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## SEPTEMBER EDITION FEATURES



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**Life is good. Enjoy the ride.**



**Dave Mann**  
2008 FLTR  
Road Glide

## Director's Message

The other morning, as I pulled into the parking lot at PHD, another Road Glide came into the parking lot and parked next to me. We struck up a

conversation, comparing notes and chrome of course. His bike was a few years older than mine, but it had been Screamin' Eaglized as it

were. After we got done with bike talk I mentioned the chapter. He bought the bike used and was not a HOG member. So we went inside and I showed him the calendar and the forms. He was impressed by all of the events and then came the question. "What do I get for my money?"

Well, I went through a few of the benefits, like a tow if you break down, and then I just stopped. I suddenly realized that these "benefits" we get as HOG members is not why we pay our dues. Let's be honest, we don't even think about the money, we just make sure we pay when Tracey and Eva tell us. Why? because that is what we do, we are members. So what do we get for our money? It doesn't matter, because as HOG members we are family. Call it family maintenance, or whatever, it is a family we love and are proud to be a part of.

I can't imagine not being a HOG member these days. Going on rides, going to dinner and having fun. Running into friends (members) at PHD and having fun. Going on the chapter poker run and having fun. Going to HOG rallies and having fun. Having more friends than I have ever had before and the list goes on and on.

So, thank you Willie G and H-D for creating HOG. I know it is a great marketing tool, look at all of you with new

bikes, but the people I have met and the friends I have made are what HOG is for me. What is this money for dues you speak of? I say thank you for making me a part of such a wonderful family. I feel blessed.

## Upcoming Events

### SEPTEMBER

Chapter Meeting	8th
9/11 Memorial Ride & Freedom Celebration	9th
Crater Lake Weekend	11th-13th
Final Mystery Ride	12th
Mt St Helens Ride	13th
Final Mid-Week Ride	16th
LOH Meeting	17th
Brown Bag Metolius	
River Ride	19th
Mary's Peak Ride	26th
LOH Let's Just Ride	27th

Check the website for ride info being added or modified at [www.sunsethog.com](http://www.sunsethog.com)

## SEPTEMBER'S CHAPTER MEETING

### ALPENROSE DAIRY

**Tuesday, September 8th**

6149 SW Shattuck Rd. Portland, OR 97221



We love our Chapter members and it's time for our ice cream feed at the Alpenrose Dairy. We have a group ride from Beaverton Elks. Arrive Elks Lodge at 6:00pm. KSU at 6:30pm. Meeting starts at 7:00pm. Meet in the back where old west town & gazebo are. See you there!



## Rally in the Valley

By: Joe Ballard

We had 429 bikes, 28 volunteers, 2 bands, 35 vendors and a Poker for the 3rd Annual Rally in the Valley.

Hundreds lined up from 7 – 9am at Paradise Harley-Davidson to register and pick up the Poker Run Packets. Our volunteer registration team did excellent and even stayed open a bit longer to accommodate more riders.

The Poker Run took you from Paradise to Salem Harley where volunteers greeted you to pull a card for your hand. I hear many stayed at Salem Harley to look around at their offerings. Salem Harley lead you to Powers Yamaha in Sublimity; from there a ride to Dallas to Tony's Bar where the City Mayor deemed Tony's as the Biker Bar of the city. Tony's has 2 Bike nights a year where the street is closed down for



festivities for bikers. Tony's took you to the final stop at Spirit Mountain Casino where you were greeted with Rock music and later on some country and of course lots of great vendors.

At Spirit Mountain you were able to enjoy their Lunch Buffet, or the vendors that were serving up tacos or burgers. We were able to give the participants a fantastic Lunch Buffet experience by having a separate entrance with very little wait time.

There may have been smoke in the air but it didn't stop people dancing to the music, relaxing under the tent with a beer from Rusty Truck and enjoying the vendors.

Our participants had a chance to win prizes....Free Oil Change from Schaffer Oil, Cigars from NW Cigars, Gift Cards from the vendors, Handcrafted Bracelet from Gary Utx, \$25.00 gift cards from Salem

Harley, Son's of Anarchy Swag Bags, Sturgis memorabilia, and MUCH MORE! We gave a \$300 gift card to Paradise Harley for the Poker High Hand and Low Hand and the Chapter Challenge. 50/50 drawing was truly spectacular with having so many participating we had to split the pot up.

The Poker High Hand was a Full House while the Low Hand was 2,3,4,5,7. Chapter Challenge win went to Salem Chapter; where they represented 5 other groups that joined us this year.

Thank you Sunset for all the support and a great event! Thank you to all the volunteers; we could of not pulled it off at each stop without you!

Truly was a joy to plan for you and the rest of the biker community... until next year!



## Final Mid-Week Ride of Season Wednesday, September 16th

Arrive PHD at 9:30am  
KSU at 10:00am



9/11 Memorial Ride-In & Freedom Celebration is September 9th at the Corner Saloon.

## Editor's Note



**Lisa Hayes**  
*2-Up 2014  
Ultra Limited*

Had a very big dry spell on riding at the end of July beginning of August. Russ came back with pneumonia after the Bucket of Blood ride in July which meant he was grounded

until further notice. So from July 18th until we reemerged at the August Mystery and the Wheatland Ferry rides we were out of commission. Pretty boring part of the summer for us.

What better way to come back but with two great rides that our hard working Road Captains put on. Both the leads Ron Cunningham and Buck Worthy were leading there first rides for the chapter and did a fantastic job, along with all the other RC's that came out to make these rides fun and successful. I loved seeing everyone again, so many hugs I was one happy little camper too.

