



EL PATRON HOG CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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General Manager Vanessa Hunsaker

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Lori F, Gregg, Angela,
Yani

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From the Director Patrick



Hello my fellow HOG Members,
These last couple of years have been quite an adventure. As Director alot has happened on my watch. We have done some really great rides throughout the year. We had the Chapter change its name, with all different types of emotions with that change. I think it was rough at first but because we are a close-knit family and friends to the end, we got through it. I believe these types of situations make us closer, because we talk and work, we eventually headed the right direction. I believe we are now stronger than before. I have tried to be as positive as

possible. But you as a Chapter have done an incredible job being the positive ones. We have lost some family members these last couple of years, (Bill L. and Kerri D., Carol C., John W., and Doc). These wonderful Members were some of the best members that we had. I know that some of you didn't know these members but the Chapter members that did, knew how great they were, ask and you will find out their stories. Their family members have been so thankful for us as a HOG Chapter. We have consoled them and supported them as well. They have appreciated the dinners and spending time with them. This is what makes El Patron HOG the best in the nation. YOU!!!! Let's always have them in our hearts and prayers.

As you already know Rick S. was in an accident in Ohio. He was there for a couple of months to get stablized. Since then, he has been transported to San Diego, for his recovery. The last couple of weeks he has made a huge turn for the better. When visiting a couple of days ago Rick has been very responsive to Kim's and my conversation's. As you know he's been bed ridden for two months now and so he needs PT. we have been given the ok to help with his Range of Motion. Kim will coach us on what to do if you are going to see him. A special thanks to the Chapter Members who have seen him already. You have no idea how much Rick needed that. The more he sees us the faster he could recover. The positiveness and prayer's that we put out there will heal him quicker.

We have had some of the best rides together. The Road Captains have really put their hearts into making each ride fun and memorable. There was just about a ride every weekend. RC's you have out done yourselves. Valentines Ride, St Patrick's day, Cinco De Mayo, ECLR's the XL to South Dakota and back, Deb. F. Yosemite Ride, that was great. Octoberfest, ride out to the Chandler Chapter. I love and thank you all for your participation in all of the gatherings we have had. LOH had some great events: the Tie Dye T-shirt night. The fun part is the Men also had fun too, shooting the \$%&#. Most of us went to the WRU the last couple of year in Laughlin, NV. That's been lots of fun, looking for this coming years event. The Chapter picnics have been awesome and the RC picnic events are always a great time. The Superbowl parties are a great get together for all of us, Susan and Charles have out done themselves each and every time. This has been a great time to get closer as a Chapter. This year we tried out a new event. The BYOM, turned out great and next year we'll bring it back with an added event. The dealership Chili cookoffs have been great, our newest Chapter member won this year's event, way to go Ryan!



