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Director's Message

What a great Chapter we are part of! We have a higher yearly ride count than the average chapter, a lower-than-average incident count, and I know we have more fun than the average chapter. With an active membership of around 200 members, we have a lot to manage and organize. Planning and leading rides and putting on events takes volunteers. Sunset Chapter has many volunteers and that is another reason our chapter is great. Of course, you, the members complete our chapter; without you, we would just have leaders. You know what they say about too many generals and not enough warriors. As members of Sunset Chapter H.O.G., we do have guidelines that come from National H.O.G. that need to be followed and one of those comes from the Chapter Charter which I will outline below. Group ride safety is another area that contributes to our great Chapter. The Road Captains have spent many hours creating policies and procedures to keep us safe when we ride as group. If you are not aware of these policies and procedures, the Road Captains put on a Group Riding Orientation (GRO) that will provide you with great group riding knowledge. Please read all this article so that you can contribute to our great Chapter in positive safe manner and the way National expects.

To all of you that volunteer, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Without you we would not be the awesome chapter we are. A special thank you to the Primary Officers, Road Captains Core team and the Road Captains. These individuals spend hours each year to manage the chapter as well as plan and lead the rides that many of you enjoy. What completes our Chapter is you, the members, who keep coming to rides, events, and our monthly meetings. You all make it worthwhile for all the chapter leaders to run and support the chapter. We sincerely hope that you all are having a good time riding and having fun.

We are an organization that is centered around riding motorcycles in a group. We are visible to the community. We wear uniforms (vests or jackets) with H.O.G. and Sunset Chapter patches affixed to them. As members of H.O.G. we need to be responsible, safe, and respectable. Article 1.2 of the Chapter Charter guides in the following ways: Chapter activities and operations shall be conducted in a manner consistent with a family-oriented, non-political, non-religious philosophy. All chapter activities and operations shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the following:

1. Family-Oriented

This is simple, all we need to do is think of a family with adults, children, grandchildren and maybe even great-great-children. Would anything you say during a chapter ride or event not be good for children to hear? Would anything you put on your chapter uniform offend or confuse a child?

2. Non-Political

During a ride or event, we should refrain from talking politics. Do not wear any political statement patches or pins that are negative, mean, hateful, violent, or contains foul language on your chapter uniform. Political patches or pins that identify what party you are part of on your uniform are okay if they are positive and do NOT include mean, hateful, violent, or foul words. We all have our views of politics and if you want to talk politics, do it somewhere else that is not associated with H.O.G. chapter rides or events.

3. Non-religious

We all have beliefs, they may include God, Jesus, atheist, evolution or other. Let's not talk about our beliefs at any chapter rides or events. Take any conversations about your beliefs away from chapter activities. Any patches or pins you wear on your uniform that stand for your individual beliefs are okay but should NOT be negative, mean, violent, or contains foul words.

Article 1.2 if followed will keep our focus on why we are part of a H.O.G. chapter and that is to ride and have fun. Please follow the above policies and behaviors so we can be one cohesive group without any negative incidents.

There is much more than the above in the Chapter Charter and Chapter Handbook that National H.O.G. publishes for all of us that are part of H.O.G. and our Chapter. I encourage you to read the Chapter Charter and Chapter Handbook which you can find on the chapter web page: <https://www.sunsethog.com/chapter-charter-handbook>

Group ride safety needs to be taken seriously. None of us want to be a part of an accident where someone gets injured or even worse, loss of life. Also, we don't want any kind of damage done to our awesome Harley-Davidson bikes. With Service being overloaded for the last couple of years, your bike could be off the road for weeks or months. Following the group ride policies and procedures is a must to maximize all our safety. If you are not sure about how we ride as a group, please attend one of many Group Riding Orientations (GRO) that the Road Captains and Safety Officer hosts throughout the riding season. Let's all work together to keep everyone safe.

One last topic that covers both safety and our appearance in the community when we ride as a group is the consideration for cages (4 wheeled vehicles and larger). Be considerate to cages. For example, if we are on the freeway in the right lane as a group, if a cage signals to the right, please make space for them to get over and maybe even wave the cage over into the group when it is safe. More the likely they have an exit coming up. Don't worry about losing the rest of the group, even if the cage is going slower than the bikes ahead. And please never go around the cages to the left or right to catch up with the group. Only if a Road Captain signals you to go around, which we rarely do, then you can go around safely. The Road Captains are constantly communicating on the CB or Senas with the lead Road Captain and he/she will slow down so they don't lose the back of the group. We would like people in cages to respect us because we are safe and considerate of others on the road.

