



### Season's Change

- Sean "Ole' Ticker" Branham - Director

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Seasons come and seasons go. As riders, we know that all too well. These changes are weather related but not exclusively. There has been a lot of changes in HOG, both locally and nationally recently.

We have had change in the officer team with a couple of positions. We had turnover with the Road Captain recently and introduced Preston for this new role. You were informed about Sarah stepping down as Treasurer and we will be making an announcement on her replacement soon. We are also still searching for our next Activities Officer, as Becky will be stepping down at the end of the year. We have not had anyone show interest yet, so think about it and come talk to me.

There are changes that have occurred in membership within Harley-Davidson, which you have heard about. They are trying to grow the biker community and have different levels based on riders desires. The elite tier is the HOG Membership, which is who we are. The annual national membership prices went up, and some levels changed (such as Associate Membership). All of this can be found online at [www.members.hog.com](http://www.members.hog.com). You will also see the cost for our local chapter go from \$20 to \$25 per year starting in 2024. However, if you enroll during the fall campaign, we will discount it back to \$20.

As an officer team, we strive to have the best chapter in the nation and make it enjoyable for all. Changes that occur sometimes come with challenges and frustrations. We are struggling to get someone to step up as the Activities Officer, we struggle to get enough ride leads (formally road captains, which is another change), we struggle to get volunteers for events, we struggle to raise enough money to do everything we want, etc... Some of this is members who do not think they have much to offer (you do), some is members who have served the chapter in the past and want a break (this is a lot of people), some who are too shy to step out of their comfort zone (just do it), and others who don't know how to help (just come talk to us).

Even through the struggles and frustrations, we believe in striving for excellence. Seasons come and seasons go. We are in the midst of a lot of changes. Our ask? Be a part of these changes and join us in our efforts to make HOG #2075 the best in the nation.



### Account Update

- Sarah "Flip-Flop" Jackson - Treasurer

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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075

Account Balance as of

July 15, 2023

**\$1,149.99**



### This Months Equation

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson

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Volunteering = A better, stronger, more fun and enjoyable chapter. Bike, Blues, and BBQ is the next need. There will be sign-up sheets at the next chapter meeting.

Keeping it short and sweet, now lets ride towards fun!





## More Packing Tips

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director  
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Packing for a motorcycle trip requires careful planning and a focus on essential items due to limited storage space. Follow these tips to efficiently pack for your adventure:

- 1. Clothing:** Pack lightweight and versatile clothing, such as moisture-wicking shirts, convertible pants, and a waterproof jacket. Bring extra layers for varying weather conditions.
- 2. Basic Tools:** Carry a compact toolkit with essential tools like screwdrivers, pliers, and a tire repair kit. Don't forget to include a first aid kit as well.
- 3. Navigation and Communication:** Carry a power bank to keep devices charged. Invest in a Bluetooth headset for hands-free communication.
- 4. Personal Items:** Pack toiletries, medications, and any necessary personal items in travel-sized containers.
- 5. Emergency Supplies:** Carry a flashlight, duct tape, and a multi-tool for unforeseen situations. I also keep 4 bungies, zip ties, small cargo net and a lighter
- 6. Cash and Identification:** Keep some cash for emergencies and carry your identification, driver's license, and motorcycle registration.
- 7. Clothing Storage:** Use compression bags to save space in your luggage and keep clothes dry.
- 8. Secure the Load:** Double-check all items are fastened securely to the motorcycle to prevent them from falling off during the ride. Take the bike for a quick "test" run to ensure everything is snug in place.
- 9. Weather Preparedness:** Check the weather forecast and pack accordingly with rain gear or sun protection.

Remember, packing light and smart is the key to an enjoyable motorcycle trip. Regularly reassess your items to ensure you carry only the necessities and maintain a balanced weight distribution on your bike. Have a fantastic journey



## A Little About Me

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain  
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I just want to take this time to introduce myself for those that don't know me or anything about me.

My name is Preston Mahan. "Gadget" is my road name. I was born and raised in Nashua, Iowa, where I lived for 58 years. I was asked to move to Arkansas in December 2019 and moved here in January 2020. I moved back to Iowa for a short time in April of this year, and I decided that Arkansas was where I needed to be, so back I came. I have some of the greatest friends and extended family anyone could ask for here in NW Arkansas.

This is my first month being the Road Captain. I know there is a lot for me to learn and I plan on doing the best I can for the HOG chapter. Any help any of the members can offer, would be greatly appreciated.



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## Milwaukee ----BOOM!

