



## From the Director

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[Trey Hargus](#)

### Family Name

We have a heritage and take pride in our family name. It goes where we go, and many times proceeds us because of the impression and experience others have received. You have a great family name and you encourage your children, brothers, sisters and extended relatives to behave and hold the family name in high regard.

Our HOG family and Pig Trail name is the same. The Vest, Jacket or T Shirt with our name goes where we go and identifies us. Our behavior and how we work and negotiate out on the roads can also have a lasting impression in our community. As the riding season and weather begin – let us keep this in mind. Let us be the Family that everyone wants to spend time with.

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## Assistant Directors Corner

### Good day to all of you.

We have filled all of the officer positions and with the new team there has been a myriad of new ideas and excitement for the coming year. Those of you who attended the last meeting were exposed to just the beginnings of the new excitement and fun as Charlene and Paul added some rocking music to the atmosphere. Chuck has started the road captain updates and Stacy Ann and company have jumped headlong into getting new members and retaining the old members. Sarah has set up the budgets for all the areas and we have a calendar ready thanks to all who participated. Its going to be a great year.



[Royce Barnes](#)

Ride safe  
Royce

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## Secretary Scribbles

It was humbling to be selected as your Pig Trail HOG Secretary by the Officers of the Executive Committee. It is exciting to be involved with the leadership team of this awesome HOG Chapter. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our past Secretary, Karen Turner. She did an awesome job keeping everything organized and is a joy to work with. Thank you Karen (aka The Squeeze).



[Garry Raymond](#)

Map Training – We are looking to add three new dates for HD Ride Planner training. These sessions are for anyone interested in learning how to design maps that can be used with the Infotainment System or with your cell phones. We also cover how to download maps with turn-by-turn directions to your printers so you can have hard copies if desired.

The tentative dates are March 16, April 20, and May 11. Each session will be limited to 12 participants. The sessions will be held upstairs at PTHD in the training room from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. More details will be made available at Chapter meetings and via the weekly email blasts.

We are looking into the possibility of establishing a database for storage of maps in gpx formats as well as jpegs. Members would be able to access maps that other members have created. You would be able to upload maps and use them as-is or modify them to suit your needs. Very cool idea (thanks Glen Heron). Stay tuned.

Deb and I look forward to logging many miles this year with our HOG family.

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## Ladies of Harley



[Annette Hans](#)

Don't sew ? NO PROBLEM! No time to buy stuff? NO PROBLEM! We've gotcha covered either way...please join us Saturday, March 23 upstairs at Pig Trail HD, 10:00am to help make some beautiful lap blankets for those facing their final days at Hospice.

If you are able to bring your own fabric and/or supplies this is what you need...  
1-1/2 yards EACH of 2 coordinating colors of MEDIUM THICKNESS FLEECE,

most fleece comes 50-60" wide  
(example: 1-1/2yd solid and 1-1/2 yd print fabric to match)  
sharp scissors  
straight pins

We will make the blankets and then deliver them on another day, we will keep you posted on that



[Deb Raymond](#)

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# Activities



[Charlene & Paul](#)

Charlene and I would like to thank everyone for their input on the activities calendar for 2019. Information was pulled off the index cards that were filled out at the February Chapter Meeting. That was combined with the ideas from the January Chapter Meeting, and presented to the members during the event planning on February 9th. The attending members came up great ideas and the end result is sure to make an amazing 2019. A scavenger hunt, a pool tournament, and dinner and a movie just to name a few of the things to come.

## **Chapter Meeting—March 2nd 9:30am**

Come join in the comradery and fun.

## **PTHD Service Seminar —March 9th 9:00am @PTHD**

Join Warren and crew as they talk about Service for your Bike.

## **Day Light Savings Time**

Make sure you SPRING Forward

## **PTHD St. Patrick's Day Event March 16th Goin' For the Gold 9am PTHD**

Ride to Eureka Springs and get 3x-CAP points and return to PTHD for a Corned Beef Sandwhich!

## **Harley Ride Planner Training —March 16th**

Meet us at 10am in the upstairs main room for a Introduction to the Ride Planner and how to download to your Infotainment system. Prior to the training session please be sure your laptop computer can access the Ride Planner Program

## **Wearing of the Green Ride—March 17th**

Watch The Weekly Blasts and/or Facebook for details.

# **LOH No Sew Blankets for Hospice March 23rd**

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## **Dinner and a Movie March 23rd**

Meet us at Logan's Steak house in Rogers at 4pm and then after dinner a quick jaunt over to Malco Theaters for a movie of your choice.

