

# SOARING EAGLE



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## Director

Michael – DJ Mike a.k.a. Mike Mike Mike



To our Tucson HOG Family— **Happy 4th of July!** 🇺🇸

As we prepare for fireworks and good times with family, let's take a moment to celebrate the adventures still to come!

### 🏞️ Devil's Highway Overnight Ride to Springerville

My bucket list ride is now complete! Ten bikes and one dedicated "cager"—Jim Dunlap—hit the iconic Hwy 191, better known as the Devil's Highway, for our overnight trip to Springerville. Jim joined us from his journey home through New Mexico, rounding out our group.

With **over 600 twisties**, stunning mountain views, and stops in **Morenci** to admire the massive mines and **Hannagan Meadows** for an ice cream, this ride delivered everything we all hoped for. There *may* have even been a certain rider (ahem) making not one, but **two U-turns** at a gas stop... but hey, what's an adventure without a little detour?



### 🛡️ Welcome Our New Head Road Captain: Peter Gibson

We're proud to announce that **Peter Gibson** has officially stepped into the role of **Head Road Captain!**



Many of you know Peter as a trusted presence on our rides—always ready with solid guidance, road wisdom, and a calm head even when GPS gets whacky. He brings not just passion, but also leadership and care for our



## More from our Director

members' safety. Peter will be leading ride planning, mentoring our Road Captain team, and assisting the board as we move forward. Join us in congratulating Peter on his new role!

### Save the Dates — July Events You Won't Want to Miss

-  **July 19<sup>th</sup>** — *Christmas in July & HOGS "N" DOGS at SHD*  
Fire up the grill and your holiday spirit!
-  **July 26<sup>th</sup>** — *10th Anniversary Celebration — Hawaiian Style!*  
It's our island-themed bash with food, hula dancers, and a **live band**. Throw on your best aloha shirt, and let's celebrate with Reg and his crew!

### You're Invited: Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally!

We've received a **personal invitation** to the **Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally**, hosted by the **Pikes Peak Chapter, September 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>**. Our very own **Joe Butler**, who spent many years with The Pikes Peak Chapter before coming to Tucson, can't say enough good things about it—it's one of his favorite rallies, and now we've got a special place on the guest list.

If we get enough interest from our members who want to attend the rally, this could become an **official Tucson Chapter Ride**. Imagine scenic mountain roads, H.O.G. camaraderie, and cool Colorado air? Let us know if you're interested in joining the ride.

Have stories, photos, or just your special vacation stories to share? Just send them my way!

Ride safe, stay hydrated, and have fun!

"MMM"



# Secretary

Renee



Late last month several HOG members went to visit with Karen Shudy again. We had a nice lunch at Appleby's at Foothills Mall. Mike talked with her about doing a memorial ride for John in the fall when the weather cools down.

Tom and I went and visited Jorge and Irene Luquez at TMC's rehab center called Select Hospital. Jorge has had 26 surgeries so far from injuries received from his motorcycle accident and mistakes Banner UMC made. We gave them some cookies, some cash, and Tom gave Irene a copy of his book to try and humor Jorge up. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. He still has a very long road to recovery.

I will be at SHD on Saturday, July 5th, to try and sell some gun raffle tickets. We need more sales desperately to build our fundraiser. Get with Mike and volunteer just a few hours of your time. You can work at either SHD or OPHD.

Please let me know if you can volunteer either on a Thursday or Friday in July at the Marana Food Bank passing out food or stuffing bags. The hours are from 8:45am until noon.

I stopped by the Food Bank a week ago and got three big boxes for everyone to drop food donations in. Michele, our marketing director, had to check with Maverick to make sure it was okay to put them out. There is one in the HOG room now at SHD so please bring in some non-perishable food items at the next meeting or whenever you drop by.

Until we meet again, Ride Safe and Stay Cool!



