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**Tucson HOGs Celebrate 40 Years of Riding and Fellowship
at Rose Canyon Lake Campground, Mt Lemmon, Arizona, U.S.A.**



Director

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



Greetings, Tucson HOG Family!

May was packed with celebrations, honoring our nation's veterans, and a fantastic car & bike show! Let's take a moment to reflect on the month and honor a beloved member of our HOG family.

Honoring John Shudy

I shared with everyone at our May General Meeting about the passing of longtime Tucson HOG member, John Shudy. John was an integral part of our Tucson family, always bringing his warmth, and unwavering support for the chapter. To honor John, we are planning a Memorial Ride in his memory. This ride will be a moment for all of us to reflect, share stories, and pay tribute to the legacy John leaves behind. Details will be shared soon, and we hope you'll join us in celebrating his life the best way we know how—on two wheels.

HOGS N DOGS at the Saguaro Harley Spring Car & Bike Show

It was a picture-perfect day at Saguaro Harley as we fired up the grill for another HOGS N DOGS event! Riders and car enthusiasts gathered to admire an outstanding collection of classic cars and nice bikes while enjoying great food. A Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered, grilled, and kept it fun—we couldn't have done it without you!

Tucson HOG 40th Birthday Bash at Rose Canyon Lake

What a way to mark four decades of HOG history! Surrounded by stunning mountain views, we celebrated our chapter's 40th anniversary with laughter, stories, and plenty of good food. A BIG congratulations to Tom Sommerville, who won the cornhole tournament. I'm sure all of you will be hearing about his win until our next birthday bash 😊. Special appreciation to everyone who made the event a success—from organizing the ride to setting up a fantastic gathering spot. Here's to many more years of Tucson HOG!

Springerville Ride – Important Update!

The upcoming Springerville ride, June 7th - June 8th, has a change in its starting location. We will now be meeting at Speedway Gas, located at Oracle & Magee, instead of Saguaro Harley. Be sure to check TucsonHogChapter.com for complete details and updates.

Looking Ahead

Stay tuned for details on upcoming events, including the Memorial Ride for John Shudy, and don't forget to check in on our Facebook page or the TucsonHogChapter.com calendar for the latest updates.

Stay safe and have fun!

"Mike Mike Mike"



Secretary

Renee



With the warmer weather upon us it was a perfect time for a girl's trip to Camp Verde to visit past members, Terry and Daniel Dale. So, Sue Peterson (member Ron Peterson's wife) went with me for a nice visit. Daniel went camping so us girls could have a good time playing Cribbage, making jam, and shopping. Then Daniel made it back for a neighborhood cook-out. We had great fun!

Terry and Daniel said to tell everyone in the HOG Chapter they said Hi. :)

Then we had the Tucson HOG's 40th Birthday Celebration. It was a great day up on Mt. Lemmon at Rose Canyon. Good food, nice music, raffle for prizes and a fun Cornhole Contest. Thanks to all who helped get it set up.

If you couldn't make it, I hope you will join us next year for the 41st.

Don't forget, after next month's General

Membership meeting on June 14th, Northwest Fire is going to put on a **CPR training class** right in our meeting room. Cost is only **\$3.00 per person**. Even if you've had a CPR class in the past, this would be a good refresher course. It may save someone's life (like when Bobbie saved Tracy's life).

Ride safe and hope to see you at future events soon.



Sue, Terry and Renee Jammin'



Terry & Daniel Dale (and friends)



Rayleen



For May's International Women's Ride Day, I left on May 3rd from Oracle and McGee and rode up I-10 up to Scottsdale to meet up with the beautiful women there. We left there and rode to Cottonwood, taking an amazing ride on Rte.260.

I have never been through so many roundabouts in my life! Thanks to Scottsdale HOG for letting me join on this dual ride. Us ladies went one way and the support people went on another route to join up in Cottonwood. I met a ton of great people, had lunch when we got there and enjoyed the festivities. I hung out with so many women either during the event or after and absolutely had a blast.

Next year, the organizers are trying to get a band to play and make it bigger than this year with the Husband and Wife Law Team not only making an appearance but participating made everything awesome.

We had a scavenger hunt, which was super easy. I and two other women were able to get that accomplished in under 30 minutes. I can't wait to see the video and footage or pictures of the event.

I had dinner, hung out with some of the girls with a little bit of cards and got up the next morning to meet up with our chapter in Globe. On the ride back we had rain, hail, wind, and enough sunshine to dry us off, but it was absolutely worth it. Come prepared for weather if you want to go next year just in case.

