



Director's Message

By David B.

Imagine swerving along twisty roads, and cruising down scenic highways with the wind whipping through your hair, and a steady rumble of your Harley beneath you; not alone, but alongside fellow members, all united by the love of the open road. Our extended weekend motorcycle trips offer more than just a scenic escape; they forge lasting memories and solidify the bonds of friendship.

These trips are thoughtfully planned, taking you on unforgettable routes filled with breathtaking landscapes and charming small towns. Whether it's stopping for photos at a majestic vista or sharing stories over laughter during evening meals after a great day of riding, every moment becomes a cherished memory. The camaraderie on these rides is unmatched. You'll face challenges together, navigate new roads, and support each other through every twist and turn. By the end of the trip, you'll return with a renewed sense of adventure and a deeper connection to your fellow riders.

Ready to create your own unforgettable story? Sign up for one of the Sunset Chapter's extended weekend motorcycle trips and discover the magic of shared experiences on the open road. We guarantee miles of smiles and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Sunset Chapter Ride 365 Chapter Challenge

We Rank 3rd in Regional Total: 134,636 miles!

Riders with the highest mileage as of June 25th:

Raymond M – 6,365

Geraldo A – 4,188

Debra M – 6,365

Darlene N – 4,072

Scott M – 5,826

Alexander H – 3,875

Jack G – 4,364

Harley E – 3,871

Gregory J – 4,230

Gina G – 3,780

Summer Over-Night Rides:

July 19-22 LoLo Pass

August 23-26 Cascade Leavenworth

September 6-9 Eastern Oregon Overnight Ride

September 13-18 Vancouver Island BC Extended Weekend Ride

September 14-15 Fossil/ Shaniko Ride



Summer Upcoming Rides

June

26th Helvetia Tavern Mid-week Ride

29th Pine Hollow Ride

30th Covered Bridges Ride

July

4th Firecracker 250

6th Veteran's Home Ride

10th Ride to Hillsboro Hops Baseball Game Midweek ride

13th Misty Mountain Ride

14th 4th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo

17th Netarts Mid-week Lunch Ride

*20th Paradise Anniversary Ride (See 'Paradise 20th Anniversary' article)

27th Paradise Mystery Ride / Group Ride Orientation

August

3rd Uncle Buck's Wheatland Ferry Ride

4th Sweet Home Ride

7th Garibaldi Mid-week Lunch Ride

11th Chapter Picnic Ride

17th Paradise Luau Ride

18th Bull Run-Gorge to Parkdale Ride

25th Detroit Lake Ride

28th Ride 47 Mid-week

31st Paradise Mystery Ride / Group Ride Orientation

September

7th Lost Vader

11th Newport Chowder Mid-week Ride

21st 2nd Annual SGT Watts Memorial Ride

22nd Non St Helens Ride

28th Paradise Mystery Ride / Group Ride Orientation

Paradise Harley-Davidson 20th Anniversary!

By Mike Durbin

If you are wondering why the dealership is named Paradise Harley-Davidson, you can blame my Jimmy Buffet phase during the time when I lived in Florida, and where I met my wife, Cheryl. Around 1998, Cheryl had a great job opportunity at Gap, Inc's corporate headquarters and I ended up following her to San Francisco, where I accepted a job as Vice President of Restoration Hardware. Living in the Bay area was both awesome and expensive. Cheryl and I got married there, had two kids (Henry and Olivia), and decided we wanted to buy our own business.

I've always loved riding motorcycles. The sensation of accelerating, carving through corners, and to some degree being a little different from the rest has always inspired me. So, I contacted Dealer Development at Harley-Davidson about buying a dealership. When I told my father about my plan, he mentioned that he had done business with a guy named Ed Wallace, who owned a couple Harley-Davidson dealerships. He advised me to call Ed for advice. When I did, Ed told me his Portland dealership was for sale and that I should buy it. The rest, as they say, is history.

Twenty years later, I still get energized when I walk into the dealership and see a showroom full of beautiful, American made, Harley-Davidson motorcycles. I find great satisfaction in selling a product that I believe in and that I enjoy riding. As you know, people dream about owning a Harley-Davidson and it is a great feeling seeing that dream come true in our dealership. I love collaborating with our staff and especially enjoy the relationship with our HOG members and customers. I always say that I may own the dealership, but it really belongs to our members and customers. Like any business, it has its ups and downs. In my time, we've lived through a great depression, a worldwide pandemic, wildfires, freeway construction, and the loss of key staff members. However, the power of the Harley-Davidson brand, our amazing staff members, and most importantly, you, our incredible customers have helped us thrive through adversity.

Thank you for supporting Paradise Harley-Davidson and I look forward to the next 20 years. I'll do my best to support the riding community with fun events, rides, and the best HOG chapter in the nation!

