

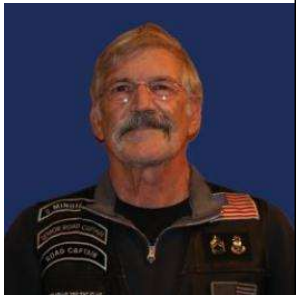


SUNSET CHAPTER HOG #1814

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Spring 2025

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Director's Message

By Mike C.

Spring has sprung, and the riding season has started! By the time you read this newsletter, the Road Captains will already have the rides posted on the Sunset HOG Calendar. The Road Captains have planned many awesome rides for this riding season. Along with the RC planned rides, and Paradise Mystery Rides, there will be some unplanned rides. Some during the week and some on weekends. Keep an eye out on the Sunset HOG Chapter Facebook page to find when and where.

We all want to get out there and ride, but it is time now to ensure the motorcycles we own are ready to ride. Safety checks are a must. For many of us our bikes have been sitting all winter, so we need to run through a checklist prior to the first ride:

1. Tire condition: minimum tire depth of 1.5mm, no cracks or splits on the side walls. Check for anything embedded in the tires.
2. Tire pressure: check for recommended tire pressure.
3. Lights: check that all lights and light markers are in working order; if not, change the bulbs, or the entire light.
4. Fluids: check fluid levels for brakes and clutch. Look at the hoses and calipers for leaks or cracks. Top off, if needed.
5. Brakes: front and rear: check for wear, pits, and rust on disks. Look to ensure brake pads still have plenty of "meat" left. Check for smooth braking.
6. Oil level: check the oil and transmission levels via the sight glass and dip stick
7. Drivetrain: check the drive belt or chain for wear. Replace as needed.

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8. Cables and controls: check for working order. Are the levels and foot controls smooth? Are cables frayed or slack? Tighten or replace.
9. Suspension: check the forks and rear shocks. Sit on the bike and bounce, is it squishy? Look for leaks.
10. Steering: check for resistance. Are the wheel bearings in good working order?
11. If you have difficulties doing any of these on the check list, schedule a maintenance check at the Paradise Harley-Davidson store. They'll help you out!

Safety first: As a H.O.G. Chapter, Sunset has not had any accidents in the past two years. Let's keep it that way. Your Road Captains are here to keep our rides safe and fun. Consider becoming one!

We are a family-oriented Chapter. Due to some television series and movies, bikers and biker gangs, have a less than desirable image by the public at large. So, let's not be those stereotypes. Please ensure you do not have patches on your vest that may be inappropriate or make our Chapter look bad. Greeting the non-bike community with a smile, respect, and kindness will make them love us! Who knows, you might just recruit a new rider, or two.

If you haven't signed up for Ride 365, ride down to Paradise Harley-Davidson and have one of those awesome people at the front counter help you register. Scan the QR code on the poster at Paradise and fill in the required info. A Paradise employee will check your bike's VIN and mileage. They will then use their authenticator to record your mileage into the national HOG mileage database.

The mission of the H.O.G. is to ride and have fun, so ride and have fun.

Having said all this, I am looking forward to a great riding season this year.

Stay strong and be safe!

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

Sunset Chapter Ride 365 Challenge

As of April 21st

Sunset Chapter 3rd in the NW Region: 60,689 miles!
(1st Rattlesnake Mt. Kennewick Chapter / 2nd Tacoma WA Chapter)

Sunset Chapter Top 10 Riders with the most miles:

1. Benjamin H 6,019
2. Debra M 3,521
3. Richard D 3,140
4. David C 3,035
5. Jennifer W 3,034
6. James B 2,880
7. Susanna /Jerry H 2,486
8. Phil S 2,143
9. Gerardo A 2,098
10. Joseph C 1,668

Upcoming Events and Rides

See the Sunset Chapter's Website Calendar for more information

April:

24th – HOG Night Out- Backyard Burger Co. 5:30-7:30 pm

26th – Group Riding Orientation at Paradise 9:00 am

Paradise Mystery Ride starts 10:00 am (KSU 10:30)

May:

10th – Group Riding Orientation at Paradise 9:00 am

Paradise Mystery Ride starts 10:00 am (KSU 10:30)

13th - Chapter Meeting and Social Hour- Beaverton Elks Lodge

20th – HOG Night Out- 60's Café and Diner 5:30-7:30 pm

Upcoming Events and Rides-continued

June:

7th – Sgt Watts Ride and Roll 9:00 am

10th – Chapter Meeting and Social Hour with Complimentary Dinner
At Paradise Harley-Davidson 6-8 pm

11th - Detroit Lake Run 9:00 am

18th – HOG Night Out- Ickabod's Bar and Grill 5:30-7:30 pm

21st – Strawberry Shortcake Ride 9:30 am

25th – Silverton Lunch Ride

28th – Group Riding Orientation 9:00 am

Paradise Mystery Ride 10:00 am

July:

8th – Chapter Meeting and Social Hour 6-8 pm

9th – Maupin Lunch Ride 9:00 am

12th – Klickitat Canyon Run 9:00 am

23rd – Green Peter Reservoir Ride 9:00 am

26th – Group Riding Orientation 9:00 am

Paradise Mystery Ride 10:00 am

Overnight Rides

See the Sunset Chapter's Website Calendar for more information

May 22nd-25th – North Meets South (Registration is closed)

June 20th- 23rd – Lolo pass Overnight Ride

July 26th-27th – Mt. Rainer Overnight Ride

Meet Your Chapter Officer:

Susanna S.

