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# CHAPTER NEWS

## May 2022



### Motorcycle Awareness Month

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Bring on the May flowers. We certainly had April showers. Now riding weather is here. There are lots of Chapter rides and several groups heading to the tips of the USA. Key West, Vermont, the great Northwest and California. How exciting! Remember to turn in your mileage on the Ride 365.

Be safe, take pictures, and post your adventures for all to see and share.

May is motorcycle awareness month. Make sure the distracted drivers can see you by wearing bright colors and run with your highbeam lights on.

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### A Little History

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Looking back to May 2015, the HOG Chapter had a lot happening! The director of the chapter, Lisa Vail, started by congratulating Andy and Debra Hunter on their April 4th wedding. This year, 2022, makes this 7 years of wedded bliss. Cheers to many more! Now, back to 2015. The Assistant Director, Garry Raymond, was working on recruiting a welcoming committee just to say "hello" to those coming into the meeting and directing new members and guests to sign-in, to the membership table to sign-up, and directing people to the different tables for drawings. The Activities Directors, Dave and Barb Becker, and Head Road Captain, Keith Poor, reported 9 rides and activities in April and 10 planned for May. LOH Officer, Yevon Prater, mentioned the ladies held their mystery dinner in April (Ours will be in September). It was quoted as saying, "We had a wonderful time with great food and 'Lots of Laughter'". The Webmaster, Dave Turner, spoke about a Pig Trail smart phone app. (I did a search for one; it's no longer available). Jeremy Long was the Membership Officer and reported there were 190 members. At the time, the chapter secretary, Janet Stewart, gave tips on riding in the sand. (I'll let you look that up yourself). What made her think about riding in the sand? "Well, let me tell you. I really don't care about riding in the sand, and have no idea if my advice is any good. I'm sitting here on the beach in the Bahamas and left my Harley at home. I won't be at the meeting Saturday, but I'll be happy to drink another Piña Colada while thinking of you!"

Let's all have some wonderful times on our riding adventures with our Harley family and have 2022 Pig Trail HOG Chapter be history in the making!



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## Keep It Real

- Sean "Ole Ticker" Branham - Assistant Director  
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This month I am going to share a bit about me and some things I think about while serving as your Assistant Director. This whole motorcycle lifestyle is fairly new to me. I recall riding a classic three wheeler once as a kid and remember how unstable it seemed. I think seeing some of my friends wreck it, I decided that was not for me. My older brother had motorcycles as a teenager. He preferred the crotch rocket style back in those days and I remember him putting them down a couple of times, mostly from being a stupid teenager on a bike. However, this did not seem like something I would enjoy doing so I stayed away from them.

As life went on and both my older and younger brothers continued riding, they calmed down and started riding for the enjoyment. My wife and I talked about getting a trike when we retire so we could go out and enjoy the experience. We were blessed enough that we did not have to wait until retirement so I took the course in the Riding Academy, and we bought our first Trike in 2017.

Buying a bike and riding is only part of our story. We joined the HOG Chapter in 2018, after being invited by Judge Patterson. Little did we know, this would result in a lot of fun, a lot of riding, and a lot of new friends. We were told you get out of the chapter what you put into the chapter. We started just riding and getting to know people. It is funny because my nature is to be in the background, introverted, and shy. However, from being in leadership most of my working career and leading a youth group for 15 years, it is something I know how to overcome. So we rode and we got involved.

We started helping by providing our talents, knowledge, skills, and mindset. I did not know if there was a need for what I could provide but quickly found out there is a place for everyone. Over time we volunteered, and then I got involved with the officers team as webmaster, and on to Assistant Director. I realize there are all walks of life in our group. We have people who have ridden their whole life and others fresh out of the academy. We have extroverts and introverts. We have people who like to be in the spotlight and be the center of attention and those who like to sit back and observe but avoid the spotlight. We have our ups and downs, our trying life situations and our celebrations. We all have talents, strengths and weaknesses. We are all different and that is something I cherish.

I want you to be you. Do not force yourself into the spotlight if you don't like it. Do not try to fit into situations that you do not fit in (yes, there is peer pressure even as adults). Do not hide who you are just in case someone may not agree with you. Be true to yourself and be unfiltered with others on who you are. This is what I want and is what we need as a chapter. You will find there are others out there just like you and you will find out there is a need for you in this chapter. Keep it real.



## Where did you go?

- Pam "Commander" Stout - Membership  
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Welcome New Members!

Alexander Peraza, Ron Cloer, Zachary Lynch, Chase Germany, Justin Bybee, Kaleb Buttry, and Preston Mahan.

I would like someone to share at the chapter meeting about your bike journey (more than 300 miles) in the month of April. Where did you go, what your total miles were, and favorite thing about that trip.

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



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## Morganza

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I cannot believe May is already here! Boy, April sure went by fast! Have you been riding, racking up those miles on the Harley? I sure hope so. Time is a wasting!

The Scrabble Challenge 2nd Quarter has begun with the saying "Pig Trail Harley-Davidson". Entries must be submitted by July 9th. Come on and join the fun! There is a prize at the end of the year, which will be given out at the Christmas Party to the winner.

