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Speaking Directly

At last we are through February. This time of year all I can do is follow friends and family on Facebook, email and texts. I apologize, but I don't think I have been at the dealership since the "Ladies of Harley" set a new record for funds collected at a HOG "Grillin' and Chillin'" Saturday. LOH collected a whopping \$1,065. I was delighted (and privileged) to be there that day to witness the historic event. Way to go, ladies!!!! That seems a while ago, but we will have another opportunity to break that record on March 7th.

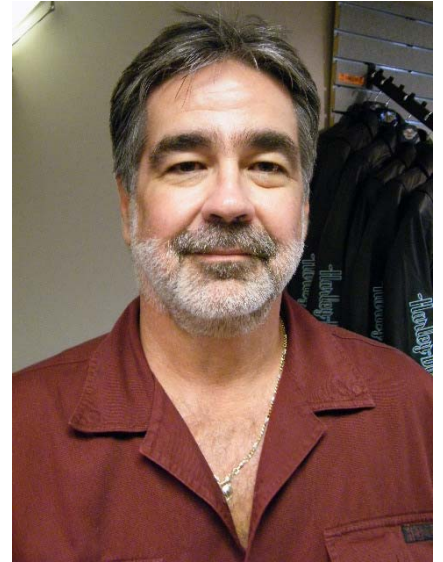
Ray Paul and I attended Chester's Bike Night at the Tilted Kilt on Andrews Avenue. When I got there, one half of the parking lot was roped off for motorcycles. Chester's had a very nice display of new motorcycles and the staff was there to help with questions. When I arrived, bikes were starting to roll in and as I was leaving, Chester's was starting to double park motorcycles. The place was packed. This event is only going to get better and better. The venue has lots of room, the food is great and the scenery "ain't too shabby", considering all the motorcycles that were there. I hope to be there next month and I would love to have Chapter members join me.

Just a heads up, on the fourth Saturday of the month, every month, Chester's is doing a "Mystery Ride." I have heard from a few people that attended the January ride that it was phenomenal. I don't have any details of the February ride because it's a "mystery", but I will definitely be on the March ride. I also heard from a few people that they thought these were all overnights. That was only the first "Mystery" ride, but that is how rumors get started.... LOL. The March "Mystery Ride" will be March 28th, the night before our Chapter Picnic. I hope everyone plans on attending both events.

Yes, it's picnic time again. This is the last General Meeting to sign up before the picnic. The LOH ladies will be there to sign you up so we don't have any issues with food. Ray and his team, assisted by Mary and her ladies, always outdo themselves at every event they plan.

If I, or any member of the board, can do anything to

make your HOG experience more exciting, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help. Remember, when it all comes down to it, "We are a motorcycle club. It's all about the ride." See you on the road, at our rides or at the meetings.



Jim Zimmerman, Director
Fort Lauderdale HOG 3343
"GEAUX SAINTS"

PS: We are diligently working on new rides and events, especially with our Dealership and Drill Team, for next year. Give us your ideas.

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Hello Ladies,

Unbelievable! The Ladies have set the bar higher than ever before for grilling - congratulations to Alexandra S., Diane S., Joanne N., Joy G., Elma R., Linda S., and especially Judy H. for not letting anyone pass the Wounded Warrior Project donation jar without contributing - **Awesome \$1,065.00!**

Our next grilling event is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th and we hope we're able to continue exceeding our goals.

Remember **BIRTHDAY BIKE NIGHT** and all those March H.O.G. member birthdays - mark your calendar as we celebrate them beginning at 6:30pm on March 17th at Muddy Waters

Mary Briggs
LOH Officer

Gone Riding...be back whenever!



Fort Lauderdale



Chapter #3343

HOG Pen

**The HOG Pen is open Saturdays from
12 pm to 3 pm at
Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley Davidson**



**The weather is getting hotter, don't forget we
have chapter short sleeve shirts**

**HOG merchandise will be available at our
monthly general meetings.
(1st Tuesday of the month)**

Be a chapter volunteer

**Jeff Springston
Merchandising & HOG Pen Coordinator
clothes@flhog.com
volunteer@flhog.com**

**Hog Pen Volunteers & Welcome to the Family
Grillers watch for future beggin' blasts for
available dates**

Sack Lunch Surprise Ride



Please join us on Sunday, March 1, 2015 for a ride in the Everglades. Bring your sack lunch and we'll supply the beverages. What's so surprising about that? You will be packing the lunch but someone else will be eating it! Your sack lunches must include the following:

- Fruit
- Chips or Snack
- Sandwich (mark the sandwich type on it's wrapper)
- Dessert

We'll mix all the lunches up and hand them out randomly. If you don't like your lunch items then trade away with your fellow HOGs - just like we did in grade school. We look forward to seeing you all on this fun ride!

