

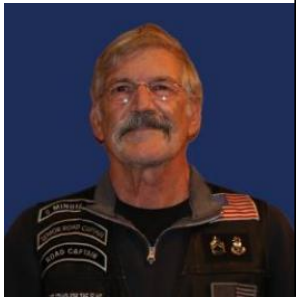


SUNSET CHAPTER HOG #1814

SWINELINE

Fall 2025

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Director's Message

By Mike C.

As we all know, summer is over and fall has arrived faster than any of us like. It is getting colder, wetter, and less daylight has shortened our motorcycle riding time. Some of us are fair weather riders and are 'winterizing' our bikes, and others are preparing their bikes for winter riding. For those of us that are year-around riders, I have a few tips:

- Make sure your bike is in good condition - Perform a T CLOCS inspection (Tires and Wheels, Controls, Lights and Electrical, Engine Oil and Fluids, Chassis and Side stand) is extra important when it's cold out. Paradise Harley-Davidson service department can help you keep your bike in tiptop condition.
- Dress for the weather – base layer clothing, rain gear, heated gear, and heated gloves (if you don't have heated grips). Fog free full-face helmet and neck gaiter are a must to have. Remember to keep feet warm and dry! It is scientifically proven that as your body becomes hypothermic, you lose concentration and manual dexterity in hands and feet. Paradise has in-boot toe warmers, as does Cycle Gear and Costco. Check weather conditions and plan your route. If the weather is iffy, park it and ride another day. Take a look at the wind chill temperature chart here: https://www.norcalpgr.org/wind_chill_charts.html.
- Carry extra items in your tour pack or backpack, such as hand warmers, extra socks, first aid kit, external batteries, and road safety items.
- Consider always riding with a partner, just in case something happens and you require someone to obtain help for you. Take breaks often from riding, more often than when riding in fair weather.
- Always, and I mean ALWAYS, let someone know your route and expected time of return.
- Stay alert! When riding in fall and winter, be aware of your surroundings. Wet roads and wet leaves make the road slippery. Watch for frost, black ice, or sand on the roads, especially in the curves where trees can block the sun. It's crucial to know that tire traction can be lost in a second. Slow down and keep it at a manageable speed. Enjoy the ride.

Continued- Director's Message

I had the opportunity to visit the Sunset Chapter in Aachen, Germany during August. It was no less than a wonderful experience! I was welcomed as if they had known me for years. Their 30th anniversary celebration brought in over 40 H.O.G. chapters from Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands, Spain, and Holland. There was a ride for a children's cancer support group which earned over \$4794. This showed me that H.O.G. members all over have big hearts. I gave each Sunset- Aachen Chapter member one of our challenge coins and explained to them how they were used. They were very grateful. They now have a challenge coin made for their Chapter. I have also been invited to attend the 30th anniversary celebration for the Dresden H.O.G. Chapter next year which I hope to attend.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to continue as Sunset Chapter Director for another year. It's been my pleasure and fun to serve! 2025 has gone way too fast and I'm hoping 2026 will bring new and exciting things for the Chapter. We have added a few new faces to the leadership group with energy and ideas. They are John W.- Assistant Director, Kristi M.- Secretary, and Gretchen O.- Activities Officer. Information about your new Chapter Officers is included in this Swineline issue.

In 2025, we introduced mid-week impromptu lunch rides and rerun lunch rides on the weekends for those not able to make the mid-week rides. I expect this to continue with more planning. We welcome all ideas that will enhance our riding and activity experiences. Please talk to any of the leadership groups or use the suggestion box with your ideas.

As always, the Chapter is looking for more folks to volunteer as Road Captains. Please consider becoming one. We are hoping for new routes and overnight ride ideas. The Pacific Northwest has some of the country's best scenic roads, byways, and sites. There are mountains, rivers, and an ocean to see. There are ghost towns, small historic towns, and awesome people to meet. All of this is for us to explore and to do it on a motorcycle!

We run on volunteers. We always need folks to help with Chapter activities. For the past few years, we have not had anyone to serve as the *Ladies of Harley* Officer. Christmas is coming quickly and one of the fundraisers we have is wrapping Christmas gifts at Paradise. Please consider volunteering for this position. It can be a shared position.

Please turn in your 365 miles at Paradise Harley-Davidson! Paradise treats us very well. Without them, we would not exist. Having said that, please return the favor and support Paradise Harley-Davidson. If you have gift cards, please use them soonest.

I appreciate all of you for what you do for the Sunset H.O.G. Chapter #1814. Thank you!

Ride and have fun, just be careful.

"5 Minute" Mike

Director, Sunset H.O.G. Chapter

Sunset Chapter Ride 365 Challenge

As of November 20th

Sunset Chapter 5th in the NW Region: 464,597 miles!