In closing, the whole chapter is a great organization and what I wrote above is just a reminder of what our H.O.G. *character* should be about. If you are new to H.O.G. and our chapter, we are not a MC we are Harley-Davidson Owners Group which you cannot be a part of unless you own a Harley or associate with someone that does. Our appearance to the community should set the standard for 99 percenters and I believe that Sunset Chapter does that very well. I ask all of you to help support our appearance to the community around us by following the H.O.G. Chapter Charter and Handbook.

David Brown
Sunset Chapter Director

Chapter Events In Pictures

Always a good time at our Meet & Mingles.



The Officers Waffle Breakfast is always a big hit.



Never miss a Chapter Meeting as they can be attended in person, or by Zoom.



New Rocker Recognition – David presenting members their gift cards.



Road Captain Evaluations happen rain or shine.



Ladies of Harley (LOH) hold our February Chapter Breakfast



In Honor of Black History Month

By Buck Worthey, Chapter Historian

Benjamin F. Hardy (July 25, 1921-1994) was an African American custom motorcycle builder who made the Captain America and Billy choppers for the 1969 Peter Fonda road movie Easy Rider.

The Captain America bike, made from a then 20-year-old, heavily customized Harley-Davidson panhead is considered one of the most iconic motorcycles ever built.

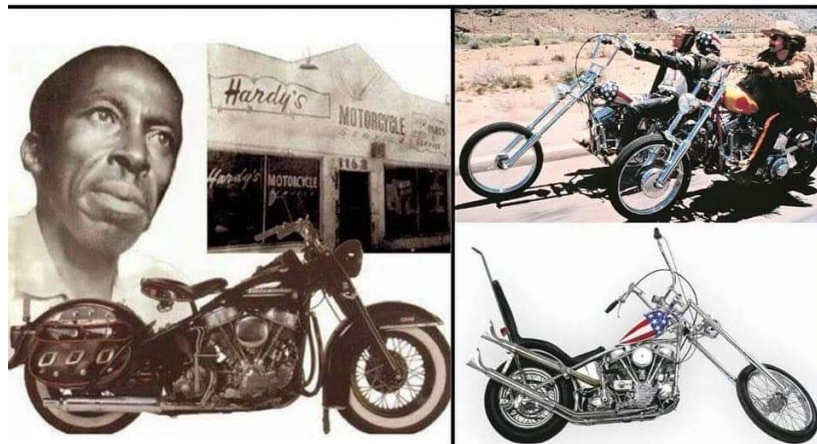
Working with another Black motorcycle builder, coordinator Cliff Vaughns, Hardy built two 'Billy' bikes and three 'Captain Americas', one of which was destroyed in the making of the movie, the rest of which were stolen. Each bike had a backup to make sure that shooting could continue in case one of the old machines failed or got wrecked accidentally. The 'Billy' bike was typical of the custom motorcycles Black bikers were riding at the time.

Hardy and Vaughns remained largely unknown and uncredited for 25 years as they were not accepted due to being African Americans, and were not welcomed into the mainstream motorcycle world in the USA.

Known locally as "Benny" and "King of Bikes" Ben Hardy's Motorcycle Service was located at 1168 E. Florence in Los Angeles. He was a mentor to many of the local motorcyclists in South Central, Los Angeles.

His work was featured in the "Black Chrome" exhibition at the California African American Museum.

Ben Hardy Created the "Captain America" and 'Billy' Choppers for the Movie Easy Rider.





INTRODUCING OUR NEW ASSISTANT ROAD CAPTIAN MIKE CUCITI

Hi, I'm Mike Cuciti, sometimes better known as "5 Minute" Mike. I have been with the Sunset HOG Chapter for the past few years and currently the Assistance Senior Road Captain. It took me a long time to considered join the Sunset HOG, but with the push from Raymond Mott, Dave Brown, and Gary Sutherland beat me into submission, glad they did!

The reason I'm called "5 Minute" Mike is during one of our rides through California, no matter how many times Gary told me KSU in 10 minutes, I was always 5 minutes late. Also, I would stop and take pictures during the ride and, again, 5 minutes late in leaving with the group.

I am originally from San Pedro, CA outside of Los Angeles. The day I turned 18, I joined the US Army and spend the next 20 years travelling the world. Along the way, I met Jan and we have been married for the last 46 years. We have three children, Chris, Casey, and Jessica. Chris lives in Japan, Casey in The Netherlands, and Jessica in Portland. We have four grandchildren and a grand puppy. All the grandchildren life overseas; the dog in Portland.

