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Chapter Meeting & Social

Second Thursday of
each month at 7:00

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.



RIVERSIDE
HARLEY-DAVIDSON

We are having nominations for primary officers coming up in October. Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasure, Road Captain. And L.O.H. Please think about stepping up and running for a position as an appointed officer. It takes all of you helping to make this the great chapter that it is.

I hope you made it to the last activities meeting of the year to help plan our rides thru January. I want to also thank Patsy and Mick for opening there house this year for all the activities meetings.

We have had some great day rides this year and plenty of 2, 3, and 4 day rides. I love that we can offer so many different type of rides and each one has a different level of skill needed. All of this is possible because of our head road captain Dan the Man and his great assistant road captains. Without all of you, our great routes and rides would not be possible. If you can ride, then you can lead a ride. Just talk to Dan or one of the primary officers and we all would be happy to work with you and help you lead a ride.

Sturgis is under way as well as the 115th in Milwaukee. For those of you going ride safe and have fun. If you have never been to Sturgis, I strongly suggest you make that trip. The Black hills and all the areas around Sturgis are some of the most scenic areas around. Seeing that many bikes in one area and how all the locals handle it is amazing. Well worth the trip.

I hope you all plan on joining us on at least one of the upcoming overnight rides as well as the upcoming dinner rides and holiday parties.

Ride and Have Fun

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★ Black Sheep Breakfast Rides are the first Saturday of each month. Breakfast is served at ★

★ **NEW LOCATION-** 0900 at Moreno Valley Elks Lodge, 12125 Day St, Moreno Valley. This is ★

★ an awesome event and a chance to meet members and have some fellowship all while en- ★

★ joying some great food. Breakfast is \$10 per person, all you can eat buffet. Opportunity ★

★ Tickets and 50-50 drawing. ★

★ ★

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mick Hammer



Greetings I E Hog,

I would like to start off by saying thank you for the prayers, love, and support that you have shown

Patsy and me over the last month. Losing Wendy has been difficult but you all have made it a little easier. With all that has been going on we haven't been riding much but that is about to change. We are looking forward to riding on several of the rides scheduled at our last activities meeting.

I would also like to take a little space to wish safe travels to Papa Dwayne and Ernylee Chamlee. We hope life brings you all its treasures in your new adventure in Washington State. You will be greatly missed.

Ride cool and safe and keep on having fun!

Mick



Papa Duane's Birthday and Going Away Party

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN

Dan Alexander

Can you believe that September is upon us? The days are beginning to cool down to more comfortable riding weather. We were able to plan the rest of the year's rides and into January of next year at the last activities meeting. We have some great rides with a few over-nighters coming up. I want to thank those members that have stepped up and led some of our chapter's rides.



You have all made my job much easier, with that being said it is almost time for nominations for next year's chapter officers. It has been a pleasure being the Head Road Captain for this chapter. After three years, I think it is time to give someone else a chance to be Head Road Captain so please consider running for this position. I will be around to give help if needed.

Here are some of the things I do if I am going to be leading a chapter ride. First, plan the route we are going to take to the destination of the ride. Next, if we are headed to a restaurant, call a few days before the ride to let them know we are coming and ask if they will do separate checks. Then follow up with a call before departure to let them know an exact count.

During the pre-ride briefing, I will let everyone know our route to the destination and possibly print directions. During the ride I am constantly watching, not just where I am headed but the entire group behind me. You can see if a signal has changed and people had to stop. In that case, I may slow the group down or pull over to the curb and wait. Change lanes way before it's needed, instead of trying to get 20 bikes off the freeway at the last minute. If our destination is far away, I will add rest stops and or gas stops. When pulling over on the road, I try to find somewhere that will safely accommodate all of the bikes in the group. There are more things that I do during a ride but the most important item is the safety for all on the ride.

So are you ready to lead the next ride? If you have questions about leading a ride, please feel free to ask!

Be safe and have fun doing it!

Secretary

Laura Maw

What is beautiful...a smile on a face, a kind word, someone being thoughtful, and the scenery passed while riding on your Harley. We have had some beautiful rides in the past few months with some beautiful people. The Sierra ride was beautiful, the weather was most of the time lovely, but also at one point got extremely hot. Hot enough for our hydration vests. This ride was lead by a long time IEHOG member, since 2001, Papa Duane Chamlee, is someone you can always count on for an adventure when he is leading. Recently, he made the announcement that he and his wife were selling their home in Moreno Valley and moving to Washington State. What a surprise and sad occasion for us, in our HOG family, but a great adventure for them. We will miss them and wish them great happiness living in a beautiful part of our country.



