Hello Fellow Members and Future Members of Biggs HOG!

Can you believe it's already May 2025? That means two big things are upon us: The May Ride and Memorial Day — both reminders that summer is just around the corner and the colder months are behind us. For riders like us, that's great news. Warmer weather means more time in the saddle and less time polishing chrome!

At Biggs HOG, we ride — and we ride a lot. That's what this group is all about: bringing together people who share a passion for motorcycles and the freedom of the open road. We ride for fun, we ride for community, and we ride to meet people from all walks of life — not just from here in North San Diego County, but from all over the country and the world.

Whether you're into short weekday rides, scenic coast routes, mountain twisties, overnight trips, or multiday long-distance adventures, Biggs HOG has something for everyone. Ride styles, skill levels, and time commitments vary, and so do our rides. There's no pressure — just a lot of options and a lot of good people to enjoy them with.

Membership is what you make of it.

Maybe you're a casual rider who joins in when the timing's right. Maybe you're the die-hard type who rides every weekend and signs up for every trip. However you ride, there's a place for you here. Want to get more involved? You can even become an officer or join our Road Guard in Training (RGiT) program. We're 100% volunteer-led, and there's always room for passionate people who want to give back and help keep our Chapter thriving.

If you're thinking about becoming a member, getting more involved, or just want to lend a hand at an event, I'd love to hear from you. Shoot me an email (<a href="mailto:shawne@biggshog.com">shawne@biggshog.com</a>) and I'll help you find the right way to plug in.

I hope to see you soon. Don't be shy! We are a great group of Harley and motorcycle enthusiasts! This group really does have something for everyone!

Shawn E

#### Biggs HOG Website www.biggshog.com

We have a wonderful website that many people take pride in maintaining. If you want to know who an officer is or where we are riding to you can find it on the website. Here are some useful links:

Event Calendar: www.biggshog.com/calendar Officers: www.biggshog.com/team

Newsletters: <u>www.biggshog.com/newsletters</u> Road Guards: <u>www.biggshog.com/road-captains</u>

Join Biggs HOG: www.biggshog.com/join Chapter Polices: www.biggshog.com/policies

Overnight and Long Distance Trips: www.biggshog.com/2025-long-distance-and-overnight-trips

## **Long Distance**

#### **Overnight and Long Distance Trips**

Come out and spend a weekend, or long weekend, riding with your Biggs HOG Family in 2025!

#### .....MEMORIES.....



**Laughlin Overnight Trip** 



**Cottonwood Long Distance Trip** 

#### ....NOW BOOKING.....

Flyers with details available at www.biggshog.com/2025-long-distance-and-overnight-trips



North Meets South Long Distance Trip
Thurs, May 22 - Sun, May 25
\*\* Register & Book ASAP \*\*

Solvang Overnight Trip
Saturday, July 19 - Sunday, July 20, 2025

Come out and spend a weekend riding with your Biggs HOG family,
We'll ride mostly backroads on Saturday and home on Sunday,
Along with Solvang & Santa Maria, stops in the Santa Barbara and Ventura
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Sat, July 19—Sun, July 20



Sonora Long Distance Trip
Fri, Oct 24 - Mon, Oct 27
Optional two-day return Oct 27

Note: Dates and locations are subject to change/adjustment

#### **Reminders:**

- After you book your room(s) for any of the Long Distance or Overnight Trips, please send an email to <a href="mailto:kenc@biggshog.com">kenc@biggshog.com</a> with the names, emails, and cell phone numbers of those in your room.
- If for some reason you cannot go on a trip and you have booked your room, please email <a href="mailto:kenc@biggshog.com">kenc@biggshog.com</a> before you cancel your room as we may have a wait list for rooms.

Ken C

## **Volunteers**

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Our events can't be done without the support of our Chapter Volunteers!!!

**Upcoming volunteer opportunities:** 

- ☐ Help Set Up at theMay 9 Chapter Meeting.Arrive by 5:45 PM.
- Help Take Down after the May 9 Chapter Meeting ends.



□ 23rd Annual May Ride and Family Festival, Saturday, May 17
 We need help with set up, registration, poker draws, parking control, bake sale, clean up, and more.
 Sign up sheets are available at the May 9 Chapter Meeting or email Volunteers@BiggsHOG.com.

For more information on how you can help our Chapter in 2025, please stop by the Volunteer Table at the back of our Chapter Meetings. I look forward to seeing you there!

Mary D

#### **2025 PRIMARY OFFICERS**

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Congratulations to David L who won the gift card drawing. A new survey opens on the 15th of each month.