Congratulations to Mel on His Retirement!!

If you ever needed a part at Paradise, Mel was there to help with a smile. He worked behind the counter at the parts department for as long as Paradise was in operation; plus, another 20 years in three different buildings under four different owners, making it a total of 44 years with motorcycles. He started on April fool's day 1980. Mel's plan includes some traveling, camping, and 'I don't know' projects. Guaranteed, we will miss seeing Mel at Paradise. We wish Mel the very best, and hope to see him around at some Chapter events.



Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation

Ride and Roll Re-cap:

Thank you, all volunteers and participants. Because of you, you made this inaugural event a successful fundraiser for the Sgt Watts Veterans Foundation. A special thanks to Bob for leading it.

Nearly \$4,000 worth of door prizes were handed out. The top prize winners were:

High Score Prize: \$500 Danner Gift Card- Buck W.

Low Score Prize: \$450 Langdon Farms Golf Club- Michael S.

50/50 Raffle: Darlene N.

Professional Aerobatics Flight: Darlene N.

Newberg Scenic Flight: David M.

2024 Motorcycle Raffle:

A New 2023 Harley-Davidson Street Glide Motorcycle will be raffled to one lucky winner on August 24, 2024. A total of 500 tickets will be sold at \$100 per tickets. Don't hesitate to purchase your raffle ticket(s) and have a chance to win this new motorcycle! Additional prizes include one \$500 gift card from Paradise Harley-Davidson or one of five, \$100 gift cards! Tickets can be bought at Paradise or on-line. Donations can always be made to support your veterans at

www.sgtwattsveteransfoundation.org

Rider's Waypoint: Route 66

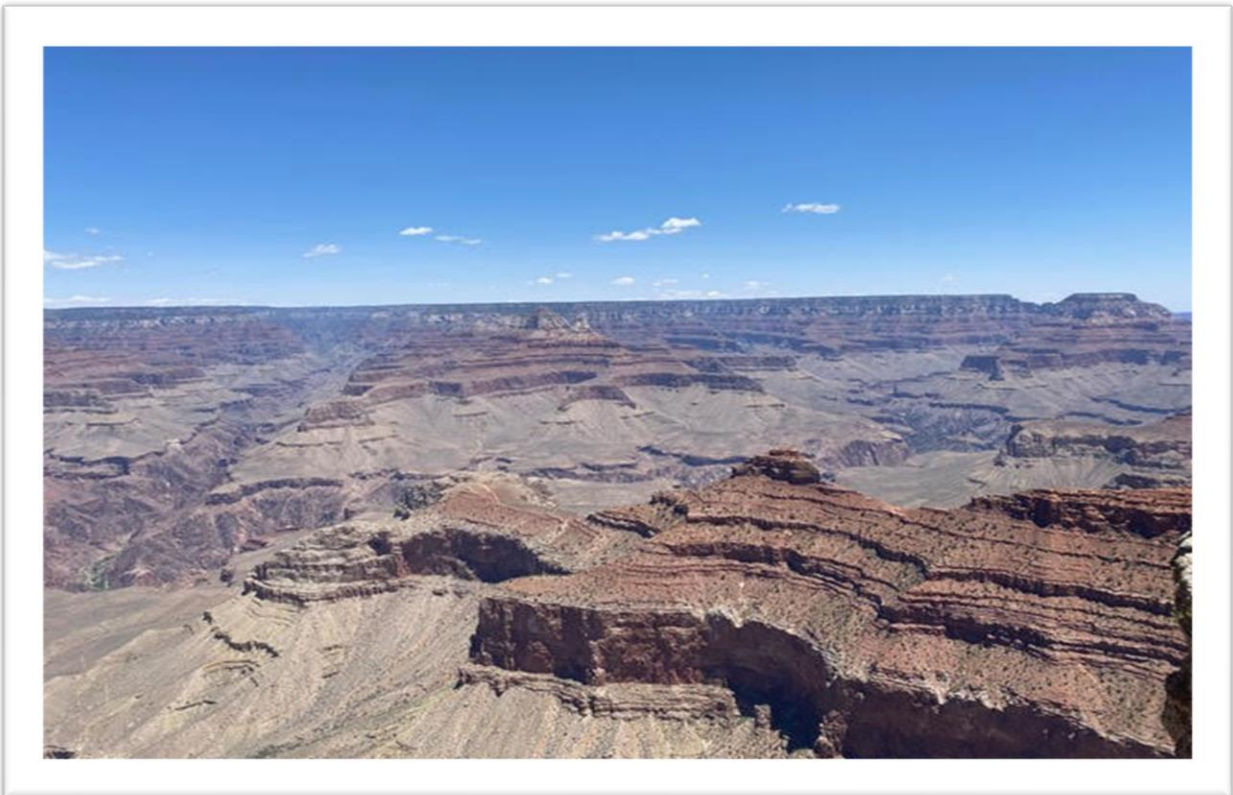
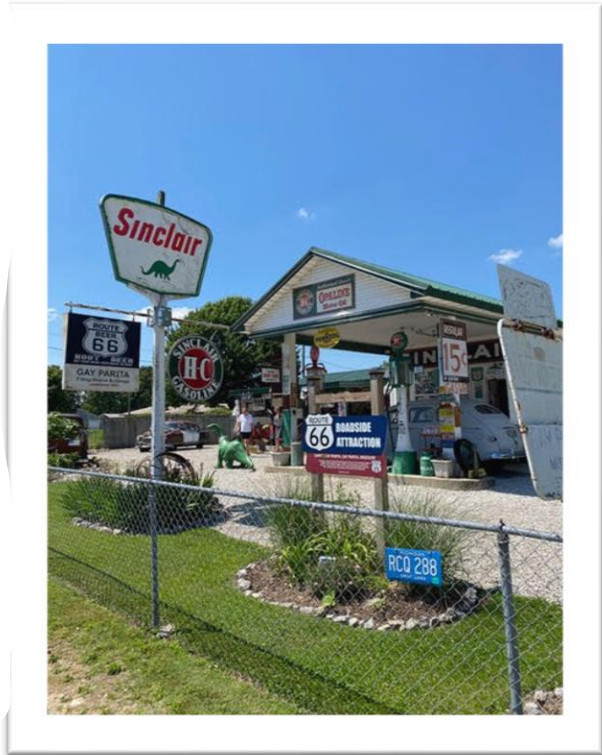
By Patrick t.