Sunset Chapter Top 10 Riders with the most miles:

1. Ben H.	24,727
2. Debra M	24,557
3. Raymond M	24,557
4. Jerry H	15,158
5. Susanna S	15,158
6. Richard D	15,091
7. Joseph C	14,763
8. David D	13,592
9. Dale S	13,062
10. Phil S	12,314

Upcoming Events and Rides

For detailed information, go to the Sunset Chapter's website calendar.

November:

29th – Salvation Army Toy Run

December:

6th – Biscuits & Gravy Contest

Shriner's Toy Run

9th – Dinner and Chapter Meeting at Paradise Harley-Davidson

13th – Christmas Toy Drive

29th – HOG Night Out- Thirsty Lion

Upcoming Events and Rides-continued

January:

1st – Polar Bear Run

10th – Ride 365 Kick-off and All Chapter Members Potluck

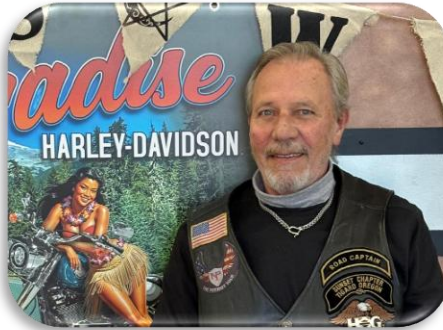
13th – Social Hour and Chapter Meeting

16th – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Donut and Cider Ride

Meet Your Assistant Director: John



Hello Fellow Members,

I'm honored to have been selected to be your new Assistant Director of the Sunset HOG Chapter #1814. I hope to always have an open mind, an open ear, and an open heart while serving this chapter that I thoroughly enjoy being a member of.

I purchased my first Harley in 1979 while living in San Diego where we didn't wear helmets and rode like madmen up & down Hwy I-5 along the beautiful coastline. After 2 frustrating years of the AMF 1200 Super Glide, I traded it for an old 48 ridged frame Pan Head. She was a wild & pretty ride, and I wish I still had her.

I moved to the Portland area in 1990 as a construction worker but didn't purchase my 97 Heritage until 2016 and joined the Sunset Chapter. I've made many friends within the Chapter Family and have had many great experiences with you all on rides, events, & needs.

I had a near-death solo accident in 2022, on my 2019 Ultra Limited. We were in the Washington hills along the Klickitat River. It was so assuring to have a Sunset Chapter Road Captain looking over me every time I opened my eyes, even in the ER. Having a HOG Family brother there made me feel so safe and relieved, as I could not comprehend what was going on. While I was in the assisted living recovery home, a HOG Family brother was just down the hall because of his run-in with a deer. While we were there, 3 or 4 HOG Family members came to visit us, and this was during Covid. My wife could not drive when I was released, so a HOG Family couple came to Washington to pick me up & deliver me home to my anxiously waiting wife. While recovering at home, a HOG brother came by the house & took me to and from a Chapter meeting. After I recovered, a HOG brother took me to Paradise H-D to pick up my new 2024 Heritage & escorted me home.

So now you can see why I feel this HOG Chapter #1814 really is FAMILY!

I hope to continue to expand our membership and help all to feel welcomed and cared for.

John W.

Meet the Chapter Secretary: Kristy M.

Kristy “the Wife” joined the Sunset HOG Chapter in April of 2025. Having purchased a 2021 Harley Tri-Glide in June of 2024, she and Mark sought out the Chapter for riding events and ended up being welcomed by a whole group of really nice, friendly people.

Kristy started her career and ended her career, as a Special Education Teacher. In the middle of her career she spent 17 years at Pacific University, College of Education, teaching students in the Master of Special Education Teacher Program.

Kristy and Mark both grew up in NE Portland. They met when Mark was working at the local grocery store a couple blocks from her house. They both went to Portland State University. They got married in the Old Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, Oregon in 1991. They have two adult children (Kaitlin and Mike), and two rescue boxer dogs (Dottie and PeeWee).

Kristy and Mark both retired in 2024. They enjoy riding their Harley, camping, hiking, getting together with friends and family, playing with their dogs, and gradually making improvements on their house and yard.

Looking forward to meeting you,
Kristy



Meet Activities Officer: Gretchen O.



Hello Chapter members,

My claim to fame is being born at Edwards Air Force Base where they land the Space Shuttle. My father was a mechanic for jets. I lived in the West Covina area of LA until I was 12 years old. My family then moved to Vancouver, WA due to my father getting a job as an over-the-road trucker based in Vancouver. During high school I worked at Fred Meyer selling paint. If you need to know anything about paint, wallpapering, or gardening I can help you.

After completing my high school education, I attended college at Lewis & Clark University. While attending college, I worked as a resident assistant and at the college library in circulation, interlibrary loan and the archives. This helped pay for my college degree and provided me with skills.