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary

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I literally just returned home from our annual Branham Bikers family motorcycle trip. One full day and two nights in Hermann, MO, is just not enough. Route 66 from St. Louis to Joliet, IL, saw many roadside attractions. We toured the Joliet Prison and got to walk through the same gate as the Blues Brothers. I loaded a "ghost hunting" app near the end of the tour. That was fun! Ask me what happened, if you want to know. We made it to Milwaukee area Tuesday night. Started Wednesday morning at The House HD dealership, had lunch, then back to the hotel before the rain let loose. Very quickly, our two days for the 120th anniversary turned into one. Thursday was loaded with a tour of the powertrain plant, the museum, the Motorclothes Outlet, the HD store, and a dealership before we called it a day. As Pam Stout says, "It's too peopley". If you didn't see the photo, there's an overhead shot of the crowd at the concerts at Veteran's Park. Talk about peopley! 50,000 tickets were sold for the concerts! Friday morning we began our way home heading west through Wisconsin into Iowa. Pop-up thunderstorms kept us overnight, which was fine because we started Saturday at the Field of Dreams movie site. We couldn't walk through the corn (growing season), but we did get to throw, bat, and run the bases. I loved it! Saturday night put us north of Kansas City. We got an early start Sunday morning to get us home before noon. It was a fantastic vacation. One day we will make our way back to Milwaukee to see things (dealerships :) we didn't get to see. Since our return, Sean read that HD will begin an annual homecoming event. You could go next year and not have to wait every five years. Another bucket list item is checked off the list. BOOM!



## It's Hot!

- Casey "Charmer" Conway - Ladies of Harley

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I know I mentioned this a couple months ago, but you can never hear it too much....stay hydrated! Speaking of hot....I want to THANK all the Ladies who showed up in June for miniature golf! It was a HOT day but a fun time.

There is a LOH ride coming up on August 5th led by our one and only, Deb Raymond, to Horseshoe Bend. Its open to ALL chapter members! It's a pack-a-lunch ride unless you prepaid for the hot dog lunch. There is a pavilion reserved for us to use while we're there. Again, thanks to the Raymonds!

Mystery Dinner is planned and preparations have started! Sunday, September 10th , 12:30pm at The Raymond Ranch in Gravette. Cost is \$15 and non refundable. Please sign up and pay by the August meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, but want to attend, please reach out to me and we can make arrangements to get you paid. NO ONE should miss this event! If you've never attended this event, you don't want to miss it. Barb Becker started this year's ago and it's a huge event for the ladies and a great time! What will this year bring???

Hope to see everyone at the monthly meeting!!



## The HOG Family Grows

- Toni DeAnda - Membership

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Let's welcome our new members: Jim Sinclair, Milos Chorvat, and Robert Lavergne.

We hope to see you all at our next chapter meeting. If you are not able to come in person, you can join us via Facebook Live on our Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter Facebook page.



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# The Year is Almost Gone

- Becky & Scott Fite - Activities

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Our year is half over! Our next trip will be Fall Foliage in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, October 26-29.

## Hotel information:

Beavers Bend Lodge

Hwy 259A N. Steven's Gap Road - Broken Bow, OK

Office Address: 4350 S. Highway 259A - Broken Bow, OK

Group ID: 1213

Phone: Email: lview@travelok.com

Room Rates: King Balcony w/ Sleeper Sofa \$147.00

2 Queen Beds Balcony \$142.00

Accommodations will be available until August 20, 2023

Reservations are under Pig Trail Hog Chapter

Friendsgiving: November 16

Christmas Party: December 16 at the Springdale Holiday Inn  
(details coming soon...)



**FALL FOLIAGE 2023**  
**October 26-29**

**KSU Date: Oct 26**  
**KSU Location: PTHD**  
**KSU Time: 9:00am**

Details for reservations can be found in the event details on Facebook and the Web Site

**DESTINATION: Beavers Bend Lodge - Broken Bow, OK**

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## Safety Tips

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

There are several different paths of travel to ride through a curve. The most common is to enter the curve in the outside part of the lane. Travel to the inside of the lane at the apex or the center of the curve. Then exit the curve in the outside part of the lane. This path will help to straighten the curve making it easier to ride through.

The delayed apex path of travel in a curve is another way to take a curve. This is when the rider remains straight up in the outside part of the lane until he sees the exit point of the curve then leans into the curve. The rider reaches the inside part of the lane at the apex of the curve which has now been moved farther into the curve. The exit is in the outside part of the lane.

There are two main reasons to use a delayed apex path of travel. The first is to reduce a blind spot. A curve may have a tree, the side of a hill, a billboard or anything on the road that interferes with the sight line of the curve. By taking a straighter path deeper into the curve the blind spot can be reduced.

