

**SPRING 2024** 

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# Director's Message By David B.

Get ready, get set, go for another season and year of riding and having fun. The road captains have planned several awesome rides for the 2024 ride season and are ramping up to volunteer hundreds of hours on pre-rides and leading rides for another year of unforgettable good times. I am personally leading a four-day ride to Tofino, located on Vancouver Island, BC Canada, which I was supposed to lead last year. There are at least three other overnight rides and many day rides planned. So, keep an eye on the chapter calendar which should be updated soon with all the rides so that you can plan your riding season.

2024 is also a big political election year where we will vote for several individuals including the president of our great nation who will lead our country for next four years. I just want to remind all of you about the Chapter Charter that is published by National H.O.G, specifically Article I section 2: **"Chapter activities and operations shall be conducted in a manner consistent with a family-oriented, non-political, non-religious philosophy"**. We all just need to remember that we are a group of dedicated Harley-Davidson enthusiasts that enjoy riding together. So please keep your political discussion with each other to outside of chapter events and rides. Also be aware of what you display on or around your bike during chapter rides such as campaign slogans, campaign flags or candidates you support so as not to spark any political discussions. Outside of Chapter rides please feel free to display whatever political sentiments you like on your bike. Let's keep our time together fun and focused on riding.

As I look back over the last eight years, I have made many friends and gained so many awesome memories that would not have happened if I didn't own a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and hadn't joined Sunset Chapter; and for that, I thank all of you for being part of that great journey. I am looking forward to more of the same in 2024. See all of you on the road. Please ride safely and keep the rubber side down! Page | 2

# Sunset Chapter 2023 Internal Ride 365 Chapter Challenge

Rider with the Overall Highest Milage:

1<sup>st</sup> Raymond M. 21,304 miles- \$100

2<sup>nd</sup> Jack G. 17,498 miles- \$75

3<sup>rd</sup> Greg S. 17,380 miles- \$50

Riders with the Highest Increase between 2022 and 2023:

1<sup>st</sup> Lance K. 14,704 miles- \$100

2<sup>nd</sup> Greg J. 14,026 miles- \$75

3<sup>rd</sup> Harry D. 9,101 miles- \$50

Riders Closest to the Average (5,210 miles)

1<sup>st</sup> Jerry H. 5,041 miles (169)- \$75

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill H. 5,436 miles (226)- \$50

3<sup>rd</sup> Joan K. 5,556 miles (346)- \$25





# **Duties of a Road Captain**

### By Mike C.

Sunset Hog Road Captains (RC) have three positions during a multibike ride: Lead Road Captain (LRC), Shotgun, and Sweep. The LRC plans and leads the ride, the Shotgun assists the LRC, the Sweep ride in the back of the group to assist the LRC and riders that may have issues during the ride. All three positions participate in all Sunset Chapter and Paradise rides. The duties of a RC include planning, thinking ahead, communications, and rider education. RCs are basically tour guides.

The RC plans rides to ensure it will be safe for all riders. The RC must know where the hazards might be; for instance, the road conditions, weather conditions, and any special events that may impact the ride. RCs will also pre-ride the course several days in advance to check for road conditions that may have changed recently.

The LRC will conduct a 5-minute meeting prior to each ride. This meeting includes introducing the Shotgun, Sweep, and any other RCs on the ride. The LRC will show hand signals used during the ride, what to expect on the ride, a short description of the route, and what happens if a motorcycle breaks down or a mishap occurs.

Other duties of a RC are to deal with the law enforcement and unexpected surprises. However, the main responsibility is to ensure everyone has a great ride, keep it fun, and make it a safe ride.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Road Captain, contact any RC for information. Remember, if you're not the lead dog, the scenery never changes!

