

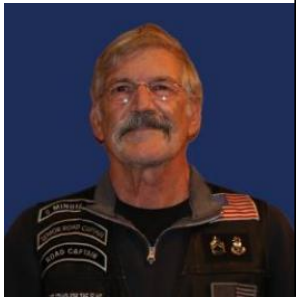


SUNSET CHAPTER HOG #1814

SWINELINE

Summer 2025

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Director's Message

By Mike C.

Summer is here and the riding season is in full swing. For the remainder of the summer, the Road Captains have some awesome rides awaiting- some overnight, and some day rides.

Riding a motorcycle is inherently dangerous, but we do it anyway. Do you remember your first time on a motorcycle, either as a rider or a passenger? If you are like me, the first time was a bit scary but also exhilarating; with a feeling of freedom, I was hooked! The twist of the throttle, leaning into a curve, the twists and turns-just WOW!

Studies show that riding a motorcycle turns on adrenaline and sends dopamine to the brain. This makes us happy. It is also a form of meditation, while looking around at the sights and hearing sounds, but staying vigilant. While riding, we are watching the road, looking for possible dangers, such as inattentive drivers, potholes, wildlife, and any other obstacle that could harm us. Despite the dangers of riding, we feel most alive when out and about. We love our machine for freedom, power, and exhilaration- all of which have mental health benefits. Just think about it; when was the last time you saw a motorcycle parked in front of a psychiatrist's office? So, let's get out there and put some miles on your bikes and get happy! And...turn in your miles, please. Ride and have fun!

I will be visiting the Sunset Chapter in Aachen, Germany in August - celebrating their 30 anniversary and doing a children's benefit ride. I have already rented a Street Glide and am excited to join in the festivity. Each Aachen Chapter member will be presented with one of our challenge coins as a memento of our Chapter's support for our German HOG brothers and sisters. Stay tuned, as I will be posting on our Facebook page and reporting back to you at the September meeting.

I have met so many amazing and awesome people through the Sunset Chapter of HOG 1814 Tigard. I have also made some incredible friends. Please, don't keep our Chapter a

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secret. Talk us up, invite non-chapter members to our monthly meetings or a Paradise Harley-Davidson Mystery Ride. Encourage past members, or current members who are not participating, to ride with us and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded folks. Welcome all visitors with a hardy handshake, introduce yourself and let them know we very much appreciate them. Let's grow the Chapter!

I also want to praise the Road Captains on the fantastic job they are doing. The rides we've had this year have been no less than wonderful. However, we are short of Road Captains and are doing less rides this year than done in past years. Please consider becoming a Road Captain. Remember, if you're not lead dog, the scenery never changes!

We will continue to encourage mid-week lunch rides, both planned and unplanned. I understand most of you have jobs and may not have the opportunity to make the mid-week rides. Having stated that, we have decided to experiment and offer a "Rerun Lunch Ride" on the weekends. By the time you read this, we will have had a few of them. Hopefully, they will become a popular event and can be added to our planned and unplanned rides on a permanent basis.

As a reminder, Paradise Harley-Davidson treats the Chapter very well. I encourage all members to support PHD as they have supported us. When Paradise Harley-Davidson has an event or a function, please join them. Usually, there is food and drink, and sometimes specials of some sort. They are the reason we exist. So, please return the favor and participate.

Oh...and just to let you all know, a bet is a bet. The pig has been kissed. What I do for my people!

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be the Chapter Director. It is an honor and a privilege, and I'm having a lot of fun and enjoy interacting and riding with all of you. Thank you!

Stay strong and be safe!

"5 Minute" Mike
Director, Sunset H.O.G.



Mike kissing a hog!
Ride n' Roll bet
between Sunset
& Rose City Chapters

Sunset Chapter Ride 365 Challenge

As of August 26th

Sunset Chapter 4th in the NW Region: 327,727 miles!

Sunset Chapter Top 10 Riders with the most miles:

1. Fred S.	25,121
2. Ben H	18,724
3. David D	13,592
4. Dale S	13,062
5. Raymond M	12,423
6. Debra M	11,999
7. Phil S	10,511
8. Susanna S	9,209
9. Jerry H	9,209
10. James B	8,937

Upcoming Events and Rides

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

August:

30th – Lost Vader Ride

31st - McKenzie Pass Ride

September:

6th – Ride to Sunset Chapter Annual Picnic

Sunset Chapter Annual Picnic

9th – Sunset Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

10th – Mary's Peak Brown Bag Ride

Upcoming Events and Rides-continued

September:

12th thru 14th – Hell's Canyon Overnight Ride- Joseph, OR

20th – Third Annual Sgt Watts Memorial Ride

21st – HOG Night Out- Murray Hill Taphouse

24th – Yachats Chowder Run

27th – Group Riding Orientation 9:00 am

Paradise Mystery Ride 10:00 am

October:

14th – Sunset Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

15th – HOG Night Out – Hops n Drops- Vancouver

18th – Road Captains Potluck Breakfast

November:

8th – Donuts and Cider Ride



Sgt Watts Veterans' Charity Event- 'Ride n' Roll'

Meet Your Chapter Officer: Valerie

Hello Fellow Sunset HOG Members,

In case we haven't met yet, I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Valerie McCarty, and I'm honored to be serving as your Treasurer for Sunset HOG.