So in September we are and we are not letting up on a full schedule of rides these busy RC's have planned for you. After Labor Day is done get ready to ride some awesome group rides!

We are riding as a Chapter there! Put your American flags on if you have the and arrive at: Paradise 4:00pm. KSU at 4:30pm.



Paradise Harley-Davidson Final Mystery Ride for 2015 is Saturday, September 12th. Arrive at 9:30am with KSU at 10:00am. Where we are headed is a mystery, but we promise a good time.



Brown Bag Metolius River Ride is September 19th. Bring your own picnic lunch to this fantastic ride planned through Central Oregon. Arrive at Paradise at 9:00am. KSU at 9:30am

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## Was Green Peter Ride Became Siletz/Roadhouse Ride101 Run



**Kevin Higgins**  
2012 Ultra Classic

It was a cool, overcast morning when Eva Kreilich, Buck Worthy and I set out to pre-ride the route for the Green Peter Lake ride, but the weather looked like it would not be

too bad. We ran south down the Willamette Valley through Mt. Angel, Silverton, Stayton and Scio before turning northeast near Sweet Home. Following the northern shores of Foster and Green Peter lakes we greatly enjoyed the very scenic South Santiam River up past Fools Canyon and Cascade Falls for a good hour. However, that's when things got ugly. The road we had been following became a paved but very narrow one lane forest service road with pull-outs. On top of that the road was in fairly poor condition with numerous ruts, pot holes, big bumps from tree roots, 10-15 mph 180 degree turns and quite a few rock falls littering the road. After an hour on that road we finally popped out onto Highway 22 and headed the last 20 miles over to Detroit for lunch. The ride home up the Breitenbush

Highway to Estacada was topped off with a good soaking rain for the final fifteen miles.

After some serious thought and discussions I made a last minute change to the plan and laid out a very nice route south through the western Willamette Valley, then up the Siletz Highway 229 (one of my very favorite roads) to the Oregon Coast and lunch at Mo's. The pre-ride on Friday went just fine and I found all the roads to be in great shape. The one hole in the plan was that I didn't actually go to Mo's for lunch as I really didn't want it two days in a row. The next day was forecast for another 100 degrees and with about nine bikes we headed out and very much enjoyed the day. Leaving town at 8:00 allowed us to beat the heat and by the time it got hot in the Portland area we were already at the coast and enjoying the sunny day, but much cooler and more comfortable temperatures.

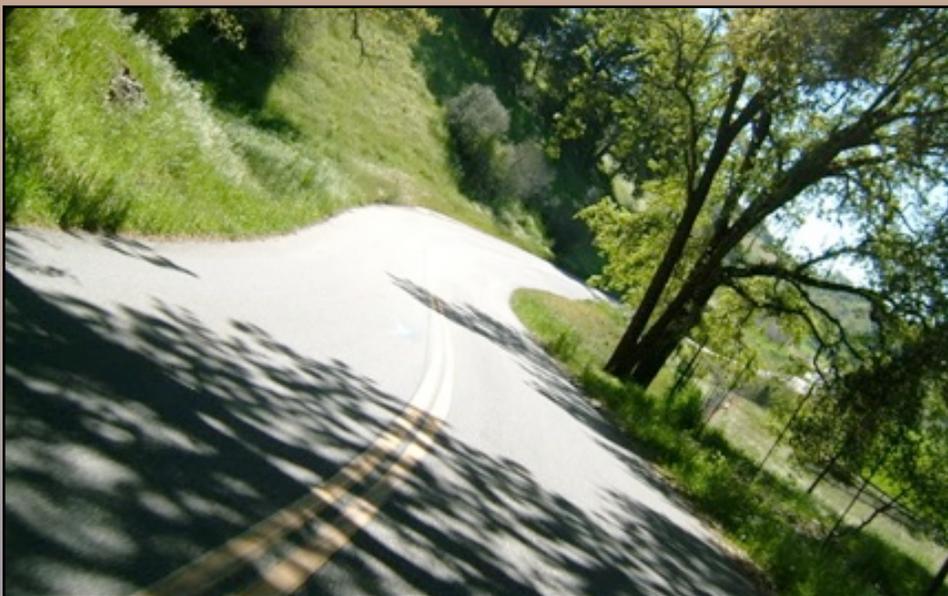
Arriving at Mo's we found lines out the door and no parking, so we popped over to the Chevron to gas up and talk about an alternative lunch stop. While there we couldn't help but notice the

**All those present agreed that we need to make this place and this ride an annual event, so watch for the newly named "Siletz / Roadhouse 101 Run"**

Roadhouse 101 right across the street. A couple of the locals working at the station said it was pretty good so across the street we went. We were immediately seated on their open air deck and found a pretty good menu offering lots of burgers variations, clam chowder, fish & chips, pizza and other tasty lunch options. Both the service as well as the food turned out to be excellent, and the place is pretty biker friendly. All those present agreed that we need to make this place and this ride an annual event, so watch for the newly named "Siletz / Roadhouse 101 Run" next year and I'm sure you will enjoy. I'll try to make sure it gets on the calendar without the Sturgis and other HOG ride conflicts that kept participation down this year.

One last note: Although the ride officially ended at lunch, most of us headed home via the Little Nestucca Highway 130 over to Valley Junction on Highway 18. If you have never ridden that particular little gem, it is well worth the trip to the coast just to ride it. Pop down to the Pelican Pub at Pacific City for lunch some day and you'll see what I mean.

