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Fall Into Next Year

- Sean "Ole' Ticker" Branham - Director
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It is time for the leaves to start falling soon and the beauty of Northwest Arkansas to shine bright. Hopefully the weather stays perfect for a long period of time, and you all are able to get on the bike and ride.

As we head into October, the planning starts for 2024. We will be having our Activities Planning and Membership Drive on December 2nd, but you will have a chance to provide some feedback prior to then. We have sent out a survey via email, posted a QR code below, and will post a link at the October Chapter meeting as well. We want you to tell us what you like, dislike, and give us some ratings on this year's activities. We will use this feedback to lead us in our December meeting and 2024 planning.

Things change over time and the last couple of years have been challenging on several fronts. One of the challenges is funding everything we want to do in the chapter. As you know, membership dues are pretty low, which only gives us basic funding. The biggest opportunity for fundraising is water sales at Bikes, Blues, and BBQ. However, that too is based on a lot of factors, like weather. One thing we are going to do for 2024 is bring on some sponsors to help offset some expenses. We will be reaching out to relevant companies, who have some type of involvement in the motorcycle community, such as insurance agents, motorcycle law firms, etc... With several levels to choose from, they can donate to our chapter and get benefits, such as added to marketing or speaking at a chapter meeting. We are trying to make it a win-win campaign, while bringing in some extra funds. If you are part of, or know anyone who may be interested, let me know.

Our goal continues to be Expect Excellence. We strive to be the best chapter in the country and provide you with the best opportunity to Ride and Have Fun. I look forward to the next couple of months and excited to see what comes together for 2024.

Survey Link



Thank You

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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I didn't get to tell you in the last meeting, but in August our income was more than our expenses... Woohoo!! That's always a good thing when you have more income than expense! A big heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you that buy tickets for the various raffles at the meetings. At the time this newsletter is being written I don't know if the same will hold true for September, but I am hopeful since we will have water sales during BBB.

Cooler temperatures and changing tree colors in October bring enjoyable riding opportunities. Ride and Have Fun, and take advantage of as much riding as you can. Keep the shiny side up!



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It's Just a Little Rain

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director

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As the Bikes, Blues, and BBQ event has drawn to a close, it's important to reflect on the fact that I wrote this piece on the day the event kicked off. The weather forecast, as per weather.com, wasn't particularly encouraging. However, it's essential to recognize that a potential downpour should not automatically lead to the cancellation of your plans.

Weather predictions are known to be fickle, and they often change. It's part and parcel of dealing with Mother Nature's unpredictability. Of course, there are certain weather conditions that are unequivocally unsuitable for a motorcycle ride—rain, hail, snow, and ice immediately spring to mind. These conditions pose significant safety hazards for riders and should be taken seriously.

Yet, even with the best-laid plans, getting caught in an unexpected rainstorm is an experience many riders have encountered. It's a scenario that can unfold despite our most diligent efforts to check the weather forecast before hitting the road. When faced with such a situation, the key is to be as prepared as possible.

Carrying essential rain gear, such as waterproof jackets and pants, is a smart move. Investing in high-quality, water-resistant riding gear can make all the difference when the heavens open up unexpectedly. Moreover, ensuring your motorcycle's tires have sufficient tread and proper inflation can significantly enhance your traction and control in wet conditions.

Equally important is practicing safe riding techniques in adverse weather. Reduce your speed, maintain a safe following distance, and exercise caution when navigating wet roads. Remember that visibility can be compromised during rain, so ensure your headlights are on and your brake lights are functioning properly.

In summary, while it's tempting to let a gloomy weather forecast deter you from your motorcycle adventures, remember that weather predictions can change, and riding in less-than-ideal conditions is sometimes inevitable. By staying prepared, having the right gear, and practicing safe riding habits, you can still enjoy your ride even when the skies threaten rain.



Time to Volunteer

- Casey "Charmer" Conway - Ladies of Harley

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Where to start? Let me start by saying thank you to Mary, Beverly, and Leeza for the planning and execution of the Mystery Dinner, Deb and Garry Raymond for hosting and all their hard work to get ready for the big day, and last but NOT least, all the guys who helped cook and serve! This event couldn't happen without ALL of you! I'm truly thankful to you all! What will next years be? We have had some ideas, but if you have an idea, let me know.

This time of the year the Ladies of Harley will have a lot of volunteer opportunities. LOH will need volunteers (men and women) for the PTHD Veterans luncheon on November 4th. Also Ladies, we will start gift wrapping for the NWA Children's Shelter in November. 100% of the proceeds go to the shelter. There will be sign up sheets for all the days/times.