Safety Article:

BIKER EVENTS SAFETY TIP'S

Whether the up and coming rally is your first big event or if you have been going for years there are a few things you should consider to have a safe fun filled trip

Wear your protective riding gear - especially a DOT approved helmet and over the ankle footwear with good traction

Do your homework - check MapQuest, print a few maps, know where you are going so u-turns and quick stops are reduced

Don't drink and Ride - it takes 1 hour to eliminate 1 beer from your system. (4 beers in 2 hours = 2 drinks still in your system) the result 11 times greater risk of a crash.

Keep your bikes locked, stow your gear and lock the boxes or run a cable lock through your jacket sleeves and helmet straps to secure your apparel to the bike.

Use a non descript bike cover - no point in advertising a new Harley is parked here

Park in well lite areas, if the hotel has a security guard talk to him about parking near the front.

Be respectful of the locals and 4 wheel vehicles. These people are trying to get to their jobs or conducting their business, give them the right of way. Remember you're on vacation, they have dead lines and we all know impatient drives take chances.

Bring a spare set of keys for the bike and remember to carry your registration and insurance information.

Fill out an ICE card and carry it on your person. In Case of Emergency EMT's have blood type meds you are taking and contact information for family and friends.

The new penalties for speeding and DUI have jumped considerably this past year. Keep your speed within the legal limit and don't drink and ride.

Every year bikes get stolen, people get hurt and the image of the biker rally gets tarnished, do your part to make the event memorable. Act responsibly, have fun and be safe.

Ride Safe!

Bernie Weiss
Safety Officer
FL HOG #3343



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MARCH / APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3/2 Patricia Scrogam	Muniz	4/2 Maura Dersh Wisserkerke	4/19 Kathi Mosier
3/3 Daniel Tominovich	3/19 Robert Gianantonio	4/2 Allan Kaplan	4/20 Antonio Gomez
3/4 Anquentin Fussell	3/20 Peter Doerner	4/2 Brian Weinstein	4/20 Scott Herman
3/4 Regina Hudson	3/21 Wilma Colby	4/4 Juan Acosta	4/21 Michael Bader
3/5 Maury Jayson	3/22 David Wheeler	4/4 John Bonacorso	4/21 Mike Obymako
3/5 James Kauffman	3/23 Jose Torres	4/4 Kathleen McCallister	4/22 George Lenkowitz
3/7 Ruben Rodriguez	3/24 Steven Shankman	4/4 Alan Cohn	4/23 Sanford Berman
3/8 Benjamin Barrocas	3/25 Chris Frankel	4/5 Don Starbuck	4/24 David Ehrlich
3/8 Gary Lasky	3/26 Lynn Alonso Milner	4/6 James Hanrahan	4/24 Lori Lawrence
3/9 Kurt Wittneben	3/26 Mitchell Bruckner	4/7 Juan Lobon	4/26 Mathew Blahnik
3/10 Victor Aponte	3/28 Brian Hodgers	4/8 April Rogers	4/27 Russel Janzan
3/10 Rick Morales	3/29 Stan Kappiris	4/8 Ellen Sherman	4/28 John Lebold
3/10 Joanne Nanninga	3/31 Bruce Haber	4/9 Illiana Seidler	4/29 Melanie Graham
3/11 Jeffery Yarish	3/31 Mily Powell	4/12 James Efron	
3/12 Ahamed Allih		4/12 Diania Lionts	
3/12 Allan Crawley		4/13 Sonia Manson	
3/14 James Foy		4/14 Patrice Kirner	
3/14 Helen Morgen		4/14 Keith Rose	
3/16 Ronald Bauer		4/15 Judith Hartmann	
3/16 Brian Flaks		4/15 Felix Miraglia	
3/16 Isaac Munoz		4/16 Gerald Bernard	
3/17 Patricia Albanese		4/18 Michael Ingino	
3/17 Kathleen Fitch		4/18 Barry Johnson	
3/18 Palmer Bell		4/19 Aimee Bushman	
3/18 Guillermo		4/19 Paul Corey	



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BIRTHDAY BIKE NIGHT!!