*Safe travels!*



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### PARADISE H-D MYSTERY RIDE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

You are invited to join us for a leisurely morning ride. Where we are headed is a mystery but we promise you a good time. The ride leaves from the dealership and typically lasts about 2 hours. Meet in our parking lot at 9:30 am with a full tank of gas.

### 9/11 MEMORIAL RIDE-IN CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

It's been 14 years since the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center buildings. Every year we gather at the Corner Saloon in Tualatin to remember our fallen heroes. Enjoy great food, cold beverages and live music. Meet at the shop on Wednesday, September 9th at 4:30 pm and ride with us to our final and biggest bike night of the season!

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## Honoring Our Veterans

By Lisa Hayes

This section is dedicated to our Sunset Chapter veterans to thank you for your service to our country. If you have served in the U.S. Armed Forces submit your military service information to [lisa@sunsethog.com](mailto:lisa@sunsethog.com). The basic information to submit is your name, a photo of you, branch, years enlisted, & where you were stationed at. Optional is doing a story of your time in the service and if you have any pictures you want to share while in the military.



### **LES JOHNSON** **UNITED STATES NAVY NOV 1965 - NOV 1969**

#### **My Father's War Stories**

By Keri Beine

As I sat down to write this story I found it difficult to determine fact or fiction in my memories of what I had overheard as a child. I always knew my dad was just there. He was steady and strong, a real father, the kind of guy you just think has always just been there the way he is supposed to be. As he ages as do I, I come to the realization that he at one point was just a boy. He was a teenage, a young man turned soldier, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and now a great-grandfather.

He is now retired and his life is winding down. His health not great, and I know I owed him much more than a fictional telling of the stories I had heard of his military career. Some things daddies just don't tell their little girls, they don't tell them of war, of terror, of fear, or of killing. Daddies don't tell their daughters anything that could give them nightmares. But I am now an adult.

This project ended up being much more interesting and heartfelt than any fictional work could have been. Are all the stories true? Yes. They are true to my father's recollection of the stories. But, there is truth to every story, and everyone's truth is different.

June 19, 1947 Leslie was born. That's not a very tough name is it. A boy names Leslie, it sure was English, but only his grandfather was English, the rest of his ancestry is Swedish, so why the English name? He is third generation American, and an American Swede should have a tough name. His aunties called him "Essie", I don't get that either, but still today he is called that by his surviving aunt. His uncles shortened it Les. That's what he is called today. This is a story of how Les is more than a name.

A man's name does not dictate who he will become. His experiences create his character. He is a hero among men. He is credited with saving many lives in Vietnam, and has medals and honors. He does not speak of his time there, and until just recently I never had the nerve to ask. I would always hear bits and pieces of stories, but I also knew what dredging up memories of war would do to the man.

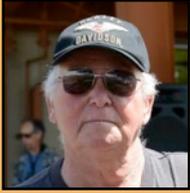
I grew up knowing my father as a strong, hard working man. He would rise at 3am and go to work in the woods logging. He would be home until after dark every night. He would have a few beers, watch Jeopardy, and start all over the next morning. Weekends were spent coaching sports, baseball and camping, fishing, driving in the Oregon desert.

He grew up poor in logging camps, and small towns a man was limited to who he was to become. He was an amazing baseball player, his position was catcher. He could have gone pro, but sports didn't matter to his father, education didn't matter so much either. He was a strong boy, with a good back and needed to help make money for the family. He loved hot rods, and they got him into trouble, the judge and my father's grandfather collaborated to convince Les to join the Navy. So there was no more baseball.

He left for boot camp in October of 1965, and was immediately sent to Vietnam after his first leave. Everything about Vietnam I write from this point on is from his own words. I sat down with him and asked specifics and like with most old farts, he just kept talking.

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## Paradise Harley-Davidson August Mystery Ride



**Ron 'Shortz' Cunningham**  
2009 Super Glide

After what has been a very hot summer, it was a welcome relief to wake up to partly cloudy skies and cooler temperatures to carry on the tradition of the PHD Mystery Ride.

How surprised was I when over 45 bikes showed up, this being my first ride I have lead as a Road Captain.

We enjoyed a nice leisurely ride thru beautiful farm country, by several wineries (no, we didn't stop) in Washington County. Even though I had either driven or pre-rode the route at least 5 times, it's a "Mystery Ride" no one is "really" supposed to know what the route is, right? What's a little

detour? Having missed the last turn before returning to the "big city", Dave Mann directed us home and we arrived just in time for the Luau Party at Paradise, and who was waiting for us in the parking lot? It was our Assistant Senior Road Captain, Jay Kreilich, making sure we all made it back!!

It was great to see so many new faces on the ride, along with the friendly faces as well. It was especially great to see Russ and Lisa Hayes "back in the saddle"!! A big thank you to my wife Tracey, who drove and/or rode the route several times with me, and a HUGE SHOUT OUT, to the Road Captains who assisted on the ride: Dave Mann, Diane Feack, Dan Boss, Steve Watts and Scott Gregor.



*We still have good weather ahead, so get out there and enjoy the ride!!*

## Member Story: A Few More Checkpoints

*By: Dick Bader*



I departed beautiful Tigard at 2:30pm Sunday, July 5 and headed south on I-5 to spend the first night in Redding. Temperatures ranged in the mid 80's, and the holiday traffic was heavy. I arrived in Redding for a light meal around 8:00pm, fortunately the Best Western has an attached restaurant that we have enjoyed on prior trips. Did 398.4 miles at an average speed of 64 MPH.