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My time is coming to a close, I have had a wonderful time serving you as Director. Trust me it's been tough, but I think it had taught me so much on how to lead, but how to serve you all. I always wanted to make sure that anything I did was for the Chapter. My Motto was the Chapter first. What could we do better! My Officers have been amazing. I could not have done it without an incredible team behind me. Making decisions is tough. I never wanted to make these on my own, and I didn't. I couldn't do it without my core Four. The meetings we have had, have been hard ones. We needed to have a lot of meetings these last couple of years on many hard discissions. Kenny F. my Asst. Director, has been a great assistant, and a great sounding board. Such a wise man, thanks for being by my side. Tom V. has been my treasurer, and he was a prior director. That's why I chose him. I needed the wisdom from those who have been there before. Tom has steered me in the right direction many of times. The man knows his chapter charter! Like Tom, Jo R. our secretary has also had many prior officer roles. She's been secretary a few times for the Chapter and I've counted on her wisdom as well. It's been so nice to have her by my side "literally". Taking all the minutes and chapter notes. If you didn't know, all the information from the officer and chapter meetings go in a book and we have to keep them for a long time. We have a file cabinet upstairs at the dealership that we store all this information. All of our other Officers have been a great part of the Chapters team. I want to thank Michael B. and his Assts. Darrin and Michael H. for being a great part of the RC's, leading the team to get rides on the calendar for us to enjoy and being safe. Thanks to Paul G. for stepping in the last couple of months and finishing the year. And my two LOH officers, Tara C. and Debbie F. for being creative in planning the events for our Ladies of Harley group. That's not an easy job, and you two did a wonderful job at it. Laura R. our Asst. LOH I see in you, what passion you're going to have when you step into that next role. This Chapter can't be what it is without our Membership Officers. Sean R. and Jody V. I saw first-hand the hard work Sean put into the position, it wasn't easy, things changed on a dime and you took care of it. Jody, you followed suit. Your hard work to make and give all the information out to the chapter, on what is the benefit to being a HOG Member. Great job both of you. Susan S. our Activities Officer: Man, you had to put up with me, always calling you to do this and do that, flyer this flyer that, then change my mind. Keeping the Chapter Board in tip top shape, and you delt with it and made it happen. Couldn't have done it without you. Mike R., Volunteer Coordinator: you had so much on your plate. The hardest part of being an officer is trying to get Chapter Members to help out in any way that's asked. You did it though, I know I could always count on you, my friend. Our Editor Amber H: it didn't seem like a tough position to have as an Officer, but it's hard. You did a great job at it. And I so appreciate how you did it, made sure we had our articles in on time and ready to publish. And Moriah for filling in, for the one newsletter, thank you. Thank you Michael B. for being our Webinator the last few years, you had a tall task in making sure all the information got out to the chapter via, Eblast, Website, and Text messages. A special thanks to our two Safety Officers Rich A. and Fergie. You too have one goal in mind, that is the safety of the Chapter. You two put the Chapter first before yourselves. If there was an issue or something you noticed that needed to be addressed you took care of it. This chapter is safer because of you two. Thanks for teaching us how to be better riders and passengers. Yani, our Photographer Officer: thanks for trying to be at as many rides as possible. You made sure we all were in a picture you took and posted them or gave to us to put in the newsletter or website. A special thanks to the Ambassadors, Lori F. Angela S. Gregg S. Yani W. and Wally A: thank you for making sure all of the new and/or visiting guest at the chapter meetings were well taken care of and introduced. Being at our events made them a success. I CAN'T TELL YOU THE DEEP LOVE I HAVE FOR YOU ALL IN MAKING THIS CHAPTER GREAT AND MAKING IT RUN SUCCESSFULLY.

A special thanks to Kim A: She has been by my side the whole time, has seen the struggles that I have gone thru. She knows how tough this position is, she was a great Director and helped me when I asked for guidance. Kim encouraged me in all phases of my leadership. The last couple of months Kim really stepped up for the chapter. She has step into the Webinator position and has made some great changes to the Eblast and HOG Calendar's, and she is in the process of creating a new El Patron HOG web page, with the help of Paul R. If you're looking for info, Kim will have it covered. Kim is also doing this Newsletter, with new graphics and design. I think her creativeness is adding to the look and image of the Chapter. Thank you for your support to me and to the chapter. I LOVE YOU.



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I want to thank our Sponsoring Dealership, El Patron Harley-Davidson. Without them we wouldn't have a Chapter. Our General Manager Vanessa H. has been our biggest supporter for the chapter. Vanessa has been by my side and has had my back; Vanessa and I have had to make some tough decisions and some great and fun ones too. That means a lot when you're trying to make our chapter GREAT. The number of gifts that they have donated to our chapter has been incredible, that stuff is not cheap, and they take a hit every time. Now we all know that helps promote the dealership, but there are dealerships that do not support their HOG Chapters. We should thank her and the staff for the generosity in supporting us. Madysson was a great HOG Manager, she worked as hard as she could to make our events fun and entertaining. The Dealership has been a leader in working to earn money for the Chapter. They have sponsored the Pancake Breakfast and the HOGS and DOGS BBQ's, that's money out of the dealership's pocket that could have been put to other use. The amount is in my estimation well over \$2,000 in the last two years. We have had donation jars out at most of the events and that went to us not the dealership. We don't make that up at all. We do good but not great. It would be nice to see more of a Chapter participation on these events. It only takes an hour or two to hang out and get free food. Not only that you're hanging out with your other chapter members, talking, creating plans to do more things together, most of all getting to know each other more. In the end I am truly grateful to have our Dealerships support. Thank you.

