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Director





Hello HOG Family!

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the perfect crisp air of autumn riding!

This past weekend, I had the distinct pleasure of not just leading a great ride, but of hitting a personal milestone that I wanted to share with all of you: I completed my 400th Chapter ride!

It's hard to believe how many miles, how many incredible backroads, and how many shared laughs that represents (65,000 miles to be exact on the Tiki Trike). Four hundred rides is more than just a number on a spreadsheet; it's a living testament to the spirit of our Harley Owners Group Chapter. It represents the early morning starts, the perfectly executed group maneuvers, the delicious roadside stops, and, most importantly, the genuine camaraderie we share every time we kick up our stands.

I'm incredibly proud of what we've built together. This Chapter is a family, and every single ride - whether a short jaunt for lunch or a weekend-long tour- is a chance to strengthen those bonds. Thank you for being the best riding partners a director could ask for.

While I'm thrilled to have hit 400, I'm even more excited about the road ahead. October is here, bringing some of the absolute best riding weather of the year, and the Activities Committee and I have been busy planning some spectacular events to close out the year and look toward 2026. I especially *Love* a special event coming in November.

The planning for next year is already in full swing! We are looking for you to help the Chapter in 2026. These rides don't happen by themselves, it takes planning, thought, and consideration. So if you want to lend your talents, I would love to speak with you.

My 400th ride was special, but what makes every ride special is seeing all of your faces and hearing the rumble of the pack. Let's make the next 400 rides even better than the last!

Keep your tires clean and your eyes on the horizon. I'll see you on the road!

Ride Safe!!





Gene P "Tiki"

Assistant Director

Show Some Love

Since 1984, the *Love Ride*® has united riders, celebrities, and communities for one purpose: to make a difference. With over \$25 million raised for charities, it remains the world's most iconic one-day motorcycle fundraising event. The *Love Ride Foundation* is a



501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by Oliver Shokouh. Its purpose is to raise funds to support organizations improving lives through health, education, and other forms of support. Over the years, the Foundation has proudly partnered with groups including Autism Speaks, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, MDA, Wounded Warrior Project, and more.



In 2025, the tradition continues — bigger and more impactful than ever.

The historic return of *Love Ride 34*, powered by Harley-Davidson, will take place Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Castaic Lake, just north of Los Angeles. After a multi-year hiatus, this iconic charity motorcycle event is back in full force and Harley-Davidson is proud to support it as a presenting sponsor. *Love Ride 34* will benefit two incredible organizations: Wounded Warrior Project and Adopt the Arts.

Love Ride 34 is a one-day event on Sunday, November 9 and will include:

- A group ride departure from Harley-Davidson of Glendale
- Live music Gene Simmons from KISS with his band, Chevy Metal, and surprise musical guests and other entertainment
- **The Speed-Kings Custom Motorcycle Showcase**
- **Bill Davidson and Karen Davidson** are both attending and riding as well as Jay Leno, Robert Patrick with other celebrities along with thousands of other riders
- Chance to win a Special VIP Package to include a shopping Spree with participating dealers and a chance for California residents only to win a 2025 Harley-Davidson CVO Street Glide
- Food trucks, vendors, and more....

If you're interested in riding out and participating, event tickets and hotel partner links are available now at www.LoveRide.org. We will be discussing soon whether we do this as a Chapter event. We will know this before the October Chapter Meeting.

