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2025



Next Chapter Meeting: April 11





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Sunshine Smiles & May Ride's Helping Hands for Our Heroes!

Hey everyone! Can you feel it? Spring is definitely here, and April's giving us those perfect riding days we've been dreaming about! The sun's out, the roads are calling, and it's time to get those bikes purring. Imagine: gentle breezes, gorgeous scenery, and that amazing feeling of freedom only a motorcycle ride can give. Let's make the most of this beautiful weather and create some unforgettable memories on two wheels!

Whether its a relaxed cruise to the coast, a fun adventure through the hills, or just a leisurely ride to enjoy the blooming countryside, April's got your back.

Why April is a Rider's Best Friend:

- * Perfect Temps: No more shivering! We've got that sweet spot of warmth that's just right for long, comfy rides.
- * Blue Skies Forever: Say goodbye to those gloomy days and hello to sunshine and clear views!
- * Nature's Show: Everything's bursting with color! The flowers, the trees, it's like riding through a postcard.
- * Extra Daylight: More hours of sunshine means more time to ride! Who could ask for more?

Looking Ahead to May 17: May Ride and Lending a Hand to the Armed Services YMCA!

While we're loving these perfect April rides, let's also chat about the *May Ride* coming up! We support this event each year. It's all about giving back to our community while doing what we love most: riding together!

To make *May Ride* a roaring success, we need you! We're looking for friendly folks to help out with a bunch of fun and important roles. Ways you can help out:

- * Registration Booth: Greet riders with a smile and help them get checked in.
- * Poker Stop Heroes: Help players pick their hand at our pit stops.
- * Setup and Cleanup Champs: Help us get everything ready, including the HOG tent, and tidy up afterwards.
- * Biggs Hog Tent Helpers: assist with the Biggs HOG tent and serving food.
- * Bake Sale Chefs: Make delicious treats for the fundraising bake sale.

Why Volunteer? It's a Win-Win for Our Heroes!

- * You'll Make a Real Difference: Directly support the Armed Services YMCA and our local military families.
- * You'll Feel Awesome: There's nothing like the feeling of giving back to those who serve.

Ready to Jump In?

We'd love for you to join us! Sign up for your favorite volunteer spot by reaching out to <u>volunteers@biggshog.com</u>. Every little bit helps, and we'll be so grateful for your support in honoring our armed services families.



Let's enjoy these amazing April rides and make the *May Ride* an incredible day for everyone, especially those supported by the *May Ride*!

Ride safe, have fun, and we'll see you on the road and on May 17 at the May Ride!

Gene P "Tiki"

Assistant Director

New Let's Ride Challenge Celebrates Heroes and Rewards Riders

The 2025 Let's Ride Challenge™ Ride for Heroes takes the Harley-Davidson spirit one step further with a seven-month event celebrating our riding community while honoring our nation's Military, Veterans, and First Responders. Riders across the country will log



miles, earn rewards, and climb the leaderboard, all while supporting a \$1 million donation to charities serving those who protect us here at home. Open to all Harley-Davidson riders, the challenge runs from March 28 to October 31, 2025, and offers collectible rewards at various milestone check-ins. The challenge culminates with five riders winning new 2025 Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Let's ride and make every mile count!



Let's Ride Challenge Rewards

- Enter the Challenge to compete to win one of five new Harley-Davidson motorcycles
 - H.O.G. membership exclusive: Any H.O.G. member who wins a motorcycle will receive an additional \$5,000 cash bonus!
- Let's Ride Challenge™ Sticker after first mileage reading
- Let's Ride Challenge™ Coin after accumulating 1,000 miles
- HOG membership exclusive: HOG collectible hat plus 2,500 bonus points after accumulating 5,000 miles

How to Enter

- Register: Visit a Participating Dealer, locate the Dealer's proprietary QR Code and use your Mobile Device to scan it, which will open the Dealer's QR gallery (the "Dealer Gallery").
- Select the "Let's Ride Challenge™ Ride for Heroes" tab from within the Dealer Portal to open the Promotion Application (the "Application").
- Get your first odometer reading. You'll need to get this first reading on or after March 28 even if you
 have already entered the 2025 HOG Ride 365 challenge. Once you've registered, miles recorded as
 part of the Let's Ride Challenge™ will start counting toward your HOG Ride 365 balance.
- Ride: Hit the road and rack up miles.
- Engage: Interact with dealers and build your REV (Recurring Engagement Validation) Score.
- Win: The highest REV Scores will ride away on a new Harley.