The next morning after a typical BW premier breakfast I continue on I-5 to Sacramento then shift over to Hwy 99 and continued south to Fresno. There are advantages to taking the old road as the CHP spends little time on it due to the focus of the high speed drivers on I-5. Because 99 is direct, the time to Fresno is less and it is easier to connect to CA 180 East into the mountains to reach my first checkpoint at Grant Grove. (779 miles) This location is a great escape from the valley heat as the elevation is about 7,000 ft. The restaurant provides a stamp and I am on my way south on CA 198 through the Sequoia National Park. The park has some of the most magnificent species of sequoia trees in the country.

The road is a series of low gear switch backs giving rise to some technical conditions. As I get closer to Bakersfield the temps rise to the typical desert dry heat. At Bakersfield I pick up CA 58 East across the Mojave, passing the graveyard of commercial aircraft. Prior to reaching the desert the road climbs over 2 passes reaching 6900 and 7900 ft respectfully. The desert dry heat makes the trip bearable but fatigue causes me to find a BW in Barstow. Event though the town is on Rt. 66, there are no good restaurants. The desk clerk suggested a Mexican establishment down the street as the only currently descent eatery in town.

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## Wheatland Ferry Ride *By: Buck Worthy*

Well folks if you miss today's ride you missed a gem. But that's OK I plan to do it again next year. The Wheatland Ferry ride offered a little of everything for everyone. We had 29 bikes that joined us so we broke into two groups with me leading the first group and Jay leading our second one. We lined up and ready to ride and headed towards the Wheatland Ferry via the scenic route. The two groups met back up and waited for the ferry to come back across the river. We managed to get all 29 bikes fit on the ferry! Once off the ferry it was south to the outskirts of Salem then west to Sheridan/Willamina. There was our rest stop at Shell station in Willimina, unfortunately the only place in town with gas, but only one bathroom. Took us a little while to get back on the road, but with such great company, no one seemed to mind. Found out one of our members, Kathy Eidenschink was celebrating her birthday on the ride. Happy Birthday Kathy. We made it back on the road again and went over Bald Mountain, one of my favorite roads and down to Gaston and finally north to our final destination the Prime Time restaurant. Thank you everyone who joined and all the Road Captains who came out to help make this ride the great success that it was.

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## Covered Bridges Ride *By Jay Kreilich*

On Saturday morning it was 70° some clouds, about 40 riders came out and enjoy the day with me. We had two groups leaving PhD, but when we got to our first bridge, then we travel in one big group, when I look in my mirror all I could see where headlights. We spent about 20

minutes at each bridge, some people could take pictures or enjoy the construction of the bridge. After the six bridges we stopped for lunch. After lunch we had some people leave and headed home, for the rest of us, we went out and enjoy one more bridge. Then we ended the ride in Woodburn, where we all said our goodbyes, then we headed home. ( into the sunset).

## Jingles Great Adventure 2015

By: Chris "Jingles" Thompson

Hi everyone, this is the first part of a story about my trip covering a lot of the western US. I rode 5927 miles in 19 days thru 10 different states and was able to see a lot of beautiful country, met some very interesting people and visited family along the way. I'll share more in the following months for your enjoyment. It all started about 1:30pm on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. I had the bike loaded the night before for both camping and motel stays along my route. I rode to work and worked 1/2 day before departing for my great adventure.

I headed up I-5 to Hwy 12 and over to Packwood before stopping for an early dinner. I went over to fuel up after finishing and there were 4 elk standing behind the gas station feeding on the freshly cut green grass. I then rode east to 123, north to 410 and on towards Yakima over some great roads thru forests and mountains with some great scenery! The temperature dropped to 62 degrees over the pass and I was in shorts (of course!), but warmed up quickly as I dropped to the other side. I had planned to camp along the Yakima River in the Yakima River Canyon, just south of Ellensburg at the Bighorn Campground.

I arrived in the evening and set up camp. This is a primitive campground with no water or tables and campfires weren't allowed because of the fire danger. I found out that there is no water at any of the campgrounds in the canyon. I was tired but excited about this trip I've been planning for months! There is no cell service in the canyon and since I was up at 4:30 this morning, I decided to get some rest and turn in early. I took some photos, explored the river and the campground then went to bed. 273 miles and day 1 in the books!

Wednesday morning was warm and clear as I packed up and got on the road. It was a beautiful sunny day as I rode north thru the forest and on over to Wenatchee where I went further north on the east side of the river all the way to Tonasket. It was 94 degrees there as I fueled up and took a little break before saddling up for the ride to Republic. The ride over to Republic was very good and lots of great scenery. The town kept its look of the early 1900's and has a heritage of mining and logging. I had lunch at a small pub before getting back on the road heading east across Hwy 20 to Kettle Falls.

From here, I decided to travel south to Chewelah and across Flowery Trail Rd to Usk. I rode thru here before all the fires when it was green and lush. It's a shame it had to burn and I'll have to make a trip back thru here in the near future to see how it recovers. I then rode over to Hwy 2 and thru Sandpoint, ID before arriving in Trout Creek for the night. I was looking for the campground south of town and couldn't find it easily as it's not well marked. I returned to town and found the Trout Creek RV Park & Motel, got a camp site and set up camp. Nice place with hot showers and full amenities all for \$15, the other campground charges \$20 with none of these.

I went to dinner just down the road and forgot about the time change at the border and I was wondering why everything was closing so early (DUH). Returned to camp and reviewed the next day's route and put things away for the night. Another great day done!!!