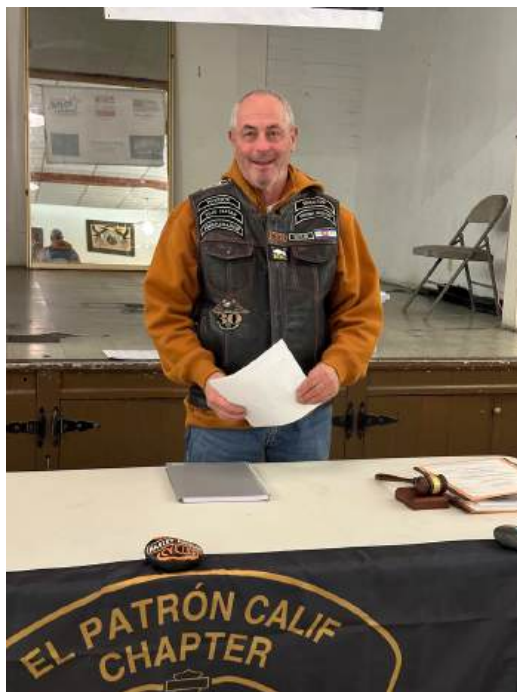
As we move forward, let's not forget that our chapter does not rely on one or two people, it relies on all of us, no one is greater than the other or no one is less than the other, that's why this Chapter is the best chapter in the country, I believe that with all my heart. We're a family.

So, let's give all our support to Kenny F. as our new Director of the El Patron HOG Chapter in 2025. He is going to do an incredible job for you. He has plans in the works already and we all should be looking forward to them. His heart is in the right place and his officers will have the same enthusiasm, I'm sure of that. Let's have a great rest of the year, and the rides and events that are to come will be awesome.

I love you all, and you're very dear to my heart

Patrick C.

Director, of the best chapter ever.





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GM - Vanessa H.



Patrick, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your incredible leadership over the past two years. Your guidance has been a steady force through both the ups and downs we've faced, and his dedication has truly inspired us all.

Thank you for your unwavering support, vision, and the countless ways you've helped our chapter grow. We are fortunate to have had you at the helm, and I look forward to continuing to build on the strong foundation you've established.

With sincere appreciation,

Vanessa





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Asst. Director Kenny F.



Happy Fall

Hope your enjoying our cool fall weather, Not! When your riding stay aware of the weather and stay safe.

If you are participating in Harley's Ride 365, please continue to have your miles checked at the dealership before 12/31/24. We are doing our own internal event so be sure to get your miles to me by year end.

RIDE365

For 2025, we will be implementing an internal Ride365 based on participation in our chapter rides. To participate in the National Ride365 you will continue to have your miles logged at the dealer.

13 Tips for Great Fall Motorcycle Rides



- Plan your journey
- Check the weather forecast
- Check your motorcycle battery
- Check your Tires – Check your pressure
- Cold Tires – Take longer to heat up. When cold they can be hard and lose traction
- Motorcycle Gear – Prepare for where you are going and layer up
- Leaves – Leaves on the road can be slick
- Road Surface – Watch for frost or wet surfaces on early morning rides
- Sun Glare – In the fall the sun is lower in the sky and could affect vision
- Space Cushions- Remember your spacing
- Deer – Fall is mating season and they will be more active
- Wind – Be aware of gusty winds and our Santa Ana winds.

Get out and make some memories with our chapter!

Kenny





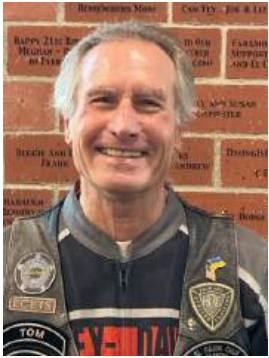
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Treasurer - Tom



Hello HOG Family,

I wanted to connect with you and let you know a little more about our chapter finances. First off, we are self-funded, none of your officers or volunteers get paid for their help.

