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A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING ALL YEAR

- Dave "Judge" Patterson - Director
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- Holly "Best Shot" Adams - Membership
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We have reached and exceeded our membership goal of 500. We are now one of the largest HOG Chapters in our country. Other HOG Chapters are using our platform to increase their membership, social standings in the community, having fun once again by bring awareness to motorcycle safety, and many other things we do as a chapter.

December is always hard on those of us that give during the year and to find that prefect gift for those who have it all. Well, how about a membership to the Harley Owners Group #2075? It is the perfect gift for \$20.00. It's like getting a pair of underwear from your grandmother. It's not what you wanted but it's what you needed at the time.

Running a successful motorcycle riding social group is impossible without passionate and active members.

It's tough enough to find and recruit new members, and can be even harder to keep them engaged and delighted year after year. People are busy and forgetful, and paying annual membership dues can be inconvenient and low on the most well-intentioned member's priority list. But having an engaged and growing membership is key to any motorcycle riding social group that wants to make a meaningful impact on people's lives – or even the world.

Something that Holly Adams and I would like to ask you: Why is consistent membership renewals critical for a healthy and impactful motorcycle riding social group? Answers will vary but talk to a known member about renewing their membership with Pig Trail HOG for 2021. You must have a current National HOG membership to renew your Pig Trail Harley Davidson HOG membership. You can renew your National membership online very easy by visiting www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/hog.html

To renew your Pig Trail HOG membership, go to the following web site:
www.pigtrailhog.com/applications/MembershipCreedandRelease2015.pdf

Fill in the application and "save as" HOG Membership then print it out. (Next year you will only have to print it out unless you have changed some things.)



Account Update

- Sarah "Flip-Flop" Jackson - Treasurer
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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
November 15, 2020

\$5261.38



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THAT'S A WRAP

- Debbie "Keeper" Raymond - Ladies of Harley
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I want to thank Gayla German for teaching us wrapping techniques and bow making skills. Also, a huge thanks to the ladies who came and participated – it was fun!

The Ladies of Harley will be wrapping at Pig Trail for people who buy gifts; all donations will go to the Children's Shelter. We will be wrapping December 5th, 12th, and 19th. We still need some help on the 12th and 19th. I will have a schedule for you to sign-up at Pig Trail on the 5th so if anyone wants to sign up for wrapping you are welcome to do so!

Volunteers from the Children's Shelter will also be helping with the wrapping of gifts.

Wow, where did this year go? Covid has slowed all of us down! Hopefully 2021 will be healthier for all! I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Deb Raymond



Tis The Season

- Chuck "Tusk" Yarbrough - Secretary
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Truly better to give than receive

When is your heart full? Several times I look back and know the real Christmas Spirit comes from giving.

I was invited to go with a neighbor to a small farm house, about five miles off the main highway in Madison County, to deliver gifts to a family that helped him get his truck unstuck and out of the woods during deer season.

We had food, a small Christmas tree and presents for four (a dad and three young daughters that he was raising). When we pulled up, the dad came out of the front door with shotgun in hand. I guess there are not many visitors at 8:00 pm on a Saturday night. My neighbor reminded him of the help he had provided then called out his name, Gordon.

As we carried Christmas gifts into the small, cold and rustic home the girls came out of their one bedroom smiling and giggling as we helped them set up the tree. We ate dinner with them from the food that we brought, placed gifts under the tree and left.

That experience filled my heart beyond measure. That was the day I made sure we give more than we get. My children filled a Salvation Army gift bag for children in need every year until they left home. I participated in toy runs and bought a little extra because I knew it would be appreciated. Put a little extra in the red kettle and in the plate at church, as it is the season for giving. Remember everyone deployed!

Merry Christmas
Chuck "Tusk"



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THE ROAD AHEAD

- Jim "Gator" Moss - Head Road Captain
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2020 has brought us many challenges and I'm not excluded. Recently some things have been brought upon me and I must clear my plate some. With that, I will be stepping down as the Head Road Captain at the end of year.

I am healthy and everything is ok. I just can't manage everything that I have going on right now. It's very hard to quit something you love doing so this decision was very difficult to make.

I would like to say thank you to all the road captains for making this year a success by being creative and serving our chapter. Thanks to all the chapter members for everything that you have done to support the officer team and the chapter this year.

I will remain a road captain and an active chapter member, volunteering when possible.



GETTING READY FOR 2021

- Sean "Ole' Ticker" Branham - Media
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The year 2020 was strange to say the least, but we made the best of it. We had a lot of fun with activities, rides and gatherings. Now it is time to start looking ahead to 2021. We hope things get back to normal, but we will have fun either-way.

As we start looking ahead, there are a couple of things on my mind I wanted to share. Success of the chapter is a result of all of our members. The officer team puts in a lot of thought, work and time to make sure we have a great experience in everything we do. However, we can't do it alone and is where members play a huge role. Each officer needs a support team of volunteers to make things happen. We thank all of you who volunteered this past year and we are encouraging everyone to get involved at some level. There are always things that we need help with so even a small bit of help really makes a difference. Get involved with one of the officer teams. You will have fun, make a difference and become even closer to this great chapter.

The other thing on my mind is how new members navigate in a group with new experiences. Our chapter is made up of people of all ages and walks of life, but everyone is very easy going and accepting of each other. You will find the more you talk to people the more you may have in common with them, whether it is your job, favorite sports team, favorite recreation activity or just overall beliefs and values. Start up a conversation when you have a chance and ask questions on things about the chapter, riding or what things mean. When I first started I did not even know what KSU meant when the officers were talking about rides, By the way, KSU means Kick Stands Up and tells you when the ride leaves, not the time to meet (meet 15-30 minutes before KSU for briefing and signing in).

In closing and in preparation for 2021, I encourage you all to get involved with the chapter and each other. No matter if you are a charter member (someone who joined at the inception of the chapter), regular member or someone just joining, it is all of us who make this chapter. Let's Ride



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PLANNING FOR FUN

- Becky & Scott Fite - Activities
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Hello HOG Chapter people! Hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving!

If you want to get involved with our activities for 2021 then volunteer for the committee. If you are interested, please notify us at Activities1@pigtrailhog.com.

Congratulations to the six people who completed the Scrabble challenge:

- Glen Heron & Kim Heron
- Gary Ivey
- Kellie Naylor
- Sean & Sheila Branham

We will announce the winner soon! Keep watching for the post!

We would like to tell you how much we have enjoyed serving as your Activities Officers. We are looking forward to keeping it going.

Merry Christmas to you and Happy New Year!
Scott and Becky

You make a difference...

Thank You to all who supported the annual Veterans Day parade and celebration...



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MOMENTS THAT MATTER

November
with some late October thrown in



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