Tuesday March 17, 2015 @ 6:30pm

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8 DEMO SUNDAY Free Hot dogs 12-3pm 	9	10 HOG Road Captains meeting 7pm 	11 Pub & Eatery 219 S. Andrews Ave Ft. Lauderdale	12 Visit our Website to enroll in the Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy 	13	14 Pop 12-3pm NO PERFECT PEOPLE INC.
15 DEMO SUNDAY Free Hot dogs 12-3pm 	16 Visit our Website to enroll in the Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy 	17	18	19 Visit our Website to enroll in the Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy 	20	21 Pop 12-3pm HOG Market and Car show
22 DEMO SUNDAY Free Hot dogs 12-3pm 	23 Visit our Website to enroll in the Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy 	24	25	26 Visit our Website to enroll in the Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy 	27	28 Pop 12-3pm Big Bike Riders Charities Mystery Ride 6:30pm
29 DEMO SUNDAY Free Hot dogs 12-3pm 	30 Visit our Website to enroll in the Harley-Davidson® Riding Academy 	31	 I was at the Gilted Kilt for Bike Night, Where were you? It's ok we're doing it again, Wednesday March 11, 6:00-10:00 pm It's going to be another amazing night! All Brands of Bikes Welcome 219 South Andrews Ave Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303		 THE ROAD IS LOOKING FOR NEW WARRIORS LEARN TO RIDE WITH CONFIDENCE. SIGN UP TODAY. Harley-Davidson Riding Academy 219 South Andrews Ave Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303	



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March 2015 - Schedule of Events

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MARCH 1st - SUNDAY

SACK LUNCH SURPRISE RIDE



Please join us on Sunday, March 1, 2015 for a ride in the Everglades. Bring your sack lunch and we'll supply the beverages. What's so surprising about that? You will be packing the lunch but someone else will be eating it! Go to FLHOG.COM more info: Hosted by Gary & Chris. This ride departs Chester's @ 9:30 am

MARCH 3rd - TUESDAY

H.O.G. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & LOH MEETINGS

LOH Starts @ 7:00pm & GENERAL starts @ 7:30pm. Hear updates of the prior month's activities. Have a chance to win prizes. Meetings are held at Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley Davison 201 International Parkway Sunrise, FL 33325

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MARCH 6th - FNO

PA BBQ BOCA



Did Somebody Say Barbeque? They are proud of the fact that they have made a lot of friends over the years; grown business beyond their wildest dreams and in the process learned a few things about making great BBQ. 1198 N Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton, FL 33432 (561) 416-7427 Hosted by Bruce H. Ride will depart PTR @ 7:00pm

MARCH 7th - SATURDAY

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY GROUP RIDING ORIENTATION / BBQ

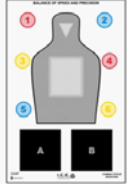
Come to Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley Davidson Sunrise @ 9:00am and learn some basic rules of group riding. Then join us for a ride after the classroom talk where you can practice what we discussed. Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley-Davidson is located at 201 International Parkway Sunrise, FL 33325 - (954) 414-4135. Hosted Nick G. Enjoy the BBQ after the Ride!!!



March 2015 - Schedule of Events

MARCH 8th - SUNDAY

HOG TARGET PRACTICE



Were going to Delray Shooting Center, where Nick M is a certified instructor. Shoot in style in their indoor shooting range with 15 Pistol Lanes and Two Rifle Lanes, all air-conditioned. Located at 1505 Poinsettia Drive, Suite H Delray Beach, FL 33444 Chapter ride departs PTR @ 9:00a

MARCH 10th - TUESDAY

ROAD CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

If you are a Road Captain or would like to be, please join our meeting at. Fort Lauderdale Harley Dealership Sunrise. 7:00pm, Dinner ride after meeting - 201 International Parkway Sunrise, FL 33325 (954) 414- 4135 Hosted by Nick G.