Our income comes from your membership dues, donations provided by the dealership the opportunity drawing tickets we sell at the monthly chapter meeting, our fund-raising events like poker rides, the tips from our breakfast and lunches we serve at the dealership and our member sponsored events.

All though we are all about riding and having fun, we do have bills to pay such as rent for our meetings and events at the VFW hall, insurance for some events, website and messaging services, road captain patches, food for picnics and party's, gifts and give aways.

Although we have Kim A. to thank for our none profit status, we still have to file tax paperwork each year which has an associated cost.

So, as you can see this chapter is completely dependent on all of us and your officers are dedicated to giving back to you, the members.

We as officer's would like to give a BIG THANK YOU in advance to each and every one of you for your continued support of this chapter.

As you know we are looking forward to next year and some new officers taking over some of the positions all though I will remain treasurer for the next 2 years and I am looking for a little help with some of my duties, mainly selling opportunity drawing tickets at events so if you are able to help out once and while please contact me. treasurer@elpatronhog.com

Tom V.

El Patron HOG Treasurer



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Secretary - Jo R.



Hello again EPHOG peeps! Just an update for those who asked: The relocation back to El Cajon EAST EAST (LOL, Phoenix), was actually more simple than previous moves and this time, it truly feels like home again! Having grown up here and going back and forth many times to San Diego and other destinations (as some of you know), this time feels different. Our lives are a series of choices we make (and some made for us) that hopefully give us a healthy perspective as we move forward. As God's Gypsy, it's been a very colorful, adventurous, challenging and fulfilling journey thus far. I believe God has me here for a purpose, just like always. Having said all that, it's great to keep up with you on FB, emails, calls, etc., knowing that many years of my life were spent in San Diego/El Cajon and riding with so many amazing friends. HOG really IS family.

Thank you for the thousands of hours of riding, eating, laughing and dear, genuine friendships we've made along the way. Riding has been my passion for over 25 years and I'm not done yet! (Thankfully Manny bought "Annie" from me prior to my move and she is in amazing hands and being upgraded and ridden well. Thanks Manny & L-pie for your years of friendship and love.) It's been soooo hot here since the move that riding isn't even an option right now! There have been only 6 days of weather in the 90's and the other 90 days have been 100+ with many in the 106+ category! That's HOT! It's ok to live in it, just not ok to ride in it, for me anyway! Again, a choice made deliberately and for all the right reasons. The gal who was the Manager of motorclothes at SDHD is now the Manager for HD of Scottsdale so between friends at Arrowhead and Scottsdale HD stores, there's always room for more!!!

Life here is busy. I've been blessed to reconnect with friends here, join my church, transfer my Elks membership to the local lodge, work and make some new friends. It's a good move for sure, including getting settled in my place and having a pool and work out center on the property so there's no excuse for not getting in better shape!

It is my sincere wish to see you all at the Christmas party (and maybe sooner) and catch up. If you find yourself in the Phoenix area, please let me know so we can meet up. If you'd like to keep in touch more closely, please text your message to me and we'll make it happen.

Thank you again for many great years together and for allowing me to be your Secretary this past 2 1/2 years and previously. You are Family. I miss you and know that we all have busy lives but need to take the time to communicate with each other because it matters.

God bless you my friends, love to you,

Jo R.





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Head RC interim- Paul G.



It's been a privilege filling in for the last couple of months as your Head Road Captain coaching Darrin and Michael H. to take over the reins next year as head of the Road Captains. A big thank you to Patrick for trusting me with this endeavor. I'm very excited to see these two fine gentlemen grow in their new roles. They feel strongly about the HOG chapter and have the passion to make it a success. They get it!! We work very well together and next year I know we have some very fun and exciting events and rides in the works.

I'm very proud of our Road Captains. Each Road Captain has their own specialty, and you can always count on any of them in time of need to help out in any situation. I thank you for

all you do! The teamwork and dedication that they put into each and every ride is truly remarkable. The future is really bright with the Road Captain program with the addition of our latest Road Captains Angela and MVP! I've often joked about Road Captain of the year, but I could honestly say that Angela from where she's come from to where she is now has really made a remarkable journey. She has become one of the strongest RCs in the program. Mike, MVP, has such a passion to make the chapter better and has some really great ideas!



