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YEAR END IS NEAR

- Sean "Ole' Ticker" Branham - Director
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It is hard to believe it is September. The years seem to go by faster and faster as the years go by. This month is full of events and activities, with the largest one being Bike Blues & BBQ. This is one of the best rallies in the country and one of our HOG Chapters best fundraising events, through our water sales. Thank you all for your willingness to help sell water and check in riders for HOG.

This time of year also means we are wrapping up and finalizing all our rides and activities for the year, capped off with our annual Christmas party. As we get to this stage, our mindset shifts to next year. Our goal remains the same, to Ride and Have Fun. We want to continue having one of the best chapters in the country and bring our members the opportunity to come together in these events.

You will soon be given dates for our annual planning meeting and membership drive. We tried for the first-time last year to combine these two into one event. The membership portion worked great, and the team had an amazing process to get people registered. We had a scheduling issue that caused too large of a gap between membership, lunch, and activities planning so we lost a lot of people. We will correct this for this year's event. You will be able to come in, enroll in 2024 membership, eat lunch and immediately go into 2024 planning. This is important as we want to hear your feedback on what you like, do not like, recommend, and desire to see in 2024. We do this for you, so start thinking of ideas now.

As a reminder, the local membership will go from \$20 a year to \$25 a year, but if you come and renew during this membership drive, we will reduce it back to \$20 that day. You MUST be a current National HOG Member (current means dues are paid and you are active in the national HOG database) in order to renew your local membership.

We look forward to a great and busy September and look forward to seeing you at the Membership Drive and Planning Meeting on Saturday, November 4th.



Account Update

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
August 15, 2023

\$1,361.50

LADIES OF HARLEY HOG

MYSTERY DINNER

Who's ready for an afternoon of fun?
LOH MYSTERY DINNER is one of the ladies favorite events of the year.

**THE MYSTERY BEGINS
ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 12:30 PM**

Be sure to sign-up and pay before August 12th. Cost is \$15. No Refund!
Event will be held at Debra Raymond's house - 612 8th Ave NE, Gravette, AR 72736



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Revving Up Your Ride: Masterful Motorcycle Cleaning for BBB

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director
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The much-awaited event; Bikes, Blues and Barbecue, is revving around the corner. It's time to ensure your two or three-wheeled beauty shines as brilliantly as the spotlight at the event. While the prospect of cleaning your motorcycle might not be the most exhilarating part of ownership – fear not, for a gleaming ride is within your reach.

Among the myriad of preparations, motorcycle cleaning might stand as a less glamorous task, but worry not, there's a world of specialized products designed to make this chore a breeze. Unlike cars, motorcycles have distinct surfaces that require gentle care to maintain their allure. It's worth steering clear of dish soap, as its harsh composition can wreak havoc on your motorcycle's delicate finish, stripping away protective layers that guard against the elements.

To bestow your bike with the care it deserves, turn your attention to products tailored explicitly for motorcycles and automobiles. These formulations are finely tuned to provide a deep cleanse without compromising the integrity of your ride's aesthetics. Even better, consider exploring the realm of specialized coatings, such as the formidable ceramic coats. Having experienced the transformative magic of a ceramic coating on my own bike, I can't help but laud its virtues. The gratification of watching bugs and debris effortlessly wash away with a gentle wipe of water and a soft cloth is truly remarkable.

If you're inclined to leave this task to the experts, look no further than the skilled craftsmen among our membership who offer ceramic coating services for a modest fee. The investment is remarkably rewarding, not just in terms of aesthetics but also in terms of maintenance ease. This premium coating elevates your bike's resilience to the elements, ensuring that even after the dust settles from the Bikes Blues and Barbecue festivities, your motorcycle's charisma endures.



Christmas Party Information

- Becky & Scott Fite - Activities
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The 2023 HOG Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Holiday Inn in Springdale, December 16, from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. We will have a disc jockey for our music, which will be a mixture of classic rock, rock, and country with typical line dance tunes. Galaxy Entertainment, featuring DJ Shrek, will be our entertainer. The cost will be \$40.00 per person, and tickets will go on sale October 2nd. You may purchase your admission ticket at the cash wrap at the dealership. We have a gift exchange, and if you wish to participate, please bring a \$20.00 wrapped gift.