The official rules can be found at www.h-dletsride.com/rules.



Dave H

What's Happenin' at Biggs H-D



APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

APR.4-5



APR. 01-02



APR. 19



APR. 26



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HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS POKER RUN

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Biggs Harley-Davidson 1040 Los Vallecitos Blvd, San Marcos, CA



9 - 10 am: Registration

\$20/hand, \$5/extra hand

10 am: First Bikes Out

Join an escorted ride or ride on your own

1:00 pm: Winners Announced

\$150 High Hand, \$75 Low Hand

Vendors ♠ Lunch ♠ Bake Sale ♠ Live Music

Door Prizes ♠ 50/50 Drawing

100% of the Profits go to
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...Building Homes, Rebuilding Lives...



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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Biggs HOG Chapter

Homes For Our Troops Poker Run



100% of the Profits go to *Homes For Our Troops (HFOT)* to support new specially adapted homes like the one being built in Valley Center for Corporal Antonio Ortega and his family. The Key Ceremony is planned for September 2025.

For the past several years, Biggs HOG has supported several of these *HFOT* builds around San Diego's North County. We have participated in the motorcycle escort to the house for the Key Ceremony and made a financial donation at the event to support the cost of the home. This year we are looking to step that up and take on a little more. We have decided to use our Chapter's Poker Run as a fund raiser for *HFOT*. Please help us support this great cause.



Road Captain

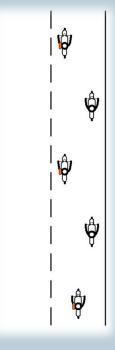
Group Riding Best Practices



<u>Keep the group to a manageable size</u>. Ideally, five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, separated by a few seconds, each with a lead and sweep rider.

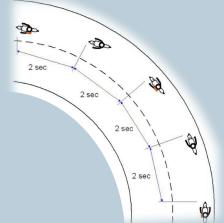
<u>Ride prepared</u>. At least one rider in each group should have a first-aid kit and full tool kit, and all riders should carry a cell phone, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

Ride in formation



The STAGGER RIDING FORMATION allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern.

A SINGLE-FILE FORMATION with a minimum 2-second following distance is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.



Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

<u>Periodically check the riders behind you using your rear view mirrors</u>. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this procedure, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

If a rider leaves during the ride, the rest of the group should re-form the staggered formation by Criss-Crossing into the next vacant position. Although it would seem more efficient for the column directly behind the missing rider to move up, we do not recommend it because passing another rider within a lane can be risky.

Formation 101 teaches all of these and much more. If you haven't attended in a while, we recommend you do to refresh your memory on these and many other ... Group Riding Best Practices

David L "TAZ"

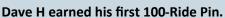
Feather Pins & Milestones

Please "Trade Up" Your Feather Pins

If you have 5 or more Red or Blue Feather Pins, please bring them to a ride or Chapter Meeting to "trade up" 5 Red pins for a Blue pin and 5 Blue pins for a White pin. Thanks for your help in keeping our costs down; "trading up" means we don't have to order more pins.

Congratulations to two members who recently earned 100-Ride Pins!









Dale D earned his 17th 100-Ride Pin.





Safety

Overnight and Long Distance Trips Tips and Advice



April showers... Nah!!! Thankfully we live in sunny Southern California! Finally! We set the clocks forward again and get that extra hour of light in the evening.

It's time for 2025's long-distance and overnight trips. These rides often entail riding several hundred miles per day and more than 1200+ miles over the course of 4 or 5 days. Let's jump into some tips and advice for handling one of these types of rides so you and everyone on the ride can enjoy MAX MILES WITH SMILES and MAKE LIFE-LASTING MEMORIES!!!

