



**SUNSET CHAPTER HOG #1814**

**S W I N E L I N E**

**Fall 2024**

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## **Director's Message**

By David B.

Can you believe another incredible ride season has come and gone? From conquering the winding roads of our many rides to the camaraderie of our overnight trips, 2024 was full of unforgettable moments. We explored new routes and even had many mid-week rides for those who just couldn't get enough! Our chapter truly sets the standard for "Ride and have fun"!

I'm so proud of how we support each other, both on and off the road. A huge shout-out to our Road Captains for their dedication and skill in leading us safely on every adventure. And of course, a special thanks to Phil for organizing all the fantastic activities this year!

The last three years as your director have been an absolute privilege. It's now time to pass the torch, but I'm excited to continue serving the chapter as Treasurer, if elected. In this role, I'll be able to use my past knowledge to ensure the chapter's finances are in order, allowing us to continue offering fantastic rides and events.

I have no doubt that the next chapter leadership will continue to build on our successes and lead us to even greater adventures in 2025. I'm excited to see what the future holds for our amazing chapter!

## Sunset Chapter Ride 365 Chapter Challenge

We Rank 4<sup>th</sup> in Regional Total: 372,232 miles

Remember: get your miles turned in!

Top 10 riders with the most miles as of October 9<sup>th</sup>:

Raymond M – 16,384

Robert S – 10,158

Debra M – 16,384

David D – 9,486

Greg S – 12,394

Chris T – 9,372

James B – 11,795

Wes Z – 9,022

Lance K – 10,680

Joseph C – 8,444

**Fall Rides:** See Chapter calendar for time, place and updates

**October:**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Mike Tate's Celebration of Life Ride

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Patch Ride / Paradise Bearded Fellow Ride

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - Donuts & Cider Ride

**November:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Portland Veterans Day Parade Ride



*View from The Dalles Veteran's Home – looking West*

## Fall Upcoming Events

### October:

5<sup>th</sup> – Paradise Harley-Davidson Annual Chili Cook-off

8<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

12<sup>th</sup> – Beaverton Elks Lodge Landscaping Clean up

18<sup>th</sup> – Mini Golf Night at Tualatin Island Greens

23<sup>rd</sup> – HOG Night Out- McMenamins Wilsonville

26<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Members Potluck Breakfast

### November:

12<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

15<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Bowling Night

16<sup>th</sup> – Road Captains Potluck Breakfast

20<sup>th</sup> – HOG Night Out- Thirsty Lion

### December:

10<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting and Social Hour

14<sup>th</sup> – Biscuits and Gravy Contest



# The Journey of Many Roads

By Dale S., Safety Officer

One of the greatest reasons we ride motorcycles is the lure of the open road. We are fortunate to belong to Sunset HOG where a new rider, or a lifelong rider, can experience the open road to a comfortable riding level. From short lunch rides to cross country adventures, everyone starts with no experience and learns from doing. It really helps when the road is shared with another rider who has been there and done that. I follow several Facebook groups covering long distance riding and rally specific destinations for motorcyclists. Every day I find newcomers asking questions: "What is the best route, what do you carry on your bike, where to stay as in camping or hotels, best restaurants?"

I will discuss the annual Sturgis Rally trip as an example for those seeking a pilgrimage to the mecca of bike rallies. The good, the bad, and the ugly, and why it is a must do rider's experience.

First, a Sturgis adventure has three parts: getting there, the Rally, then getting back home. We are fortunate to live in Oregon and have many different routes and sights to see making the journey unique every time. With approximately 1000 miles on the most direct route is at least two days of hard long days in the saddle. I prefer to travel four days each way just to experience all there is to see and not destroy my body or machine along the way. Just because the rally is in August, prepare for every weather condition possible!

The actual Rally is in some of the most beautiful and diverse country you will ever experience. The sights and sounds are never ending. Every day is a destination ride in a different area within approximately 100 miles from the actual city of Sturgis. Downtown Sturgis is packed with thousands of people and bikes. Everyone seems to get along quite well, regardless of what they ride or where they come from. You will meet people from all over the world. Everyone is connected thru their love of motorcycles and its lifestyle.

I prefer to rent a house during the event. This ensures our group has a base camp where we can relax, eat, shower, and get good sleep. Try to build a group of riders which have similar expectations as to how you would want to experience the journey.

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## Continued- The Journey of Many Roads

My first venture to Sturgis was with my brother-in-law. Neither of us had a clue about what we were about to experience. We found out quickly why there are riders who make attending this Rally a yearly experience. We had a great time but spent a lot of time not knowing what to do next.

My final thoughts are: Make sure you and your trusty steed are prepared for riding 300-400 miles a day. If going alone, talk to those who have been there and plan! Travel with someone or a group who has been there. Sturgis can be expensive! Every year I spend around \$2500 for everything (fuel, food, housing, and misc. stuff). Good planning can help ensure a safe and memorable experience; one you will never forget.



# Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation

## Winners of the 2024 Motorcycle Raffle:

Yes! There were quite of few winners, other than the winner of a 2023 Street Glide motorcycle. Thank you to all volunteers, and to all who had bought a raffle ticket, and who had donated money to this essential charity. For more information about it or a donation, here's the website address: [sgtwattsveteransfoundation.org](http://sgtwattsveteransfoundation.org)

The winners of the 2024 Motorcycle Raffle:

2023 Harley-Davidson Street Glide: Michael Tetreault

\$500 Paradise Harley-Davidson Gift Card: Darlene Nagaoka

Custom Benchmade Knife: Rich Dobson

\$100 Gift Cards:

Jeremy Veselka

Anne Moen

Jaydon Rains

Randy Jacoy

Bob Driscoll



# Rider's Waypoint:

By Nancy C.

## A Chat with Kathleen Turner

The question is who is Kathleen Turner? Well, she is a bona fide Sunset Chapter member, works full-time as a public-school teacher, and tutors students during the evenings. She does a lot of solo riding during the summer months. She and her HD motorcycle, named 'My Baby', have ridden solo coast to coast at least twice, as well as to Alaska. She also has traveled to Iceland and rode there, sometimes in 39 degrees with pouring-down rain. She has pushed 2,000 miles in less than 48 hours! She has done rides certified by the Iron Butt Association (IBA). Kathleen preps for these long riding days with protein bars, plenty of water, cooling vest, a set of Allen wrenches, tire inflator, 5 lb. jack (if bike is dropped), oil, and with extras such as a face shield, goggles, rain gear, gloves, and layers of clothing. Due to her fulfillment of pure joy and inner strength from completing these rides, friends encouraged her to write a book about her experiences. Ultimately, this then led to a second book. These books are not only inspirational, but easy to read with numerous touring tips.

**Here are several blogs from her most recent trip to regions of Northern Africa:**

"I familiarized myself with various safety measures I could take to minimize risk in less developed or crime prone areas such as only drinking bottled water and staying at hotels with secure parking."

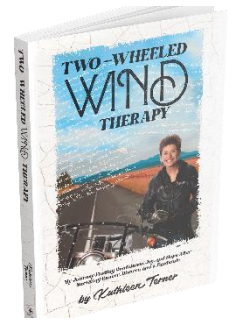
"Every bit of trip preparation as well as the work I put in on the road paid off in spades..."

"Overall, Morocco was both the most challenging destination to travel in as well as the most rewarding. Riding around hairpin curves on a two-way road with enough asphalt for one vehicle wondering whether each turn would be my last was nerve wracking to say the least. Making my way on dirt and gravel paths through little villages occasionally left me wondering if I was lost. Finding myself exhausted from the severe heat despite my best attempts at hydration made me question what on earth I was doing riding to the Sahara Desert in the summer."

## Continued- A Chat with Kathleen Turner

### Two-Wheeled Wind Therapy

'This memoir describes Kathleen's first solo cross-country trip and how it helped her learn to experience joy and hope again after surviving throat cancer, a second divorce, and teaching through the pandemic. Traveling over 15,000 miles through 28 different states she began to see that her past may have shaped her but did not need to define her.'