**Marana**





# Editor

Lynda



Greetings, HOG Friends,

Well, Gang, as you may know now, K Swan and I returned from our venture to the 'Roaming the Black Hills HOG Touring Rally' after about 12 days' travel. And what an adventure we had. Not only did we get to ride through almost all day rain, but we also got to experience freezing rain and hail when traversing the Bighorn Mountains from Cody, WY, to Gillette.

Now, I always have my rain gear available in my saddlebag, even here in Arizona. But it hardly ever comes out of its bag. Well, I employed it the whole second day. We were lucky enough, however, that the rain gave us a break when we rode through Monument Valley. What a beautiful place!

Disaster of disasters, I had by this time lost the outdated controller to my heated jacket liner and so had to bundle up with everything I could find. But when I got to the Deluxe Harley Davidson dealer in Gillette—Lo and Behold!—they still had some heated gear left and a jacket in my very size! Which I swiftly snapped up and employed the next day. And will vastly appreciate around here next winter, if not before.

So, Swan has become an expert at the Harley Ride Planner on the new Skyline OS Navigation System. It seems that every time I tried to send a ride to my bike, it defaulted to the last one I rode. Tried to make me go back and ride it all over again. Go figure. It seems that you have to perform steps in exactly the right sequence or else! I believe I eventually got it figured out, but sometimes it throws some punches. For example, when negotiating the twin roundabouts at an I-25 interchange, Swan missed the cue and left me going around and around and around and—about five rotations—until she managed to turn around somewhere and get back on track. Did I feel foolish? Another time we missed the turn on to the 470 Expressway around Denver and got sent into the hinterlands. But no worry! Harley RP eventually figured it out.

But back to the trip! I have to say that the most beautiful place I rode through, IMHO, was the Wind River Canyon in Wyoming on our way to Cody, where the rally began. I could ride that road every day and not tire of it. Wow. Get up there if you can. There is even a scenic railroad you can take, I understand.

The aforementioned freezing rain and hail happened at Granite Pass over the Bighorn Mountains. (This was **before** I replaced my heated jacket liner.) We're riding along and then little rocks start hitting our face shields. No. Can't be happening, I'm trying to think. But it **was** indeed happening. Lucky for us, it didn't last long. The riders who chose the alternate route through the mountains actually had measurable snow and had to turn around. I don't even know how I could have accomplished that.