Dave H

What's Happenin' at Biggs H-D

OCT UPCOMING EVENTS

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OCT. 11

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OCT. 24-25

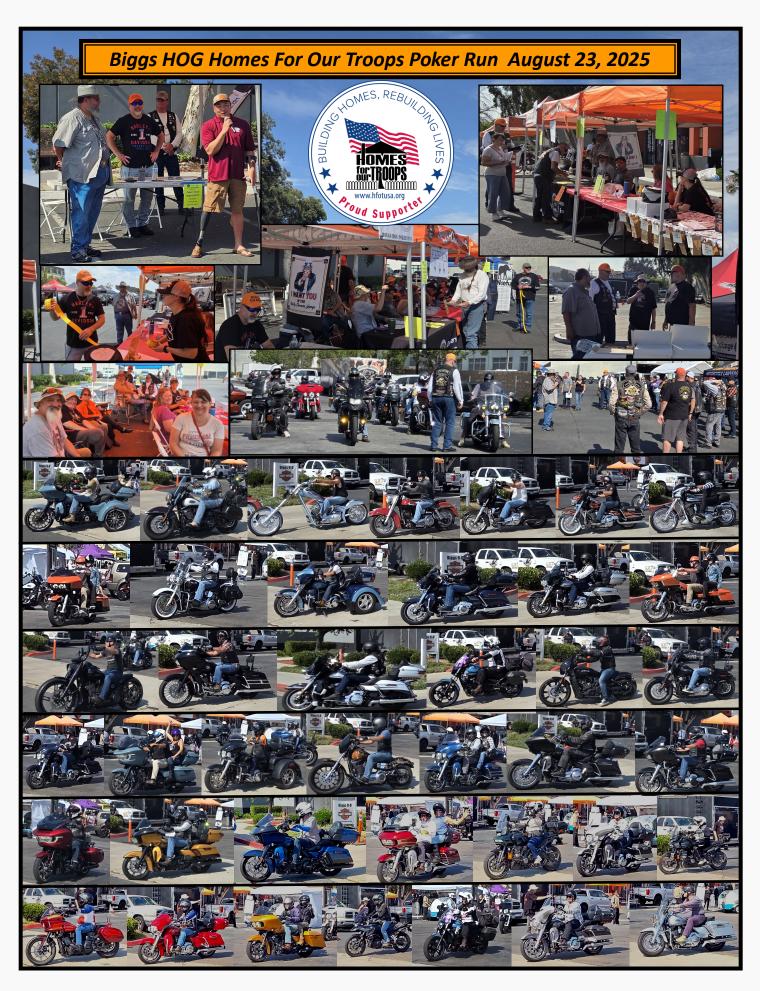


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Road Captain

Riding Stats for 2025 So Far

Hello fellow Biggs HOG Members. The year is 66% over and we've done a lot of riding so far this year.



Local Ride Stats January - August 2025

	<u>Jan</u>	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	<u>Total</u>
Rides	7	8	7	6	10	10	10	12	70
Bikes	91	89	72	58	109	111	95	131	756
Miles	249	465	445	379	569	596	442	787	3,932

Over Night (O/N) and Long Distance Trip (LDT) Ride Stats January - August 2025

These numbers are only for the trip to the destination and back home but do not include any day ride miles at the destinations, so there would be more.

Trip	Month	Type	Bikes	Miles To	Miles Home
Laughlin	February	O/N	12	351	351 (Est)
Cottonwood	March	LDT	9	435	435 (Est)
North Meets South	May	LDT	5	430	430 (Est)
Solvang	July	O/N	11	310	310 (Est)
O/N & LDT Totals			37	1,526	1,526 (Est)

Total Ride Stats January - August 2025

Rides: 74

Bikes: 793

Miles: 6,984

Can we break 10,000 miles for 2025? Come out and help us!

Let's Ride, Have Fun and Make New Friends!!

David L "TAZ"









Safety

Long Distance Riding



Greetings, Biggs HOG family! The fall season is here in sunny Southern California! Mornings and evenings can bring a chill, but the days often remain warm and perfect for riding.

<u>Sonora Long-Distance Trip (Oct 24–27/28, 2025)</u>: Big elevation swings, cooler mornings/evenings, twisty roads, and wildlife. Shorter daylight so use clear/neutral visors, and aim to be off the twisties before dark. If you're on the optional Bishop/Manzanar return, expect colder temps and early starts - hydrate, ride your pace, and communicate issues early so the group stays safe.

<u>Are YOU Ready for the Trip?</u> Before embarking on our next big ride, take a moment to ensure you're truly prepared. Riding long distances requires skill, endurance, and the right mindset. Ask yourself:

- ✓ Can you handle long distances and varied weather conditions?
- ✓ Are you comfortable maintaining freeway speeds for extended periods without using cruise-control?
- ✓ Do you have any medical needs that others should be aware of?
- ✓ Is your head in the game? Are you distracted by other life events? If so, you may become a liability to yourself and other riders.

Gear Up for Success. Proper gear can make or break your trip. Ensure you have:

- ✓ Layered clothing for cooler mornings/evenings and warmer mid-day temps.
- ✓ Rain gear in case of unexpected showers.
- ✓ A means of carrying water and access to ICE (In Case of Emergency) contacts.
- ✓ Maps, extra charging cords, trash bags, and other essentials.
- ✔ Packed gear properly—heavier items should be packed low, and essentials should be easily accessible.
- Checked the bike's weight limits; (GVWR Running Order Weight) = Your Load Capacity!