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# SUNSET CHAPTER VETERANS



Thank you  
for serving  
our country  
& protecting  
our freedom!



## SUBMISSIONS

**We want to hear from all our Chapter Veterans!**

**Your basic information to submit is your name, branch, years enlisted, where you were stationed and photo of you currently.**

**You are encouraged to submit a story of your time in the service and any pictures you have to share while you were in the military.**

**Full and Associate members may submit.**

**Send your information to Lisa at [lisa@sunsethog.com](mailto:lisa@sunsethog.com)**

Veterans never ask for our recognition or gratitude, yet they deserve our appreciation every day. The Sunset Chapter H.O.G. cares about our Veterans. As a chapter we honor our Veterans throughout the year. As a respectful expression of recognition and gratitude to our Sunset Chapter Veterans, we have a dedicated section in our newsletter highlighting our Chapter Veterans to thank them for their service and sacrifice to our country.

We have designed special lapel pins for our Veterans. At every chapter meeting each Veteran that was recognized in our newsletter will be presented a pin for our gratitude and appreciation for your service.

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Every branch: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy. Any category of our military: Active Duty, Reserve or Nation Guard.



No matter what position you held, you made an impact and contribution during your service. Your service is worth being acknowledged and honored.

## SAFETY



## Highway Foot Pegs

What would happen if some driver unexpectedly changed lanes?



**Bob Driscoll**  
2008 Ultra  
Touring Classic

Yes, most of us have some foot pegs mounted to our highway bars. They are a really nice accessory and almost a necessity on long rides. They allow you to stretch your legs out and get some fatigue relief by being able to change the position of your legs. I like them a lot and have them on my bike. Sometimes I even hang my whole foot over the peg so that the back of my ankle is resting

on the peg. When do you use your pegs?

I was coming home from work the other day and noticed someone with their feet up on their pegs. Now that's not unusual but I figured that this guy must either be a new / inexperienced rider or someone who just isn't thinking "Safety". That's because we were on I-5 northbound near Tualatin at around 4:30 PM. The traffic had slowed to about 55 because of the congestion. There is really very little distance between cars and all the lanes are full. I know many if not all of us, have been on our bikes in traffic this heavy at one point or another.

Are you thinking what I was thinking? What would happen if some driver unexpectedly changed lanes or someone in front of him would suddenly slow or brake to a stop? Is this biker going to be able to get his feet off the pegs and locate the brake pedal and get it pressed in time? Does he have his left hand fingers covering the clutch and the right hand fingers covering the front brake?

Is this guy's riding technique OK? Really? Let's remember that reaction time is critical to safety in these types of driving situations. Always do everything you can to advance your safety as you ride. SIPDE (Search, Identify, Predict, Decide, Execute).

Use your foot pegs only in good conditions. I think they should be more for the "OPEN" road or at least when there is plenty of space around you, in front and behind you. You should be able take a few seconds to reposition yourself if you see anything that concerns you while you're riding.

## HONORED VETERAN LES JOHNSON UNITED STATES NAVY

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The USS *Repose* is a hospital ship. Soldiers were sent to the ship, patched up and either sent home or back to duty. My father spent time getting medical treatment on two occasions. His PBR was shot out from under him, and he was sent to the hospital ship with a back injury, and some damage to his ear drum.



“Well the patched me up and were sending me back to my ship, then the *Foreshall* was hit. I volunteered to go on stretcher duty. There was so much smoke, metal, blood, and gunk. I was strong, scary strong back then. There was this huge steam pipe blowing boiling steam, now understand that it usually takes a man on each side with one in the middle with a wrench to close it down. I don’t remember doing it, but the nurse that saved my life said she saw me shut it down all by myself.

My dad is a beastly man I don’t doubt that with his natural strength, youth and adrenaline pumping, that he would have super human ability. His need to protect, and to keep people safe is in his blood. It’s not something that you learn, or just pick up along the way, my dad’s protective nature is something he was born with.

“I was working the stretchers pulling the burnt and hurt people away from the fires and get them to the choppers that I didn’t know I got cut. There was so much twisted metal, and we were moving so fast. With all the blood everywhere I didn’t know that I was bleeding out from the cut artery on my wrist, must have caught it on something.” He goes on to tell me about how he started to feel dizzy and the next thing he knows he is back on the USS *Repose*. They tell him a nurse noticed him on the flight deck covered in blood, she found a very faint heartbeat, and her super human ability lifted his huge mass onto a chopper. “I met that pretty little nurse when I came too, she was tiny.” It took tow weeks to recover from this.

My father earned one of his Bronze Stars for his work on the USS *Forestall*, and one of his Purple Hearts for his injuries obtained the. He went back to be the skipper of another PBR after that.

“We lived on bologna and Budweiser. On my boat there was me, I was the skipper, and four other guys with me. We went in every day in to DA Nang harbor and picked up Marines and too them places, and then sometimes we would bring green bags back”.

Being a big kid, always bigger and taller than everyone else, my dad had a few followers for protection. Two boys were under his wing all through high school. They were the geeky kids, the freckle faced, horn rimmed glasses, buck toothed kids that always got bullied.

“My job was to pick up green bags in combat zones and get them back to the harbor to send the bodies home. When we got to the harbor I had to check their tags, and get them ready to transport. I picked up both my buddies in the same trip. I didn’t even know they were in Vietnam till then. Yep both those boys from school, right there in the green bags I just brought downriver.” Could you imagine protecting someone in school, just to pluck their bodies out of some jungle to send back to their mother and fathers?