*Wind River Canyon, Wyoming*



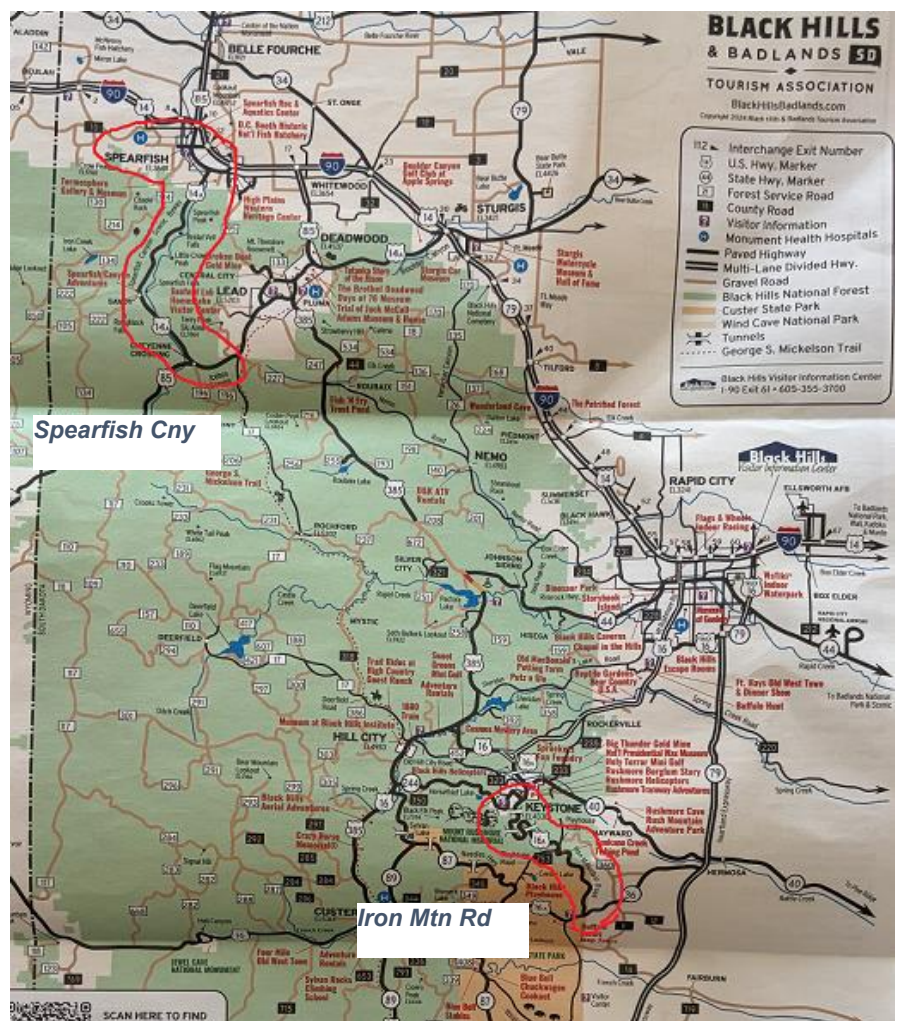
Once at Deadwood (and after we finally figured out where to park, seeing as how the hotel/casino complex had decided to block off half of the lot for some kind of renovation), our longest riding day took us down to Mt. Rushmore, which I had never seen before. How wonderful to have that memorial. We also stopped at a viewpoint by Devil's Tower. This whole area has some unbelievable rock formations. Finally, we decided **not** to try Needles Highway, but rode down to Custer State Park and then rode north on Iron Mountain Road. This byway consists mostly of extreme curves. Not just curves, but—like I explained at the meeting—you curl around and then go under the bridge that you just went over in little loop-de-loops. About 4 times! Plus, you go through several one-lane tunnels. When you exit two of these, you see Mt. Rushmore **right there in your face!** Unfortunately, neither one of us has a GoPro camera to capture these sights. You just have to keep it stored in your own memory.

On our final rally riding day, unfortunately, the winds were unbelievably strong, with gusts up to and above 50 mph, I'm told. So, we skipped the other suggested ride to the Badlands (which is wide open, I guess) and decided to ride up and down Spearfish Canyon. While not as spectacular as Wind River Canyon, this stretch is truly scenic. We stopped to see a pretty waterfall and enjoyed riding beside the creeks—something we don't get to do here in Arizona.

I have to give credit to Harley's HOG leaders for putting together rides such as these touring rallies. They don't actually stage guided rides, but they obtain accommodations, arrange for some dealership-sponsored dinners, plan fun evening get-togethers and research lots of options for your riding pleasure. I highly recommend joining a touring rally in the future if you can. There were several HOG Chapters that included numerous riders, which I'm sure made it fun for them. And some people came all by themselves. I am really grateful that I went, and I have to thank Kathy the Swan for noodling at me until I said 'OK. OK. I'll go!' If the ride had come a bit later in the season, we might have taken a more circuitous ride home, but as we could see snow-capped mountains through Colorado, we just bombed down I-25 and then Rte. 60 and on home. Ending our trip in 110 degree weather. From one extreme to the other!

Well, I've gone beyond my page allocation. So, see you at the next meeting or the next ride.

--Lynda





# Historian

Tom a.k.a. Detroit



Congratulations to Peter Gibson for becoming our chapter's Head Road Captain. Well deserved, Peter!

Once again, I was honored to sit down and interview one of our members. June's Person of Interest is Peter Gibson and below is his story. Enjoy!