I hope to have more female riders or even women passengers who have the support of their men to come out and do this again next year. Apparently, it's going to be bigger and better. So, I look forward to seeing you all for next year's ride and events and keep safe and ride on



Editor

Lynda



Greetings, HOG Friends,

So, this week (as I write) I'm taking my bike 'Traveler II' to SHD for its 10,000 mile maintenance appointment. Hard to believe. The miles go by fast. I mean, time-wise. (Well, and sometimes MPH-wise, but only when necessary to pass. ...Usually.)

Earlier this month, I hauled my brother and sister-in-law to the airport for their annual summer retreat from the desert heat. I do miss riding with him and otherwise being entertained by his humor. So, I'm glad I have the rest of you guys around.

This issue of our newsletter contains a couple of entries from our fellow-HOGs—I mean, besides the usuals. Below, please find a clip from our unofficial expert photographer, Michael Weiss, from his trip to the 40th annual Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Rally. Sounds like something we should advocate for in Tucson.

Then, don't stop there, because our Terry Darby has made a trip to Yarnell Arizona's

Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial. I'd like to go there.

Perhaps we should plan for it, Once we get cooler temperatures again. It's a timely topic—fire safety—because our Rose Canyon party location was involved in that Cody Fire, which I could see from my front yard. Those helicopters were using it for a water source. So no fishing. I sure hope we don't see many more fires this season.

Now, I will miss the June General Meeting and miss all of you, except for Kathy the Swan, because she and I are heading north, speaking of escaping the heat. Which is another reason for the aforementioned 10,000-mile scheduled maintenance this week. So, I hope to have some lovely pictures for you in next month's issue.

Until next time,

~Ride Safe!

--Lynda



The Cody Fire Peeks Over the Hills



Historian

Tom a.k.a. Detroit



The hot temps are back but we're ready for them. Rides earlier in the day or early in the evening are two ways to avoid the heat. Make sure to hydrate. As of press time for this article, I don't have any rides to report on from May. I know there were some rides, just haven't received the info from the road captains. Two such rides were up to Mt. Lemmon for our annual HOG Birthday Celebration.

Speaking of the annual HOG Birthday Celebration, it couldn't have gone any better. Beautiful weather up on the mountain, great food, drinks, games, and entertainment. Our Director, Mike Bradford, put a lot of time and hard work into this event. Two days before the event, Mike discovered that due to the Cody Fires in Oracle, we might not be able to have the celebration up at Rose Canyon Park. He drove up there on Friday morning and found out that we were still on for that location. Rose Lake was closed because the firefighter's helicopters were drawing water from the lake to fight the fires. But if we did lose that location, we had two backup plans at the last minute due to quick

thinking by Renee & John & Michele. The Crossroads Park at Cortaro & Silverbell was reserved by Mike after Renee made a couple of calls. A school in Vail was another location that John & Michele had ready. Both places were cancelled at the last minute.

Mike couldn't have put together this large event without the help of Activities Director Michele, her husband John, and her team. Angela & Dan Brown, Ron & Jodi Settle, myself & Renee', Keith, Harry & Janey, and a special thanks to Ron Peterson who just recently re-joined HOG. Ron volunteered for us to use his truck and delivered all the goodies up the mountain and assisted Mike returning items back to the dealership.

Thanks to SHD for supporting us and donating some very nice prizes. Everyone who attended got a raffle ticket for the prizes. We had a total of 33 people attending.

We didn't have time for the Left, Right, Center game but we will have it at a future event. And Mike brought up a dartboard but we didn't have any way to attach it so the Dart Tournament was also rescheduled.

But we did have the Cornhole Tournament. Everyone was offered an opportunity to participate and we had ten people who competed. Kathy Swan, Rayleen, Ron Peterson, Luis, Scruffy, David Fairies, Peter Gibson, Harry, Debbie Martinez, and defending Champion, yours truly.

A nice prize for the winner was a Harley-Davidson bank in the shape of a Harley gas tank (donated by SHD). A few had never played Cornhole before and did very well. Debbie and Kathy didn't think they had the strength to throw the beanbags 27' but they found out that not only could they, but they scored points.



Ron Peterson would have won the worst Cornhole toss trophy for throwing a beanbag up on the roof of the shelter covering our picnic area. However, we don't have a trophy for that. Quick thinking by John in finding a large tree branch to recover the bag.



One by one contestants were eliminated in the one-and-you're-done event. The semifinals pitted Peter against Pappy (David Fairies), and Kathy against Tom. Peter and Kathy lost, making Tom & Pappy the finalists.

