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Who we are:

The Inland Empire Chapter is a family oriented group of road riding enthusiasts who enjoy riding their Harley-Davidson motorcycles together. The members would like to share this enjoyment with you and encourage you to join in the activities we have during the year. You are welcome to participate in many of the rides and events whether or not you join the chapter.

Chapter Meeting & Social

Second Thursday of
each month at 7:00



RIVERSIDE
HARLEY-DAVIDSON

That means that every member is unique, independent and at a different place on their riding journey. Some people are just dreaming about someday owning a Harley and others have hundreds of thousands of H.O.G. miles under their belts. Wherever you are on your journey one thing is certain: you can be the fuel to get others to the next milestone on their Harley-Davidson journey.

And although we are great at welcoming new members, we can always be better. Some say they tried out other local chapters and just did not feel as welcome as with our chapter. Keep it up, get out of your box and go up to the new people and make them feel welcome at the meetings and on the rides. Thank you Scott for heading up the membership group at bike nights.

As we continue into an awesome 2018, I thank you for the dedication you all have for I.E. HOG and the hard work that the officers and volunteers do to create awesome rides for you the members. And I thank you for all you do to welcome new members into our family. Check out our calendar for upcoming overnights. If you've never gone, get out of your box and join us!

Black Sheep Breakfast Rides are the first Saturday of each month. Breakfast is served at **NEW LOCATION**- 0900 at VFW Post, 10303 Arlington Ave, Riverside. Cross street is Tyler. This is an awesome event and a chance to meet members and have some fellowship all while enjoying some great food. Breakfast is \$10 per person, all you can eat buffet. Opportunity Tickets and 50-50 drawing.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mick Hammer



Time just seems to be flying by, as I write this article April is about to move into May, the weather can't seem to make up its mind whether it wants to stay cool or get hot and Inland Empire HOG is about to get neck deep into West Coast Thunder.

Last weekend we had the West Coast Thunder goodie bag stuffing party at the dealership. Thanks everyone that turned out to help. With so many of us together in one place we took the time to take a new chapter photo which was way over do. We also signing up additional chapter members for the HOG's Ride 365 program. All in all we were able to get a lot accomplished in a short period of time. Thanks again to all that participated.

With West Coast Thunder approaching one of my responsibilities as your Assistant Director is to put together the annual Poker Run. If you have any ideas for stops let me know as soon as possible. What we are looking for are sites that riders might find interesting to visit that would have the ability to handle a continues flow of riders throughout the day. Let me know if you have any ideas. And of course I will be recruiting to assist in making the poker run a success by helping with setting up or manning a stop. Also remember to sign up for the Poker Run with your West Cost Thunder registration.



I also want to take this time to Thank all of you for the support you give me and the other officers of the chapter. It is truly a privilege to serve our HOG chapter membership.

Let's Continue to Ride and Have Fun...

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Dan Alexander

It's great to see the participation we are getting on all the rides. We have had some great ones and still have more to come. Some of you just came back from Prescott on the Route 66 ride and there are those that are headed to Laughlin. Let's keep on riding! Speaking of riding, have you signed up for Ride 365? The miles you ride show your dedication to freedom and the open road. It is a lifetime mileage recognition program and it is free.

One of the great accessories on some of our bikes is a stereo. I like to listen to music while I am riding down the road and when one of my favorite songs begins to play, I crank it up! With that in mind when we come to a stop, please be mindful of others around you. Not just other HOG members,

but the others that are around where we may be stopping whether it is for gas or stopping to get something to eat. They may not like the music as much as you do, so please be respectful of others around you.

While on a ride it is important to pass back the hand or foot signals to the riders behind you. If you see the person riding in front of you not passing the signal back, please be sure to keep it going. Remember if you are looking right in front of your bike it is too late to miss a hazard that may be coming in your direction. Keep your head up looking forward to see what is coming your way.

We have many fun rides coming up in the months ahead. For information on these rides and more, check the calendar at www.iehog.com.

Be safe and have fun doing it!

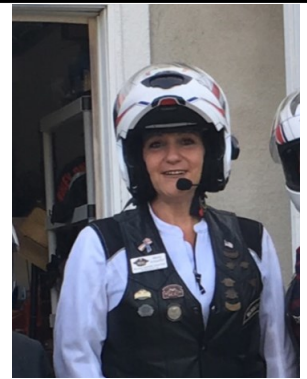


Ladies of Harley

Maria Schaeffer



*Pictures from the LOH
Borrego Springs ride:*



Treasurer

Monika Staub

I'm excited to tell you about the donations our group made. Throughout the year we raise money through member dues and fundraisers at the dealership. Several years ago we had a member that was murdered in his line of work as a taxi driver. He went by the name of Drifter and he was a huge supporter of charities that deal with children. Every year in Drifter's name our chapter donates money to local charities.

