

THE HANDLEBAR STAR

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INLAND EMPIRE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP #3448



We are HOG—

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. 2020 is a great year to come together to fellowship while enjoying the open road!

April May June 2020

DIRECTOR

Mick Hammer



Hello Inland Empire HOG,

Strange, strange times we are living in. Between the Pandemic and the Civil Unrest, Quarantine and Unemployment it is no wonder that we are seeing higher 911 call rates for response to domestic violence and mental health issues. I hope that you all are coping with these times with a positive approach and that you, your families, and friends are healthy and safe.

On a brighter side our I E Hog group has been getting back into the swing of things. We had our first 3-day overnight ride to Arizona. Dennis Palmer put together a great weekend of riding. By all reports everyone had a great time spending time together. We also have had a couple of day ride this month. I lead a ride the Joshua Tree National Park with 17 of our members. The weather was great and to company was even better. And then there was Jennifer, on her first time leading a ride she managed to get 40+ of us safely to Anne's for Breakfast. She did such a great job and we are looking forward to more great events and rides coming from Jennifer and our LOH Group. In addition to our rides we were able to meet at our monthly chapter meeting for the first time since March. It was great to see so many of you again. We were also able to hold our 2nd of 3 Activities, we were able to calendar rides through September. So, as you can see, we have been busy getting busy.

I would like to remind everyone that our new web site IE-HOG.com is up and running. You can simply go on the site and see everything that is going on with the chapter, rides, pictures, and dealership events. You can also Log In and go deeper into chapter membership as well as your own membership and forums.

I want to Thank your officers and you the membership for your patience during these uncertain times. I also want to Thank Riverside Harley Davidson for all their input and support during these times.

**Chapter Meeting
& Social**

**Second Thursday of
each month at 7:00**

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Assistant Director Mitch Lavine



Mask on mask off, Mask on mask off, Mask on mask off. Will it ever end? No matter what you believe please keep yourself, family, and all of those around you SAFE.

One way to do that is ride. When we are on the open road it's us against nature. No better way to breathe some fresh air then to ride.

Speaking of that we have some great rides on the calendar including an overnighter coming up this month. Thank you Sherry and Tom as always for your hospitality and dinner.

Even though we are not able to meet at Riverside Harley-Davidson for the start of the rides they are still open for service, sales, parts, and all the other good stuff they do.

I hope to see more of you at the meetings and rides. Step out of your comfort zone and join us for a ride and remember why you bought your bike. I hope it wasn't to take up space in your garage but rather to hit the open road and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air.

Road Captain T—Rex



Wow!! Who could have predicted the events of 2020! It has been interesting to say the least. We have managed to keep our “wind therapy” strong even through these times of trial. Thank you to all of you for participating and holding us together. We will get through this and get on to this new normal. Of course, our normal is more fun than the average guy and is never boring. We have had several great rides even in lock down and maintained our social distancing. I believe we all benefited from doing something normal during these trying times. The Prescott run was amazing to say the least and even with the new normal we had a blast. You cannot say enough for the hospitality shown us by The Palace and their amazing staff. The ride through the canyon up to Flagstaff was amazing and the weather was perfect. It almost made you forget the virus and reminded you of how blessed we are in this Country. The Rock Store run was fun, and we were treated like family by the Glendale Store. It was cool to get a personal tour of their collection of vintage motorcycles. We will have to visit again when we do not have to wear a mask. The ride down the coast from there did not disappoint, we had a good size group and the ocean was amazing. We had an outstanding 346-mile ride to and through Joshua Tree, supported by a large group of HOG family. Adding the Canyon on to Moab after the park was amazing and well worth the trip. As always, the great attitudes of this group made the ride exceptional and a great time was had by all. Finally, as we are getting into our new normal, I want to encourage all of you to participate as much as possible and to get out and ride whenever you can. We had a great activity meeting and have assembled some awesome and unique rides. We are incorporating “Ride 365” into our plans where we are able and are working on a different and fun sierra ride. Keep an eye on the updates and the new web site for further developments and get out and ride! Do not forget the fun is in being there! Do not forget to check out the amazing pictures posted on the new awesome website. See you on the road soon!