“I had gone into Singapore on my R&R and ran into my cousin, Myron. He was headed home. He had served his whole time there as a pencil pusher. Didn’t see one minute of combat, got some cushy job as a messenger.” He tells me of how plowed they got, the foods they ate, and how for two days they were best buddies. He gave Myron a letter to give to his folds, he knew it would get there quicker that way. “Myron said he would send me a letter when he got home, I never got that letter. I found out that the very next morning when he was walking onto the transport plane a sniper took off his head.”

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“Unbelievable, just hours before we were drinking beer, and telling jokes, talking about the rest of our hippie cousins that were too big of pussies to join, and what we were going to do to them when we got home.” He didn’t know till he got home why the letter never came. I took my father to the Vietnam Memorial Wall by the zoo a few years back. He was tired from the walk and placed his hand on the wall to lean and catch his breath. As he looked up where his hand landed, it was resting on a name etched in the black marble, Myron J. Lucas. It sent chills up and down my spine, I didn’t have the nerve to ask my father what he was feeling, I didn’t have to.

He is retired now. He spent his civilian life working hard. Harder than anyone should have to. His body is broken, partly from war, and mostly from a lifetime of hard

physical labor. His life has been spent protecting. Protecting weaklings in high school, protecting his children from everything that could harm us, protecting his wife.

He was so busy protecting everyone including himself that he never faced the demons that plagued him. Vietnam sent a lot of demons home. The bodies of boys he used to protect. The protestors spitting on a young boy who came home a hero with a chest full of medals, and called him a baby killer. A wife he didn’t know, and a baby who didn’t know him. Alcoholism and denial, nightmares and blackouts, racism and hatred. Those demons did not make him less of a man, but more of a hero. He is a man of honor and courage. He is loved by everyone lucky enough to know him.

If you ask my dad he has had a great life, he has loved and been loved. It has not been the easiest life, but that is how I have come to know that Les is more.



## **MT. SAINT HELENS RIDE** *Sunday, September 13th*

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## A Few More Checkpoints

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In the morning it was another BW continental breakfast to get me started north on I-15 toward Las Vegas. Traffic was light with the holiday in the rear view mirror so the road is now cluttered with old farts and mobile homes. I wish they would use their rearview glass as they feel that driving a condo on wheels is an entitlement to use the left lanes. The CHP loves to cite them for driving over the truck limit and using the fast lane. Hats off to the men in brown. I cruise into Nevada on I-15 connecting with US 95 on the north end to Kyle Canyon Rd where I climbed to the next checkpoint at Mt. Charleston. The Lodge is at roads end about 8500 ft. A beautiful location and another stop that I had never experienced. (1262 miles) The beauty of the Tour is you are presented with locations that you would not be exposed to any other way. From there I backed tracked to North Vegas and returned to I-15 north. In North Vegas I pulled into a station to refuel and encounter several high school girls in shorts offering to fill my tank and clean my shield. My, they start them young in Sin City.

Continuing north I cross into Arizona for a short piece then into Utah arriving at St. George where I pick up UT 9 east through Zion park. It is loaded with tourists gawking at the red rock displays.

Once through the park the road starts climbing on US 89. I notice rain clouds against the mountains as I get further north. Reaching the high plateau at about 6000 ft. the clouds become more threatening. I stop for some relief and decide to get my rain garb and then it hits. Thunder, lightning and rain like I have never experienced. The raindrops were the size of quarters and there were signs pointing to road floods. I had made a room reservation at the next checkpoint so getting out of the storm was not on my agenda. I turn east and north on UT 62 where I pass many towns with the power knocked out due to the storm. I reach UT 24 east and get to Bicknell and my check point. The motel and restaurant are connected so it made for a pleasant opportunity to dry out and get a meal. At dinner a man and his son said the thunder was so loud it shook the windows at the restaurant. They had been on a 2 week father and son campout that wasn't working so



well. Yellowstone was too cold and the rainstorms had washed out their plans elsewhere. (1614 miles)

I did get my stamp at the Sun Glow Motel and Restaurant then up early to head north on UT 72 toward I-70. This road is a sleeper as the map shows it as a straight shot to the Interstate. It turned out that it was a series of 55 MPH sweepers for roughly 35 miles and it had beautiful pavement. The road also has some elevation changes and beautiful scenery. At I-70 the road changes to UT 10 to Price. Not much to call it wonderful but a straight way to get from one point to another. At price I turn North onto UT 6/US 191. This road climbs to a 9100 ft. elevation with all of the sweeping turns that one could expect. I would rate it a 10 except for the storm at the top. I follow US 191 to connect with US 40 east to Vernal, my next checkpoint. (1836 miles) The restaurant had a 1/2 price deal going on cheeseburgers and it was just what the

doctor ordered. I ran into a couple 2 up on a Road Glide. They were looking for the best way to reach Bicknell. I shared my experiences and told them to have the rain gear handy for the high country. She was not too excited at the prospect of riding into heavy rain with thunder and lightning and he wanted to continue on. This may be why I ride solo. I continued north on US 191 to UT 44 past the flaming gorge to UT 43/ WY 414 to I-80 where I turn west to get as far as I can before a motel stop. The good news is most of the freeway in Wyoming, Utah

and Idaho is 80 MPH. this gives license to open it up in the interest of time. I contact Best Western and due to my diamond status they found a room for me in Meridian. The entire Treasure Valley was sold out due to a kids Rodeo. The room was great with a hot tub that was out of order, no reason to complain as it was the only room available.