Other sad but beautiful announcements were issued by other members of our IEHOG family and that is hearing that James and Diane Hoyt are leaving Southern California for the beautiful state of South Carolina, we wish them all the happiness on their new adventure. This is a time for change, I guess, but hearing that Jim and Sharon Bridges sold their house and are waiting for the right time to, "Get Out Of Dodge", is difficult to hear! I've always heard that change is good, but this type of change is sad to swallow. Jim and Sharon, members since 2006, have done a lot for our Chapter and Dealership over the past years, they are going to be greatly missed. Not to leave out their being good friends! It's difficult for me to say "good bye" to these lovely and beautiful people that are leaving us for greener pastures. I wish them God's blessings and that they will enjoy His beautiful landscapes that He painted for all of us.

We do have some terrific rides ahead of us! Keep your beautiful smiles and kind words flowing. Enjoy the rides and friendships we have for each other, that are coming up in the next few months. In closing, I would like to thank Riverside Harley Davidson and the chapter members for all you do for the IEHOG Chapter.

Treasurer

Monika Staub

California is on fire again! We probably are getting used to this, but The holy fire was getting too close for comfort. Many of our friends had to evacuate. We're Thanking fire-fighters and first responders everywhere for their dedication, we hear their stories.



One story in particular I wanted to mention. Hell's Kitchen had to close to the public, but they stayed open for all first responders to provide them with food, drinks and a place to rest while fighting the fires. All of that was made possible by donations. At last count they have received over \$20,000 to provide this service! Makes me proud to know a "biker bar" cares enough to do this!

Ladies of Harley

Maria Schaeffer

Well we are here again! Thank you to all the ladies that have made this year a success. With our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at Ancho's in Riverside for great food and company. This past month we had our "Bling party" as well as Sherri throwing in a bit of a surprise birthday party for me. Thank you all!

We took our Chapter LOH Picture

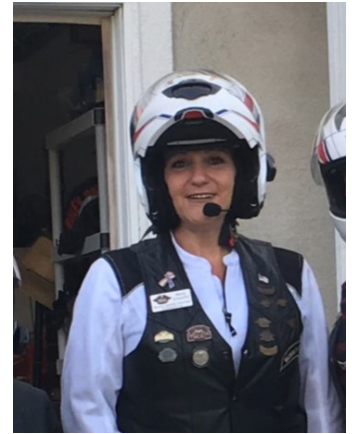


We have many things coming the remainder of the year. The "Halloween Party", The Chapter Christmas Party"....planning has begun.

So please join us at our LOH Meeting dinners to share your ideas.

We have a breakfast ride on Saturday October 20th, 2018 to Annie's Café in Lake Elsinore with the Road Captain none other than yours truly "ME".

Along with all our chapter rides for the remainder of the year.



Membership

Scott Schaeffer

Well its that time again to welcome all new members to the chapter. We have had 5 new ones since my last article. We are now up to 153 members strong. There really is not a whole lot to talk about except keep up the good work on renewing your national memberships and thank you. Looking forward to seeing all the new members as well as the old on some of the overnights and day rides.

To all new members keep a eye on the calendar IEHOG.COM for the rides that are coming up also. There are 2 apps that can be downloaded to keep track of our rides.

For iPhone it's HOGEVENTS and for android it's EVENTS4HOG in the Playstore.

I would like to say welcome to the new members:

Richard Cameron, John Dickman ,Peter Maddox, Stanley Tomaszewski and Jeffery Mcneil.



I am HOG: Frank Rizzotto

by Jodi Rizzotto

This month I sat down with my favorite HOG member, Frank Rizzotto, otherwise known as my husband. In the twelve years I've known him, his thirst for adventure and comradery has taken many forms, from trailer camping at the beach to tubing irrigation canals on Kauai. Although he didn't own a motorcycle when I met him, he has maintained a lifelong obsession with riding. The snarl of a Harley engine will snap his neck around no matter where we are. After we'd been married for a few years and spent countless hours sitting on bikes at various dealerships, it was clear the only cure for his fever would be to buy a Harley.