Are YOU Ready for the Trip?

Before embarking on our next big ride, take a moment to ensure you're truly prepared. Riding long distances requires skill, endurance, and the right mindset. Ask yourself:

- ✓ Can you handle long distances and varied weather conditions?
- ✓ Are you comfortable maintaining freeway speeds for extended periods without using cruise-control?
- ✓ Do you have any medical needs that others should be aware of?
- ✓ Is your head in the game? Are you distracted by other life events? If so, you may become a liability to yourself and others.

GEAR Up for Success

Proper gear can make or break your trip. Ensure you have:

- ✓ Rain gear, layered clothing for climate changes, and an evaporative cooling vest.
- ✓ A means of carrying water and access to ICE (In Case of Emergency) contacts.
- ✓ Maps, extra charging cords, trash bags, and other essentials.
- ✓ Packed gear properly—heavier items should be packed low, and essentials should be easily accessible.
- ✓ Checked the bike's weight limits; GVWR Running Order Weight = Your Load Capacity!

 Here's an example:

1,360 lbs Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)

- 910 lbs Bike's Running Order Weight

450 lbs Load Capacity

The weight sum of the Rider + Passenger + All Gear

must be less than the Load Capacity.

NOTE: A Leather jacket + full-face helmet + boots weigh about 13-15 lbs.

- ✓ Extra FOB (keys) and a fresh CR2032 battery (or two).
- √ Cash for gasoline in case cards aren't accepted.

Remember, Safety Is No Accident!

Let's make April the month we take a good look at our bikes, gear, and accessories. Stay safe, have fun, and I'll see you all out on the road!

..... Tips Continue Next Month: "Is Your Bike Road Ready?" "Follow the Leader"

Shawn E



Membership

Year-Long Riding Season & HOG Rallies

Here in the United States, much of the country waits for a window of consecutive months they refer to as their "riding season" to get out, hit the road, and enjoy what we like to call, "miles with smiles." For them, this "riding season" typically spans late spring, summer, and



early fall. Aren't we so LUCKY to LIVE where we LIVE! We are so fortunate to live in San Diego where our "riding season" is basically the entire year.

And for those who like the local Chapter stuff, venture on over to our calendar on our official website, www.biggshog.com. Under the "Calendar" main menu option is where you will find our interactive calendar. Here you can click on each calendar event to find out more information on that scheduled ride/event. Also, there is a page dedicated to serving up information for our long-distance and overnight trips.

And for those of you interested in the official H-D events and rallies, I've got your back too! See below...

2025 H.O.G. Rallies & Events

Rally Spotlight: June is Jumping

With a touring rally in the Black Hills, regional rallies in Maryland, Michigan and Missouri, and Laconia bike week in New Hampshire, the month of June is packed with action nearly from coast-to-coast. There's something for everyone, and with some good planning and an iron butt, you can easily combine a few of them into an epic road trip. Start packing!

2025 H.O.G. Touring Rallies

- Spring Heat in Arizona H.O.G. Touring Rally, March 28-April 1, Albuquerque, NM to Apache, AZ
- Texas Hill Country H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 7-10, Round Rock, TX to San Antonio, TX
- Great River Lower H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 19-24, New Orleans, LA to St. Louis, MO
- Roaming the Black Hills H.O.G. Touring Rally, June 4-9, Cody, WY to Deadwood, SD
- Great River Upper H.O.G. Touring Rally, August 25-30, Fargo, ND to St. Louis, MO
- Tour of Valor H.O.G. Touring Rally, October 14-20, Hughesville, MD to Dayton, OH