Thank you and see you all next year!

Paul G.

Acting Head Road Captain





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Asst. Head RC - Darrin



Reflecting on my years as an assistant head road captain brought back a mix of memories—adventures on the road, the camaraderie with fellow riders, and the responsibility of ensuring everyone's safety. Key roles included planning rides, coordinating logistics, and fostering a strong sense of community among the group.

Each ride had its share of challenges and triumphs, from navigating tricky routes to the thrill of reaching new destinations. Those moments of shared laughter and support during tough times surely created lasting bonds.

The trip to Malibu was unforgettable for me! Riding along the coast with breathtaking ocean views, the fresh sea air, and the camaraderie of fellow riders created a perfect backdrop for adventure. Riding on Mulholland Highway was incredible! The twists and turns of the road, combined with stunning views of the mountains and valleys, created an unforgettable experience.

This year was a tough one for myself and my family. I truly have to say the El Patron HOG chapter provided an incredible support system during such a challenging time for us. The chapter coming together for my daughter, Katie while she faced stage 4 cancer meant the world to us!

All of you hold a special place in our hearts and are our HOG family.



RIDE FOR KATIE

EL PATRÓN HARLEY-DAVIDSON
REGISTRATION 9AM | KSU 10AM | END AT GRAND OLE BBQ 1230PM
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO KATIE AND HER FAMILY
VENUE: @DEANNA-RUPP-1

SATURDAY 6 APR 9AM	REG \$20	INCLUDES 5 RAFFLE TICKETS
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KATIE PEET: A KIND, LOVING, BRAVE 21 YEAR OLD WARRIOR. SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH STAGE 4 HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA AND SPENT THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITAL UNDERGOING 12 ROUNDS OF RADIATION. ON JANUARY 15TH SHE STARTED HER 12 CHEMOTHERAPY INFUSION JOURNEY. KATIE CANNOT WAIT TILL THIS IS ALL BEHIND HER AND SHE CAN GET BACK TO DOING EVERYTHING SHE ENJOYS.





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LOH - Debbi F.



From the desk of the LOH Officer:

Hello my fellow HOGS and family! We are into the last quarter of the year, and still have several events planned for shared adventure, camaraderie, and just plain fun together!

For the 3rd quarter of 2024, we had several dinner rides, and a pool party with Laura and Mike R. Dinner rides are always good times!

This last week we had a great time at the LOH Oktoberfest in Big Bear. Everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves. Looking forward to events like this in the future.

For the remainder of the year, we have the following activities planned:

November 16 – Escape Room – we will be going to Escapology in Mission Valley at Belmont Park – the cost is \$22/per person. We have done these before, it is really fun – we have several different rooms booked, with different themes.



December 14 – LOH Christmas Party – This will be at the Elks Lodge in Lakeside. It is a potluck as always, and we will have a white elephant gift exchange – please bring a wrapped gift that is motorcycle-related.

We are looking forward to the events, I know that we will have great attendance as always – it is always a wonderful time when we get together to ride and enjoy time with each other –

See you there!

Debbi



**LOH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
AND GIFT EXCHANGE**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th 5-9:00pm

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE
&
MOTORCYCLE RELATED \$25 GIFT**

SANTEE ELKS 11633 WOODSIDE AVE, LAKESIDE



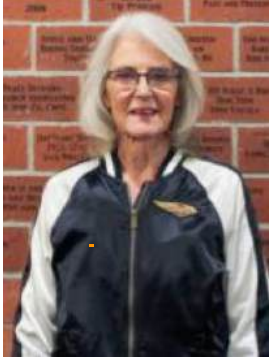
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Activities - Susan S.



I'm filled with gratitude for the experiences I have shared with the other HOG Officers and Members these last 2 years. Being in our chapter for 11 years and being an officer for 9 of those years has been a journey of new friendships, creativity, and camaraderie. I consider everyone in our HOG chapter FAMILY.