MARCH 14th - SATURDAY

DAYTONA 4X4X4



Rev up your engines for what is an exciting day on the road. 4 hours to ride, 4 hours to mingle, 4 hours back home. If you plan on going YOU MUST RSVP to roadcaptain@flhog.com by 4/10. Hosted by: The Chapter/Depart WPBSP @ 8:00 AM

MARCH 15th - SUNDAY

BRUNCH AT BOSTON'S ON THE BEACH

England flare but on the beach in Delray. Come enjoy breakfast/brunch. 40 S. Ocean Blvd Delray Beach, Florida 33483 (561) 278-3364 Hosted by Diane S. Ride will depart PTR @ 9:30a



MARCH 17th - TUESDAY

BIRTHDAY BIKE NITE



“Muddy Waters” If you were born in the month of January, then the Cake is on us! Join your HOG family at 6:30pm to celebrate your special day. Muddy Waters is located at 2237 West Hillsboro Blvd Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, Phone 954-428-6577 www.muddywatersrestaurant.com Hosted by: Ladies Of Harley

March 2015 - Schedule of Events

MARCH 19th - THURSDAY FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS!

Come out and practice with your fellow chapter members. Practice is the best way to become a better rider. We meet in the parking lot at Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley-Davidson® Sunrise @ 7-9:00 pm Rain or Shine.



MARCH 20th - FNO GG'S OF NEW YORK



GG's of New York offers pizza and classic Italian dishes in a relaxed family environment. Serving great Italian meals is our family's tradition. Our large menu has something for everyone. Located at 5440 N. State Road 7 North Lauderdale, FL 33319 Hosted by Nick & Joy, Departs PTR @ 7:00pm

MARCH 22nd - SUNDAY LUNCH CHARLIE'S GRILL

Charlie's Neighborhood Bar & Grill is Located in Stuart, FL the Sailfish Capital of the World. Charlie's motto is "If you can't have fun, don't." located at 400 South West Parrot Circle Stuart, FL Hosted by Joy & Nick Depart Chester's @ 10:00am



March 28th - SATURDAY DIXIE GILL & BAR



This place reeks of uniqueness and south Florida spirit...The American menu just plain rocks...Just don't expect fancy; this is a chill spot... 5101 S Dixie Hwy West Palm Beach FL 561-586-3189 Depart PTR @ 10:00am Hosted by Jay & Alexandra S.

MARCH 29th - SUNDAY HOG ANNUAL PICNIC

TRADEWINDS PARK 3600 W. Sample Rd., Coconut Creek, FL 33073 Hosted by: YOUR CHAPTER @ 10:00 AM



March 2015 - HOG Chapter #3343

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 LOH & HOG GENERAL MEETING	4	5	6 FNQ - PA BBQ	7 Welcome to the Family / BBQ
8 Daylight Saving Time begins Delray Shooting Range. HOG Target Practice	9	10 ROAD CAPTAIN'S MEETING	11	12	13	14 Daytona 4X4X4 Ride
15 Brunch at Boston's on the Beach	16	17 St. Patrick's Day BIRTHDAY BIKE NIGHT	18	19 Friends Helping Friends	20 Vernal Equinox FNQ- GG'S	21
22 Lunch Charlie's Grill	23	24	25	26	27	28 Dixie Grill
29 HOG ANNUAL PICNIC	30	31 HOG CHAPTER BOARD MEETING	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4 Lunch at Ship Wreckers

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FOR UPDATED RIDE INFO AND/ OR CANCELLATIONS**

April 2015 - HOG Chapter #3343

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HOG ANNUAL PICNIC 29	30	HOG CHAPTER BOARD MEETING 31	April Fool's Day 1	2	3	Lunch at Ship Wreckers 4
Easter Sunday 5	6	LOH & HOG GENERAL MEETING 7	8	9	10	Welcome to the Family / BBQ 11
Around the Lake & Lunch at Lunkers 12	13	ROAD CAPTAIN'S MEETING 14	Tax Returns due 15	Friends Helping Friends! 16	FNQ - SHUCK N' DIVE 17	18
Waterway Café 19	20	BIRTHDAY BIKE NIGHT 21	Earth Day 22	23	24	Leesburg 25
HOG Body's 26	27	HOG CHAPTER BOARD MEETING 28	29	30	1	Welcome to the Family / BBQ 2

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Mark Your Calendars!! - Future Schedule of Events