I want to thank all who signed up to volunteer for water sales at BBB! Woohoo! Let's sell water!!



Importance of Hydration

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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Bikes, Blues and Barbecue is almost here! Be sure to stop by the HOG tent and buy your water! It's our big fundraiser of the year, plus hydration during BBB is very important for the following reasons: 1) Moistens tissues in the eyes – being able to see the road when riding is very important, 2) Lubricates Joints – I don't know about you, but my joints appreciate all the help they can get, 3) Improves brain performance – traffic will be bad so you need to stay sharp out there, 4) Digestive Harmony – food trucks are tasty but heartburn can be unpleasant, 5) More Energy – you don't want to miss any of the festivities because you had to have a nap.

With that said --- you should purchase multiple bottles!



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Back in Session

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary
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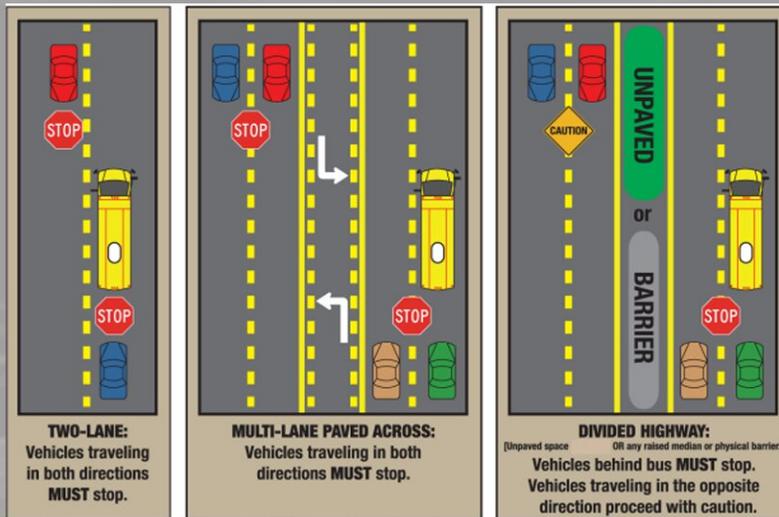


Schools have started back for the 2023-2024 school year. With the motorcycle written exam fresh on my mind (I passed!), I thought I'd remind everyone of the road rules for school buses.

The Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation for Arkansas law 27-51-1004 says:

- (a) When a school bus stops and displays its alternating red warning lights for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers, every operator of a motor vehicle or motorcycle meeting or overtaking the school bus from any direction shall bring the motor vehicle or motorcycle to a complete stop before reaching the school bus.
- (b) The operator of the motor vehicle or motorcycle shall not start up or attempt to pass in any direction until the school bus vehicle has finished receiving or discharging its passengers and is in motion again. Beginning the 2021-2022 school year, Arkansas law now requires drivers to stop at least 30 feet behind the stopped school bus.

What about multi-lane streets? Here's a look at what the Arkansas State Police posted on their Facebook site:



The Journey Continues

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain
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Hello fellow HOG members, I'm working on my second month of being Road Captain. July went pretty smooth. We had a few good rides and had some leads and sweeps step up to help out. Thanks to everyone that volunteered their time. Our August chapter ride, after the meeting, went very well. We had four new members join us on the ride. It was great meeting and visiting with them. Hopefully they will ride along with us some more. Thanks in advance to the members that are going to be volunteering their time in all of the upcoming rides. If you are unable to fulfill a ride that you have volunteered for, make sure and let me know well in advance. We are on track for a very great fall riding season. Everyone please stay safe and ride on.