The creation of Route 66 dates from 1926, and it is a myth for all French motorcycle enthusiasts of the Harley-Davidson brand. In 2017, my wife and I decided to leave France and retire in the United States to be closer to our son. One of my dreams was to ride on the whole Route 66 on a Harley-Davidson. I was lucky to be able to make this dream come true in May.

To discover the incredible beauty of the landscapes and the countless mythical places of Route 66, we had to travel 2,850 miles and cross 8 states. Route 66 leaves Chicago and arrives in Los Angeles (Santa Monica). From May 14th to 31st, we crossed breathtaking landscapes, and we immersed ourselves in the history of the "Mother Road" with ghost towns, motels and their giant neon signs, gas stations. without forgetting the cars of all ages, the diners and the numerous museums dedicated to Route 66.

I recommend it to everyone! The rides I have done with the Sunset Chapter since June 2023 have been very useful to me for the rules of conduct and training in preparing for this project. Here are some photos of beautiful places among all those I have seen and for which I will keep unforgettable memories.





April-June Fun Photos of 2024:



Elks Lodge Chair Cleaning



April Chapter Meeting



Mini Golf Night Water Hazard - April

April-June Fun Photos of 2024:



April Grist Mill Ride



April-June Fun Photos of 2024:



Three Ferries Ride- April

April-June Fun Photos:

The Ride and Roll -May

Watercolor art by Cheri C. While her husband rolled the dice during the Ride and Role event, she sketched images into her art book. Afterwards, she added in the watercolor.



Dub's Tavern



Scott's Mill County Park



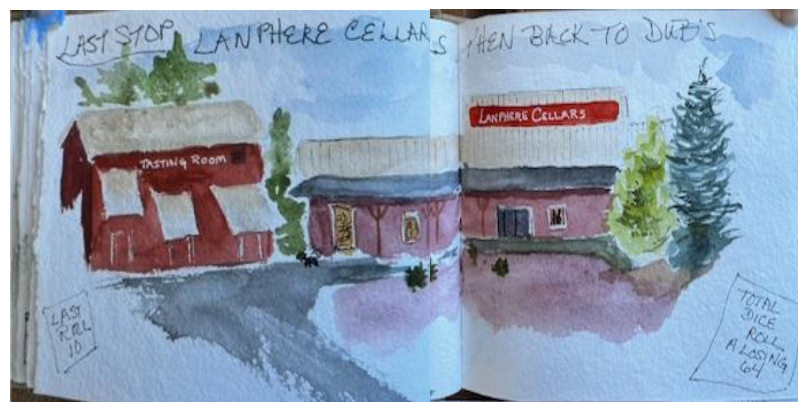
Canby Ferry



Willamette Pie Co



Harvester Tap Room



Lanphere Cellars

April-June Fun Photos:



May Chapter Meeting

April- June Fun Photos:



May Meet and Mingle

Enhanced Klickitat
Canyon Ride



April- June Fun Photos:



Benchmade Ride -May

April- June Fun Photos:



Memorial Day Ride

April- June Fun Photos:



Strawberry Shortcake Ride-June



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