2025 H.O.G. Regional Rallies

- Gulf Coast H.O.G. Rally, May 1-3, Beaumont, TX
- Mid-America H.O.G. Rally, June 5-7, Springfield, MO
- Appalachian Thunder H.O.G. Rally, June 25-28, Cumberland, MD
- Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally, June 26-28, Marquette, MI
- Pacific Northwest H.O.G. Rally, July 17-19, Spokane, WA
- Valley to the Mountains H.O.G. Rally, August 14-16, Monticello, NY
- Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally, August 21-23, Bartlett, NH
- Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally, September 11-13, Pikes Peak, CO
- Golden State H.O.G. Rally, October 2-4, Fresno, CA

2025 H.O.G. Check-Ins

- Laconia Motorcycle Week, June 14-21, Laconia, NH
- Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 1-8, Sturgis, SD





Shawn E

Long Distance

Overnight and Long Distance Trips



Come out and spend a weekend, or long weekend, riding with your Biggs HOG Family in 2025!



Laughlin Overnight Trip February

.....MEMORIES.....



Cottonwood Long Distance Trip

March



NOW BOOKING

North Meets South Long Distance Trip

Thurs, May 22 - Sun, May 25

Register and Book ASAP

** We are going to the 16th Annual North Meets South Rally on this Long Distance Trip. The space at the rally is limited and sells out quickly; please register for the rally and book your hotel ASAP.

Flyers with hotel rates and reservation details are available at

www.biggshog.com/2025-long-distance-and-overnight-trips

SAVE THE DATES (Details and Booking Information Available Soon)

Solvang Overnight Trip

Sat, July 19 - Sun, July 20

<u>Fall Overnight Trip</u>

Sonora Long Distance Trip

dates and location tbd

Friday, Oct 24 - Mon, October 27

Note: Dates and locations are subject to change/adjustment

Reminders:

- After you book your room(s) for any of the Long Distance or Overnight Trips, please send an email to kenc@biggshog.com with the names, emails, and cell phone numbers of those in your room.
- If for some reason you cannot go on a trip and you have booked your room, please email kenc@biggshog.com before you cancel your room as we may have a wait list for rooms.

Ken C

Volunteers

Volunteer Opportunities

Our events can't be done without the support of our Chapter Volunteers!!!

Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- ☐ Help Set Up at the April 11 Chapter Meeting. Arrive by 5:45 PM.
- ☐ Help Take Down after the April 11 Chapter Meeting ends.



□ Save the DATE: 23rd Annual May Ride and Family Festival, Saturday, May 17
We'll need help with set up, registration, poker draws, parking control, bake sale, clean up, and more.
Sign up sheets are available at Chapter Meetings or email Volunteers@BiggsHOG.com.

For more information on how you can help our Chapter in 2025, please stop by the Volunteer Table at the back of our Chapter Meetings. I look forward to seeing you there!

Mary D

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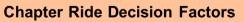


Getting to Know Our Biggs HOG Family 24 members completed the February 2025 Survey.

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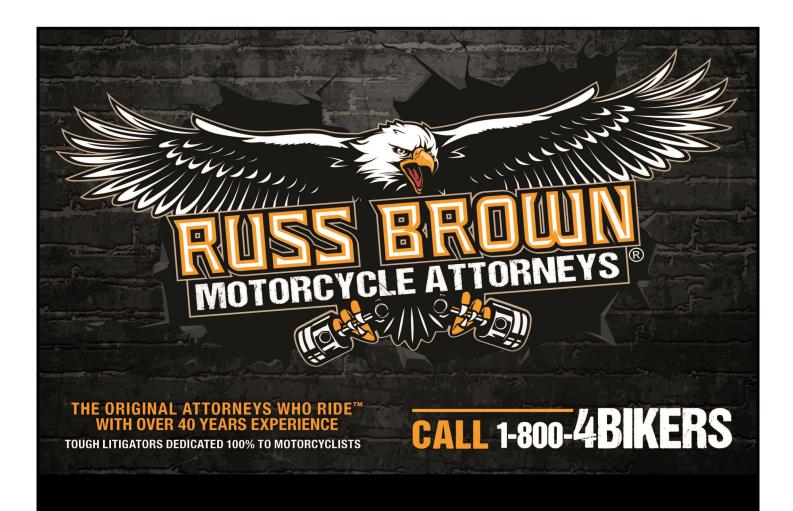
A new survey opens on the 15th of each month.





