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Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make our *Homes For Our Troops* fundraiser last month such a raging success! Your hard work and generosity helped us raise an incredible amount for a truly worthy cause. We're proud of what we accomplished together, and we're already looking forward to our next big ride and event.

The summer heat is starting to fade, but the riding season is far from over! September in Southern California offers some of the best weather all year for hitting the open road. As the temperatures cool, the canyons and coastlines are calling.

This month, we have some incredible events on the calendar that you won't want to miss.



September 13 - Harley Night at Costa Mesa Speedway

Join us for a Chapter ride to Costa Mesa Speedway for their Harley Night Finals! There's nothing like the roar of bikes on the dirt track. It's an adrenaline-fueled night of racing and a fantastic way to hang out with other riders. We'll be meeting up beforehand for a group ride to the track.



September 20 - All Chapters Cornhole Tournament

Dust off your bean bags and get ready for some friendly competition! We're meeting up with otherChapters for a cornhole tournament. This is a great opportunity to meet riders from all over Southern California and show off your skills.



September 27 - Homes For Our Troops Key Ceremony

This is the big one! After all our hard work, we will be attending the key ceremony for a new home built by *Homes For Our Troops*. This is a deeply moving and rewarding experience to see our fundraising efforts come to life and a truly deserving veteran receive the keys to their new, specially adapted home. We'll be riding as a group to this event to show our full support.



If you are looking for something longer, there is still time to reserve a spot for our Long Distance Trip to Sonora in October.

Let's make this an unforgettable month on two (or three) wheels!



Gene P "Tiki"

Assistant Director

Making Memories

The month of August was filled with some great memories. We had a "reverse ride" that started at having breakfast at the Potato Shack in Encinitas and ended up back at the Biggs H-D dealership. That was a different approach to our normal rides. We took a long



ride down the coast to Hodad's in Ocean Beach and we crammed ourselves around a table to enjoy some extra large portions of food. We did our usual Get Acquainted Ride (GAR) ride only to be followed by a full moon ride through the desert that same day. We rode down to San Diego to participate in the 15th annual *Ride for a Cause* poker run for the Ronald McDonald House. Some met early on a Sunday morning and rode down to San Diego to help with the America's Finest City half marathon. We had a great turnout for a memorial ride down to Miramar National Cemetery to honor and pay our respects to our friend Bill B, and we finished the month riding out to the iconic Cook's Corner in Trabuco Canyon.

Some of the personal memories that I will have from this past month are riding Shawn E's 2001 Deuce for a few days. My rear tire got hungry one day and decided to eat the wiring harness running to the Stage II amp in the left saddlebag. As the tire and the fender destroyed the harness, it caused a major electrical shortage that killed all of the electronics in my bike. This all happened just days before the weekend of the *Ride for a Cause* poker run and Bill's memorial service. Thankfully, Shawn offered the use of his 2nd bike to me for the weekend. My wife dropped me off at Shawn's house and I jumped on it and rode away. Shawn and I are not exactly the same size and his Deuce is perfectly set up for him. Which means that it is NOT set up for someone my size. Not wanting to mess with how his bike was set up, the only thing I changed was rolling the handle bars forward. Over the next four days I put on three 100-mile-plus days and one 200-mile day. Needless to say, I missed the comfort of my Road Glide. But what I got out of this trade was a few days of riding with my Chapter and with my good friend, Shawn, before he packs up and moves to Pennsylvania. Riding his bike with him for those few days are great memories that I will cherish for a long time.

One ride that I have not mentioned yet is our Chapter's poker run. This year, we decided that our poker run would have a purpose greater than our own self-interest. All of the profit from this year's poker run will be given to *Homes For Our Troops (HFOT)* at a Key Ceremony that will be held on Saturday Sept 27th. As many of you can attest to, there is a lot that goes into hosting a poker run. I want to thank all of the volunteers that helped out in whatever capacity you did. We pulled off a very successful event and it couldn't have happened without you. Our dealership, Biggs H-D, helped out tremendously. They offered up raffle prizes, donuts & coffee, lunch, high & low hand prizes, and, of course, the parking lot so we could run this event. Since this article is about making memories, I will remember rider after rider walking up to our special guest speaker Randell Leoncio after he spoke, thanking him for his service. Harley riders love their country and love their vets. As I worked the poker draw table that we had stationed at the HFOT house for Antonio Ortega, I had the table set up so I could see the bikes riding in. What a great view. I got to sit there, hand out cold water on a 100 degree day, point to the house behind me, and tell riders, "That's what you are here for today." I look forward to making more memories next month when we ride as escorts on the Key Ceremony day and present *HFOT* with a check that we earned by riding and having fun.

Dave H

What's Happenin' at Biggs H-D



SEPT UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 6

SEPT. 13

SEPT. 20







SEPT. 26-27

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Road Captain

Riding Strategies

Hello, fellow Biggs HOG Members. Strategies in riding provide you with methods of handling situations and being safe. Following are a few fundamental strategies you need to think about.



Patience

Riders, as a group, have more than their fair share of Type-A personalities. New riders take a while to learn patience. Old Timers have lapses too. If you find yourself in an uncomfortable situation, exercising patience will, more times than not, result in the situation resolving itself.

Ego

Ego is often the root of the most dangerous behavior, aggressive riding. Don't overestimate your riding ability. Don't push a bad situation. Don't try to "Show-Off." It's better to pull that ego back and avoid risky situations so you will be around to ride another day.

Judgement

Good judgement is based on knowledge and experience. For riding, the more you know about riding technique, traffic dynamics, human behavior and the world in general, the better equipped you will be to make the best decisions. Never assume you know it all; we are always learning.

Sharing the Road

Remember, we're not alone on the road and many other drivers aren't looking for motorcycles while they drive. From semis, to panel trucks, cars, and yes, other motorcycles, we must assume they won't see us and be prepared to react if necessary.

Remember, YOU and YOU alone are responsible for your own safety. Take responsibility and set the example for others to follow.

David L "TAZ"













Safety

Riding Smart Staying Safe as the Road Gets Busier



Greetings, Biggs HOG family! School is back in session... more traffic, more distracted drivers, newly licensed drivers driving themselves to and from school with all their buddies piled in their new cool ride, and the sun is starting to stay lower in the horizon as we head into the fall season. More reasons to keep vigilant on your motorcycle.

Recent observations have reinforced an important principle: in most motorcycle accidents involving another vehicle, fault can be attributed to one party while the other may be blameless. Nevertheless, motorcyclists can take proactive measures to reduce the likelihood of falling victim to another's negligence. Although it is not possible to control the actions of inattentive drivers—whether due to distractions such as mobile phones, eating, or daydreaming—it is entirely within a rider's capacity to adopt safe riding practices that minimize exposure to these hazards.

School Zone Awareness and Smart Positioning

With school back in session, we're seeing increased traffic during peak hours and more inexperienced drivers on the road. When riding through areas with frequent side street intersections, school zones, and parked cars, position yourself toward the center of your lane. This isn't about being aggressive, it's about smart positioning that keeps you visible to drivers emerging from side streets while creating a buffer zone from opening car doors, children running between parked cars, or pets darting into traffic.

In these high-risk areas, reduce your speed by 5-10 mph below your normal pace. That extra reaction time becomes invaluable when dealing with unpredictable school traffic and distracted parents focused more on their kids than on the road. Your throttle hand controls more than speed—it controls the amount of time you have to react to someone else's mistake. Also, avoid passing while changing lanes. Glance over your shoulder, change lanes, and then pass the slower traffic.

<u>Intersection Intelligence</u>

Treat every intersection as if someone is about to run the light or stop sign—because statistically, someone probably is. As you approach any intersection, cover your brakes and scan left-right-left, even when you have the green light. Position yourself where you can see and be seen and always have an escape route planned.

Fall Conditions and Curve Management

As the sun starts staying lower on the horizon heading into fall, visibility becomes an even bigger concern. When approaching blind curves, slow down before the curve, not in it. That lower autumn sun can create blinding conditions for both you and oncoming traffic. Position yourself toward the outside of the curve on entry—this gives you the best sight line around the bend and maximum room to maneuver if you encounter gravel, wet leaves, or an oncoming vehicle cutting the corner. You can always accelerate out of a curve if the path is clear, but trying to scrub speed mid-turn with limited visibility is asking for trouble, especially with fall road conditions starting to change.

The Bottom Line

We ride because we love the freedom, the connection to the road, and the pure joy of being on two wheels. But that freedom comes with responsibility—not just to follow traffic laws, but to ride intelligently and defensively. You can't control the distracted driver, the rushed commuter, or the inexperienced motorist, but you can control your position, your speed, and your awareness level.

Ride smart, ride safe, and we'll see you on the road.

Remember: The best motorcycle safety equipment is the space between your ears. Use it every time you ride.

Shawn E







Membership

Harley-Davidson VISA® Cards

Greetings, Biggs HOG family!

It's been a while since I brought this topic up to you, but have you checked out the Harley-

Davidson VISA® cards? I love the rewards! And as a Harley rider and HOG member, the rewards are really tailored to fit my lifestyle. Now,you don't need to be a HOG member to apply for one of the following Harley-Davidson Visa® cards; but there are more rewards afforded to HOG members with these cards than non-members. For me, it was a no-brainer to fill out an application after reading the details of the HOG Elite Visa® Signature® Card.

Harley-Davidson Visa® Signature® Card

- Intro APR: 0% for the first 9 billing cycles; then 18.24% to 31.24%, based on credit
- Annual Fee: \$0
- Rewards:
 - o 3x pts per \$1 on Harley-Davidson® and gas purchases
 - o 2x pts per \$1 on restaurants, bars, and lodging
 - o 1x pts per \$1 on all other purchases
 - o HOG Members: 1 pt for every mile you ride (max 50k miles per year)
- Sweepstakes* Entries: 1 entry per purchase into the Free Ride Sweepstakes

Harley-Davidson® HOG Elite Visa® Signature® Card

- Intro APR: 0% for the first 9 billing cycles; then 18.24% to 31.24%, based on credit
- Annual Fee: \$99 but you can earn the \$99 back as statement credits (see below).
- Membership Credit: \$59 credit if your HOG membership is paid with this card (not applicable for lifetime HOG members)
- Annual H-D Dealership Credit: \$30 credit on a \$30+ purchase each year
- Bonus Credit: \$10 Sirius XM subscription credit
- Rewards:
 - o 5x pts per \$1 on Harley-Davidson® and gas purchases
 - o 2x pts per \$1 on restaurants, bars, and lodging
 - o 1x pts per \$1 on all other purchases
 - o HOG Members: 2 pts for every mile you ride (max 50k miles per year)
- Sweepstakes* Entries: 2 entries per purchase into the Free Ride Sweepstakes (for HOG members) and 1 entry for everyone else

*The Harley-Davidson Free Ride Sweepstakes (no purchase necessary):

Harley-Davidson is giving away brand new motorcycles via random drawings for the remainder of 2025. No purchase necessary. Be sure to check the official terms and conditions for all details pertaining to this sweepstakes.

Shawn E

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 February



Cottonwood Long Distance Trip March



North Meets South Long Distance Trip May



Solvang Overnight Trip July



.....NOW BOOKING.....

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

Sonora Long Distance Trip
Fri, Oct 24 - Mon, Oct 27
Optional two-day return
Oct 27 - 28



Reminders:

- After you book your room(s) for any of the Long Distance or Overnight Trips, please send an email to kenc@biggshog.com 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 kenc@biggshog.com before you cancel your room as we may have a wait list for rooms.

 Ken C

Volunteers

Volunteer Opportunities

Thanks to members who volunteered at our Biggs HOG HFOT Poker Run!!

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

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- ☐ Help Set Up at the September 12 Chapter Meeting. Arrive by 5:45 PM.
- ☐ Help Take Down after the September 12 Chapter Meeting ends.



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

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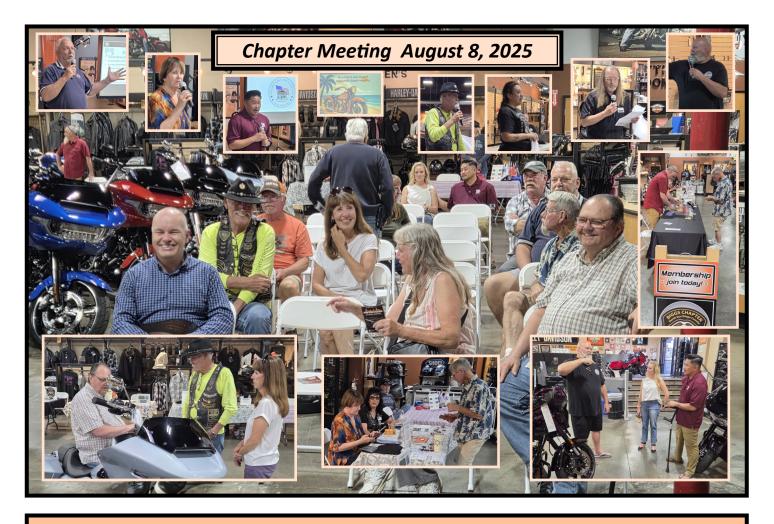
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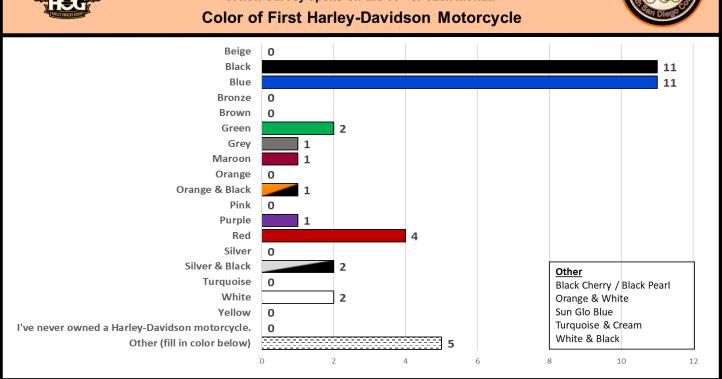


