



Making Memories

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I have worked in the photo industry for almost 30 years now. The years I spent in a photo lab printing pictures, allowed me into the lives of those behind the camera, all around the world, seeing their life happen. Over time, I realized the pictures we take are not just fun, it is actually capturing a moment in time that can be reflected back on for generations to come.

We all think back on these moments in life, whether it is a memory of the house you grew up in, the friends you had, your first bike, your family, or a favorite trip you took. We also look back at the "simpler times" when the world seemed more at peace, the worry in your town was low, people seemed to get along with each other better, or the days of less stress.

I think each generation looks back at how things were and misses it a bit. However, in reality, the past generations had struggles and even situations that were harder, just different. The current generation will look back on our current years and wish they could experience it. Does this mean things keep getting worse? Maybe. I believe we get tainted by always hearing the bad side of life and situations, and we let it impact us more than it should.

I encourage you to live in the moment. Look around you and take pictures of the things you experience and the places you go. Look for the good in people and give the good you want to see. Lead the way in respect, kindness, appreciation, and love. Then you are living in and making the moments that future generations will look up upon. Riding motorcycles gives us an opportunity to get out in the world, experience it on the open road, and capture it to reflect back on. Get out there, ride, make memories, take pictures, and enjoy life.

Stay Hydrated!

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With the weather heating up, please remember to stay hydrated!

Ladies come on out Sunday, June 25th for fun mini golfing at 2pm. Details are on the Facebook event or the web site.

Sunday, July 23rd: Bring a salad and your swim suit to Karen Turner's for an afternoon of laughs. Starts at 2pm. Please sign up at the monthly meeting.

August 5th is Hot Dog Days of Summer! Deb Raymond will lead a ride to Horseshoe Bend. This ride is open to ALL! We have a pavilion reserved for lunch. So pack a lunch or for \$5, a hot dog, bag of chips, water and cookie will be provided. If you are wanting the hot dog lunch please sign up at the meeting and pay by the July meeting, so supplies can be bought.

Remember to check Facebook and website for details on all chapter activities/rides.





Packing for Success

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Riding season is upon us. Overnight and longer trips require some diligent thought in packing. Selecting the appropriate luggage for your motorcycle is essential for efficient packing. There is luggage specifically made for motorcycles. Whatever you use make sure it's weather resistant! I would recommend that you talk with previous travelers about the pros and cons of the different bags. If you're like most of us, you'll wind up with a small collection of bags. (So that reminds me, the yearly swap meet is a great place to shop for luggage.)

Proper packing is crucial to ensure a safe and enjoyable adventure. With limited storage space, strategic packing becomes an art form for motorcycle travelers. Pack your bag layered in the order of needing accessibility. Make sure items such as gloves and emergency items are easily accessible.

Securely fasten your luggage to your motorcycle using high-quality straps or bungee cords. Double-check all connections to ensure nothing is loose or at risk of coming undone during the journey. Consider using additional safety measures like luggage nets or cargo nets for added security. Don't forget to pack extra bungees and straps, just in case.

Before heading off on your trip, take a short test ride to gauge the balance and stability of your loaded motorcycle. Make any necessary adjustments to the positioning of the luggage or weight distribution until you achieve optimal handling.

Pack light and minimize excess. You probably won't have room on a weeklong trip for fresh clothes each day. It's ok because everyone you are traveling with is doing the same thing. Even overnight trips should be kept to the basics. The more weight you carry the more your handling ability is diminished.

Remember, safety, accessibility, weight distribution, and minimalism should be the guiding principles as you prepare for the open road.



40 Years of Harley Owners Group

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary
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This year marks 40 years of HOG, and Harley-Davidson is celebrating with HOG40 merchandise. I'll be ordering a few items in limited quantities for our HOG Central case. Once they sell out in our case, I won't be ordering anymore. You can also order additional items for yourself and see all 19 items for HOG40 at Norscothogstore.com. The selection includes hats, drinkware, accessories, patches, challenge coins, and flags. Watch for that order coming soon!



Account Update

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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
May 15, 2023

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Paul Newell Memorial Ride

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Join us on June 10th, directly after the HOG Chapter Meeting, for a memorial ride in honor of Paul Newell. KSU approx 11:30am from Pig Trail Harley-Davidson.



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Welcome to the family Jeff Robbins!

- Toni DeAnda - Membership
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Our new member this month is Jeff Robbins and he will also be our member spotlight. You may have already seen Jeff on his 2022 Blue/Black Ultra Limited because he already has 5,200 miles for the year. Those miles will be increasing, which will also help our chapter rise in the ranks, because Jeff is planning a 14-day journey to Monterey, CA starting the end of May. Jeff is from Barstow, CA so he may know a thing or two about Route 66. Unfortunately, Jeff won't be at our June meeting, but you might catch him in July if you want to hear about that trip.

Jeff is also a member of the Blue Knights Arkansas 3 Chapter. The Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club is a non-profit fraternal organization consisting of active and retired law enforcement officers who enjoy riding motorcycles. Thank you, Jeff, for helping to promote motorcycle safety while building relationships between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the public.

Congratulations to Jeff and his beautiful wife Sharon who will be celebrating their 18th anniversary in June!



Here We Go Go Go Again!

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators
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Greetings chapter members! Are you as excited as we are? Excited about what, you may ask? Well, "riding season" is how we would respond. We've got our bikes all ready to go (T-CLOCS) and we bet you have too.

You know what we're going to say now, don't you? It's that riding season means activities, and activities very often require volunteers.