On June 21st we had ten HOG members show up at Zona Tactical Range to shoot some guns and have fun. And what fun we had. I had a new Springfield Kuna 9mm that resembles an AK47. Everyone who wanted to shoot it got a chance and even one of the range officers tried and liked it.

The fireworks are over with and now we are in the middle of summer. Even with the extreme heat our members are getting out and riding as my report will show.

I have two rides to report on for June. Below are the details.

Date: 6-8-25

Destination: Springerville, AZ - MCs 10 (14 people) 784 miles

LRC: Mike Bradford Sweep: Peter Gibson  
Overnight ride to Springerville up historic Highway 191 (Devil's Highway). Stopped in Morenci and Hannigan Meadows. Beautiful scenery and great times.

Date: 6-28-25

Destination: Patagonia - MCs 5 - 115 miles

LRC: Robert (Preacher) Woodson Sweep: Peter Gibson (Mentor).

Preacher did an awesome job and this ride served as his "final exam" toward becoming a Tucson HOG Road Captain. Peter was pleased to report he passed with flying colors.

The ride went to the Wild Horse Restaurant and the temps were well over 100 degrees.

*~Tom*



*Everything Chrome!*



## Person Of Interest

### Peter Gibson

Peter Gibson was born on 05-09-60 in Orange, New Jersey. He has two older brothers, David and Jay, and one younger sister, Pam.

Peter's dad worked in Manhattan, and they lived 60 miles outside Manhattan. Their home was where the New York Jets currently have their training camp in Florham Park.

Peter lived there until he was 21 years old. Peter's high school sweetheart was a girl called Nicci. In high school, Peter was in the choir and theatre. He was in the play Godspell in which the school had pro choreographers come in to teach them.

Peter's first paying job was at summer camp. His parents sent him to summer camp in New Jersey. His cousin went to camp in Winooski, Vermont, near Lake Champlain, and at 14 years old he got to go to camp there. He liked it so much he told his parents, "Don't come and get me".

The next year he went back and became a counselor-in-training. There was a tennis pro there and Peter played tennis. Peter was then hired to be a full-time counselor. When the tennis pro left camp, Peter was hired as the tennis instructor at 16 years old.

At the age of 12, Peter's parents had enrolled him in a USTA (United States Tennis Association) Junior Development Program. It paid off, his first year in high school he started immediately in varsity. He played throughout high school, in college and in various USTA tournaments. He plays here in Tucson at the Academy Village where he lives, a 55+ community. He also plays a little pickleball but prefers tennis.



Peter is musically inclined. He played guitar and still plays today. He owns a Gibson Les Paul, a Yamaha Acoustic, and a 1969 electric Fender Jazz Bass.



After high school Peter's parents paid for him to go to college. He attended Morris County Community College in New Jersey and studied Humanities and Social Sciences.

Peter decided to leave college and start his own company with his friend doing carpentry. They bought a van and tools and started doing additions and renovations.

During this time period he married his first wife, Ann, in 1981. She was a nurse by trade and their marriage produced four kids: Beth, Drew, Meredith, and Ned. Peter and Ann divorced after 20 years of marriage.

One day while 20' in the air on a ladder while it was snowing, he had an epiphany. He didn't want to do this type of work any longer. He went back to school while working part-time doing health care helping people, something he loved to do.

Peter finished his associates degree and transferred to Rutgers University. He wanted to go into Psychology but changed to Economics and English. He graduated from Rutgers in 1986.

After graduation, Peter got his first job as an office/business manager for Fenton Construction Co. in New Jersey. He then became an estimator and then a project manager. When the Vice President of Marketing announced his retirement, the Company asked Peter to accept that role, which he did.

Five years later Peter got recruited by the Kipcon Engineering Company as a sales manager to consolidate all their services. The company grew from 20 to 100 employees in less than a year. Kipcon then started a construction company and Peter was made the General Manager. Approximately three years later he went to a larger firm.



He then worked for Ebasco (Electric Bond & Share Company formed in 1905 by Thomas Edison). He worked in the Marketing Department as a Proposal Manager.

