



S W I N E L I N E

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Director's Message

By Mike C.

Wow! It is amazing how fast 2025 passed! We had 45 rides that year, according to our ride calendar. These included Paradise Harley-Davidson Mystery rides, impromptu outings, and events supporting other activities. Overall, it was a fantastic year with no Chapter-related accidents or injuries—a true success! Our Ride 365 performance was strong, but there's room to improve. Let's remember we won the 2021 Ride 365 Challenge for the Northwestern Region, so I'm confident we can claim first place again this year.

We are planning additional rides and overnight events for 2026. This year, as part of the Chapter Challenge, we aim to visit several ghost towns across Oregon. These locations, rich in the history of early pioneers and settlers, offer unique opportunities to explore places that are not commonly visited while accumulating mileage on your motorcycle. To participate, please ride to any of the designated ghost towns and take a photograph of yourself and your motorcycle in front of the town's name sign, holding the official Chapter Challenge sign. Challenge signs will be available at the dealership and during monthly Chapter meetings.

Beyond dealership and Chapter rides, there are plenty of ways to rack up miles. If you're a HOG member, check out [H.O.G. 2026 Benefits Guide](#) for ride ideas, tours, and rallies. The H-D app also offers monthly challenges—download it on to your cell phone if you haven't yet. Personal rides count too; every mile matters.

The Sunset Chapter will host monthly HOG Night Out events at various locations in 2026, based on members' suggestions. These gatherings offer a chance to connect with others outside regular meetings. If you haven't attended yet, consider joining for a fun and lively evening.

Continued- Director's Message:

Our Road Captains dedicate significant time and effort to planning and pre-riding routes, making sure every ride is safe and enjoyable. Each Road Captain completes an annual assessment to keep their riding skills up to date. They review policies and procedures to enhance rides and get the most out of the season. All this work is done for Chapter members, so join a ride and brighten a Road captain's day with your participation.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who make this Chapter outstanding. Our existence relies on their dedication. We're always looking for more volunteers, so if you'd like to help make this Chapter even better, please contact any member of the leadership team.

As many of you know, Paradise Harley-Davidson has been sold and has been renamed to Steelhead Harley-Davidson. I met Erik Paulson, who is one of the new owners and was impressed with him. During our conversation, Erik stated nothing should change. We are still the Sunset Chapter -Tigard, but no longer #1814. A new Chapter number will be forthcoming. Mike Durbin has supported us very well in the past 23 years, and I don't see Erik being any less supportive. If you have an opportunity, please seek out Mike and thank him for his support over the years. I have invited Erik to our meeting and events.

Thank you once again for allowing me to continue being the Director of the Sunset Chapter. I very much enjoyed 2025, and together with our leadership team, I am looking forward to an exciting 2026 with the upcoming rides and Chapter functions. We are truly blessed by the great people in our HOG Chapter!

Like the band "Queen" said: "Get on your bikes and ride!" And...don't forget to have fun!

Be strong and ride safe and turn in those miles!

"5 Minute" Mike

Director, Sunset HOG Chapter - Tigard

Sunset Chapter Ride 365 Challenge

As of February 16th

Sunset Chapter 2nd in the NW Region: 16,796 miles!

Sunset Chapter Top 10 Riders with the most miles:

1. Scott K/ Joan K	2,578
2. Doug M/ Carol M	1,318
3. Raymond M	1,172
4. Jerry H/ Susanna S	1,091
5. Robert S	761
6. Gerardo A	654
7. Daniel B	644
8. Nancy C	522
9. Joseph C	500
10. Robert D	430

Upcoming Events and Rides

See the Sunset Chapter's Website Calendar for more information.

February:

19th - HOG Night Out at McMenemy's West Linn

21st - Officers Hosting No-Donuts Brunch

March:

10th - Sunset Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

18th - Hog Night Out at Giovanni's

21st - Sizzlin' Saturday at Steelhead Harley-Davidson

21st & 22nd - Cherry City Classic

28th - Season Opener Ride / Rib Roast at Steelhead Harley-Davidson

Upcoming Events and Rides-continued

April:

4th - Sizzlin' Saturday at Steelhead Harley-Davidson

14th - Sunset Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

15th - Lunch Ride TBD

20th - HOG Night Out - Taste of Sichuan, Beaverton

25th - Sunset Mystery Ride

May:

1st-3rd - The One Moto Show

12th - Sunset Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

13th - Helvetia Tavern Lunch Ride

16th - Sunset Mystery Ride

17th - Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride

28th - Benchmade Ride

29th - Furlough Ride

June:

3rd - Vernonia Lunch Ride

6th - Sgt Watts 3rd Annual Ride & Roll

9th - Chapter Meeting and Social Hour with Complimentary Dinner

14th - Strawberry Shortcake Ride

17th - Lunch Ride TBD

20th - Grist Mill Ride

26th-29th - Bucket of Blood Over-night Tour

Road Captains Roundabout

By: Senior RC Bob S.

The sale of Paradise Harley-Davidson to Steelhead Harley-Davidson came as a surprise to us all. I wish Mike Durbin and his family a happy retirement and success in whatever they pursue next. Working with Mike over the years has truly been a pleasure.

I'm excited to meet the new owners at Steelhead Harley-Davidson. Everything I've read suggests they have ambitious plans for the dealership, and I wish them the best going forward.

The Road Captain Group has been actively holding meetings to review both the Orientation Manual and the Road Captain policies. Over the past several days, we have conducted check-rides while taking advantage of the excellent weather conditions for riding. So far, eighteen Road Captains have completed their check-rides, with five more still needing to ride the route.