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		Where Ride Ends	6.6	Length of Ride	6.3					



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= Feather Pin Ride

April 2025

Start of Ride Locations in San Marcos

BIGGS H-D: 1040 Los Vallecitos Blvd

STARBUCKS: 126 Knoll Rd

WED 2 -- Officers Meeting

6:45 PM The Mining Company

5:45 PM meal (optional); meeting starts at 6:45 PM.

579 Grand Ave, San Marcos, CA

SAT 5 -- Ride to Salvation Mountain

7:00 AM STARBUCKS
Long distance on Back Roads to

Beal Rd, Niland, CA

SUN 6 -- Ride to Leo Carrillo Ranch Historic Park

9:30 AM STARBUCKS

Medium distance on Back Roads to

6200 Flying Leo Carrillo Ln, Carlsbad, CA

FRI 11 -- Chapter Meeting

7:00 PM BIGGS H-D

Arrive early at 6 PM to socialize, sign up to volunteer.

Everyone is welcome.

SAT 12 -- Formation 101

8:30 AM BIGGS H-D

Come learn how we ride as a group. If you haven't been in a while, come refresh your knowledge.
Coffee and doughnuts. Members receive a Rider Pin.

SAT 12 -- Get Acquainted Ride (GAR)

10:30 AM BIGGS H-D

After Formation 101, put your knowledge to work during our popular Medium distance ride on Mixed Roads and then eat lunch with your HOG family at Rainbow Oaks Restaurant, 4815 5th St, Fallbrook, CA

SAT 12 -- Loma Linda HOG Autism Poker Run 8:30 AM Registration, 10:30 AM Escorted Ride KSU This is event is being held by the Loma Linda HOG Chapter at Quaid H-D. There will not be a Feather Pin ride to this event due to the GAR scheduled that day. 25160 Redlands Blvd, Loma Linda, CA





SUN 13 -- Ride to Cocina Tex Mex Restaurant
10:00 AM STARBUCKS
Medium distance on Back Roads to
25484 Lake Wohlford Rd, Escondido, CA

WED 16 -- Dinner Ride to Pelly's Fish Market & Café 6:00 PM BIGGS H-D Short distance on Back Roads to 7110 Avenida Encinas #101, Carlsbad, CA

SAT 19 -- Ride to Jack's BAR-B-Q 9:00 AM BIGGS H-D Medium distance on Back Roads to 1604 Lakeshore Dr, Lake Elsinore, CA

WED 23 -- Activities Meeting 6:30 PM VIRTUAL

Everyone is welcome. Planning July, August, and September rides and events will be on the agenda. This meeting will be held virtual. The meeting link will be posted on the event page of the biggshog.com calendar prior to the meeting.

THURS 24 -- Road Guard Meeting This is invite only.

SAT 26 -- Sniff & Eat Ride
9:00 AM BIGGS H-D
Medium Distance on Back Roads to
1666 Flower Fields Way, Carlsbad, CA
After visiting the Carlsbad Flower Fields, we will ride to lunch at a location to be determined.

SUN 27 -- Ride to Mo's Egg House 7:00 AM STARBUCKS Medium Distance on Mixed Roads to 27405 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA



Biggs HOG Chapter 2025 Rides Recap January 1 - February 28

Type of Ride	Number	Total Days	Total Bikes All Days	Ave Bikes Per Day	Total Miles	Ave Miles Per Day
Local Feather Pin Rides	15	15	175	12	626	42
Overnight Trip Rides	1	2	23	12	790	395
Long Distance Rides	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025 Total (Jan-Feb)	16	17	198	12	1,416	83

Local Feather Pin Rides mileage is "one way" from starting point to destination.

Overnight and Long Distance Trip mileage includes ride to destination, optional rides during trip, and optional ride home.

Miles not included in totals:

- * 1 Local Feather Pin Ride Rain Out
- * Optional RARs (Ride After Ride)

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