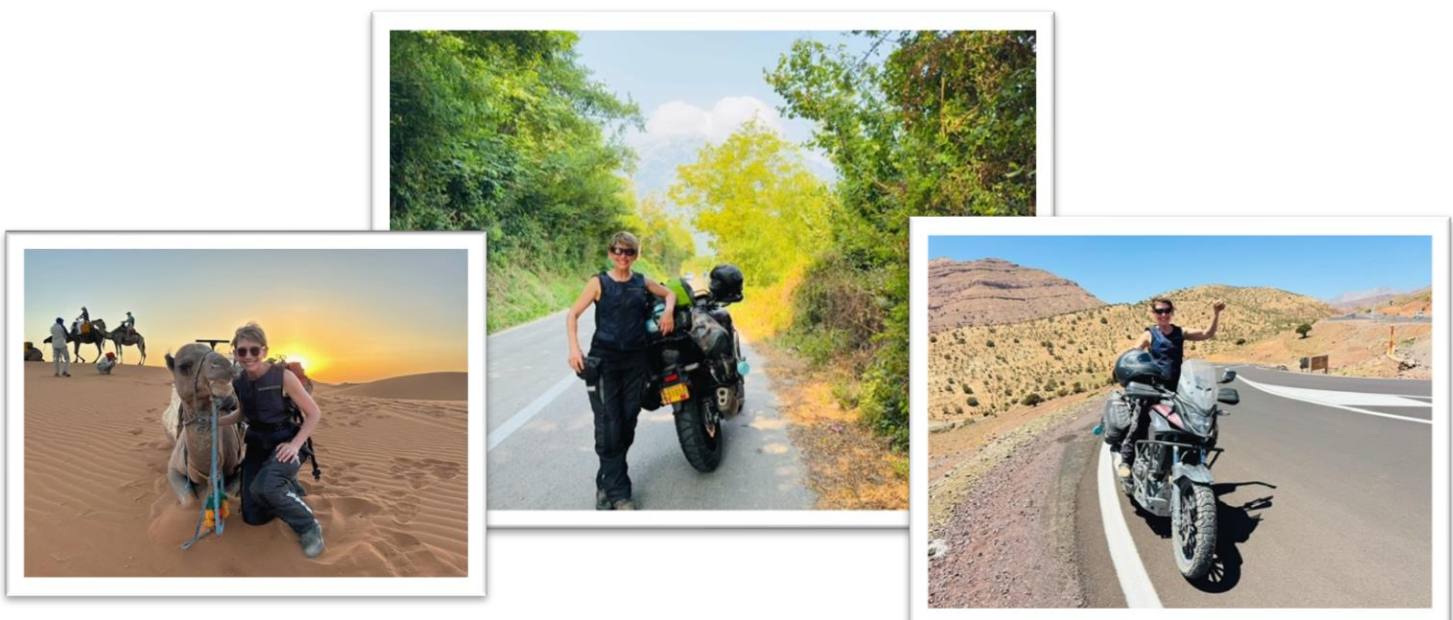


### Living at Full Throttle

'Just weeks before a motorcycle trip to Iceland, middle-aged high school teacher Kathleen Turner receives startling news from her cancer doctor, throwing her trip and her future into doubt. Her story vividly recounts how her harrowing travels earlier through Alaska to the Arctic Ocean gave her strength to face the daunting news from a position of power. Kathleen's heart-warming tales of adventures through twenty-four countries illustrate how to overcome fear, embrace it, or pivot when prudent. Her lively descriptions of life on the road woven with details of her faith can help us all learn how to live fully in the moment, be open to adventure, and treat others with kindness regardless of circumstances. This book is a sequel to her first memoir, *Two-Wheeled Wind Therapy*.'



These books and more information about her can be found on her website [kathleenturner.com](http://kathleenturner.com) Hope to see her soon.



## June Rides: 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>



Escape the City to  
Pacific City Ride



Helvatia Tavern Ride



# June

## Pine Hollow Ride



## Covered Bridges Ride



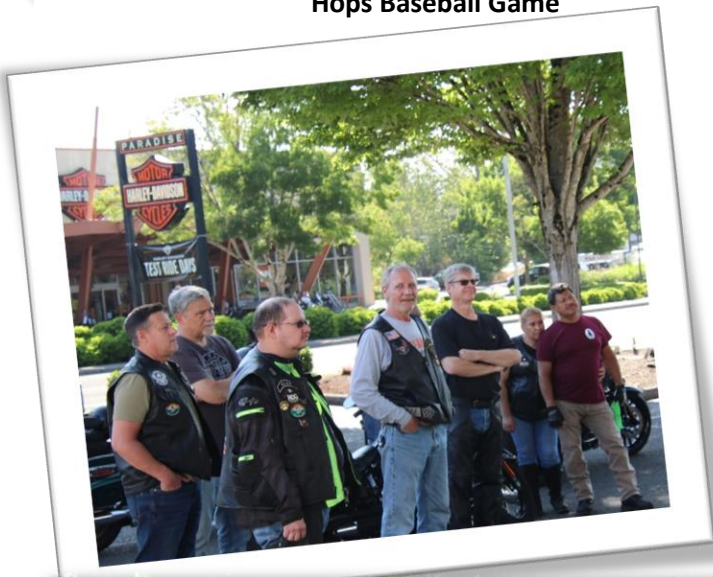
## July Events and Rides



Hops Baseball Game



July Hog Night Out



Misty Mountain Ride



## July Events and Rides

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Motorcycle Rodeo



# July:

## Veteran's Home Ride



## Netarts Mid-week Lunch Ride

## August Rides and Events

### Uncle Buck's Wheatland Ferry Ride



### Siletz River Run



## August Rides and Events

### Chapter Picnic



### August Chapter Meeting



## August Events and Rides:

### Marilyn's Ride



### Bull Run- Gorge to Parkdale Ride



## August Events and Rides:

### HOG Night Out



**Detroit  
Lake  
Run**

### Ride 47



## September Events and Rides:

### Eastern Oregon Overnight Ride:



*Photo taken by Mike C. Literally, he hopped off his bike, grabbed the camera, took the photo, hopped back on, and kept it tight- all in seconds.*

## September Events and Rides:



HOG Night Out



September Chapter Meeting



## September Events and Rides:



Lost Vader Ride

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sgt Watts Memorial Ride



## September Events and Rides:

### Shaniko Overnight Ride- Ghostly Fun!



## September and October Photos:



Maupin Mid-week Lunch Ride

October Chapter Meeting