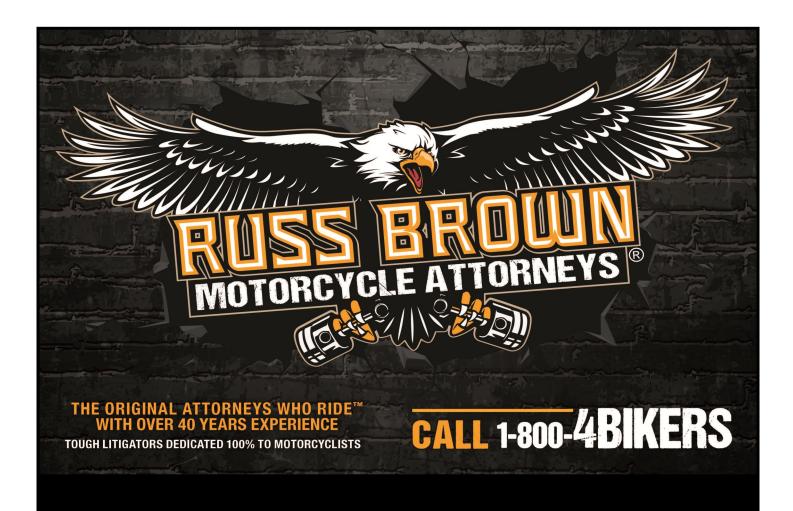
Getting to Know Our Biggs HOG Family 41 members completed the July 2025 Survey.

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Congratulations to Tom G who won the gift card drawing.

A new survey opens on the 15th of each month.





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Feather Pin Ride September 2025

Start of Ride Locations in San Marcos

BIGGS H-D: 1040 Los Vallecitos Blvd

STARBUCKS: 126 Knoll Rd

WED 3 -- Officers Meeting 6:45 PM **Coyote Cafe**

6:00 PM meal (optional); meeting starts at 6:45 PM. 1450 N Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA

SAT 6 -- Ride to Grand Old BBQ 9:00 AM **BIGGS H-D** Long Distance on Back Roads to 15505 Olde Hwy 80, El Cajon, CA

SUN 7 -- Ride to The Hat STARBUCKS 10:30 AM Long Distance on Back Roads to 40476 Murrieta Hot Springs Rd, Murrieta, 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 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 donuts.

SAT 13 -- Get Acquainted Ride (GAR) **BIGGS H-D** 10:30 AM Long Distance on Mixed Roads to Cheesecake Factory 200 E Via Rancho Pkwy, Escondido, CA

SAT 13 -- Ride to Harley Night Costa Mesa Speedway 4:00 PM **BIGGS H-D** Medium Distance on Mixed Roads with a stop to eat at The Hat in Lake Forest and then to the Speedway 88 Fair Dr, Costa Mesa, CA

SUN 14 -- Ride to Felix's BBQ with Soul 10:30 AM **STARBUCKS** Medium Distance on Back Roads to 3613 Ocean Ranch Blvd, Oceanside, CA WED 17 -- Dinner Ride to Filippi's Pizza Grotto 6:00 PM **BIGGS H-D** Short Distance on Mixed Roads to 114 W Grand Ave, Escondido, CA

SAT 20 -- Ride to All Chapters Cornhole & Horseshoe **Tournament** 9:00 AM **BIGGS H-D** Medium Distance on Back Roads to the Annual **Tournament at Pine Valley County Park.** 28810 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley, CA

SUN 21 -- Home Sweet Home - Reverse Ride 662 Enterprise St, Escondido, CA 8:00 AM This ride starts at Home Sweet Home for breakfast at 8:00 AM. The Ride Brief will start at approximately 9:30 AM. The ride wil end in Old Town Temecula. Medium Distance on Back Roads to Old Town Temecula.

SAT 27 -- Ride to Homes For Our Troops Key Ceremony 7:30 AM **STARBUCKS** Short Distance on Back Roads. Ride as a group to the staging area at Valley Center High School and then escort the motorcade to the HFOT home for the Key Ceremony. During the Key Ceremony, Biggs HOG will be presenting a check that includes 100% of the profits

SUN 28 -- Ride to Village Pizza **STARBUCKS** 10:30 AM Medium Distance on Back Roads to 5256 S Mission Rd, Bonsall, CA

from our HFOT Poker Run.



Biggs HOG Chapter 2025 Rides Recap January 1 - July 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	57	57	615	11	3,148	55
Overnight Trip Rides	2	4	45	11	1,386	347
Long Distance Rides	2	10	69	7	3,047	305
2025 Total (Jan-July)	61	71	729	10	7,581	107

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:

- * 6 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Outs
- Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)
- * May Ride

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6 Rain Outs
1 in January
2 in March
2 in April
1 in May

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