Frank's passion for motorcycles began when he was a five year old and saw mini bikes on TV. His older cousin rode an Indian. For three years he begged his parents to buy him a mini bike, and when they finally caved in, he proceeded to hone his skills on open land outside his grandma and grandpa's ranch in Gavilan Hills. When he was sixteen, he started riding street bikes starting with a Kawasaki KZ400, followed by a series of Yamaha and Suzuki bikes until as a couple, we finally moved into the Harley world with a 2013 Road King. In 2015, we traded it in for the touring comfort of an Ultra Limited Low, our current bike. At one time, he thought he'd never own a motorcycle that was almost as big as a car, but the sleek styling and nimble handling of the Ultra won his heart, especially on overnights when we road 400 miles in a day.

Frank has not yet taken any riding courses, but he definitely wants to in the future. His experience was forged through years of riding dirt bikes and street bikes, although he would be quick to tell you that Riverside was a less busy small town back in those days.

When Frank and I rode our first Harley, the Road King, groups of Harleys would pass us on the road, or park their bikes next to us at a diner. Riding with a group looked like a lot of fun. We tried to get other friends who owned Harleys to ride with us, but it was difficult to get them to commit. Finally, during dinner with our friends, Randy and Patty, she suggested that we should join the Inland Empire HOGs. "Really nice people, and they like to ride," she said. How could we have known that joining the HOGs would provide us with three years of endless adventures and friends closer than brothers and sisters?

Any ride is a great ride for Frank, but his favorite overnighter was the HOG ride to Utah two years ago. That was also my favorite ride that included rising up to cool plateaus and dipping down into oven hot canyons. We talked on our coms a lot during that trip, and on our way out to a ghost town, he commented on how he felt like we were a band of outlaws riding out into the canyons toward our hideout. For a while, we were taken back in time, to the western frontier. When I asked Frank about a least favorite ride, he said he didn't have one, for which I called him chicken. But it's true—he just likes to ride.

His dream ride would be to tour the United States and visit national monuments and parks. This sounded familiar, so I checked past issues of Handlebar Star, and Dennis Palmer, in a previous "I am HOG" article, also wanted to take this trip. Maybe a future HOG extended overnighter?

Frank's advice for new riders is to take a riding course, especially if you don't have dirt bike experience. Riding courses help you gain familiarity with all the safety features and capabilities of your Harley before you have to test it in our Southern California traffic.

Finally, I asked Frank "Why do you have to ride?" He loves the freedom of being outside in the rushing wind, scenery all around, the feeling of flying, and the power of the throttle. Riding is great, whether with his wife or friends. When everything else around him creates stress, riding makes him relax and feel like himself again.



HD Chapter Manager Jim Bridges



In my last article, I mentioned **my top five roads** that I have ridden.

It is difficult to rate one road above another other than my number one road. But in no particular order, **California Highway 1. Big Sur.** This amazing road stretching from Carmel by the Sea on the north to San Simeon on the south is just a beautiful ride with Pacific Ocean views that are beyond breathtaking. I have ridden this road numerous times and every time I see something new. Join us on the San Simeon ride in November to ride this classic American treasure. And for the thrill seeker, detour onto Nacimiento-Ferguson Road. This white knuckler will get the blood flowing, but you will never leave second gear.

Next has to be the **north end of California Highway 1 from north of San Francisco**, Bodega Bay to the terminus as it rejoins US 101 near Garberville. Passing through the "Lost Coast" of Mendocino, this is another must ride coastline road.

Utah Highway 12 from Bryce Canyon to Torrey. This road includes the Hogback I discussed last month. "As the asphalt clings to this thin razorback ridge of slickrock, the terrain spills steeply off to each side toward winding creeks and canyons below, where cottonwoods provide ribbons of green, gold, or gray depending on the season. Driving here is slow and cautious, but the vistas are incredible," says the official site.

One of the first roads that dropped my jaw was **California Highway 108 over the Sierras. Sonora Pass.** This is the next crossing of the Sierras north of Yosemite. From Hwy 395 to the town of Sonora, will bring twisties upon twisties, switchbacks, vistas and steep canyon walls.

But by far, my favorite road to ride is **"The Million Dollar Highway", US 550 in southwest Colorado.** From the north, you have to stop in the small town of Ouray. This quaint little town is situated at the end of a box canyon and is well worth a stop before heading up the switchbacks that lead out of town towards Red Mountain Pass. As it was initially described to me, "The turns are so tight that you will come around a turn and kiss your own @\$!" During the short straightaways, you have to glimpse at the remnants of the old mines situated on the sides of the mountains, many of which are "14ers", meaning they are 14,000 foot plus peaks. A stop at the overview of Red Mountain Pass is a must before heading towards Silverton. This old west town boasts of many shops, restaurants and you can watch the narrow gauge railroad come in from Durango. It is a total of 86 miles from Ouray to Durango but you need to plan the whole day for this ride.