This year we donated to No Drama Ranch in Norco, an organization that helps disabled veterans and veterans with chemical dependency. We also donated to Riverside Safe House, dedicated to the Safety and Well-being of Children in Crisis. Both organizations received \$950.00



Secretary

Laura Maw

As you read my article, I am sitting in George Town, Texas. David and I set off in our motorhome the day after the IEHOG meeting for places somewhat unknown.

I knew I wanted to go to Waco, Texas to see my good friends Chip and Joanna Gaines from the HGTV show "Fixer Upper" and beyond that, who knows! We have friends that moved to George Town, so thought we would look them up before heading out to places unknown. As a matter of fact, Waco is just about a little over an hour from George Town, so after leaving here we will just shoot North to Waco. Ladies, I will be sure to give your Love to Chip and Joanna!!!

I hope you will have a great rest of April and into May riding with the Chapter. There are a lot of great rides planned that we are sorry to miss. We are looking forward to the Sierra Trip and other up-coming rides. We had a great LOH ride to Borrego Springs with great attendance. Thank you to Maria for arranging the ride and being Assisant Road Captain, and Dan, well done for the ride. Also a great big thanks to Sherry for making the white LOH first time garters. They are very cute and will be fun to wear on other LOH rides.

Be safe out there and enjoy the RIDE!!



I am HOG: Papa Duane

by Jodi Rizzotto

"Burning Daylight!"

If you've gone on any overnights, you recognize this phrase. "Papa Duane" Chamlee's years as a fire fighter and Deputy Chief contribute to his love of keeping on schedule. When I met him for this interview, I was ten minutes early and he was already at Panera waiting for me. Since he's been a HOG member for eighteen years, I asked him how the chapter has changed. Papa said the basic philosophy of the chapter, "ride and have fun," has remained constant throughout the years although the faces have changed. In addition to original chapter members that are still active, many new friends have joined. One of the more welcome changes has been the significant increase in the number of women who ride. He also wanted to give a shout-out to "Danno," Dan Alexander, who's been a close friend and fellow adventurer for years. As we sat down with our coffee and ice tea, I was ready to hear the wisdom of a life-long rider.



"Why do you ride?" Papa chuckled at that. "The freedom of the open road." It was his only mode of transportation when he started as a seasonal forest fire fighter. When he began riding, he owned English and Japanese bikes until his first Harley in 2000. He loves taking the road less traveled, so his wife insisted that he install a satellite GPS locator on his dual sport bike, so if he broke down in the hills somewhere he could be found.

"When did you get started?" Papa grew up in the upper Sweetwater Valley near San Diego where there were "hound and hare" motorcycle rides in the hills. As a child, he would go out there with his friends to ride bicycles and dream of owning a motorcycle. At age 19, he bought a 650 Triumph, and didn't own a car until he was twenty-four.

"What are your favorite rides?" For a day ride, Papa loves going into Northern San Diego County, down the 215 freeway to Temecula, east on Highway 76 past Lake Henshaw and up to Julian. His favorite over-nighter is the HOG's Sierra Ride, formerly the Bridgeport ride. The beautiful scenery draws him back.

His dream ride would be to Alice Springs, down in Australia, a remote location, just because he'd love to say he did it. If he does, I hope he brings his GPS locator along.

Since Papa's been riding for most of his life, I asked him to play "Papa" to our newer riders. His advice: "Talk to people you know that ride. More than one person. Get their perspective. Take one of the rider safety courses that the dealership offers. Talk to Jim Bridges for that. It's important to ride your own ride. If you're with a group, don't get caught up trying to keep up with the others. Don't try to start out riding at level ten. If you're not comfortable with how the ride is going, don't be afraid to tell somebody in the club, including me. We'll drop out and ride with you. Riding with a smaller group, 3-4 people, is better for a new rider starting out."

Our time was up, but I had a feeling that Papa had many more stories to tell. Come along on an over-nighter, sit next to him at dinner, and ask him to share. You'll be entertained and encouraged in your own riding adventures.

HD Chapter Manager Jim Bridges



What the Dealership Means to HOG

We recently had a couple of Facebook posts critical of Riverside Harley-Davidson. During my conversation with one person who had posted some remarks, he, being a newer member of HOG and this Chapter, didn't understand the Chapter-Dealer relationship. Harley-Owners Group is part of the Harley-Davidson family. Each dealership sponsors a HOG Chapter. In this case, Riverside Harley-Davidson sponsors IE HOG. So, when we are critical of the dealership, we are in essence cutting our own throat. Although we at Riverside Harley strive for perfection every day, we will make mistakes. As the Chapter manager, it is my job to ensure that you, as HOG members, have a great experience and to be there for you when things don't go as they should.