Speed is another reason for a delayed apex. If a rider is going too fast he can brake longer with the bike standing straight up. This can reduce the speed to a safe rate before the bike is leaned over. Speed must be slower with a delayed apex because the lean angle of the bike will be greater than in a normal curve.

A delayed apex path of travel is not for every curve. The rider should use the SEE method to decide on a path. SEE is search, evaluate and execute. Search the road and shoulder for any obstacle. Evaluate the options. Execute the best plan for your path of travel

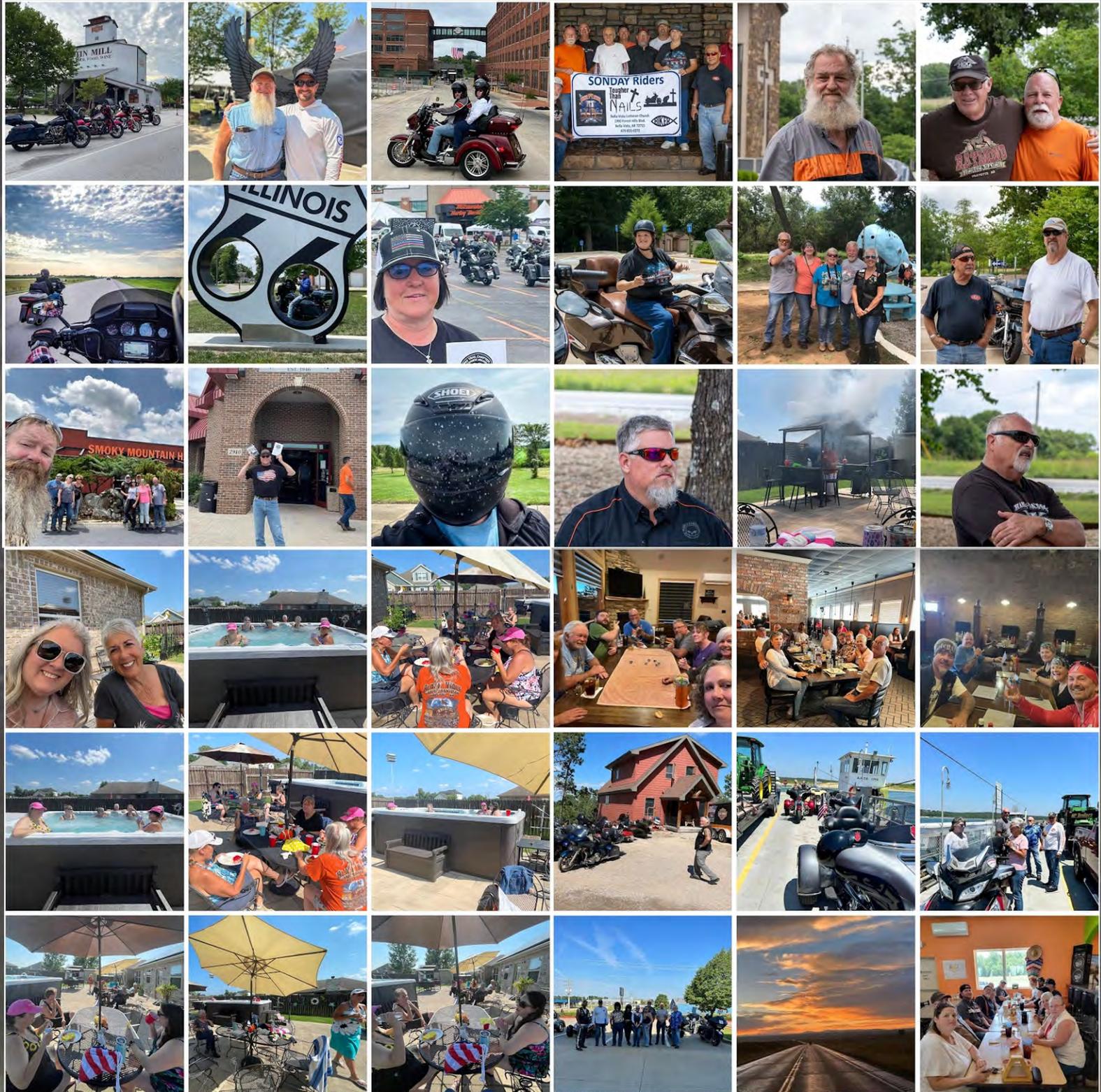


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# MOMENTS THAT MATTER



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