I'm sure there are other roads out there that will challenge these five. Hwy 299, Redding to Eureka, Hwy 101 from Garberville through the Avenue of the Giants. Beartooth Pass in Montana/ Wyoming (I haven't ridden it yet), Blue Ridge Parkway from North Carolina into the Virginias. There are so many.

Let's hear about them.....better yet, let's plan a ride and have some fun exploring them

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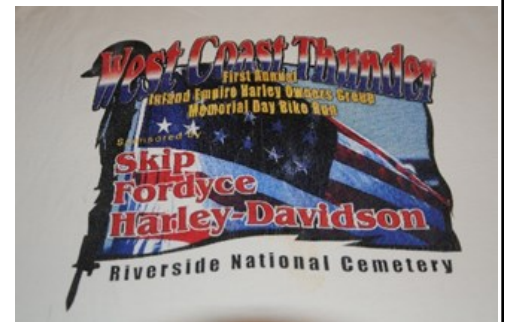
To begin with, for those of you that do not know, West Coast Thunder has a new sheriff in town. Mitch Lavine is now our WCT President and we are thrilled to have him lead the charge. You all know what a great leader our IE HOG Director is, and we are assured that he will continue to lead the WCT team by example and knowledge for all the years he has served on our board.

We are all looking forward to West Coast Thunder's 20th Anniversary event next Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2019. We all wish we had an announcement as to where the closing tribute concert will be at this time but sadly, we cannot do that. We are working diligently to make that decision and will let you all know as soon as a contract has been signed and a parade route approved.

The good news is that West Coast Thunder has grown to an unbelievable size including all our returning participants, volunteers and supporters. The sad news is that we are too big for most venues and absolutely no special event venues in Riverside can supply us with enough parking along with all the other things we need for the concert. But we are positive that we will make WCT XX very special, so stay tuned.

On another note, we want to thank all the special people who provided Jan Holder with WCT T-shirts so that she can design and create an anniversary quilt for us to auction off next year. Kathy Bradford, Jim Bridges and Chrissy Robbins gave our very talented Chapter Seamstress most of the shirts she will need. Chrissy gave her the very first shirt for WCT and many of us were thrilled as had never seen that shirt.

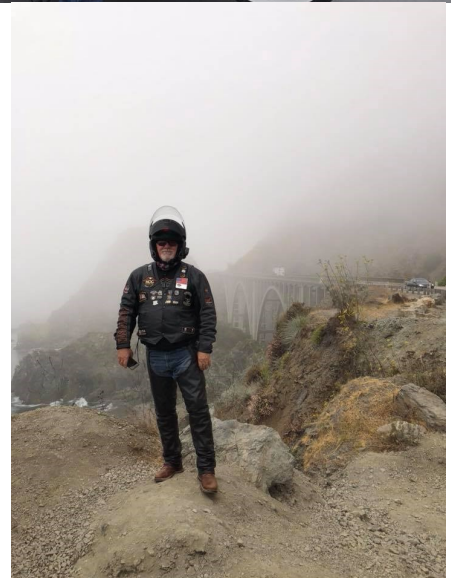
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So this will be a short article and hopefully, we will have lots to talk about in our next WCT article. Have a great fall, we are looking forward to cooler weather so we can all get out there and ride with your fellow IE HOG Chapter members.

Sharon Shannon Bridges

From the Road: Monterey



From the Road: Morro Bay



From the Editor's Desk

Jodi Rizzotto

You may wonder where our scenic backroad day trips and over-nighters come from. Many are HOG traditions, like the San Simeon ride. But someone sometime long, long ago rode that ride and ate at that restaurant, and decided to propose it as a HOG ride.

Last weekend, Frank and I accompanied Bill Graijalba and Little Debi Snack Cakes on a potential day ride. Bill had just gotten his bike back from warranty service and Frank and I were finished with our summer grandson duty, so we were itching for a long ride. And it did turn out to be long, as we were gone from 5:00 am to 10:00 pm, and rode over 500 miles.