I travelled to Hungary and studied at the University of Hungary, Szeged for a year while there was still an Iron Curtain. There were Soviet soldiers stationed in Szeged for the full time I studied in Hungary. The family I lived with informed me that I would be “watched” while studying. They advised me that my mail would be “looked over” before being sent to America & before I received it from America. I was permitted to call home once during my stay and that was at Christmas. It was clear that I wasn’t just talking with my family, quite an eerie feeling.

I also travelled to Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev. Everything was so beautiful. History surrounded us during our studies and travels. The people were incredibly kind. But the lack of freedom was quite clear. When asked questions about how life is and how they differ from the lives of those who don’t have it is hard to explain to those who have never experienced it.

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Upon returning and graduating from college, I worked as a librarian for 25 years. I now do medical billing which is a new experience and requires many new skills. “Encouraging” medical insurance companies to pay on claims requires a special skill of determination and diplomacy.

I have been married to Greg for 38 years. We had two daughters; however, we lost one over two years ago. I enjoy baking, crocheting, camping, riding, reading, volunteering, family, and other great things.

I began riding during college on a small scooter. My grandmother rode a Harley and drove an 18-wheeler. She encouraged me to “get off my rice burner and get a real bike”. We purchased my first Harley, a 2016 Street 750 in 2016. When it became too heavy, I sadly was going to stop biking and sell it. But happily, when we took it to Paradise Harley-Davidson to sell, we came home with a Trike. I’m learning to ride it currently. I’m sure that my grandmother watches over us whenever we ride, cheering me on always.

Being an Activities Officer, I’m always looking for new places to have HOG Nights Out. Let me know if you have any ideas or submit your ideas in the suggestion box during the Chapter meetings.

Thank you, and look forward to meeting you- Gretchen



Mom Pitchford on a Harley

Fort Kennedy Turkey Run!



Plenty of giving to do for our Veterans in need.

Fun Photos: September

McKenzie Pass Ride



Mary's Peak Brown Bag Ride



Fun Photos: September



Sunset Annual Chapter Picnic



Fun Photos: September



Chapter Meeting- Mileage rockers



Hells Canyon-Joseph Overnight Ride



Fun Photos: September

Yachats Chowder Run



Fun Photos: October



Paradise Annual Chili Cook-off



Fun Photos: October



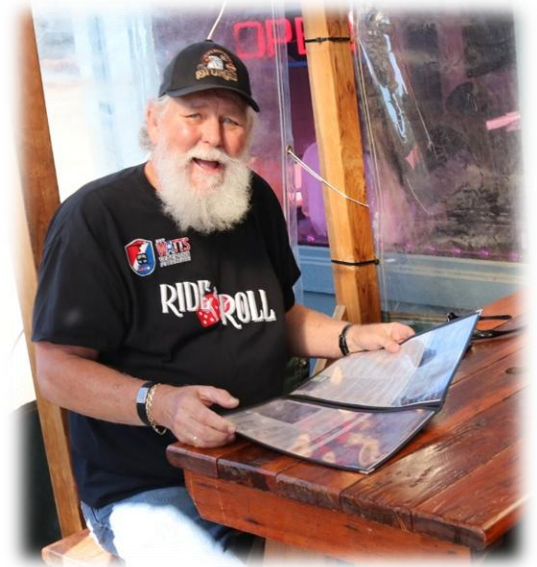
Social Hour & Chapter Meeting



Fun Photos: October



Impromptu- Wednesday Lunch Ride



Road Captains Potluck Breakfast



Fun Photos: November

Bowling Night with Rose City Chapter

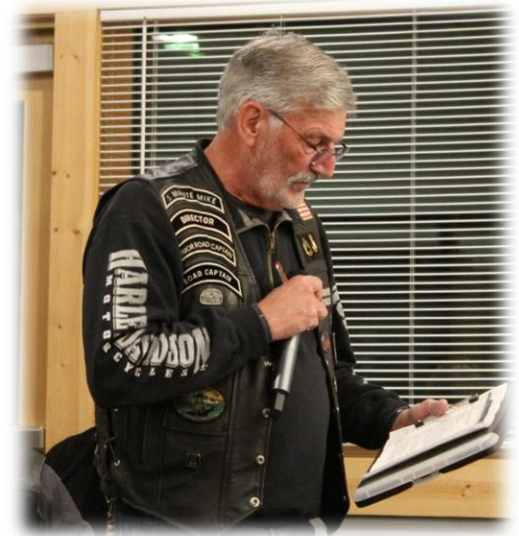


Donut and Cider Ride



Fun Photos: November

Social Hour and Chapter Meeting



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Hog Night Out- Tigardville Station



Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!