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Welcome to the Berg's

- Toni DeAnda - Membership
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Peder and Laura Berg moved from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Centerton, Arkansas almost five years ago, but found themselves more and more coming to Downtown Rogers for the restaurants, Railyard Park and Lake Atalanta. About two years ago they moved to Downtown Rogers after finding the perfect "fixer upper." Both Peder and Laura began riding motorcycles in their twenties, but took some years off riding while raising two kids.

In July, they traded in twin CanAm Spyders (RTs) for Harleys -- Peder got a blue and silver Street Glide Special and Laura got a white sand pearl Freewheeler. In the past month, they have put nearly 1,500 miles on their bikes touring the Ozarks and already participating in a couple of rides with the HOG Chapter. Peder is a retired general contractor and Laura works for Walmart Global Tech.

We have many new members who have joined the chapter this month. Please reach out and welcome them all to the Pig Trail HOG family: Laura & Peder Berg, Jeff Cater, Jake & Kathryn Cooper, Vincent Emde, Greg McDowell, and Charles "Chaz" Reed



The Highest Point

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators
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Mount Magazine is officially named Magazine Mountain. The Volunteer Coordinators would like to thank the Ride Lead and the Sweep for leading us to meet the Toadsuck Chapter on such a HOT summer day. We shared a meal at Rivertowne BBQ in Ozark, and got to know members of that chapter. After lunch, it was on to Magazine Mountain for a breath taking view. In spite of the heat warnings, we posed for a group picture on the overlook of both chapters with their flags.

We have met so many new friends and gone to so many new places, as a result of volunteering.

Polly and Bruce your Volunteer Coordinators
Ride On and Have Fun



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Welcome to September

- Casey "Charmer" Conway - Ladies of Harley
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For our new members, my name is Casey Conway, I've been your LOH Officer for the past year, and what a year it's been! I joined the chapter August of 2018, and have met some AMAZING people! As a chapter we have seen and gone through a lot of changes, but we are headed in the right direction! The more involved we are, the stronger our chapter will be!

September 10th at 12:30pm is the yearly Mystery Dinner at the Raymond's house! If you haven't signed up, you'll have to wait till next year. The Raymond's address is on the event page on Facebook.

JUST ADDED....Saturday, September 30th from 7:00pm-11:00pm, ladies are invited to Dave and Barb Becker's for some hot tub and fire pit relaxation. It is a BYOB event.



Practicing Friction Zone at Slow Speeds

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

Recently, I went to Lincoln, Nebraska to compete in a motorcycle rodeo. The rodeo was held at Frontier Harley Davidson in Lincoln. There were three divisions of riders. There was a class for beginners, intermediate, and expert riders. The rodeo consisted of a timed cone pattern, a slow race, and a two-up balls and cones. The rodeo was a skills practice in the morning with several instructors there to give help and advice. The competition took place in the afternoon.

I like going to rodeos. I get to meet and talk with other riders. Each rider I talked with said the key to safe riding on the street is practice. The only way to maintain or improve your riding skills is to practice. The top riders and coaches all practice a couple of hours, three or four times a month. Practicing slow speed maneuvers teaches a rider to control their bike. This control transfers to control at faster speeds.

The exercise practiced most is the slow ride. This exercise teaches riders to use the friction zone properly. The friction zone is a small area in the travel of the clutch lever that controls the connection between the engine and the rear wheel. Control of the friction zone is one of the most important skills a rider can develop.

Riders practice the friction zone by riding as slow as they can. Set the throttle a little above idle and hold it steady. Ease the clutch out until the bike starts to move. Let the bike roll forward using a little rear brake to help control the speed. Working the clutch and throttle against the rear brake helps keep the bike upright. Look ahead of the bike, not at the front tire. Start out in a straight line. As you get better, make circles and turns as slow as you can. The riding pad at Pig Trail HD is the best place to practice. I like to slow ride at stop signs and lights. Parking lots are another place to practice.

Practice can be a lot of fun especially when done with other riders. Riders can help and encourage each other. Another reason to practice is to compete with other riders at rodeos or rallies. Competition is a chance to meet and learn from other riders. Whether or not you ever compete practice is an important tool to keep riding skills sharp and rider's safe.



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