GVWR = 1360 lbs Bike's running weight = 910 lbs Load Capacity (difference): 1360 - 910 = 450 lbs The weight sum of the Rider + Passenger + All Gear = Less than load capacity

NOTE: a leather jacket + full-face helmet + boots weigh about 13-15 lbs.

- ✓ Extra FOB (keys) and a fresh CR2032 battery (or two).
- Cash for gasoline in case credit cards aren't accepted.

<u>Is Your Bike Road-Ready?</u> A well-maintained bike is a safer bike. Do the T-CLOCS check and don't forget to have any required maintenance done well in advance—tires, oil, brakes, battery, spark plugs, air filter. See Chad in Service or Danny Boy and Chris in parts for all your service and parts needs.

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!

Remember, Safety Is No Accident!

Let's make October the month we 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

Membership Renewals

Greetings, Fellow HOG Members!

As your Membership Officer, it's my pleasure to bring you the latest updates from our Biggs HOG Chapter. Our Chapter continues to "manufacture miles with smiles" as we roll the throttle on and take a left turn onto "Holiday Road" - you sang that, didn't you? Many of us are also enjoying the cooler fall weather after enduring the scorching temperatures well into late summer.

Membership early renewal submissions for 2026 officially opened, and it's time to secure your spot for another year of fun, friendship, and unforgettable rides!

Please note: Membership dues have increased by \$5 for 2026 - moving from \$25 to \$30. This small adjustment helps cover rising costs while ensuring we can continue providing the rides, events, and activities that make our Chapter such a great community.

The enrollment form is available at the membership table at a Chapter Meeting or on our website https://bit.ly/ChapterMembershipForm.

- Renewal Fee: \$30
- Two Easy Ways to Renew:
 - 1. In Person: Bring your completed form and \$30 cash or check
 - 2. By mail: Send your completed form and \$30 check to:

Biggs Harley-Davidson
ATTN: Biggs HOG Officers
1040 Los Vallecitos Blvd #113
San Marcos, CA 92069

• Checks should be made payable to: Biggs HOG Chapter 0270

Important Reminders:

- Please DO NOT post-date checks.
- Please <u>PRINT</u> legibly: your name, address, email address, phone number, and National HOG number.
- The enrollment form must be dated January 1, 2026 or later.
- Forms MUST BE signed with a wet signature (in ink).

Let's Ride!

Our Chapter motto, "Have fun and make new friends," continues to guide us. We are a community built on camaraderie and the shared joy of riding. So, gear up, join our events, and let's make the rest of 2025 unforgettable!

As always, if you have any membership questions, feel free to reach out to me at shawne@biggshog.com.

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

Wanted: Chili Cook Off Contestants!!



The *Biggs Harley-Davidson 13th Annual Chili Cook Off* is Saturday, October 11. Please consider helping Biggs HOG represent and support our local firefighters by being a Chili Contestant. Prepare and bring some delicious Biggs HOG Chili.



See any Primary Officer or email <u>volunteers@biggshog.com</u> to volunteer as a Chili Contestant.

Additional upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- ☐ Help Set Up at the October 10 Chapter Meeting. Arrive by 5:45 PM.
- ☐ Help Take Down after the October 10 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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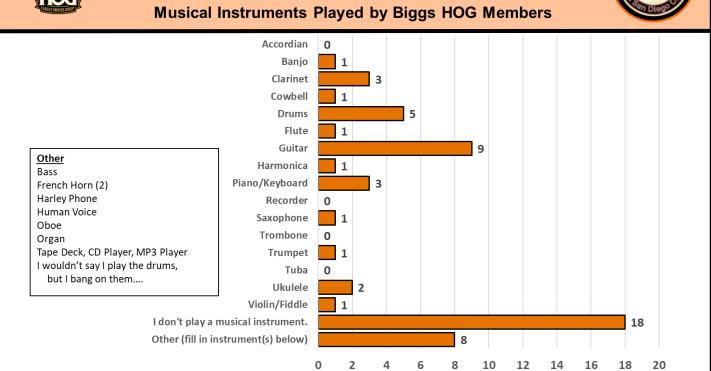