I've been riding motorcycles since I was 16 years old. I have always been fascinated by the adventure of riding. As I tell people, it's the most fun you can do with your clothes on! My first bike was a 1972 Kawasaki H2, better known as the Widow Maker, very fast! My next bike was the 1976 Z900 Kawasaki, great bike! I recently found one and it's sitting in my garage waiting rebuild. I have also owned a 1999 Honda Valkyrie Interstate, and a 2002 Harley-Davidson Classic, both great bikes! I enjoy ride along mountain roads, with lots of twists and turns, who doesn't?

I have two memorable rides. The first was way back in 1977. My wife, Jan, and I returned from a military tour of duty in Europe and the only thing we owned was a Z900 Kawasaki. We had been married for just six months and all we owned was the Kawasaki and what was in the saddle bags. Since we had not met each other's families, we rode from New Jersey to Minnesota to meet Jan's family, and then to California to meet my family. Our GPS was a map inside a tank bag. The entire trip cost \$411.82. That included gas, food, and lodging!

The other memorable ride way Chicago to Santa Monica via Route 66. What a trip! The weather was very hot, as was the humid; it was 113 degrees in Needles, CA! We stopped at all the places recommended in the book we used for the trip (Route 66: EZ Guide for Travelers, by Jerry McClanahan). I highly recommend a Route 66 ride before it's gone.

The Sunset HOG Chapter is great! I enjoy my fellow riders and the comradery that goes along with it. One of the best things I enjoy about the group is the focus of safety on group rides. I took a 10-day motorcycle tour with a group, there were no Road Captains and the issue of safety was severely lacking. Another thing that makes the Sunset HOG Chapter is that we like to ride. I have been involved with other biker groups that did not ride much, only talked about it. Volunteering for the Chapter is my way of saying thanks for the good times. I have put more miles on my 2014 Ultra Classic in the past two years, than previous years. I am looking forward to more rides and miles this year.

Great HOG Chapter, a great people, great times. Ride safe!



GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR ROAD CAPTAIN SCRIBE MARTIN HEHMAN

I've wanted to get a motorcycle since I was in my 20s. However, I didn't pursue this dream until my late 40s. In 2016 my brother-in-law came over to my house for a party and left his bike at my house that night. He said I could take it for a ride if I wanted, so I did, and caught the bug.

I started looking for a bike and really wasn't really picky. My wife told me that if I was going to get a motorcycle, I needed to get a Harley. Not knowing much about Harleys, I started looking. At that time, I really did not want a bagger. They were just not my style.

I ended up falling in love with a 2011 Harley Davidson Rocker C I found a Paradise. I purchased it in April 2017 with only 800 miles on it. At the time, I hadn't ridden in over 20 years. I started going on short rides to get used to my bike. The first time I rode to work was really scary. Every time I saw another bike, I felt obligated to wave. This made me really nervous because I wasn't confident in my one-handed riding skills. After a few days of riding on highway 30, my riding skills came back.

As part of my purchase, Paradise paid for my HOG membership. I went to my first meeting over the summer of 2017. People were friendly and welcoming. However, not knowing anyone, I felt like the only one in the room without a tattoo. I didn't really start becoming an active member until all my riding buddies either moved or decided to stop riding. I ended up going on a Mystery Ride and had a fantastic time. That is when I really started to become an active member.

As I became more active with riding, I developed some fantastic friendships. I would still go on many of the chapter rides, but I would also go on rides with friends. Most of them had touring bikes and would give me guff for having to pull over to get gas all the time. They would also volunteer me for things since I didn't have a CB and they all did. Many of my riding friends ended up becoming Road Captains. I was hesitant to follow their lead because I felt like I needed a CB to be a Road Captain. That all changed in 2019.

In October 2019, I was asked by the Assistant Director to take over being the Road Captain Scribe due to my tech skills. I became a road captain in February 2020. We all know what happened next, the Covid-19 shutdown. Our chapter, along with the rest of the world had to adapt. The chapter leadership asked for my support in running our Zoom chapter meeting because that was my life as a teacher. This led to me supporting the chapter further with the website, Facebook, and email administration. I was happy to help.

I continued to ride my Rocker but was longing to change to a touring bike. In August 2021, I traded in my Rocker with 25,000 miles and purchase my current bike, a 2020 Road Glide Limited with just over 6000 miles on it. Currently, my Road Glide has over 21,000 miles on it. I ride in all kinds of weather from 100° to my lowest of 23.9°. My favorite rides are the ones that take me over mountain passes. The best one is outside of Baker City.