Up early the next morning to head north onto US 95 getting to Grangeville and my last checkpoint for this trip. (2580 miles) After getting stamped at Oscars Restaurant, I proceed north to Lewiston and cross into Washington on US 12. From here is a piece of cake through Walla Walla to Hermiston and I-84 to home. (3003 miles)

The Tour has take me over a lot of great roads, met wonderful people and continues to extend my bucket list.

***Keep the rubber down.***

## Jingles Great Adventure 2015

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Took my time packing up and headed out a little late on Thursday as I didn't have far to go today. I arrived in Missoula a little after 12:00, found the motel and headed to lunch before visiting the HD Dealer. Checked into the motel and unpacked the bike. My room was adequate but the shower really sucked! I could barely turn around in there! Oh well, guess that's what I get for going cheap!!! I met Roger and Jacque Smith at the HD dealer and then we went to dinner before heading back to the motel for the evening.

Friday was a beautiful day and I decided to make a loop up Hwy 83 to Seeley Lake, then on to Kalispell and around Flathead Lake before returning to Missoula. I started thru the canyon and saw a few deer along the road and several mountain goats on the cliffs above the road. It was a beautiful route with lots of turns and good pavement thru the forest and around the lake. I stopped at the HD dealer in Kalispell for my poker chip before heading back to Missoula.

That evening was my trip to the Testy Fest (Testicle Festival) that I've

heard so much about. I walked over to the location for the shuttle and it took forever to arrive. Found out that the other bus broke down and they only had the one for a while. Got on the shuttle at the first stop and we had to make 6 other stops along the way before heading out to the festival. Didn't know we could drink on the bus or I would of brought something with me before boarding! I met many people on the bus and at the last stop we bought beer for the ride out to the festival. Party on the bus!!! We arrived at the site and after paying our admission to get in I decide to explore the grounds.

Not a lot happening because the sun hasn't gone down yet. There were several adult toy store vendors, a few other vendors and beverage and food tents. The main building had a full bar, kitchen, tattoo shop and novelty store. Rocky mountain oysters were \$9 and no free samples! I didn't buy any as I didn't know if I would like them and wasn't going to waste \$9 to find out! There was a stage with a band playing out back with a dance floor and several half naked people dancing and carrying on while everybody else just watched and drank! The rest of the place was basically a primitive campground.

After dark more and more people arrived but they didn't have any of the games and contests they had advertised. It reminded me of Run 21 but was lacking all the fun and games! I was not impressed and they didn't do anything to keep me entertained! I met several other people that said the same thing. After about 3 hours of wandering around and having a few beers, I was bored and decided to leave. I boarded the bus and



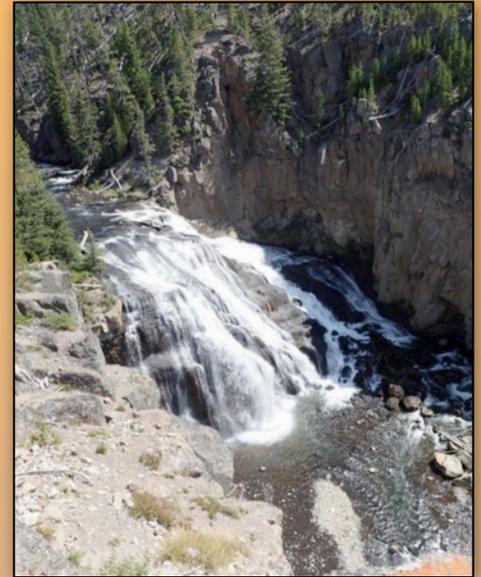
took the trip back to Missoula for the night. This is something I wouldn't recommend to anyone!!!

I headed south early Saturday morning on Hwy 93 thru Lolo for a good ride with some great views of the mountains before riding thru Wisdom and on to Butte, MT. After visiting the HD dealer in Butte, I took the backroads thru Thompson Park on Hwy 2 before catching 287 and 84 to Bozeman. Hwy 2 is a great route thru forest, trees and streams with lots of twists and turns on very good pavement before turning straight farther east. I continued on down to the freeway to Livingston and Gardiner before arriving in Yellowstone NP for the night. I had reserved a cabin in Mammoth and it was a very nice room! No TV, Wi-Fi or a/c and you have to share a common bath facility with other guests. Elk were everywhere when I arrived. Cell service was also a bit week in the park but good when I was in Gardiner five miles away. I had dinner at the Cowboy Lodge and Grill and it was very good. Service was great too!