The rally trip to Scott, Louisiana is over and we have many new memories of the rally. We visited the Duck Commander Museum in West Monroe, the Tobasco Plant where they make the famous Tobasco sauce in New Iberia, and a Swamp Air Boat Ride in Breaux Bridge. These places were very interesting but the highlight of our trip was our detour to Morganza, Louisiana. Now for those who are not familiar with this fair town, there was a scene from Easy Rider filmed here. Someone painted a mural commemorating the film that we wanted to see, but it was destroyed by one of the storms that came through the town. The mayor of the town greeted us at the station where we had stopped. He wanted to escort us to the craft fair that was being held down the street so he could get some pictures for the newspaper. We ended being escorted by the Chief of Police through town. We lined up in front of the fire truck and had our photo session. We felt like the characters on Wild Hogs without the drama. This was a very friendly town. Not on the schedule but was so worth the stop. You never know what may happen on these trips.

Remember: It's not about the Destination, it is about the Journey.



## LOH Activities

- Debbie "Keeper" Raymond - Ladies of Harley  
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Ladies the weather is getting nice, so get out and ride.

Our Bling event is coming up on May 21 at 1:00 at Pig Trail. Bring what ever you want to bling. You can still sign up at next chapter meeting. If you have your own bling stones and glue bring them or there will be a little charge for the ones we have. It will be fun to see everyone's designs.

June 4 is the Cookie Run, 9:00 at Pig Trail, then after we deliver, lunch at Olive Garden. If you don't ride your own bike not a problem, we need cars to carry the cookies! Let's support our 1st responders. Bring 4-6 dozen cookies. Don't bake? No worries, candy is fine too!

July 30 is our Chapter Picnic. It will be a very fun time! More to come on this event.

Mystery Dinner September 18. Sign up is starting at the May Chapter meeting. Ladies if you haven't gone to one, this is the one not to miss! Cost is \$20 a piece and is a ladies only event, but we will have special waiters serving you!

Remember ladies, these are a great way to meet new friends by coming to these events! Hope to see you all!



## Advanced Rider Course

- Michael "Tip-Toe" Douglas - Webmaster  
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Last month, I participate in the Advanced Riders course at PTHD. For the fact that I have only been riding for 5 years, this class was very beneficial, especially practicing slow speed techniques and tight turns. I still have a lot to learn, but I feel more confident when it comes to slow speed maneuvers now. Whether a new rider or experience rider, if you have not taken the advance rider course, then I high recommend it.



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## Be Aware of Road Obstacles

- Randall "Smokey" Nelson - Head Road Captain

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Hello May, time for everything to green up and warm up. With that also comes lots of spring rain. Keep in mind that can also mean lots of obstacles on the roads. Rain runoff will bring rocks and other debris into the road that can be hazardous conditions to anyone, especially someone on a bike. Lesser traveled roads can be especially hazardous as there isn't enough traffic to clear these obstacles. Keep your eyes on the road and avoid hazards like washouts and debris.

It's also the time for allergies to hit hard. I know personally I keep allergy eye drops in my pocket, and use them regularly. Sounds like a little thing, but being able to see is most definitely a priority. Also, keep your rain gear handy as spring storms show up with little to no warning sometimes. Check those tire pressures and tread depth. Keeping yourself safe can be that simple.

Get out and ride, have fun, be safe.



## Looking Forward and Back

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators

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Greetings PTHD HOG Members! We hope you all are well and enjoying some great wind therapy. As Volunteer Coordinators our newsletter submissions are focused on that topic: Volunteering! We want to make members aware of upcoming volunteer opportunities as well as thanking members for volunteering their time.

Occasionally, that presents some difficulties. As you can imagine, a newsletter such as this is put together a week or two before it is sent out to all of the chapter. Its possible the events of a month are going to happen AFTER our submission.

Case in point: Spring Fling. Our chapter will be selling water at the Eureka Springs PTHD on April 29th and 30th, however you will read this in May. Therefore, we can't tell you how great the event was, or if it was cold and raining, and we didn't sell any water (believe us, it has happened). What we will say is a big "Thank you" to each of you who volunteered your time to come to Eureka Springs and help your chapter in their fundraising efforts. Remember, those funds help pay for activities throughout the year.

As always, we want to remind our members of upcoming volunteer needs: Lace Grace and Gears in June, and Bikes Blues and BBQ in October. Come volunteer because it not only helps our chapter, it's FUN and you get to know other members too.

As future needs for volunteers are scheduled, we promise to let you know!



## Account Update

- Sarah "Flip-Flop" Jackson - Treasurer

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Account Balance as of

July 15, 2021

**\$2767.85**

**Chapter Meeting**  
 Saturday, May 14th  
 10:00a.m.  
 Pig Trail H.O.G. Presents  
 Pig Trail Harley-Davidson  
 Join us for the monthly HOG Chapter Meeting for information, fun and networking.  
 Check-in at HOG central inside the dealership prior to the meeting.  
 If you are not a member, you are welcome to come as our guest.  
 COME JOIN THE FUN...



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