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SAFETY COMES FIRST

- Chuck "Tusk" Yarbrough - Director
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There is a lot of work that goes into planning and hosting events and rides. We publish a calendar and make sure we are not holding an event the same date as the Pig Trail dealership. Activities Officers manage the calendar and meets monthly with Marketing at the dealership to coordinate activities and the need for volunteers. Our Head Road Captain works with the Road Captains to develop routes and locations for the different events.

We don't take lightly having to cancel rides or events. Ride and Have Fun is our moto, but it is never fun to host a ride when the weather turns nasty. The only issue I am aware of a member becoming injured caused by weather, was a chapter ride we held where it rained and we had a member go down in a parking lot. I have been with other chapters that had a 50/50 ride policy. If there was a chance of rain greater than 50%, or during the ride the temperature will not go above 50 degrees, they would cancel. We do our best to use common sense instead of a hard and fast rule. If canceled, that doesn't mean that you can't ride. It is just not a chapter event/ride at that time.

As a Director, putting the Chapter riders in jeopardy because of weather or road conditions will not happen under my watch. Being safe and riding is always fun, but filing accident reports with national HOG is not. Remember no one is stopping you from riding when we cancel an event. We have several officers and road captains help in making that decision.

Keep the rubber side down and always be aware of the traffic around you.
Always be safe.



NWA Children's Shelter Donation

- Debbie "Keeper" Raymond - Ladies of Harley
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One of our LOH charities is The NWA Children's Shelter. I have talked to them, and they are In need of a few things. Some of those things are: new or gently used suitcases, money for new Big Joe beanbag chairs, and 8x10 art canvases.

LOH is going to have a donation event for March. At our March meeting, I would like you to bring new or like new suitcases and we will deliver them to NW Children's Shelter. If you don't have a suitcase, but would like to donate money for beanbag chairs or art canvas, Ladies of Harley would really appreciate it! It would be nice to fill a trailer! If weather permits, we will ride to the Childrens Shelter then go out for pizza after our March meeting!

Remember our MaryKay makeover following our chapter meeting on February 12th. Guys, make it a date night for your pretty lady.



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What are they thinking?

- Sean "Ole Ticker" Branham - Assistant Director
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Have you ever sat around and wondered why you are doing something? Maybe you are wondering why someone else is doing something. These are both natural thought processes that we all go through at some point during most days in our lives. Sometimes you may rationalize an answer that makes sense and you can accept it. However, there may be other times you can't rationalize it. It keeps bothering you and you get all worked up about it.

Have you ever had these thoughts about our local Pig Trail HOG Chapter? Have you ever wondered why we do certain things repetitively or other things only once or not at all? Have you ever wondered what the officers are thinking with some decision? I hope you answer yes to these questions because that is my answer and is something all of us members should do.

If we just keep doing what we have always done we will become stagnant and people will get bored and become uninvolved. Even great events and rides eventually burn out and we must be willing to change. As your Assistant Director, I am always thinking about change, improvements, and relevance in everything we do. My moto is Expect Excellence and that is what I strive to bring to my role and the chapter as a whole. I am already thinking about 2023 and what can be done different to keep things fresh. I also know change is hard at times and is accepted at different rates by people. I am not someone that will change for the purpose of change so it must make sense to do so.

I have said before, this is your chapter and it is something I truly believe. I do not put in hours, take on extra stress and put in the work for the fun and enjoyment of being an officer. I do these things to help the team make the most out of the chapter, so all members (including myself) can enjoy and be a proud member of this family. So I ask you that when you wonder why we are doing something, ask us. Provide feedback, make suggestions, share ideas and help us get closer to that level of excellence we are striving for. It is our chapter for the lone focus of being able to Ride and Have Fun.



Changes are coming!

- Becky & Scott Fite - Activities
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Hello fellow Harley Owners!

Scott and I had the privilege of attending the officers training session (aka ROC) on January 8th in Kansas City. We had the opportunity to meet representatives from other chapters in our district, and collected several ideas to make our chapter more active. One that really stood out with us, of course, were the different activities. We are trying to keep us from getting stagnate in our fun section. We got some good ideas and plan on implementing some into our agenda. We want to carry out the goal of riding and having fun.

So stay tuned. We believe change is coming. We will keep some of our traditions, but we believe change needs to happen. If you hear us say "working on it" just know we are, and don't think we can do this alone. You will be more than welcome to help. Remember, this is your chapter and we need volunteers who would want to help to keep us from getting stagnate.

Stay tuned. We are "working on it"!

Remember: Life is a journey..Enjoy the ride!

Scott and Becky



10 Signs that you love your motorcycle

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary
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I found this article online at TripMachineCompany.com. Most of the wording is taken directly from the article. I'll just give you a few of the highlights.