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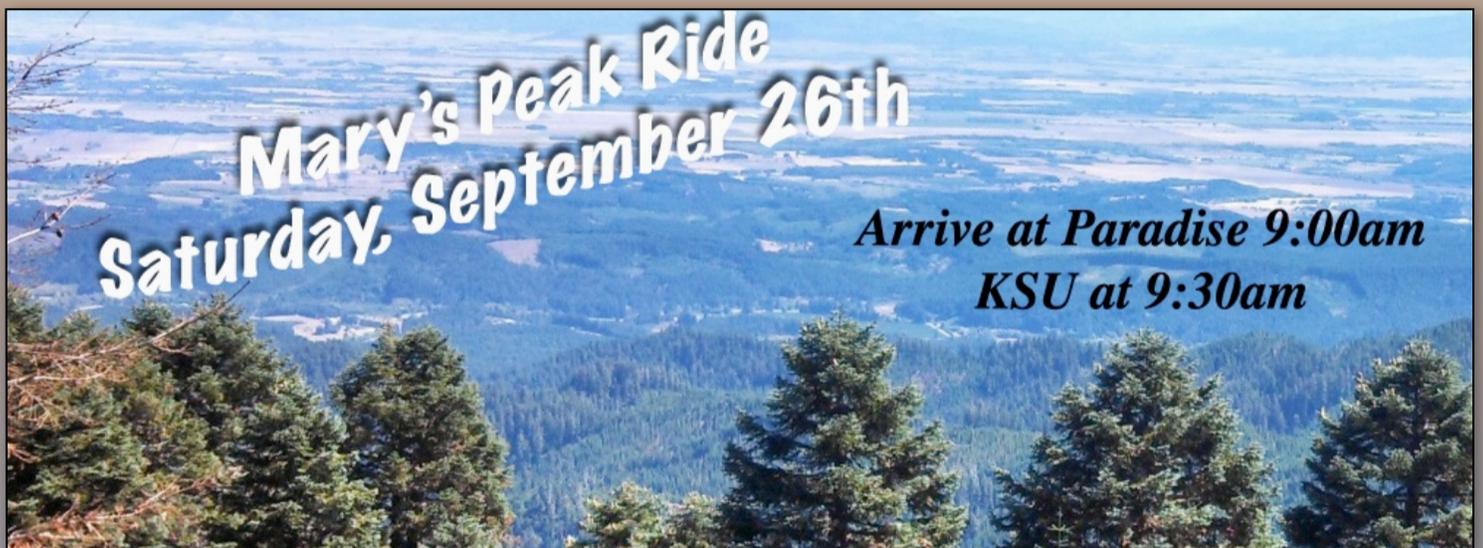
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I returned to the cabin and then explored the area around the lodge before turning in for the night. I decided to make a loop thru the park on Sunday. I rode around and checked out the Mammoth Hot Springs area before riding south to Old Faithful. The Mammoth site has lots of small geysers and water flows with some unique and unusual features caused by the water and minerals flowing over the landscape. There were elk, deer and bison at several different places along the route. I rode over and past Yellowstone Lake, the largest lake in the park. I kept looking for moose, wolves and bear but didn't see any. I headed north along the Yellowstone River and up to Roosevelt Lodge before heading back to my cabin at Mammoth. Had a great BBQ rib dinner back in Gardiner at The Iron Horse Bar & Grill and then went back to the cabin to catch the sunset from atop the hill behind the lodge. It was a bit of a climb to the top but I had a great view of the Mammoth Lodge and surrounding area. It was clear and the sun setting on the hot springs made for some great photos! I worked my way back to the lodge and visited with some other riders from Canada on their way to Mexico. They planned 3 months on the road exploring the western US and riding to Baja before going home to Canada. What a great trip that would be!

It's been a good trip so far and I'll have more for you next month!



## SUNSET CHAPTER PRIMARY OFFICER ELECTIONS



### Sunset Chapter Primary Officers Elections are coming up soon!

Elections of our Primary Officers is a big part of how our chapter operates and you are the most important part of this process. Every October we have candidate nominations and November are the elections. Both take place at our Chapter meetings. It is up to you who will be our next Primary Officers for 2016.

Primary Officers are the people who volunteer to handle all the Chapter business throughout the year. Are you interested in

being a great part of our Chapter as one of the Primary Officers?

The election process starts with nominations being accepted and seconded at the October Chapter meeting. We work the election process by you having someone nominate and second your nomination and you of course accepting it at the meeting.

In order to run for office you need to be a current member.

What are the Primary Officer positions?

- **CHAPTER DIRECTOR:** In charge of overseeing all the Chapter business, is in direct communication with our sponsor Paradise Harley-Davidson's Mike Durbin. Will run both the Chapter business meetings and the Chapter monthly meetings and coordinates the Chapter Discretionary Officers.
- **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:** Responsible for promoting membership, membership orientation, membership retention, and keeping the Chapter members informed of H.O.G. programs.
- **TREASURER:** Is responsible for collecting and disbursing Chapter funds, reporting financial transactions to Paradise Harley-Davidson on a monthly basis, compliance with all revenue recording and reporting requirements.
- **SECRETARY:** Administers and maintains the meeting minutes, annual reports, membership reports for H.O.G. Handles the insurance and legal documentation, event releases and enrollment releases.

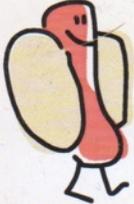
- **Nominations accepted at the October Chapter meeting.**
- **Voting will be at the November Chapter meeting.**

Running for office is the perfect time for members to get involved in the Sunset Chapter. You have the opportunity right now to make a difference! We are gearing up for an exciting election season and are on the lookout for great candidates like YOU! We appreciate your willingness to run for office and help continue to build our great Chapter.

To learn more about running for office, please contact our Director Dave Mann at [dave@sunsethog.com](mailto:dave@sunsethog.com)



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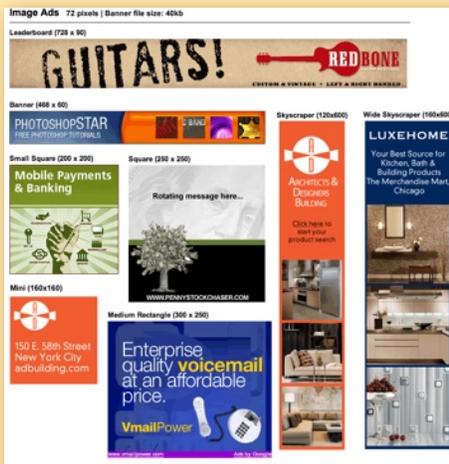
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