I do not want anyone at any time to feel that they cannot say something negative about the dealership. I just ask that you bring the grievance to me before airing it publicly. Additionally, if you hear someone say something negative, in this case that the dealership didn't want us staging rides from the dealership, please, bring the conversation to me for clarification.

Mitch, his leadership team, previous leadership teams and I have worked hard to build our Chapter and Dealer relationship and I give you my word that the dealership truly believes and supports our Chapter in all that we do.

I, personally was unable to attend the Death Valley ride, but when the video was posted of all of the bikes going by, I shared it to everyone in the dealership. They couldn't believe what they were seeing. THEIR HOG Chapter out RIDING!

Since then I have heard the sales staff talking up the HOG Chapter to prospective riders. And a few of them are envious and wish they could ride in a group like that too.

As always, keep riding and be safe out on the road.

Jim Bridges
Riding Academy Manager
SCPO USN Ret.

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West Coast Thunder News

THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED STUFF WEST COAST THUNDER REGISTRATION PACKETS ON APRIL 16TH AT RIVERSIDE HARLEY

What an amazing turnout at the West Coast Thunder annual registration stuffing party on Saturday, April 16th. There were over 52 volunteers diligently filling up the plastic bags, folding information sheets/parade route maps and event t-shirts beginning at 9:00 a.m. We were done before 2:30 p.m. and did over 4,000 packets. Thank each and every one of you for your support and hard work, it is sincerely appreciated.

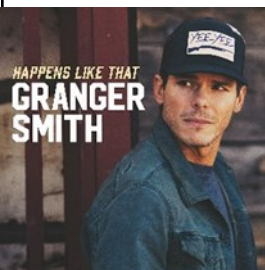
By now most of you know that our closing tribute concert has moved from Soboba Casino in San Jacinto to the Southern California Fair & Event Center in Perris. The parade route will begin exactly the same as past years to the Riverside National Cemetery. Those riders who want to pay their respects at the Cemetery, may enter by turning right on Village West before they reach the main entrance and entering the cemetery from that side street.

IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER REQUEST: After passing the cemetery, the parade route changes from past years. The motorcycle parade will ride past the main entrance of the Cemetery and merge onto 215 South. Due to the large amount of traffic entering the Cemetery, CHP will stop the parade intermittently as needed to allow the traffic to enter the Cemetery. We will need a few volunteers to then lead the restart of the parade to the Perris Fairgrounds. Please contact Jim Bridges if you would like to assist. The parade will continue going South 215 until they reach Exit 22 Ramona Expressway turning left towards the Perris Fairgrounds, turning left once again, onto Lake Perris Drive to the entrance of the fairgrounds.

There will be more things going on that day and all weekend to entice families and friends, as well as our motorcycle enthusiasts. There will be a family-friendly carnival going on all weekend, a vintage car show, more vendors, and motorcycle stunt performers in addition to the closing tribute concert on Memorial Day Monday, May 28th. The main stage will set right in the Perris Auto Speedway. Country music sensation, ***Tyler Rich*** will open the show.



Following this performance there will be an intermission of the *West Coast Thunder Color Guard* performing the heart rendering Ultimate Sacrifice Ceremony.



Headliner, ***Granger Smith, aka Earl Dibbles, Jr.*** will then take the stage around 12:00 noon for what appears to be a fantastic performance.

And that's not all there will be a host of options for all discerning tastes in food and beverage concessions. On the Midway Stage, just to the right of the concessions and vendors, there will be more bands playing including our WCT Singer, *Michael Austin*, and two local favorite classic rock cover bands, *Retroblast* and *Southbound and Company*.

Concert tickets are available online at: www.westcoastthunder.com for only \$30 per person. Children under 12 years of age, accompanied by an adult will be allowed in free.

From the Editor's Desk

Jodi Rizzotto

What is Ladies of Harley? I didn't know when Frank and I joined the HOGs three years ago. I thought it only referred to women who rode their own bikes. Since then I have learned it is much more.

Our first LOH ride of this year was to Borrego Springs, a great destination in the early months of the year before high temperatures descend on the desert. When we met at the dealership, all the women, passengers as well as riders, received a special LOH garter to wear on their arm. Then we all got together for an overflowing group picture. Not just women showed up for this ride. Our men showed up as well. In our present culture of demeaning and objectification of women, our HOG chapter is a breath of fresh air.

Dan and Maria led the ride through the curvy roads toward Julian. Just as we reached the windswept hills, we turned on Highway 2 toward Anza-Borrego State Park. The grassy hills turned to desert dirt and boulders as we traveled toward the edge of the mountains.