My husband Lee and I moved to Oregon from Detroit, Michigan in 2017. Not long after settling in, we joined this amazing chapter, and from the very beginning, we knew we had found something special. For me, the best part of riding with Sunset HOG isn't just the miles or the destination, it's the friendships, the laughter, and the sense of belonging we share as a chapter family.

A little about me: I've always had a heart for volunteering. It's something that started back in college, where I served as Treasurer for the Residence Hall Association and as the university rep on the local Crimestoppers board. Since then, I've continued to volunteer with various organizations each year. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Business Finance, with a minor in Management and Accounting, and I'm proud to bring that background to support our chapter.

Some of you may also know my husband Lee through his work as President of the SGT Watts Veterans Foundation. Over the years, we've lived and traveled across the U.S. and have been

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fortunate to ride with several wonderful HOG chapters along the way, and Sunset HOG truly feels like home.

As a rider, I've logged over 125,000 miles on my Harley-Davidson motorcycles. I started out on a Heritage, then moved to an Ultra Limited, a Street Glide, and now I'm loving every mile on my 2023 Road Glide CVO. Over the years, I've been involved in many chapter roles, Past Treasurer, Road Captain, Ladies of Harley, Social Committee, and the Road Captain Core Team. Riding is my passion, but it's the connection with all of you that makes this journey so rewarding.

I'm looking forward to more great miles and memories together. Thanks for letting me be a part of this incredible community.

Warmly,
Valerie McCarty



Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation

Results of the Motorcycle Raffle

The drawing took place at the Paradise Harley-Davidson dealership on August 23rd. A new 2024 Harley-Davidson Street Glide, and other prizes were claimed by the following winners:

Motorcycle- Rob Puggins

\$500 Paradise Gift Card-Marilyn Cade

TV- Ron Gibson

There were five \$100 Paradise Gift Card winners:

Glen Kotler

Scott Kemp

George Forsyth

Jeanie Kretlow

Jake Marks

Congratulations!!

Ride and Roll Charity Event

The second annual Ride n' Roll took place on June 7th. This event brought in over \$6,000 with twice as many participants compared to last year's first Ride n' Roll. Thank you to all who participated!!

Ninety-five percent of all monies/ donations go to local veterans in need.

For more information go to [Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation](#)

Sunset HOG Chapter Challenge for 2025

Your 2025 Chapter Challenge is to visit as many of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Sites as possible between April 15, 2025, and September 15, 2025

Take one picture of yourself, your bike, Sunset Chapter logo flyer and State Park sign. Submit the photo to chapterchallenge@sunsethog.com (one entry per park, per current member, no group photos)

Prizes:

Highest number of entries - \$100 Paradise Harley-Davidson gift card

Second highest number of entries - \$50 Paradise Harley-Davidson gift card

Third highest number of entries - \$25 Paradise Harley-Davidson gift card

Fourth highest number of entries - Sunset Chapter Challenge Coin

Fifth highest number of entries - Sunset Chapter Challenge Coin

Winners of prizes will be announced at the October 14th Chapter Meeting. If more than one current member qualifies in a category, names will be put into a hat and a drawing will be held.

Get your Chapter logo flyer and list of state parks here:

[Sunset HOG Chapter Challenge 2025](#)

Rider's Waypoint

Different Roads- A tour through Central-Eastern Oregon

by Nancy C

For our second annual road trip this summer, Bob and I decided to tour the Central-Eastern regions of Oregon using unfamiliar roads. This took quite a bit of planning, since I particularly don't care for riding on gravel, and Bob having to place unfamiliar routes on the H-D riders app. The trip was over period of 4 days and 3 nights.

Day 1- The Blue Mountains Scenic Byway (335 miles): We rode up the Columbia Gorge on I84, then on to Hwy 74 through Heppner out on FSR 53 to Ukiah. Such a sweet town was Ukiah. It had a central park with a food truck that had good tasting burgers and milk shakes. Leaving Ukiah, we mistakenly took Hwy 244 towards La Grande. My U-turn skills needed some practice. Anyhow, we returned to Ukiah to take County Road 1475 (FSR 52) out of town.

We rode forest service roads and county

roads 52,51,73,24, 520, through Sumpter, Hwy 7, and finally Hwy 26 to

Prairie City. We stayed the night in Prairie City in a 1900's style hotel called Hotel Prairie.