While check-rides are underway, the Road Captains gathered on Saturday to plan the ride calendar for 2026. Our plans include introducing new rides and destinations, as well as reviving some popular routes that haven't been featured recently.

As many of you know, the North Meets South Rally will be hosted by Rose City HOG this July 9th through July 12th. The Road Captain Group is working with Rose City to help with rides during the rally. Fourteen Sunset Chapter Road Captains have volunteered to lead or help lead rides during this big event. Rose City estimates three hundred riders will attend the Rally.

Live to Ride-Ride to Live

Bob S, Senior Road Captain

The Safety Minute: Some myths-vs-reality

By: Safety Officer Dale S.

Some safety myths are not seasonal. As we look forward to the riding season, consider reviewing a few issues I feel are important.

1. Myth: "The more you ride, the safer you are"- Not necessarily. You can still have bad habits that are just 20, 30 years old. Skill does not come from time. Skill comes from awareness and training. Don't let your ego write a check your bike can't cash.
2. Myth: "People in cars cause all the problems"- We don't get the luxury of always being right. We get the luxury of staying alive. Riders stay alive by predicting stupidity, not complaining about it afterwards.
3. Myth: "Curves are scary and straight roads are safe"- Straight roads can lull you into complacency. It is very easy to zone out, lose focus, daydream, or just become lazy. Curves demand attention and focus. Curves are where most fatal accidents occur at Sturgis every year. However, near Mouth Hood, most fatal accidents occur on straight road areas between Welches and Sandy.
4. Myth: "Loud pipes save lives"- Not necessarily. When riding at speed, the exhaust sound is behind you. Cars don't always hear you coming. Drivers now live in a bubble within their vehicle. Music turned up, windows up, distracted by passengers and phones. On-coming traffic can't hear you.

Here is a basic survival kit: Myths sound good but reality will keep you alive!

1. Vision: See threats early
2. Space: leave yourself and others room to react to mistakes.
3. Stupid stuff: Everybody will do the most stupid stuff possible.

Much of this is based on my experience and inspiration from "BUSA RELLZ" and other creators online. Now is a great time to update your mindset and skills!

Rider's Waypoint

Discovery of a Gem: Oregon's 'Tail of the Dragon'

By Nancy C

This was an idea stemmed from one of HOG's exclusive stories entitled 'Discovery of A Local Gem'. It's Wisconsin's Dragon on page 41 in the [2026 H.O.G. Benefits Guide](#). It's about a couple from Wisconsin who discovered they didn't need to ride far to enjoy the curves of their very own Tail of the Dragon. If you haven't heard about the Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee, ask your Chapter director about it. He has ridden it almost twice!

Let's adventure out and ride a 'Tail of the Dragon' in Oregon. Here is a list of some potentials:

1. Old McKenzie Hwy 242
2. Hwy 47 between Mist and Clatskanie, OR
3. Silver Falls Hwy
4. Hwy 180 - Summit Hwy- at Blodgett, OR
5. Bald Mtn Rd to Beaver, OR
6. SE Crooked River Hwy to Hwy 20- south of Prineville, OR
7. Dooley Mtn Hwy 245 S of Baker City, OR
8. Wallowa Mtn Loop near Joseph, OR



Useful Links

[Harley Owners Group](#)

[Sunset Chapter](#)

[Membership](#)

[Chapter Challenge Ride 365](#)

[2026 Chapter Challenge](#) (Coming Soon)

[Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation](#) -Buy your motorcycle raffle ticket!



Fun Photos: December



**Shriners
Toy Run**



**Chapter Meeting and
Social Hour**



Fun Photos: December



Chapter Meeting continued

Fun Photos: December



Hog Night Out- Thirsty Lion



Fun Photos: January



Polar Bear Ride

Potluck Breakfast/ Brunch



Fun Photos: January

Chapter Meeting and Social Hour



Fun Photos: January

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Hog Night Out - East Burnside



Fun Photos: January

Road Captains Meeting & Orientation



Fun Photos: January

Road Captains Meeting & Orientation



Fun Photos: February

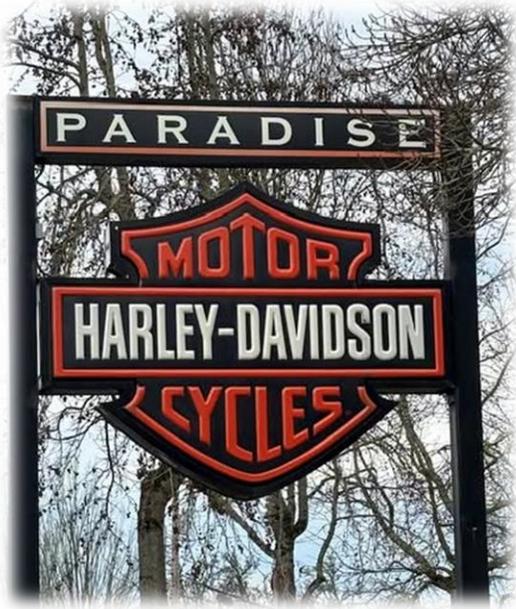
Chapter Meeting & Social Hour- 37th Anniversary



February Chapter Meeting & Social Hour



A New Era



Congratulations to Mike and Cheryl on their sale of Paradise. We welcome Erik P. and Dave T., the new owners with a new name, Steelhead Harley-Davidson Dealership!