We stopped at a wide overlook turnout for a break and some pictures. The vast expanse of flat desert spread out before us, a patchwork of desert tan and irrigated green. Eagerly we shed our heavy jackets and chaps from the early part of the ride. We exchanged cool 60-degree weather of the mountains for the 90-degree burn of the desert.

Then it was time to criss cross our way down the sheer face of the bare mountain to reach the tiny town of Borrego Springs. We passed RV parks and campgrounds along the way. Buzzing engines announced dune buggies and quads that explored the surrounding wilderness. This desert playground was alive with people escaping winter. In only a few months, they would disappear, and the desert would reclaim its peace.

We pulled into the parking lot for lunch at Red Ocotillo, a tiny restaurant with sophisticated food in the middle of nowhere. Another one of the desert's mysteries. Maria had called ahead, and they were ready for our large group. After riding all morning, it was refreshing to sip ice tea and enjoy delicious food with friends.

Who are the Ladies of Harley? They are mothers, daughters, friends, and sisters. They appreciate the support of great men who accept them as riders and passengers. LOH is the heart of HOG, and they enrich the chapter with their quest to make each event an unforgettable adventure.



From the Road



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Also look for weekly email blasts for updates and changes

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
April 28	9:00 a.m.	Joshua Tree Saloon	RHD
May 5	9:00 a.m.	Black Sheep Breakfast- Ride after to Old Town San Diego	NEW LOCATION-RIVERSIDE VFW Post- 10303 Arlington Ave/cross street Tyler
May 6	4:30 p.m.	Dinner ride to Sonora Grill (MEMBERS ONLY)	RHD
May 10	7:00 p.m. (Tacos at 5:45)	I.E. HOG Chapter Meeting	Riverside Elks Lodge
May 12-13	See location	Overnighter- Bakersfield/ Kern Co./Kennedy Meadows	7:00 a.m. RHD 7:45 a.m. McDonalds 138
May 19	9:00 a.m.	GAR Lake Elsinore	RHD
May 26-28	various	West Coast Thunder Week-end	RHD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April

Julie Birchfield 4/2
James Bowles 4/3
Jeanette Baugh 4/5
Sean Schoeppner 4/7
Kevin Marquis 4/13
Patrick McPherson 4/13
Darryl Holder 4/15
Ted Padilla 4/19
Chris Robbins 4/21



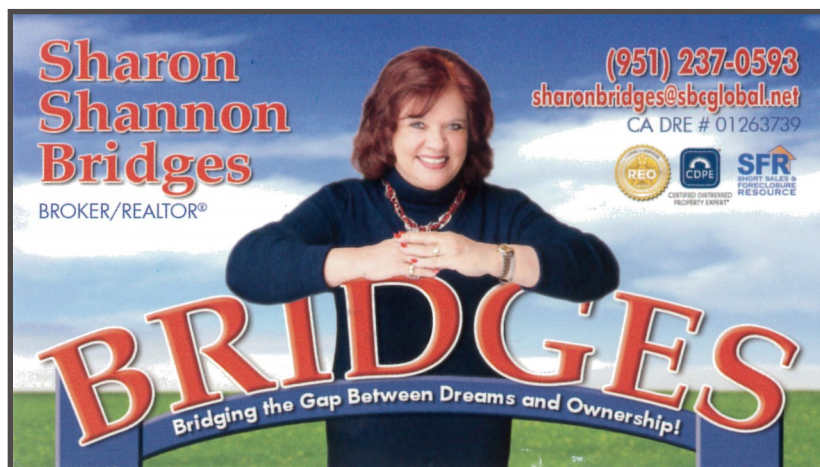
May

Dennis Palmer 5/2
Patty Delawyer 5/8
Gary Sellers 5/12
Laura Maw 5/15
Chris Brown 5/18
Diane Hoyt 5/19
Debi Tuiolosega 5/24
Rod Watson 5/25



A Word from our Sponsors

If you want to have your business card included in The Handlebar Star, contact Monika Staub for more details.



2018 IE HOG OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS:

Director	MITCH LAVINE
Assistant Director	MICK HAMMER
Secretary	LAURA MAW
Treasurer	MONIKA STAUB
Ladies of Harley	MARIA SCHAEFFER
Head Road Captain	DAN ALEXANDER
Immediate Past Director	DAVE RUSK

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Activities	PATSY MATA-HAMMER
Blood Drive	KATHY BRADFORD
Chapter Historian	JIM SPICER
Chapter Photographer	MARINA SPICER AND DEBI TUIOLOSEGA
Media Officer	SEAN SCHOEPPNER
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Newsletter Editor	JODI RIZZOTTO
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