Ebasco was acquired by a company named Raytheon, who renamed the company to Raytheon Engineers & Constructors. While working for Raytheon, Peter was recruited by the Vice President and General Counsel to work in the corporate legal department as a Contracts Manager.

Every seven years, the company he worked for was acquired by a larger firm—first EBASO became Raytheon Engineers & Constructors, then Washington Group, followed by URS, and eventually AECOM.

Peter retired as a Senior Legal Contracts Manager from AECOM, a Fortune 200 company in January of 2017 at the age of 56.

In 2003 while working for these different companies, Peter married his current wife, Dee. She worked at Princeton University, and they met playing softball. They do not have any kids together.

Peter was retired for a few years but ended up going back to work under a 6-month consulting agreement with United Engineers & Constructors. His past boss had passed away suddenly, and the company needed legal support on two large transmission projects in Florida.

In June of 2023 Peter and Dee moved to Tucson, AZ. Four of his nine grandkids live here & he wanted to be close to them.

**INJURIES:** At 9 years old Peter broke his leg skiing. As a first grader, he was riding his bicycle on Hillside Avenue when his neighbor's dog ran out in front of him causing him to hit the dog throwing Peter over the handlebars, receiving a severe concussion which kept him out of first grade. He had to repeat that grade. The dog lived.

**TRAVELS:** Peter has been to all 48 continental U.S. states, most of them on his motorcycle. He has visited Bermuda, Canada, England, France, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, St. Martin (a French West Indies colony), and Scotland. He has even been to Detroit, where he was flown in & out while he worked on a project for Detroit Edison.

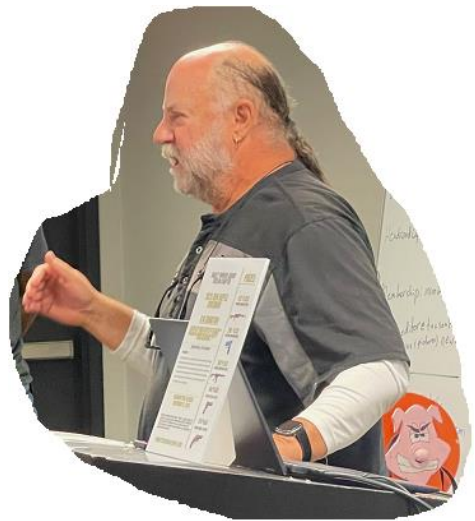
**HOBBIES:** Peter loves to ski, play golf, play his guitars, pickleball, softball and tennis. He is also passionate about touring on his Harley and hiking. But most importantly he loved being a Camp Counselor for the MDA Camp (Muscular Dystrophy).

**COLLECTIONS:** Peter has a collection of artwork made by children with neuromuscular diseases.

**FAVORITE FOOD:** Surf & Turf

**FAVORITE DRINK:** Scotch Whiskey

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Peter has been a HOG Director, Road Captain, Head Road Captain, MDA Liaison, and Activities Officer. He is a current Tucson HOG member and Road Captain. Peter is very





active with the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) and volunteers at fundraisers and is personally responsible for raising over \$75,000 over the past 10 years.

**MOTORCYCLES:** Peter's first motorcycle was a 1986 Honda Shadow. His first Harley-Davidson was a 2002 Softail which he still has. It has 108,000 miles on it. He also owns a 2005 Sportster which he says is his wife Dee's bike. And his current Harley is a 2015 Street Glide CVO with 90,000 miles on it.

**NICKNAMES:** Peter says he doesn't have any nicknames.

**BUCKETLIST:** He wants to go to Alaska and Hawaii to complete all 50 U.S. states. He and his wife Dee have been to 35 out of the 63 U.S. National Parks and they'd like to go to all of them. This September Peter rented a houseboat and is going to Voyager's National Park in Minnesota.

**GO BACK IN TIME & CHANGE ONE THING:** Peter stated he would not change a thing.



# HOG Stores

We have: Chapter Rockers We have HOG Patches Pins and etc.