I am a Lifetime Member of HOG and a dedicated Sunset HOG chapter member. Our chapter is like a third family to me with many close friends. I encourage all members to join us in as many chapter events and rides as they can. Our chapter is really a special group of people.

Martin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the website calendar (sunesthog.com) often for more information, changes and added events.

MARCH 2023

18th - Ladies of Harley Bowling / Pizza Night @ 5:30
Tigard Bowl
11660 /SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard, 97223
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

22nd - Meet & Mingle at 5:30pm Appetizers / 6:00pm Dinner
Murrayhill Taphouse
14550 SW Murray School Dr, Beaverton OR 97007

APRIL 2023

11th - Chapter Meeting - Dinner at 6:00pm / 7pm Meeting
Beaverton Elks, 3464 SW 106th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005

20th - Meet & Mingle at 5:30pm Appetizers / 6:00pm Dinner
Buffalo Gap Saloon
6835 S. Macadam Ave, Portland OR 97219

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2023 Sunset Chapter Top 15 as of March 6th

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| 1) Martin H – 1,446 | 8) Robert D - 749 |
| 2)Cherie A – 1,383 | 9) Dale S - 689 |
| 3) Raymond M – 1,310 | 10) Gregory S - 515 |
| 4) Jack G – 1,087 | 11) Darlene N - 506 |
| 5)Gerardo A – 1,055 | 12) Lee M - 419 |
| 6) Richard D – 1,035 | 13) Simon A - 321 |
| 7) Mike C - 893 | 14) Allan R - 297 |
| 15) John B - 235 | |

Chapter Riding Season Begins

As always check the Chapter calendar for more information, additional rides and updates – sunsethog.com....it is Spring in Oregon after all.

APRIL

- 15TH – Grist Mill Ride
- 19th – Silver Falls Ride
- 22nd – Pig Turd Ride
- 26th – 3 Ferries Ride
- 29th – Paradise Mystery Ride

MAY

- 3rd – Maupin Lunch Ride
- 13th – Covered Bridges Ride
- 27th Klickitat Canyon Ride
- 29th – Memorial Day Ride
- 31st – Like Simtustus Ride

JUNE

- 4th Escape the City Ride
- 10th Paradise Mystery Ride
- 11th Strabery Shortcake Ride
- 17th Bay City Bread Bowl Ride
- 21st – Helvetia Tavern Ride
- 28th Pine Hollow Ride

March 11th - Rib Roast Ride



RULES FOR RIDING WITH A PHOTOGRAPHER

By James Hanson, Sunset HOG Photographer

1. Treat the Photographer as a Trike. The Photographer gets the entire lane.
2. Keep a 2 second gap behind the Photographer.
3. The Photographer may wear a bright orange vest to identify the rider from a Road Captains.
4. At times the Photographer may signal to leave the group for photo opportunities. Do not follow him.
5. When the Photographer signals to rejoin the group, please create a gap to let him in. It may not be the same location in the line as when he left the group.
6. Feel free to wave to the Photographer as he rides by. Please be polite.
7. Examples of photo/video opportunities:
 - a. Photographer may jump out on a 2-lane road and pass the group or slow down and let the group pass him.
 - b. Photographer may ride far ahead of the group to a way point to take pictures of the group as they pass by.

2023 HOG RALLIES CLOSE TO US

Grab a couple of riding buddies, or go by yourself, get some great rides in, and meet HOG members from around the country.



MARCH 25–29, 2023 - Fresno, CA to Apache Junction, AZ

Ride back in history with us and enjoy Springtime in the American West. There is no better time to experience the splendor of the Sierra Nevada foothills and the expansiveness of the ancient Mojave desert.

Finish your journey at the largest bike event in the West at Arizona Bike Week.



AUGUST 30–SEPT 3, 2023 - Tacoma, WA to Chico, CA

Rally riders will take in spectacular mountain roads and breathtaking vista points and experience the grandeur of Mount St. Helens and Mount Rainier, in upstate Washington, Mount Hood in Oregon, Mount Shasta in California. Then you just might want to continue on with the 9 Passes Rally.



SEPT 5–9, 2023 - Yuba City, CA to Lancaster, CA

The splendor of the California Sierra Nevada mountain passes. There are over 50 passes and we have selected nine of the very best!

This will be great mix of twisties, wide open flats, mountain roads, all with breathtaking scenery the entire time. Harley riders can never get enough of these roads.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO.

https://members.hog.com/HOG/HDMN_Rallies