## **PTHD Spring Fashion Show**

Join us at the Dealership for the spring fashion show  
Watch For Details

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### **Taken the winter off? You'll need to take it slow to start with for a variety of reasons. This is what to watch out for on your first spring motorcycle ride**

As we hope to emerge soon from the Polar Vortex, it's nearing the time to put your bike back on the road. But, when you do, that first ride of the year can be one of the most dangerous. This is what to watch out for on your first spring motorcycle ride.

#### **Sand/Gravel/Salt**

Over the winter, the roads will have been covered in traction-aiding substances like these. They tend to stick around for the first few weeks after the snow melts and gather in corners and intersections. We all know what the consequences of hitting this stuff in a corner or while braking is, so keep any eye out for it.

#### **Potholes**

These are formed as water expands and contracts with freezing; they're created over the winter. There'll be more of these in the spring than there were last fall. Small ones aren't a huge concern so long as you don't hit one while cornering or braking, but in the Northeast, potholes can get big enough to swallow a Bentley, let alone your bike.

#### **Subsidence**

With heavy rains and snowmelt, erosion can occur, undermining the footing of roads, especially in the mountains and out in the boonies where there's little road maintenance. Pay special attention to the edges of the asphalt and the verges, where previously firm ground can crumble away.

## Animals

Spring means babies and animals migrating in search of food. Pay particular attention near bodies of water during dawn and dusk hours. You wouldn't want to kill a duckling, would you?

## Flowing Water

Snowmelt or busted water pipes can create streams of water running across roads in unexpected places. Even if water is not currently present, its previous flow could have swept sand and other debris across the road.

## Cold Temperatures

You're eager to start riding again, we get that, but doing so in just-above-freezing temps requires a little extra caution. Even if all other hazards are nonexistent, your sport bike tires aren't designed to work at temps below about 50 degrees and you'll need to account for the cold's effect on your body and dress accordingly.

## Other Riders

It's not just you who's skills are rusty. Other riders are already a major hazard on the best of days, but on their first ride back in the spring? Watch out, particularly on popular riding roads.

## What You Can Do About It

In town and on the highway, leave extra following distance behind other vehicles; they can obscure potholes, gravel and other hazards until it's too late.

Ride with extra caution, leaving more room than usual to slow down, change lanes or avoid hazards. Your skills will be rusty too, so leave some extra speed in your pocket to account for that too.

Heading to your favorite riding road for the first time in a while? Run a reconnaissance lap looking for hazards before you try and take it at your normal pace.

Even if the day starts warm, the sun still sets early. Make sure you pack a clear visor and stuff a silk balaclava and glove liners under your seat in case temperatures drop unexpectedly



## Training why do we Train RCs

Before our riding season gets in to full swing for our Chapter it is important that your Road Captains prepare for our many rides.

Each year we conduct about 10 hours training to prepare for Chapter rides.

We review group riding planning, GPS H-D ride planner, review the Road Captain's Handbook, situations we might encounter during our rides, First Aid / CPR and skills improvement activities. A lot goes into pulling off Ride and Have fun!!



We have over twenty HOG members that have stepped up and volunteered to serve our members. They take responsibility for your safety first and help you enjoy our local rides and overnight trips. Takes lots of effort to lead rides, plan locations for dinners and add fun along the way.

We plan and prepare for great rides but we take first aid, CPR and accident scene management just in case. We encourage all members that have a chronic medical issue be sure someone on our rides is aware and knows what to do if something happens.

Remember to come to the rides with a full tank of gas, bring your membership card and prepare to have fun.



## 2019 Pig Trail Chapter Scrabble

Take part in our New Scrabble Game! HOW? Ride your bike to towns or states that start with letters in following phrase ***“Pig Trail Hog Chapter Journey Challenge”*** and take your picture by the Town sign, Post Office Building or state. For example, the word “PIG” starts with a “P” so ride to a town or state that starts with “P” (Like Pea Ridge) take a photo with you, your motorcycle, 2019 Membership card and town sign or state sign in it and then start looking for a town that starts with “I” ..... Have fun visiting 35 different cities/towns.

### Rules and Guidance

Passengers can also compete in this challenge, meeting the same requirements as below. (Being in photo with rider below would meet the requirement)

Town Sign can be the rectangle sign or “Welcome to ??? sign.

Same town name cannot be used twice in phrase.

Welcome to state signs can be used

Photo’s Must contain the following items and no Town Signs or Post Office buildings can be used twice

Rider (You)

Motorcycle

Membership Card 2019

Town Sign or Post Office Building with town name on it or Welcome to State sign.

Towns or states do not have to be visited in the same order as “phrase”

All photos need to be turned in by the November Chapter meeting

Photos can be delivered printed or digital.

Everyone who completes challenge will have name in drawing for a prize at the Christmas Party.