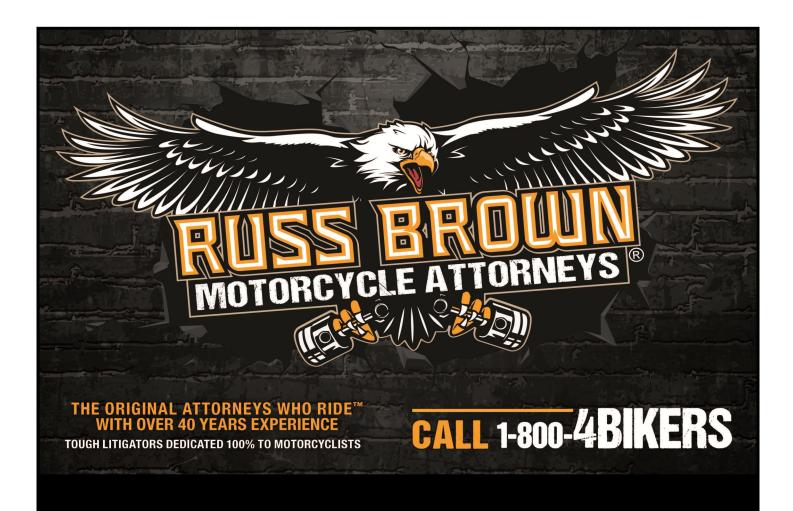
Getting to Know Our Biggs HOG Family 37 members completed the August 2025 Survey.

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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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= Feather Pin Ride

October 2025

Start of Ride Locations in San Marcos

BIGGS H-D: 1040 Los Vallecitos Blvd

STARBUCKS: 126 Knoll Rd

WED 1 -- 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 4 -- Ride to Farmhouse 78

9:00 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium Distance on Back Roads to 30270 CA-78, Santa Ysabel, CA

SUN 5 -- Ride to Hamburger Factory

10:30 AM STARBUCKS

Medium Distance on Back Roads to

14122 Midland Rd, Poway, CA

FRI 10 -- Chapter Meeting

7:00 PM BIGGS H-D

Arrive early at 6 PM to socialize, sign up to volunteer.

Everyone is welcome.

SAT 11 -- Formation 101

8:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Come learn (or refresh your knowledge) about how

we ride as a group. Coffee and donuts.

SAT 11 -- Get Acquainted Ride (GAR)

10:30 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 at

Pala Casino, 11154 CA-76, Pala, CA

SUN 12 -- Ride to Mo's Egg House

7:00 AM STARBUCKS

Medium Distance on Back Roads to

27405 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA

WED 15 -- Dinner Ride to Rainbow Oaks

6:00 PM BIGGS H-D

Medium Distance on Back Roads to

4815 5th St, Fallbrook, CA











SAT 18 -- Ride to All Chapters Picnic in Borrego Springs 7:00 AM STARBUCKS

Long Distance on Back Roads to annual picnic with other SoCal HOG Chapters at Christmas Circle

Community Park, with a stop at Dudley's Bakery on the

way to get lunch for the picnic.

700 Christmas Circle Dr, Borrego Springs, CA

SUN 19 -- Ride to Bowers Museum

7:00 AM STARBUCKS

Long Distance on Mixed Roads to

2002 N Main St, Santa Ana, CA 92706

THURS 23 -- Road Guard Meeting

6:00 PM Rancho Grande El Toro Mexican Cuisine 5:00 PM meal (optional); meeting starts at 6:00 PM

825 Williamston St, Vista, CA

FRI 24 - MON 27/TUES 28 -- Sonora Long Distance Trip

TBD Escondido Shell Station

SAT 25 -- Ride to Kebab Shop—Escondido

9:00 AM BIGGS H-D

Medium Distance on Mixed Roads to

1282 Auto Park Way, Escondido, CA

SUN 26 -- Ride to Jacks Pond Park

10:30 AM STARBUCKS

Medium Distance on Back Roads to

986 La Moree Rd, San Marcos, CA

WED 29 -- Activities Meeting—Everyone is welcome.

6:30 PM VIRTUAL

The meeting link will be sent to those RSVPing to the

eblast sent prior to meeting.















Biggs HOG Chapter 2025 Rides Recap January 1 - August 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	70	70	756	11	3,932	56
Overnight Trip Rides	2	4	45	11	1,386	347
Long Distance Rides	2	10	69	7	3,047	305
2025 Total (Jan-Aug)	74	84	870	10	8,365	100

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

Overnight and Long Distance Trip mileage includes ride to destination, optional day 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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