1. You spend a lot of time with your motorcycle. You wake up at dawn for a ride then come back in the afternoon and spend a few more hours washing, drying, and polishing your bike.
2. You have to ride it every day. The only reason you like going to work is because you can ride your motorcycle. If you don't get to ride it for a few days, you get cranky...a symptom of PMS – Parked Motorcycle Syndrome.
3. You love the way your motorcycle looks. When you get off your bike, you look back just to admire it. Your motorcycle is not only sexy, it even makes you look good.
4. You get anxious even if there is a little problem in your motorcycle. This speaks for itself.
5. You enjoy showing off your motorcycle. You've spent many years and dollars making your bike just as you like it. You talk about it whenever possible. You rev your motorcycle while inside a tunnel just so you can hear it sing.
6. You are always thinking of ways you want to make your motorcycle better. You've changed the exhausts the day you got your bike. By now, you've probably changed the seat and handlebars, added saddlebags and lights. You're still not satisfied. You need the latest accessories on the market.
7. You are over possessive about your bike. You hate parking in public areas. You're worried that people might touch it or even sit on it. When you come back you thoroughly inspect it.
8. You can't imagine life without it. Your motorcycle is a part of your daily living. When you leave town, you just can't wait to get home so you can ride your motorcycle.
9. Your motorcycle has a name, gender, and birthday. You have saved the invoice and treat it as a birth certificate. On this birthday, you buy motorcycle stuff for yourself. You might forget your spouse's birthday, but you'll never forget your motorcycle's birthday.
10. You share a lot of memories with your motorcycle. You share a special bond and there are a lot of sweet memories of your rides. All your stories begin with "When I was riding to..."

If you have shared any of these feelings mentioned, you are in LOVE with your motorcycle.



Stay Prepared

- Randall "Smokey" Nelson - Head Road Captain
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Hello February, we hope you are going to be nice to us. Going into the second month of 2022 means that the weather will be getting warmer soon, and we can hopefully put some miles and smiles on regularly. Keep in mind this time of year that the roads have been sanded and salted, usually many times. They can be hazardous so stay attentive when riding. Also, make sure you clean those bikes up regularly. Salt is our enemy and can affect a lot of systems and cause a lot of cosmetic issues as well.

Keep those tires checked, not only air pressure but tread depth as well. Worn out tires are very dangerous but easily fixed. If you don't have a tread depth gauge, ask someone in service to check them for you.

Make sure you bundle up and stay warm, keep riding and have fun.

Smokey



Welcome

- Pam "Commander" Stout - Membership
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It's a sweet month to think about becoming a chapter member ❤️! I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Pancake Breakfast, ESPECIALLY Sheila "Casper" Branham who organized it all from start to finish and Sean "Ole Ticker" Branham who built a database for membership tracking and took charge of the enrollment on Saturday. It was all success. A TEAM effort.

Welcome New Chapter Members! Some who may have come back after a slight hiatus.

Kris Rauchle, Catherine Kabasia, Steven Kahre, Cindy Dixon, James Franks, Trey Hargus, Mike Gudde, Belle Campbell, Jennifer Williamson, Louis Christopher, Race Cunningham, Xavier McClung, and Todd Onstott

Fun Fact: We have 27 Lifetime National H.O.G. members in our chapter!

If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns about membership, please shoot me an email. Let's get out and ride & enjoy the journey! 🙌



Helping by Volunteering

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators
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To all our Members both new and (Returning? Experienced? Seasoned? Certainly not OLD!!!): Spring is right around the corner. February is definitely a winter month and many of us have our bikes parked and connected to trickle-down battery chargers like bears hibernating and awaiting the warmth of spring. We are really blessed to live in these beautiful Ozark Mountains where we have had so many warm riding days even in these officially winter months.

But now is the time to prepare for our upcoming and activity-packed 2022. And, as occurs with all activities, we will need volunteers to make everything happen. Our Activity Directors, Becky and Scott Fite, are looking for members who want to serve on committees to plan and work on the 5 major Annual Chapter Activities: the Chapter Picnic, the Fall Foliage Ride and Halloween Party (these 2 may be combined), Chapter Friendsgiving, and Chapter Christmas Party. There may be more. If you are someone with ideas and have an interest in making these activities truly memorable, see Becky or Scott and volunteer to serve on one of these committees. If you have an idea for other Chapter Activities, discuss those possibilities with them too.

Throughout the year we will be looking for volunteers to help advance both our Chapter and PTHD. They are our sponsoring Dealership and do so much for us each and every month. We will be making our members aware of the needs at our monthly Chapter meetings, through this Newsletter, via Facebook, and emails. Two of our largest needs will be Lace, Grace and Gears (June 23-26) and Bikes, Blues and BBQ (October 5-8). Please mark those dates on your calendars and look for some time you can sign up to volunteer to help either your Chapter or PTHD during these major annual events. We look forward to working with all of you and getting to know each of you better in 2022!



Account Update

- Sarah "Flip-Flop" Jackson - Treasurer
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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075

Account Balance as of
January 15, 2021

\$2,445.00

Ladies of Harley Mary Kay Makeover



Ladies come out and join us for our Mary Kay Makeover

Date: February 12, 2022

Time: Directly after the Chapter Meeting

Location: Pig trail Harley-Davidson Second Floor

MARY KAY

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