Activities such as Poker Rides, Chapter Picnic, Pool parties, Overnights, Camping, LOH dinner rides, Horseshoe Tournament, Toy's 4 Tots and our amazing Christmas parties. None of this would not be possible with our volunteers' dedication, creativity, and hard work were the driving forces behind each activity. I am immensely grateful for their support and commitment. It's been inspiring to see how our combined efforts have fostered a vibrant and engaging environment for our chapter.

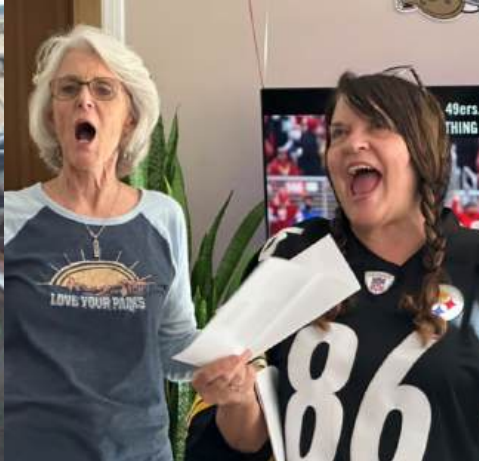




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Don't forget to get your Christmas Party tickets.
Susan is selling them at the chapter meetings or you can Venmo her @SusanSmith1458

Members plus guest \$35 each. Add'l Non member guest \$45

**Dec. 7th
5-10p**

**VFW
El Cajon**

**EL PATRÓN CALIF
CHAPTER**

SERIOUS GUISE

**LIVE
MUSIC**

**Christmas
PARTY**



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EPHOG Chapter #5108 Ride/Event Agenda

Scan for Calendar



**Times, Dates & Rides are subject to change.
Please check website for up-to-date information:**

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Nov 2 nd Sat.	Burgers RC Style Ride & Picnic	KSU @ 10:00am from EPHD
Nov 6 th -10 th	Wally's ECLR to Oakhurst Ca.	KSU @ 8:00am from: ARCO 3170 Carmel Valley Rd
Nov 11 th Mon.	Veterans Day Ride, Chula Vista Veterans home	KSU @10:00am from EPHD
Nov 14 th Th.	Ditch Day Ride, Fergie's Ride	KSU @10:00am from EPHD
Nov 16 th Sat.	Gregg's ride to the LOH Escape Room	KSU @ 12:15pm from EPHD
Nov 23 rd Sat.	Mr Bubbles Birthday ride	KSU @ 9:00am from EPHD
Nov 24 th Sun	Toy 4 Tots -Ride to event -Ride to Del Mar	KSU @ 8:00am From EPHD KSU @ 10:45ish From Motorworld

New Rides are added all the time so check out "El Patron Hog Calendar" and our Facebook page.

We ask you to get here 15 minutes early for the Riders Briefing.

Let's Ride & Have Fun!!





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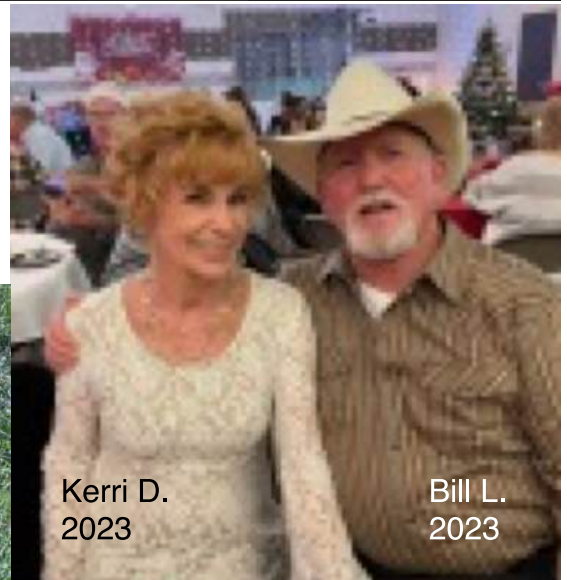


Let's not forget those who have passed in the last few years.
We miss you and will never forget you.

We miss you!



John W.
2024



Kerri D.
2023

Bill L.
2023



Irv G.
2023



Carol C.
2023



Van A.
2020



Bud C.
2013



Mike C.
2016



Doc O.
2022



Joanie W.
2012

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Sponsoring Dealership



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