Our travels included cutting through the San Fernando Valley down to the 101, enjoying the ocean breezes through Ventura to Santa Barbara, and climbing up into the mountains near Lake Cachuma.

Finally we ended up back on the 101 and up to Paso Robles, where we toured the mission San Miguel. The most interesting part of the day was the guided tour Bill provided through his old stomping grounds, Fort Roberts. I had no idea so many movie stars and performers had gone through basic training there. Debi had wanted to climb into a tank, but when she saw how deep it was, she thought better of it.

After Fort Roberts, we grabbed lunch and headed home down the 101, but Bill decided to take the scenic route, so we turned off on Route 33 toward Ojai. We passed through the quaint village with its health retreats, artist colonies, and hippie shops. Then we rose up through the mountains to connect with the 118 freeway. It was evening now, so we were able to travel the 210 freeway with minimum traffic.



When Frank and I came out of Ojai, our bike developed an asthmatic wheeze in its low gears, and we had to make the exciting decision about whether we could ride it home safely. The problem was intermittent so we went for it, with Bill and Debbie following behind.

At 10:00 pm when we rolled into our driveway, I was ready to take off my helmet. My itch for riding had been thoroughly scratched, and it was time for bed.

Could this ride end up as a HOG ride? It would have to either be a one-night overnighter, or cut down some of the miles. My favorite part was driving up the coast and seeing Fort Robert.

Who knows? Maybe a version of this trip will be proposed at the next HOG activities meeting.

I'd love to do this one again.



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Also look for weekly email blasts for updates and changes

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Sept. 1	9:00 a.m.	Black Sheep Breakfast- Ride after to Lake Henshaw	NEW LOCATION Elks Lodge, Moreno Valley
Sept. 8	8:00a.m.	LA Harbor Fireboat Ride- San Pedro	RHD
Sept. 9	9:00 a.m.	San Diego Midway Tour	RHD
Sept. 13	7:00 p.m. (Tacos at 6:00)	I.E. HOG Chapter Meeting	Riverside Elks Lodge
Sept. 15	10:00 a.m.	GAR- Oaks Restaurant	RHD
Sept. 16	9:00 a.m.	Bate's Nut Farm	RHD
Sept. 22	5:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social at the Robbin's	RHD
Sept. 29- Oct 1	See location	Overnighter to Sequoia/ King's Canyon	RHD 6:30 am McDonalds at 15/138 7:30 am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

Bill Robbins 8/3
Steve Dunn 8/4
Dave Peurifoy 8/7
Patsy Hammer 8/9
Patricia Russell 8/14
Ronald Cox 8/15
Sherri Crosson 8/15
Dwane Chamlee 8/18
Karin Eckhoff 8/18



Lee Jerde 8/18
Terrill Kokot 8/26
Jan Holder 8/28
Donald Wallace 8/30



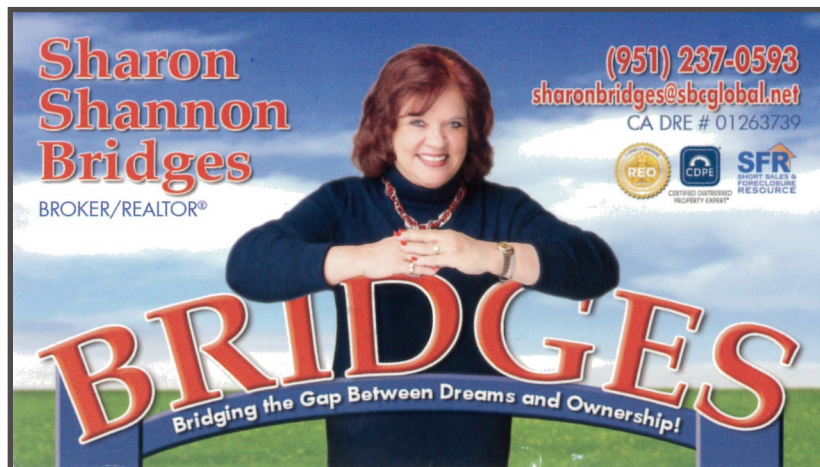
September

Frank Rizzotto 9/9
Nervous Drivere 9/13
Chuck Coulter 9/23



A Word from our Sponsors

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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

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Chapter Photographer	MARINA SPICER AND DEBI TUIOLOSEGA
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Newsletter Editor	JODI RIZZOTTO
Safety Officer	JEFF STAUB
Sergeant-at-Arms	BILL GRILJALBA
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