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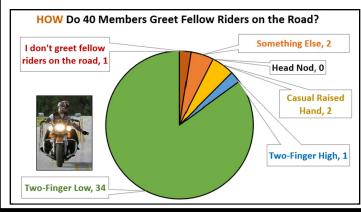


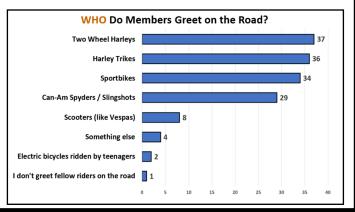


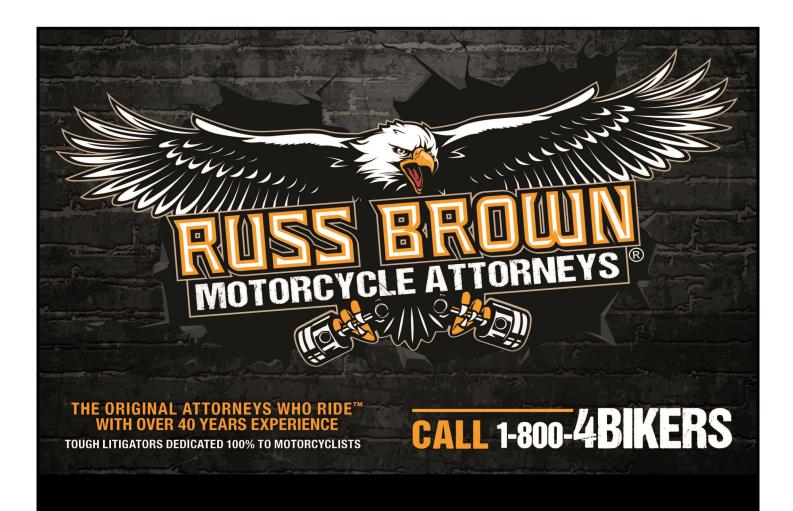


About 1904, Arthur Davidson & William Harley met on the street on their motorbikes, recognized each other, and greeted each other.

Others noticed and believed it was a custom among motorcyclists.







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# HOGTIVITIES

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



👠 = Feather Pin Ride

May 2025

Start of Ride Locations in San Marcos
BIGGS H-D: 1040 Los Vallecitos Blvd

STARBUCKS: 126 Knoll Rd

SAT 3 -- Ride to Fratello's Ristorante & Pizzeria 9:00 AM BIGGS H-D Long distance on Back Roads to 54295 Ridgeview Dr, Idyllwild-Pine Cove, CA

SUN 4 -- Ride to Hamburger Factory Restaurant 10:30 AM STARBUCKS
Medium distance on Mixed Roads to 14122 Midland Rd, Poway, CA

WED 7 -- 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

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 201 8:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Chapter members who ride on Overnight and Long Distance Trips are highly encouraged to participate. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and Doughnuts.

SAT 10 -- Chapter Photo 10:00 AM BIGGS H-D

SAT 10 -- Get Acquainted Ride (GAR)

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Put your knowledge to work during our popular Medium distance ride on Mixed Roads and then eat lunch with your HOG family at Lazy H Ranch 16787 CA-76, Pauma Valley, CA

SUN 11 -- Ride to Mom's Apple Pie for Mother's Day 10:30 AM STARBUCKS
Medium distance on Back Roads to 4510 Hwy 78, Julian, CA





WED 14 -- Dinner Ride to Rainbow Oaks Restaurant 6:00 PM BIGGS H-D Short distance on Back Roads to 4815 5th St, Fallbrook, CA

SAT 17 -- 23rd Annual MAY RIDE & Family Festival
9:00 AM BIGGS H-D
Proceeds benefit Armed Services YMCA's
Programs for military members and families.
Registration: www.MayRide.com

SUN 18 -- Ride to Stir Fresh

10:30 AM STARBUCKS

Medium distance on Back Roads to

17120 Bernardo Center Dr, San Diego, CA

WED 21/THURS 22 - SUN 25/MON 26 -"North Meets South" Long Distance Trip
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SAT 24 -- Ride to The Galley at the Marina 9:00 AM BIGGS H-D Long Distance on Mixed Roads to 550 Marina Pkwy, Chula Vista, CA

SUN 25 -- Ride to China Fun 11:00 AM STARBUCKS Short Distance on Mixed Roads to 1450 E Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA

MON 26 -- Ride to Oak Hill Memorial Park 7:45 AM STARBUCKS Short Distance on Back Roads to 2640 Glenridge Rd, Escondido, CA 92027

SAT 31 -- Ride to Heritage BBQ
9:00 AM BIGGS H-D
Long Distance on Back Roads to
31721 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano, CA



## Biggs HOG Chapter 2025 Rides Recap January 1 - March 31

Type of Ride	Number	Total Days	Total Bikes All Days	Ave Bikes Per Day	Total Miles	Ave Miles Per Day
Local Feather Pin Rides	22	22	254	12	1,071	49
Overnight Trip Rides	1	2	23	12	790	395
Long Distance Rides	1	4	34	9	1,500	375
2025 Total (Jan-March)	24	28	311	11	3,361	120

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

Overnight and Long Distance Trip mileage includes ride to destination, optional rides during trip, and optional ride home.

Miles not included in totals:

- \* 3 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Outs
- \* Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)

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