After a short break for the prizes raffle, play resumed. Everyone but Renee' & Preacher cheered for Pappy. There were even chants telling Pappy to "Get Him", and "You suck, Tom". All that did was inspire Tom to bring it.

Tom was winning 20-5 and on his last set threw all four beanbags in the hole to eliminate Pappy. All who played a great time. Win or lose, it was a lot of fun.

You can now call Tom...."Cornholio".

Last month I had the honor and privilege to interview May's Person of Interest, Kathy Swan. Her story is below. Until next month, Ride Safe!



Person Of Interest

Kathy Swan

Kathy was born in April of 1957 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has one older sister, Terry, and three younger sisters: Debbie, Laurie, and Nancy.

Kathy's father was an Air Force pilot and then, while a civilian teacher, was activated in 1962 by the United States Air Force Reserves. He was then sent to Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

As a military family, Kathy moved around. They had moved to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, south of Trenton. Three years later they moved back to Minnesota, near a city called Aston. In 1969 they moved to Stoughton, Wisconsin, just outside of Madison. She stayed there until after graduating college.

As a little girl, Kathy tells me she got lost once while walking to kindergarten. She did not play any instruments in school, but she did play basketball in high school. This was a time when girls just started participating in sports.

Kathy worked a couple of jobs while in school. She worked at an A&W's, and in the kitchen at a nursing home.

Kathy graduated from the University of Wisconsin (Madison). She majored in Psychology. She had joined the Army ROTC and was on the Army ROTC's Pistol Team. After graduating college, she joined the United States Army.

Kathy attended Basic Training in Ft. Gordon, Georgia (now called Ft. Eisenhower) just outside of Augusta, GA. She was then stationed at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kathy was commissioned as a Signal Communications Officer and worked S-1 in office and personnel. She was active duty for three years and did an additional three years in Colorado's National Guard.

In 1980, Kathy married her boyfriend, Phil. They met while at college. They were married for 39 years before Phil passed away in 2019. They didn't have any children.

In 1982, Kathy then went back to school at Pike's Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, CO. and studied computers. She became a computer programmer in Colorado and moved to the San Francisco Bay area in California for a better job in 1988.

Kathy & Phil got a house in Modesto, CA, and had a three hour commute to work. So, she decided to buy an airplane to fly back and forth to work. She bought a Cessna 172 and had to take training to earn her Instrument Rating due to intense foggy conditions common in the Bay area.

In the late '90's they moved back to Colorado. The cost of living and housing in California was way too expensive. They had owned an empty lot right next to her old house and built a new home. Kathy got to work from home and telecommunicated from her job in California.

In 2007, Kathy retired and they moved to Lake Chapala in Mexico. The lake is located deep in Mexico, south of Guadalajara. They bought a home there and enjoyed retired life for five years before moving back to the



USA. The violence got worse in 2012 so they came back to the states, moving to Las Cruces, New Mexico. In 2015, Kathy's dad got sick so she moved to Tucson to take care of him.

Kathy had always loved competitive pistol shooting. She actively competed in pistol competition in the IDPA, which is the International Defensive Pistol Association. She attended matches in State, Regional, National, and eventually in the International World Championship levels from 2019 through 2024. She has traveled to matches all over the world and achieved awards in four major competitions—two firsts, a second and a third—something she is very proud of.

In Tucson, Kathy joined the Pima Pistol Club. She met her good friend, Terry Keefe, who is the owner of Take Charge, an all-women's shooter training company. Kathy also competed on the Las Pistoleras De Tucson women's shooting team, which has since dissolved.

INJURIES: While in college Kathy fell off her bicycle and broke her left arm. She has also sprained her knee while walking her dog.

TRAVELS: Kathy has been to about a third of the U.S. states and too many countries to list. She has been to every continent except Australia and Antarctica.

HOBBIES: Shooting, Motorcycles, RV, and hiking.

COLLECTIONS: Guns

FOOD: Prime Rib

DRINK: Maker's Mark

MEMBERSHIPS: Tucson HOG, FFL (she's a licensed FFL dealer), IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association), NRA, and the AZ Citizen's Defense League

MOTORCYCLES: In college she couldn't afford a car so she bought a Yamaha 250 which she sold after college. She got back into MC's two years ago. Lynda Green (Our secret CIA Operative) sparked her interest in riding so without telling anyone she went up to the Phoenix area and bought a Yamaha Bolt 950cc. She had that for six months before buying a '21 Heritage at THD. In November of 2024 she bought a beautiful, "Whiskey Fire" 2024 Road Glide.

