

Meet Your Director: Mike C



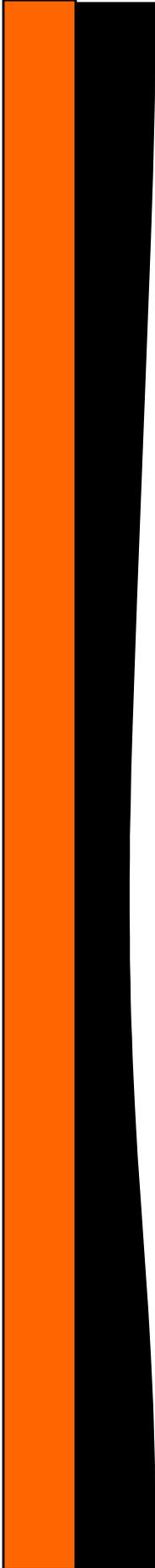
I am honored to be the new Chapter Director for this year. I have met the best people in this Sunset H.O.G Chapter. We are truly lucky to have such a fine group of people that love to ride and have fun. We are also extremely lucky, as a group, to have Road Captains that take safety and organization very seriously. I have been with the Sunset H.O.G. Chapter for the past five years. In that time, I have been the Assistant Road Captain, Senior Road Captain, Road Captain, and now Director.

I want to thank the Road Captains for their time, and for putting up with me as their Senior RC from last year. Last year we did 28 rides, and some of them included new rides that hadn't been done before. These volunteer Road Captains are no less than AWESOME! If any of you are at least a little interested in volunteering to be a Road Captain: talk to one. I am sure you will not be disappointed. It's a great way to improve your riding skills. Just remember, if you're not the lead dog the scenery never changes!

One of my favorite functions is the H.O.G. Night Out. This is a great way to meet Chapter members and to get to know each other over meals and your preferred beverage. We also have other off-site functions, too, like bowling, baseball games, and shooting range. Also, the social hour prior to the monthly Chapter meetings is another great way to meet members. If you happen to run into a new Harley-Davidson owner, or even a current owner, invite them to a meeting. We would love to have them join us. If you see a new face at the Chapter meeting, introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome. Talk us up- it is a great Chapter! We need new blood and new ideas.

With the start of the New Year, Ride 365 also starts. Ride 365 is the official mileage recognition program for H.O.G. It is to encourage us to ride and enjoy the motorcycles we all love. So, get down to Paradise Harley-Davidson and turn in your starting miles. Ride 365 can be started anytime during the year, and by any Chapter member. For more information, check out the Harley-Davidson website.

About me: I am originally from San Pedro, California, outside of Los Angeles. I joined the United States Army right out of high school and spent the next 20



years, 2 months, and 1 day travelling the world. Along the way I met my wife, Jan; we have been married 48 years. We have three children: Chris, Casey, Jessica. Chris and Casey both live in Europe, as do our 4 grandchildren. Jessica lives in Portland with her husband and our grand puppy.

I have been riding motorcycles since I was 16 years old. My first real motorcycle was a 1972 H2 750 Kawasaki. My next bike was a 1976 Z900 Kawasaki and then a 1999 Honda Valkyrie Interstate. I sold the Valkyrie and purchased my first Harley-Davidson, a 2002 Ultra Limited. In 2016, my wife and I planned a Route 66 solo trip. Needing a newer bike, I purchased a 2014 Ultra Limited. I shipped it to the Chicago area and rode the entire Route 66 (or what is left of it) in 2018. Awesome trip! Everyone should do that trip before it is gone. I recommend using *Route 66: EZ Guide for Traveler*, by Jerry McClanahan.

It took me a long time to join the Sunset Chapter, but Raymond M., Dave B., and Gary S, beat me into submission. My wife gave me the final push and said I needed to do something to fill my time during retirement. I'm glad they did. I have made many good friends since joining this Chapter.

My hope is to get to know more of you personally. I look forward to expanding the Chapter membership, and to continue to have a fun safe riding season while adding on many more miles in 2025.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Director of the Sunset H.O.G. Chapter. Thanks to all who have come before me. I have some large boots to fill, and I am grateful that they have left me a great Chapter.

See you all on the road or at a function. Be strong, be well, and ride safely!

Mike C.

Five Minute Mike