We are expecting lots of volunteer opportunities as we ride through 2023. Currently we are involved in the Ozark Mountain Rumble Rally at PTHD. At the time of this writing we are in need of members to sell water on Friday 6/9 and Saturday 6/10. We also need outside help at PTHD on both of those days. There are more activities on the horizon where you can get to know your fellow members and build lasting friendships.

If you have time available during either (or both!) of these days PLEASE contact us to see what times are still open by texting Polly @ (479) 789-4845 with your name, contact info and the time you have available. Thank you from all volunteer committee members.



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Let's Get To Planning with a New Activities Officer

- Becky & Scott Fite - Activities
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The Chapter needs your expertise in planning the year of activities. Yes, Scott and I are retiring and are looking for a person, or persons, to take over the Activities Officer position. I know you think this the hardest "job" there is in the chapter, but you are so wrong. It's actually a lot of fun. You will get most of your ideas from the planning session in the fall, and all you have to do is put your plans in action. The more you do the planning the easier it is. Use your imagination! Come on! Give it a try! The chapter needs some fresh ideas!

Now for the info on the Float Trip:

War Eagle Resort
13020 N. Highway 10
Tahlequah, OK
918-431-0600

Hotel Information: Best Western
101 Reazor St
Tahlequah
918-431-0600
King 119.99 + tax
Double Queen 129.99 + tax

Camping available also at War Eagle Resort
13020 N Highway 10
Tahlequah
918-456-6272
30 and 50 amp spaces for 36' RV

If you want to ride with the chapter, we will leave at 3:00 p.m from Pig Trail Harley Davidson



Safety & RC's

- Troy "Big Shot" Adams - Head Road Captain
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As the Head RC, I try and help everyone ride their own ride and do it as safe as possible. RC's are not perfect and everyone should not think we are. There is talk of chapter members needing to ride closer together. I agree with this in some ways. I think some people lag behind, and it creates gaps and let's cars in our group. However, we preach "ride your own ride". Riding your own ride means you get your section of lane. Use the whole lane if you need it. RC's are here to help and guide. If you have questions on riding in a group, ask one of us. Ride safe and watch out for others.

Activities Officer

Do you like planning events and activities?

We are looking for an Activities Officer to help our current officer finish out this year and then take over in 2024. Put your talents to use and help our chapter remain one of the best in the country...

Contact us, even if you just want to explore this more...

director@pigtrailhog.com or asstdirector@pigtrailhog.com

As Becky mentioned in her article, we are looking for the next Activities Officer. Volunteering as an officer is very rewarding and helps keep our chapter one of the best in the nation. Each officer also needs an assistant or back-up members to help them. We encourage you to get involved.

Email Sean at director@pigtrailhog.com or Jeffrey at asstdirector@pigtrailhog.com to express interest.



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Avoiding Danger at Intersections

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

Nearly half of motorcycle crashes happen at intersections. The bike comes into contact with another vehicle or crashes while avoiding the other vehicle. Most of these crashes are caused by other vehicles entering our right of way. Most of these crashes are preventable or made less severe if the rider will identify the danger early, react quickly and make effective evasive maneuvers. There are three parts to avoiding danger at intersections. They are perception, reaction and braking or swerving. A safe rider improves on all three parts.

The first part is perception. Riders must search side to side and front to back as far as they can see. Time and space is a rider's best friend. The earlier a danger is perceived the more time and space a rider has to react and evade. Early detection lets the rider prepare for a problem, plan an escape maneuver and smoothly implement the safest maneuver. Remember most car drivers are not looking for motorcycles.

Second is reaction. The normal reaction time for a rider is two seconds. At 40 mph a bike travels 60 feet a second allowing a bike to travel 120 feet in two seconds. Most riders can stop in four seconds from the moment they see a danger until fully stopped. That can take 240 feet or more. To reduce reaction time and distance traveled a rider can slow down. At 35 mph a bike travels 52 feet a second or 104 in two seconds. Riders should cover the controls when they are approaching an intersection. Put your hands over the clutch and front brake and your foot over the rear brake. Covering the controls can reduce reaction time from two seconds to one half of a second. Distance traveled before braking at 40 mph can be reduced from 120 feet to about 30 feet by covering the controls.

Third is braking or swerving. Police motor officers are trained to stop a fully dressed Harley Ultra Limited in less than 60 feet at 40 mph from the time the brakes are first applied. This can be done with regular brakes or ABS. Stopping quickly requires the rider to apply the brakes with a progressively stronger pull until stopped. Never grab the brakes as this may cause a tire to lock up and skid. Riders can practice stopping in any empty parking lot. Start at slow speeds then increase speed as space allows.

Riders should also practice swerves. Swerving requires two counter steers. Press the handle bar to the left to swerve left then right to get back to the original path of travel. Maintain a steady speed, no braking, and use of clutch or rolling off the throttle. The rider's body is kept upright with the eyes looking up.

Intersections are a dangerous area for riders. Make them safer and less stressful by practicing safe riding. Search for dangers so they can be identified early. React quickly by being ready and knowing what to do. Practice swerving and stopping as often as you can. Through awareness, slowing just a little and practice a rider and can reduce their total stopping distance by 1/3 or more. The riding pad at Pig Trail is marked with stopping and swerving lanes. You are welcome to use the pad if there are no other activities going on. Ask a Pig Trail rider coach how to use the markings on the pad.



Reflex Defensive Rider System (RDRS)

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RDRS is a technology designed back in 2020 to match motorcycle performance to available traction during acceleration, deceleration, and braking. In other words, this intelligent safety tech will help you- the rider- maintain better control of your motorcycle while riding potentially hazardous roads or when encountering urgent situations, such as fast accelerations and braking at high speeds, or in a tight curve. It's even smart enough to make adjustments when traction is low. Join us this month at our chapter meeting to learn more about the RDRS system.



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