**Ride safe!** 

# **'Spring' Into Upcoming Rides**

#### April

- 6<sup>th</sup> Cougar Loop Ride
- 13<sup>th</sup> Grist Mill Ride
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pig Turd Ride
- 24<sup>th</sup> Three Ferries Ride
- 27<sup>th</sup> Paradise Mystery Ride

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1<sup>st</sup> Maupin Lunch Ride

11<sup>th</sup> Paradise Mystery Ride

\*\*\*18<sup>th</sup> Ride and Roll (Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation)

25<sup>th</sup> Silver Falls Ride

29<sup>th</sup> Klickitat Canyon Run

#### June

2<sup>nd</sup> Escape the City to Pacific City Ride

Summer Over-Night Rides:

July 19-22 LoLa Pass

July 26-29 Vancouver Island

August 23-26 Cascade Leavenworth

Road Captains in training for safe rides this year:



# **Activities Director**

### By Phil S.

Hi all,

I am the Activities Director for our Sunset Chapter this year. My goal is to have an activity or event once a month other than the Meet & Mingle. So far this year, I've scheduled an Axe Throwing event, Billiards, a very successful bowling night with the Rose City Chapter, a Pistol Shoot, and a Winterhawks Night which unfortunately we had to cancel.

Some upcoming events include a Corn Hole Tournament at the Elks Club, a Miniature Golf night, and a Slow Ride Course also at the Elks Club.

Another objective of mine is to schedule some activities with other HOG Chapters. We had a fun, popular bowling night with the Rose City Chapter last February. I am trying to schedule more co-chapter events with them. The Pioneer Chapter in Albany has expressed an interest in co- chapter events as well. Their primary officers will be attending our April Chapter meeting, and I will be attending their meeting in the same month. Please check the Sunset Chapter calendar for upcoming events. I hope everyone has a safe, and fun riding season!

If you have suggestions for activities you want to do, please email me at <a href="mailto:Phil@sunsethog.com">Phil@sunsethog.com</a>





Figure 1 Bowling Night

Figure 2 Billiard's Night

## Sgt. Watts Veterans Foundation

#### Inaugural 'Ride and Roll' Veteran's Fundraising Event

The Sgt Watts Veteran's Foundation, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, is conducting its first annual fundraising event called "Ride and Roll".

Who doesn't' enjoy a lovely drive through the Willamette Valley countryside? But just imagine how much better it could be if you knew that you are supporting local veterans' organizations at the same time. The Ride and Roll is a fun charity event that will take you out into the country to five unique and interesting stops; where, at each stop you roll dice to compete for a "best" score. After the 5 stops, the total highest or lowest scorer each wins a top prize. In addition, there will be plenty of door prizes, plus a 50-50 raffle. The 95-mile event might take you on a ferry ride or two, and over Oregon's oldest covered bridge. The stops include opportunities to eat lunch and buy merchandise.

The \$20 registration fee includes a score sheet. Additional score sheets are available for \$10. Registration is at Dub's Tavern from 9-11 on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants need to turn in their scoresheets at Dub's Tavern by 3 pm to be eligible for a prize. Donations can always be made to support your veterans at www.sgtwattsveteransfoundation.org

Dub's Tavern is located at 2509 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin OR 97062

#### **2024 Motorcycle Raffle:**

A New 2023 Harley Davidson Street Glide Motorcycle will be raffled to one lucky winner on August 24, 2024. A total of 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 per tickets. Don't hesitate to purchase your raffle ticket(s) and have a chance to win this new motorcycle! Additional prizes include one \$500 gift card from Paradise Harley Davidson or one of five, \$100 gift cards!

### January-March Fun Photos of 2024:





Polar Bear ride 2



Practice Shoot 1





Practice Shoot 2



Beer & Brats Paradise Style 1



Beer & Brats Paradise Style 2

### January-March Fun Photos:



March Potluck 1



March Potluck 4



March Potluck 2 and 3







Road Captains' Training

### January-March Fun Photos of 2024:



Beer & Brats Paradise Style 3



March Meet & Mingle 2



March Meet & Mingle 1



March Meet & Mingle 3



March Meet & Mingle 5



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