Across the street, in a building's upper attic porthole, was an active owl's nest which we viewed from our hotel window. The Blue Mountain Scenic Byway in June was beautiful with wildflowers, butterflies, and grassy green meadows having breathtaking views. All roads were great to ride on; only one stretch had couple of miles of packed gravel due to construction.





Day 2- Painted hills, fossil beds, and a paleontology museum (231 miles): From Prairie City, we rode HWY 395N to 402W, and 19S to the Thomas Condon Paleontology Center (Closed Tuesday & Wednesday but public restroom remains open). Road 402 is a

motorcycle route with good twisties but with little or no shoulder. We arrived in Prineville in the nick of time before they had their infamous cattle drive through town for the Prineville Rodeo. From

Prineville, we took County Rd 27S which is Crooked River Hwy, then rode west on Reservoir Rd straight thru Alfalfa, and into Bend for the night. All roads had great views, and some roads with deep canyons.



Day 3- Bend to Sisters, the long way (223 miles): We left Bend on Century

Dr which is the Cascade Lakes Hwy, straight to County Rd 46, and to Oakridge. Soon after Oakridge, we turned North on FSR 19 (Aufderheide Memorial Dr). Beautiful, forested road with twisties following a stream. We then turned rt on Hwy 126 and then on to the Old McKenzie Hwy 242. Now, I must say, that the twisties we were doing the past couple of days were only a warm-up to the major, sharp twisties of the Old



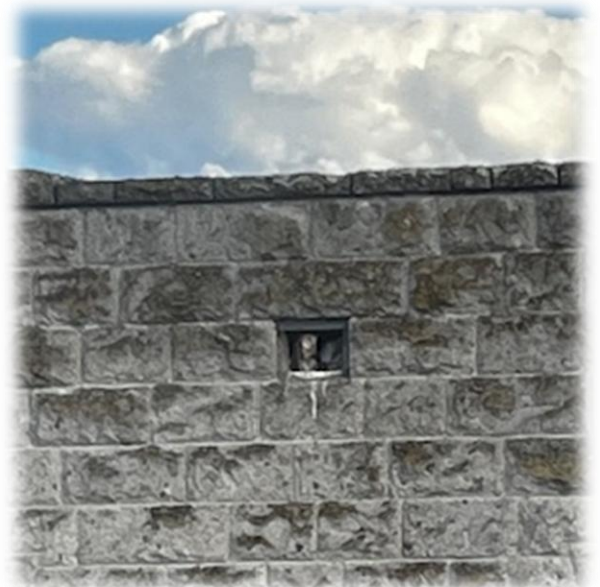
McKenzie Hwy for which it's known. Endless hairpin turns on a narrow road would make a rider shout a 'Wow'!! The Dee Wright Observatory (made of lava stone) is located at the road's highest elevation point. It was windy, but well



worth a walk around with a view of the Cascade mountains and lava field. From there, it was an easy ride to Sisters where we stayed for the night.

Day 4- Sisters to Estacada (160 miles): We took Hwy 20 out of Sisters to 22 towards Detroit. As we left Sisters, we pulled off to view the headwaters of the Metolius River. In Detroit, we rode north on FSR 46 to Hwy 224 towards Estacada. As we rode along the Clackamas River, the canyon appeared steeper without the trees. Sad to think that the trip was coming to an end as we rode closer to home.

However, we finished our trip with a wonderful sense of awe of what we observed over the past 4 days. We toured the Blue Mountains with meadows filled with wildflowers and butterflies. We rode the high plateau desert with canyons and aged-looking cliffs, and the Cascades with its lakes, lava fields, rivers and streams. Each day a different road through a vastly different terrain; a trip well worth riding again!



(Bob Driscoll can share H-D Riders app trip)

Fun Photos: June

Sgt Watts 2nd Annual Ride & Roll



Fun Photos: June

Annual Sunset Chapter Meeting at Paradise



Fun Photos: June

HOG Night Out- Ickabod's Bar and Grill



Lolo Pass Overnight Ride



Fun Photos: June

Sgt Watts/ Sunset Chapter Ride to Veterans Home



Fun Photos: July

July Chapter Meeting



Maupin Lunch Ride



Klickitat Canyon Run



Fun Photos: July

Kings Valley -Siletz Hwy Ride



Strawberry Shortcake Ride



Fun Photos: July

Mt Rainier Overnight Ride



HOG Night Out

McMenamins- Wilsonville



Detroit Lake Run



Fun Photos: August

Detroit Lake Re-Run



Bay City Bread Bowl Ride



Fun Photos: August

Midweek Lunch in Netarts



Fun Photos: August

HOG Night Out- Mad Greek Deli



Ape Cave Ride