T-Rex

Membership

Geoff Thorn



Hi Members,

Well I'm sure you are all itching to get back on your bikes again after a very long time in isolation, some of us have already done some miles to relieve the stress of doing nothing for 3 months. I honestly do not know how the criminals do it!

Prescott Arizona, Sedona was another amazing long weekend of riding, friendship and scenery while sitting on an awesome sounding machine, it was beautiful in Prescott and Sedona, have done the trip before but its never the same, always different. So, members as your membership officer I am asking that more of you participate in these day or long weekend rides, its what this club is all about. Hopefully, we will see an increase in the membership for the rest of the year.

We have 92 financial members at the moment, and I know that is changing as of tonight for the Activities meeting as there is at least two more rejoining.

Cheers and safe riding everybody

Geoff Thorn – Membership Officer

Secretary Jodi Rizzotto



We're Back!!!!

After three months, we were able to hold a HOG chapter meeting on June 11. It was great seeing familiar faces, and some new ones. Never thought I'd miss Elks Lodge tacos. It felt like life was getting back to normal, or maybe a new normal.

Many things I never could have imagined have come to pass—schools going to distance learning, working from home, Instacart grocery shopping, El Torito food and drinks to go, Zoom meetings, lines to get into Costco, birthday parades, and facemasks.

Back in March, I had no idea my life would come to a crashing halt. I had a crazy busy week—HOG chapter meeting, LOH paint night, and the Chili Cook Off, and then, suddenly, stay at home orders. For many of us, our lives changed forever. Some have lost loved ones, while others had to love their elderly relatives from afar. We called our adult kids and other relatives more often. LOH held their first Zoom Happy Hour. Frank and I got stir crazy early on, and used our energy to complete long put off home improvement projects. Many of you started gardens, and I hope you remember your friends when your harvest is plentiful.

But now rides and meetings are back. Even though going out into the world seems more dangerous than before, we still do it. We ride and spend time with friends, and our lives are better for it.

Hope to see you out there on the road. Virtual hugs to all, and prayers for your family's good health.

Jodi Rizzotto



LIFE SAVING BLOOD DONATIONS

Kathy Bradford

Dear Chapter members, at this time, the Chapter will not be having set dates for blood donations.

Donating blood is one act in which society prospers. Think about it – there are no specifics from donors when it comes to giving blood, no questions as to their motivation, and no limits on the gratitude of those on the receiving end of this priceless gift.

Your single blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives. That's incredible.

Every two seconds, someone needs blood in the U.S. There is no substitute for your valuable donation.

One day you or someone you know may need blood. Why not pay it forward? Not enough donors give. **There is currently an urgent need for blood.**

Your local LifeStream is located at, 4006 Van Buren Blvd., Rvsd. It is best to make an appointment to avoid any type of crowd there – you may call them directly at 951-687-2530 or 800-879-4484 and remember the group name when you donate is: **MHOG, (which we must tell them every time.)**

AND OUR RIVERSIDE HARLEY DAVIDSON DEALER IS HONORING THOSE THAT DO DONATE WITH A 30% DISCOUNT ON APPARREL!!!

Kathy

BE THE ONE TO SAVE A LIFE

Ladies Of Harley Jennifer Carter



Hi guys! I know I am looking forward to our HOG rides and LOH events coming up. I'm excited about our ice cream social, wine tasting (I'm hoping this gets to go as planned), the progressive ride, and many more. Thank you all for participating in the planning of these events and to those who have opened up their homes for our ice cream social coming up (The Coulters) and for the progressive ride coming up (The Hammers, The Bradfords, The Coulters, and The Staubs). Looking forward to seeing you guys on the next ride or event!

On a side note, please add Evite to your email safe list and my email is jfmarshall777@hotmail.com.