We also have a HOG Merchandise Cabinet in The Dealership Show Room.

If there is anything you would like us to get, just let Adair know.

SHOW YOUR CHAPTER PRIDE, Ride often, Ride safe and Look Good while you do.



Before you head out to join the rides.....  
Go to the website and check the calendar often  
**Watch for Pop-Up Rides**  
[Tucson HOG Calendar](#)

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We start each of our Chapter Meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance. It's our way of honoring our country, our freedom, and the men and women who serve in our military. We know that we're some of the luckiest people on the planet. Not only do we get to ride our Harley's, we have the opportunity to ride and spend time with our good friends in the Tucson HOG Chapter. All members, past and present, make up our special HOG family.

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# HOG Happenings

## June General Meeting



**Guest AZ Fallen Heroes Memorial Ride  
Leader Terry Johnson**



**Volunteer Winner Jodi**



**Plus, She Wins  
Share-the-Wealth**



**Tracy Describes the After-  
Meeting Ride**



**Maverick Spins the Pig for \$100 Gift Cards**



**The Winners  
(Sorry, Jodi. You Didn't Get This One!)**





## Winding Up the Devil's Highway with HOGs



*HOGs Gather Before the Devil's Highway Run*



*Everybody Ready?*



*Riding Through Morenci Mine*



*Negotiating one of the Many Many Curves*



*HOGs Exhibit  
Perfect Staggered Formation*



*Through the Forest*



*Pausing at the Bottom  
of Salt River Canyon*





## HOG Range Day at Zona Tactical



*Awaiting Entry to the Zona Range*



*Gearing Up*



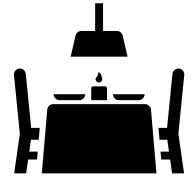
*The Expert*



*Gathering Before Practice*



## Dining Out



*Lunch with Karen Shudy - Rayleen, Karen, Renee, Sandy and Mike*



*Harry's Meet N Eat at Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant  
Claussens, Gibsons and Sommervilles*





## Hogs N Dogs at OPHD



*Steve Directs Setup*



*Chefs Luis y Peter*



*Ron and Dan Smile for the Camera*



*Peter Inspects the Bike Wash Operation*





## PPP, or To Patagonia with Preacher and Peter



*Hardy HOGs Meet Up at Dawn for the Run to Patagonia*



*The Route – Sonoita to Patagonia to Rio Rico to Ice Cream in Green Valley*



*Breakfast at the Wild Horse Cafe*





## Roaming the Black Hills HOG Touring Rally



*A Momentary Respite from the Rain*



*Swan With our Bikes at Monument Valley –Note: the Rain has Paused*



*Donning Heated Jacket in Wyoming*



*Pausing in Spearfish Canyon*



We rode Iron Mountain Road – Curlicues, Tunnels and Bridges





## Roaming the Black Hills, Cont'd



**Devil's Tower**



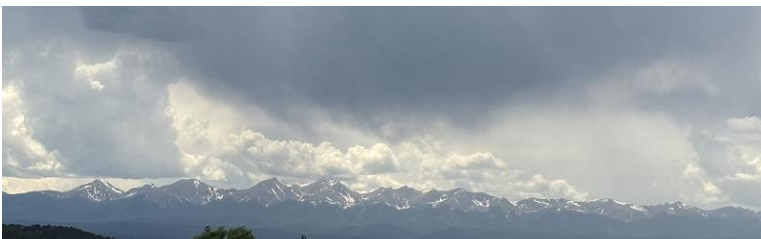
**Mt Rushmore**



**Bridal Veil Falls in Spearfish Canyon**



**Overlooking the USAF Academy Practicing Session  
At an I-25 Rest Stop in Colorado Springs**



**Snow Over the Sangre de Cristos on Our Way Home  
(We didn't Go There)**



**Our Regional HOG Rep, Chris Harrison**





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