Fort Lauderdale



Here are the events we have on the calendar beyond this month. These are subject to change so please always refer to our online and email communications for the latest information
Go to: www.flhog.com for complete details

MONTH	DAY	ACTIVITY
May	Friday 1st	FNQ- Red Cow BBQ.
May	Sunday 3rd	Black Point Marina Grill
May	Tuesday 5th	H.O.G. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & LOH MEETINGS
May	Saturday 9th	Welcome to the Family / BBQ
May	Saturday 9th	SATURDAY- ACTIVITIES
May	Sunday 10th	Snook Inn for Lunch
May	Tuesday 12th	ROAD CAPTAIN'S MEETING
May	Sunday 17th	Lunch at Manatee Grill
May	Tuesday 19th	BIRTHDAY BIKE NITE. Muddy Waters
May	Thursday 21st	Friends Helping Friends!
May	Saturday 30th	SQ. Grouper
May	Sunday 31st	Lunch Roland Martin's

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Sunday March 29th

TRADEWINDS PARK

3600 West Sample Road
Coconut Creek, Florida 33073

Tradewinds' is located Just west of the Turnpike on
Sample Road, turning south into Park entrance

Food will be served from 12:00 to 2:00 pm

You must show your Chapter ID at registration and
Be a current active member of HOG Chapter #3443.

Free to Chapter Members

\$15 for non-members over age of 12.

Food, Fun & Fellowship.

Watch our Drill Team perform

MARCH 14TH - SATURDAY - DAYTONA 4X4X4



It's Time for the DAYTONA 4X4X4!

Rev up your engines for what is an exciting day on the road.
4 hours to ride, 4 hours to mingle, 4 hours back home.

Hosted by: The Chapter/Depart [WPBSP @ 8:00 AM](#)



SUMMER IN THE SMOKIES

**Inn at Copperhead
Fontana Village Resort
Charleston, SC**

**JOIN FT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER 3343 FOR A
SUMMER TO REMEMBER. SEE ATTACHED
ITINERARY AND RESERVATION INFORMATION**

Hosted by Joy and Nick Glaug



Road Captains

Interested in joining this great team?

We are looking for Chapter Members (men and women) who are interested in becoming part of our award-winning Road Captain Team.

If you're an experienced rider with good riding skills, have a CB radio on your bike, and are interested in participating in the training program to become a Road Captain, please contact Nick Glaug (Head Road Captain) at roadcapt@flhog.com.

Our team of Road Captains thanks you for your consideration.

Remember, "We Don't Make The Ride, We Make It Safer"

The team consists of:

- Nick Glaug

(Head - Road Captain)

- Di Addis

- Marc Addis

- Ben Barrocas

- Bob Belano

- Jerry Bernard

- Jim Day

- Thom Feally

- Gene Fiamma

- Michael Fonseca

- Dave Spallinger

- Bruce Haber

- Ed Hartmann

- Gary Jones

- Allan Kaplan

- Gregg Manson

- Bob O'Brian

- Ray Paul

- Lauren Payne

- Jay Sanchez

- Nic Talantis

- Scott Thomas

- Bob Todd

- Bernie Weiss

- Steve Weston

- Ron Wolfe

- Jeff Springston

- Jim Zimmerman

- Nick Marando

- Nestor Ortiz

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- Steve Jenkins

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

*All Members
Bike 'n Bagel Day*



FT. LAUDERDALE HARLEY OWNERS GROUP!

Come see some old friends, meet some new friends, and enjoy our complimentary bagels and donuts while learning about FL HOG and how we ALL ride safely in a group. If you have never ridden in our group, you are missing out on a great time.

Our experienced Road Captains present an orientation to the Chapter. They cover how our chapter rides in a group, answer all your questions, and then they lead us off through the city, highway and rural roads to enjoy a ride using our group riding skills.

For more information contact

Bernie Weiss
Safety Director
safetyofficer@flhog.com



Need a new patch??

A Chapter T-shirt?

Check out new merchandise?

COME ON DOWN TO ...



Located at Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley Davidson, the HOG Pen is open from 12:00 pm to 3:00pm EVERY SATURDAY!



For more info Contact .

clothes@flhog.com or
volunteer@flhog.com

CHAPTER RIDE INFORMATION

RIDE DEPARTURE INFORMATION



WPSP - West Palm Service Plaza
On the turnpike, North of Lake Worth Rd.

TRS - Tri-Rail South Station.
On the West side of I-95 at Broward Blvd.

PTR - Pompano Tri-Rail Station
NW 8th Ave and 35th St., just SE of Sample
Road and Military Trail

SRHD - Chester's Fort Lauderdale H-D
201 International Pkwy, Sunrise, FL 33325

**PLEASE SHOW UP 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO THE
DEPARTURE TIME WITH AN EMPTY BLADDER
AND A FULL TANK OF GAS!**



In order to maintain the level of safety within the organized flow and movement of our group rides, we ask every member to have a SunPass with them or have the bike registered with SunPass when you come on a ride. Thanks for your support and understanding!

www.sunpass.com

Remember, even if you do not have your SunPass transponder on your bike, if the bike is registered online, you can still use the SunPass lanes.

Nick Glaug
Head Road Captain



IMPORTANT CHAPTER RIDE POLICIES



In the event that inclement weather interferes with our scheduled rides, please be advised of our long-standing policy regarding cancellation of a ride. While it is always a member's option to go on a chapter ride whenever we have inclement weather, a decision will be made by the Lead Road Captain whether the SANCTIONED ride will take place. Riding in inclement weather is a safety issue we should always consider. The formal cancellation of a ride will occur at the time and place the ride begins. The Lead Road Captain running the ride will be present at the designated time and place the ride begins to advise those present of the decision.

While the HOG Ft. Lauderdale Chapter #3343 always promotes riding, we have a responsibility to our members, H.O.G. National, our sponsoring Dealer and Harley-Davidson. All participants in our rides must be a current member of H.O.G. National and our local Chapter. All members are issued a local membership card that must be shown at the time of the ride. If the card is not available, a waiver must be signed prior to the ride. Guests are allowed on up to 3 rides and must sign a waiver prior to each ride. At the 3rd ride, Guests will be asked to become a member. Participants without membership cards or signed waivers will not be allowed to participate in any Chapter events. Guests are not allowed to participate in the fourth event. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Nick Glaug
Head Road Captain

February Photos



THE LAST WORD

Spring is in the air! It seems we survived the brutal South Florida winter (both days of it) and now we're looking forward to some great weather and riding as we brace ourselves for the inevitable summer heat that will be here soon.

Speaking of summer, we're anxiously looking ahead to all the adventures that the coming months hold and before you know it our Summer in the Smokies trip will be upon us. We're getting quite a group together for that trip and I'm sure it will be another of those "once in a lifetime" events. Make your plans to join us for an adventure you won't soon forget.

We continue to have amazing participation in our rides and activities. It's truly great to see how much fun our HOG family has when twenty to forty or more of us get together to ride and have a great time. If you haven't been on a ride with us in a while, come on out. We still have plenty of room for more of our family.

My latest adventure with the HOG family took us out to La Belle, FL where we explored the vendors taking part in the local festival, took in the armadillo races and even partook of some of what the Swamp Cabbage Festival is named for. Yes, it is quite edible and happens to make a great appetizer before you head over to one of my ultimate favorite BBQ restaurants in all of Florida, the Log Cabin BBQ. Over the course of a mere ten hours or so on a Sunday we managed to cover all of the above ground, work in a visit to Six Bends Harley Davidson, put a few hundred miles on the bikes and have an all around great day. I only managed to find a few rain sprinkles for us to ride through, but don't worry I'll make up for that on a future ride, just wait!

Speaking of Six Bends Harley Davidson, you might recognize that as the site of our upcoming Florida State HOG Rally running from October 7, 2015 through October 10, 2015. From what I know at this point the hotel where we have our block of rooms is completely sold out. There are other options in the area so check around. If you happen to be holding a reservation at the Comfort Inn and find you have to cancel, please let me know before contacting the

hotel. I'll try to keep a list of anyone that I know is waiting for a room to open up. You can find all the details on our chapter web site. Look for the "Rally 2015" link under the Member section. Who knows you might luck into a room yet if there happens to be a cancellation.

I'll look forward to seeing you on an upcoming ride!

Our chapter just keeps getting better and better! If you have any feedback on things you like or things you would like to see changed, please don't hesitate to let me, or any member of the board know. We're all here to make this the best HOG chapter around.

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