Media Officer Dennis Palmer



Hello, Good to be back at it!! As your Media officer and Webmaster of our IEHOG.Com website and I just wanted to take this opportunity to again run through I.E. HOG's intent with the new site. We would like to get away from Facebook and even the email Blasts if possible. To follow is how I personally believe that is possible. First and foremost, most of the information that we receive on the email blast can be seen just by watching the slides at the home page of the website. You do not even need to be logged in to view that. If you want to stop the slides, on your computer only, then just put the cursor on the slide and it stops. Remove the cursor to let the slides show move on. Then you have the Calendar that will hold the rest of the information you will need to join the HOG activities. These areas are public so even your friends can jump on and see what we are doing. Next, Forums, I would like to see this area utilized. You can post just about anything, Ride ideas, used parts, requests/questions or just to say hello and have HOG related discussions. You can post anything here that would be posted on the Facebook page that you would like others to see. Anything put in the public area can be seen by those not logged in but you must log in to post, all other areas are private to logged in members only. Galleries, open to the public! No need to log in!! If you have photos from a certain ride that you want to add please email them to myself or our Chapter Photographer Erica. As you can see the website can fulfill all our needs for communication and most of the time you have to do nothing more than open the home page to get what you need. Just stare at the slides and all knowledge will come to you!! The main intent is to consolidate all information in one media, use that media to inform members, create a place for discussions and generate interest by Non-HOG members in hopes that they will join us! Thank you, now let's go RIDE!!

Ride Without Hugs
By Jodi Rizzotto



Our first official HOG day ride since the pandemic began, and the only thing missing was hugs. Some riders gave “air hugs” and fist bumps. Most riders stood apart and greeted each other with a nod, grateful to see friends.

Many HOGs rode during the stay at home order, in small groups that we trusted. Even so, my eyes teared up when Tom passed me the ride sheet. We were back! It feels so good to place ourselves in the protective care of a road captain, with route and stops already planned.

One welcome side effect of this terrible time was the lack of traffic. We cruised over to Glendale Harley-Davidson, our first stop, in record time. The dealership was located in a series of old brick buildings. There were many bikers walking around, and if it weren't for the face masks, it would have looked like a regular day. My favorite part was the vintage motorcycle exhibit which included Harley-Davidson racing bikes and a side car motorcycle.

After another traffic-free freeway ride (on the 101!), we finally reached Mullhol-land Highway. Now the real ride could begin as the winding road led us up into mountains and past ranches. Horses looked up with pointed ears, envious of our freedom.

When we arrived at the Rock Store, I almost didn't recognize it. Last time Frank and I were here, we approached from the opposite direction, and rows of parked motorcycles began long before the actual building. This time, we could park in front of the restaurant in the original motorcycle parking lot.

When I removed my helmet, I was struck by the silence. No roar of laughter and conversation from the patio, no live music. We lined up with the rest of our group and ordered our food. When we got it, Frank and I sat on the steps leading up to the main entrance, normally where there would be lots of traffic. Others ate at their bikes, using their tourpak as a table.

As we talked and ate, groups of motorcycles passed by on their way to their own adventures. Even in the midst of a pandemic, riders found peace in roaring engines and wind under their helmets.

When we were finished, our group split up to go home. Frank and I chose to follow Tom, who took the long way on the Coast Highway from Malibu to Santa Monica before jumping on the freeway. Riding next to the ocean never disappoints, although I was sad to see all the closed parking lots. Usually I don't envy those who live at the beach because of the encroaching crowds, but when access is restricted, it seems like a reasonable sacrifice to wiggle your toes in the sand. After a glimpse of the waves, we headed inland where we found our first real traffic, caused by road construction. Even with the slowdown, we got back to Riverside sooner than normal.



HOG Family



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Fellowship of the Chapter Is through the smiles.



Black Sheep Breakfast Coming this weekend!



Riverside Black Sheep Breakfast

Free Biscuits & Country Gravy

50/50 Drawing
Raffle Tickets for some cool prizes
Ride to follow Breakfast to Mt Wilson Observatory
Trophy for Hottest bike !

Saturday July 11 th 2020 @ 9:00 am

Harvest Riverside Church Back Parking lot
6115 Arlington Ave, Riverside Ca 92504

Bike Blessing !!!!



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Treasurer	MONIKA STAUB

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