If you haven't met Susanna yet, you should do so. She is a soft spoken, wonderful person with a warm heart, and does a lot for this Chapter. For a volunteer, she wears many 'hats'.

She joined the Sunset HOG Chapter in 2019 when the annual meeting was held at Alpenrose for an ice cream social. She remembers sitting in the bleachers during the time when Gary S. and David B. were the Chapter's Director, and Assistant Director.

In 2022, having no experience or any idea what she was in for, she volunteered as Tech Officer, to help set up a sound system and computers for the monthly Chapter meetings. In 2023, in addition to being a tech person, she took on secretarial duties due to the job being vacant for nearly a year. These duties branched out into more administrative privileges, but with more time consumption, such as: membership renewals, website content management, private Facebook page admin, monthly newsletter creation, and HOG[SCAN], all multiple things which help make the Chapter run successfully today.

Susanna owned/operated a local mortgage brokerage firm for 30 years. Her present life is managing a home on a small amount of acreage which includes maintaining and harvesting fruit trees, extensive gardening with produce going to the needy. Susanna's immediate family

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is Jerry (devoted husband and a Harley rider), daughter and her husband with their 11-year-old grandson who's into Lego and My Hero Academia. Susanna's and Jerry's furry dog family includes a 12-year-old named Ponzi, and a 5-year-old named Bear.

Both Susanna and Jerry enjoy adventures on their 2023 Ultra Limited Anniversary Edition. They enjoy cruising through the farmlands during all the seasons. They also frequent the back roads from Monroe, then onto Florence via Triangle Lake, venturing up the coast stopping in Waldport or Newport for chowder before heading home. No trips longer than a day, since the dogs can't come with them---and Jerry says no to a sidecar.



Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation

Ride and Roll!

Join us for the Second Annual Ride and Roll Veterans Fundraising Event hosted by the Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation. This fun charity event will take you on a 95-mile journey to five unique stops, where you'll roll dice for a chance to win top prizes. Enjoy lunch, merchandise, and scenic highlights along the way, including ferry rides and Oregon's oldest covered bridge.

Registration begins June 7th. Early registration at Paradise Harley-Davidson from 08:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. will receive a 10% off merchandise coupon. Register at Dub's Tavern, the start location, from 9: 00a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Finish at Dubs Tavern by 3:00 pm. Registration fee: \$20 (includes score sheet). Additional sheets are available for \$10.

Purchase a raffle ticket at Paradise Harley-Davidson for a chance to win a 2024 Harley-Davidson motorcycle!

A total of 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket. Don't hesitate to purchase your raffle ticket(s) and have a chance to win this new 2024 Harley Davidson Street Glide valued at **\$28,514.83**.* Additional prizes include one \$500 gift card from Paradise Harley Davidson or one of five, \$100 gift cards, or one 65" LED Smart TV.

For more information go to Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation.

<https://www.sgtwattsveteransfoundation.org/>

Sunset HOG Chapter Challenge for 2025

Your 2025 Chapter Challenge is to visit as many of the selected 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.

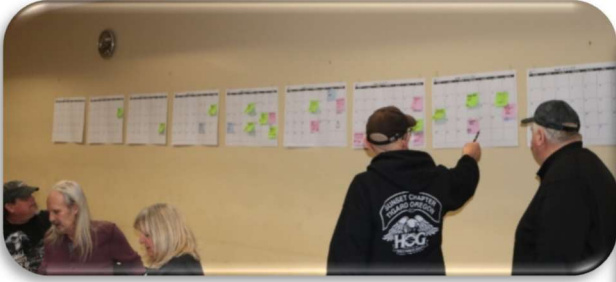
Winners of prizes will be announced at the October 14th Chapter Meeting. If more than one current member qualifies in a category, names will be put into a hat and a drawing will be held.

Log into Sunset Chapter website for Chapter logo flyer, and the selected list of Oregon State Parks.

<https://www.sunsethog.com/>

Fun Photos: March

Road Captains plan rides and review road safety procedures



Fun Photos: March



Rib Roast Ride



Road Captains Lunch



March HOG Night Out

Fun Photos:

March Chapter Meeting:



Winner of the 50-50 Raffle!



Fun Photos:

April Chapter Meeting:

