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Director—Patrick C.



Well, this is the last newsletter for the year.

We had a tough start to 2023, losing a couple of our Chapter members to motorcycle accidents. It was rough the first couple of months for us. I even had to get some counseling for a little bit. But you know, we pulled through it, we stuck together, and hugged and consoled each other. We honored Bill and Kerri, and I am very proud of that. I am so very proud of our Chapter in how we supported their families, and being there for their services. I am thankful for your great hearts and spirit. YOU MAKE ME PROUD OF YOU ALL.



Moving forward, I think we had a great year. We had a ride just about every weekend, thanks to Michael B, Darrin P. and all the RCs for planning these rides for our members. We had a few special events this year that we all enjoyed. Sweethearts ride, St. Patrick's Day ride, Cinco De Mayo ride. ECLRXL ride was also a great time, Wally put so much time

into preparing for that ride and it showed. It was flawless, except for one individual whose bike had to break down at the furthest point of the trip. I won't say names, but most of you know who, LOL. But from what I heard and saw on FB, the rest of the trip looked great and fun. Deb F. took some of us to Yosemite for a week and it was spectacular. We will be doing this again soon, and hopefully more members will participate. The cost came out to be about \$100 per day, and that is less than a day's hotel cost. This trip included room and food, can't beat that! We had our annual Chapter picnic, Demo Days at the dealership, All Chapter Horseshoe Tournament, LOH Overnighter to Lake Arrowhead for Octoberfest weekend.

The dealership had their Re-Grand Opening this summer. They were rebranded to EL PATRON HARLEY-DAVIDSON. Along with that we had a Chapter name change too. EL PATRON CHAPTER, CALIFORNIA. You know, sometimes things have to change. If they don't it could get old and stale. I for one will support the Dealership and their team they have. I really hope we, as a Chapter, will do the same. It's hard to do it, but I am proud of how we have helped them and each other go through the change. Keep it up.

We had the Nations of Patriots Flag come to El Patron this year. Mike H. worked hard on that one, and did a great job on it. In 2024 they will be coming thru here again and we will be working on a couple of events to promote it. Of course, we had our annual pool party, thanks Manny and Wally for putting that together, great job. We had the All-Chapter ride to Borrego, its great to meet other local Chapters at one place and have fun. Then we went to Chandler AZ, to meet up with our sister Chapter (Foothills Chapter, Chandler). Such a great time and they treated us great, like we were royalty. Thanks Kenny F. for helping organizing and leading that trip. And for Kim A. helping out on a couple of medical situations on the trip.



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Director - Patrick C, Continued.

Then we lost a great member, Carol C., Jay lost a great soulmate, and Sandy lost her mother. I am, again, proud on how this Chapter went out of their way to make Jay and Sandy's life a little bit easier. We will have a memorial ride for Carol in the first part of the next year. We love you Jay and Sandy.

Let's not forget the Toys for Tots event. It was a great time for us and for those who participated. Mike H. worked his butt off the whole year to make this event happen. I could go on and on about this event. Great job Mike, and the RC's and the volunteers.

Dec 2nd, we will have an awesome time at the Christmas party, with a live band (Serious Guise). We always have fun and dancing with each other. We don't always have a chance to dress up through the year, so here's our chance. Last but not least, the LOH white elephant gift exchange on 12/15, potluck at the VFW at 6:00 pm. We all know how that event goes. FUN.

FINALLY, I want to thank all of my Officer team for putting up with me but really supporting and advising me thru out the year. We really tried to make this year fun and enjoyable for you all. Thanks to the RC team for keeping us safe this year and keeping us riding.

Thank you to our Sponsors, we couldn't do our events without you.

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We have a lot coming up this coming year, look for announcements.

Have a great Holiday and New Year, see you on the Throw-up and Show-up Ride on the January 1st, 2024

Patrick C.
Director

New Year



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Assistant Director - Kenny F.



It has been a busy quarter with the multi-chapter events. In early October we made a hot trip to visit our sister chapter in Chandler at Scorpion Harley Davidson. They treated us to a wonderful dinner and drinks at our hotel.

The next morning, we joined them on a memorial ride for a long-time member. We got to see some beautiful country with a stop on the Salt River. We continued on to a great biker destination, Cave Creek having lunch at the Roadhouse.

A group of us then made a trek to Wickenburg to visit former chapter members Ken & Teresa Ross. They provided snacks and drinks and a refreshing pool.

A big thanks goes out to Kim for taking care of some riders that had heat issues.
(Note – bring powder IV packets on long rides)

Later in the month we met up with several other local chapters for a picnic lunch at Christmas Circle in Borrego.

We also had the chapter represented in the horseshoe and cornhole tournament. Thanks to those that competed. We will get them next year!

With the year winding down, I want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and look forward to more fun and adventures in the New Year!

Yosemite



Chandler





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Ladies of Harley - Tara C.



Hello Hoggies!

Well, four years have come and gone. How has it been four years already? I have so many memories doing things with the LOH'ers. So.....much.....fun! From the overnights to the pot-lucks, you guys did not disappoint. I had so much fun planning and organizing with both Susan Smith (as her assistant) and Debbi Freeman (my assistant) and I know that that fun will continue through the next four years with Debbi Freeman and her assistant. As your LOH representative, we try to come up with things to do as a group and to do different things each month/year. Should you ever have an idea of what a group of 15-25 crazy people can do, let us know. We love planning, trying, and doing new things. I am happy to be just a member of HOG and I will be taking a break of being an officer right now. Life was different for me four years ago, heck, it was a different world. I was teaching at a local career college and COVID put a stop to that. As some of you know, I am back at the hospital working three nights a week and that put a big damper on my time riding and socializing. Bummer for me, but I am happy to be working and riding when I can. I loved spending time with you all, it was an honor and privilege to be your LOH Officer. Thank you to all you came to our social events and overnights. I know that I am leaving LOH in good hands with Debbi Freeman. Keep the rubber down and the shiny side up, I will see you, when I see you.

Tara C.





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Head Road Captain - Michael B.



So, I have had people ask me; including Moriah, who thinks I'm nuts...why I would do something crazy like ride a 1000 miles in 24 hrs. For those that know me, I pretty much have never seen a patch that I don't want...lol! Part of it is collecting the Iron Butt patches for the individual rides, but there is more, and I do it for many non-crazy reasons.



1st reason I do it is to prove that I can stick to it and finish what I started even when it could be freezing, raining cats and dogs, or I'm extremely exhausted about 800 miles in to the ride.

2nd there is coolness of just riding an amount in a relatively short time that most people would never attempt, let alone finish.

3rd No matter how rough an iron butt can be with weather, physical demands, or mechanical problems, after the tough part is behind me I want to do more because it leaves me with lasting feeling of being glad to have done it

4th it is the comradery you have with those that have gone through the same experience as you have and lived to tell the tale.

5th and lastly, it is the knowledge that we have finished every single Iron Butt we have started regardless if it took 16 or 22 hrs. It is that fact that I am most proud of!!!!





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Activities - Susan S.



ACTIVITIES - 2023

What fun we have had on all the rides – breakfast, lunch, ditch day, LOH dinner/activities, poker, ELCR-XL, camping and picnics. However, two tragic events occurred - Our member's make up our HOG family...but we lost two special members Bill L. and Carol C. We will remember them and keep them in our hearts as we ride together. We know they would be here with us now if Heaven weren't so far away.



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY HOG FAMILY

Have a save and happy New Year Celebration. See you on the first ride of the New Year...Throw





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Activities - Susan S. Continued

ACTIVITIES

VALENTINE'S DAY POKER RIDE - Feb. 17

This is always super fun, with everyone hoping to draw the Highest or Lowest poker hand for CASH!



OCOTILLO HOLMES DESERT CAMPING Feb. 23 & 24

Tent, trailer, 5th wheel - Join us for one or two nights of camping. Can't make that, drive out and enjoy the day.





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December Calendar

Rides and Events for December 2023

- Dec 2 **Chapter Christmas Party, 6:00 PM –9:30 PM** at the VFW El Cajon. Dinner, dancing, live band, and 50/50 raffles.
- Dec 14 **Ditch Day Ride**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: 8:45 AM KSU 9:00 AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Dec 15 **LOH Christmas Party, 6:00 PM** at the VFW El Cajon. Bring something to share (potluck), and a \$25 Harley gift for the Elephant gift exchange.
- Dec 16 **Amy's Sleigh Ride**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: 9:45 AM KSU 10:00 AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Dec 23 **Follow the Fool Ride**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: 8:45 AM KSU 9:00 AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Dec 30 **FREEZE Your Bells Off Ride**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: 8:45 AM KSU 9:00 AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.

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January Calendar

Rides and Events for January 2024

- Jan 1 **Throw up & Show up Ride**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: 9:45 AM KSU 10:00 AM** Show up early with your 2024 Membership Form & \$25. Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Jan 5 **Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM** at the VFW El Cajon. Join us to hear about upcoming rides, fun 50/50 raffles, safety tips and more!
- Jan 6 **Pancake & Bingo Ride**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: 10:15 AM KSU 10:30 AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Jan 11 **Ditch Day Ride**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: 9:45 AM KSU 10:00 AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Jan 12-15 **Winter Roundup Laughlin 2024**, from Dealership. **Riders Brief: TBD** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Jan 18 **Officers Meeting, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM** at El Cajon VFW. If you have any ideas or items you would like to bring up, join us at the meeting - open to our members. Guests welcome.
- Jan 23 **Road Captain Meeting, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM** at the El Cajon VFW. Come see what is being planned for future rides and events. Guests welcome.

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February Calendar

Rides and Events for February 2024

- Feb 2 **Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM -7:30 PM** at the VFW El Cajon. Join us to hear about upcoming rides, fun 50/50 raffles, safety tips and more!
- Feb 3 **Pancake Breakfast, at Dealership. 9:00 AM**
- Jan 3 **Carol Carotenuti Memorial Ride, from and time TBD.**
- Feb 8 **Ditch Day Ride, from Dealership. Riders Brief: 9:45 AM KSU 10:00 AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Feb 15 **Officers Meeting, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM** at El Cajon VFW. If you have any ideas or items you would like to bring up, join us at the meeting - open to our members. Guests welcome.
- Feb 17 **Valentine's Poker Ride, from Dealership. Riders Brief: TBD AM** Gas Tanks Full, Bladders Empty, Don't forget your Boots & Gloves, Guests Welcome.
- Feb 27 **Road Captain Meeting, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM** at the El Cajon VFW. Come see what is being planned for future rides and events. Guests welcome.

In Loving Memory



Carol Carotenuti

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