NICKNAMES: None to speak of. How about "Shooter"?

BUCKET LIST: Wants to do a lot of touring on her Harley.

ONE THING TO CHANGE IF WENT BACK IN TIME: She would have liked to have spent more quality time with her husband Phil before he passed away.



Safety

Tim



Road Rage

Definition: aggressive or angry behavior exhibited by people driving a vehicle.

I find it amazing that sometimes very little things can set people off. Things such as accidentally cutting someone off, honking the horn when someone doesn't go when the light turns green.

The responses seem somewhat disproportionate to the event. Everything from running someone off the road to using a weapon (which recently happened in Tucson). I personally have been run off the road on my bike and in my truck. The response to the rager is far more important than the rager

themselves. Here are some options: change lanes and slow down, pull off the road or take an exit if possible. Whatever you do, do not engage the rager!

Use your head, pull off and call 911 if needed. Don't risk your life over something stupid.

Keep your head and be safe!

Tim



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](#)



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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Michaels Trip to Idaho

By Michael Weiss

Last week I flew to Boise, Idaho, to do two things: 1. visit with my son, and 2. attend the 40th annual Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Rally which took place on Saturday, 3 May. I served on the ICMS Board of Directors for 24 years when I lived in Idaho. So, what is ICMS?

ICMS is a watchdog organization that monitors federal, state, and local legislatures to protect motorcyclists' rights to ride. ICMS also serves as an information source, providing newsletters, board meetings, and information meetings. It is a major force in promoting positive motorcycle legislation and safety, and it is dedicated to fostering brotherhood and mutual benefits for its members.

Several hundred motorcycles gathered at a park near a dam. At 1:00 PM, kickstand went up, and the ride to the state capital began, escorted by state and local law enforcement. We road non-stop from the park, with all intersections temporarily blocked as we made our way through town.



Once at the capital, there were speeches, including a proclamation from the governor declaring May as motorcycle awareness month. The highlighted guest speakers was Kirk Willard, aka Hardtail, the president of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) in Washington D.C. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation focuses on issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. It is also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels.



Terry D's Trip to Yarnell (To the Yarnell Memorial)



← Monument to the Granite Mountain Hotshots team on Highway 89 between Prescott and Wickenburg



Many police and fire companies have left their patches in tribute to those memorialized. →



HOG Happenings

May General Meeting



Gathering before the Meeting



New Members Neal, Ron (a 'Retread') and Tim



Thanks go to the HOG Board - Yeay!



POI Swan



Volunteer Winner and Chief Coffee Maker



International Women's Ride Day



Rayleen (Our Only Participant) Poses with LOH Scottsdale



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Rayleen and Friend



Run for the Wall



HOGs Greet RFTW Riders at I-10 & Twin Peaks



Bikes Thunder Through Marana



SHD Car and Bike Show



Manning the Registration Desk



Firing Up the Grill



Line of Hungries



THD Birthday Bash at Rose Canyon Lake, Mt Lemmon



Riding Up



Arriving



Our Smiling Setup Crew



BD Bash Cont'd



Harry's Toss



The Spread



Scruffy's Toss



Pappy's Toss



Tom's Toss



Swan's Toss



BD Bash Cont'd



THE FINAL ROUND!



**Sommerville Wins Cornhole Championship
Pappy Fights Valiantly but Finishes Second**

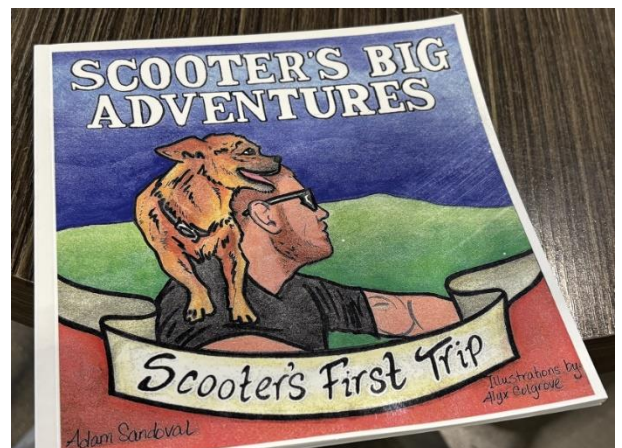


Adam Sandoval Convoy Stops at Saquaro HD

When I took my bike to SHD for its 10K Checkup, I found Adam Sandoval's Convoy for the Wounded Warrior Project lined up there. I grabbed a few photos. -Ed.



Adam Sandoval with Michele



I bought Sandoval's Book for my Grandson



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