These events every year can not be done without you giving your time!



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In the Beginning...

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Richard Watson, former Fayetteville Police Chief, bought his first Harley. After attending many motorcycle rallies across the U.S., he saw the economic potential one could bring to Northwest Arkansas. Ideally, Northwest Arkansas is suited for a rally since it is located among the Ozark Mountains. Over the course of six years, a rally was talked about by the original rally founders: Richard Watson, Steve Ward (President of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce) and Neal Crawford (owner of Jose's Mexican Restaurant). Bike Night was started at Jose's during that time to determine how interested people in the area might be. After the success of many Bike Night events, Steve Ward presented the rally idea to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. With positive feedback from the community, the Chamber voted to host an annual motorcycle rally in Fayetteville.

Coming up with the name, it speaks for itself: Bikes had to be used, rallies tend to have blues artists, and barbeque should be added...Bikes, Blues & BBQ. It was decided that the rally would be for everyone, including children. It had to be family friendly. They also knew the rally had to give back to the community. To complete the rally festivities, the founders had to include a poker fun for charity. Kathy Johnson, working with Meals on Wheels at the time, was contacted to host the poker run. She agreed. The poker run is now hosted by the Fire Fighters Association.

The first Bikes, Blues & BBQ rally was held in 2000 with a count of about 300 riders. Before the second rally, it was determined that the best way to give to charity was to become a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and voted in a Board of Directors. The original Board included Richard Watson, Ken Mourton, Neal Crawford, Denny Tune, Charlie Goforth, Bill Ramsey, and Buddy Ledford.

Since 2000, over \$3 million has gone to local non-profits. Over 400,000 people were in attendance last year. (Info from bikesbluesandbbq.org/rally-info)

2022 began a new era for Bikes, Blues & BBQ with an official move from Fayetteville to Rogers.



Simple but True Hard Facts

- Prestopn "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain
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We are heading into the fall riding season we all must remember to dress accordingly when we hit the road. Some of us went and rode Tellamina, and we also rode to Oklahoma to the Pioneer Woman mercantile. Both rides were amazing. These were not chapter rides, but I definitely recommend both rides if you haven't already done them. We have a lot of things coming up so if you can lend a hand that would help us out greatly. I want to thank Casey Conway for asking me to help with the mystery dinner, I had a great time. Most of the things that we ask for help end up being a lot of fun so get out and volunteer.



Account Update

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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Account Balance as of
September 15, 2023

\$1,706.31

**FALL 2023
FOLIAGE
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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Years End

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This year is slowly coming to an end. Here are the remaining activities:

Fall Foliage (Broken Bow, OK)

Hotel Information: Beavers Bend Lodge, Hwy 259A N. Steven's Gap Road, Broken Bow, Oklahoma

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

Since the deadline has passed for the discounted rooms, you can still go but the rooms will not be at the group rate.

Phone: 580-494-6179

Email: lview@travelok.com

Friendsgiving Dinner

Location: Golden Corral, 2605 Pleasant Crossing Drive, Rogers., AR

6:30-8:30. We have both rooms reserved

2023 Christmas Party

Location: Holiday Inn Springdale/Fayetteville Area, an IHG Hotel, 1500 S 48th St, Springdale, AR 72762

Date: December 16, Time: 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Tickets: \$40.00 per person

Tickets will go on sale October 2 at the cash wrap at the Dealership

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 entertainment. We have a gift exchange and if you wish to participate please bring \$20.00 gift.

That will pretty much wrap things up for the year at our end. We will become civilians on December 17th.



We Made It Through BB&B!

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators
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This is one of biggest commitments to our sponsoring dealership that our HOG Chapter has all year. It is the way we show our appreciation to them. Despite the weather and other obstacles, we overcame to fulfill our commitments and our HOG Chapter did prevail!

BB&B has changed over the years, with it being more spread out in NWA. So has our HOG Chapter. We keep growing with new members. As we spread out, it is important to remember to RIDE and HAVE FUN.

Now let us ride towards the Christmas Party and have Fun! Thanks to all of our Volunteers who gave their time, We are keeping track in order to provide some recognition.

MOTOR HARLEY-DAVIDSON CYCLES
10 AM SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
CHAPTER MEETING
UPSTAIRS AT PTHD

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FRIENDSGIVING
WHAT: Time to join together to share a meal
WHEN: Thursday November 16th at 6:30pm
WHERE: Golden Corral
2605 W Pleasant Crossing Dr, Rogers, AR
PTHD Staff Welcome...
Cost is the normal cost of the buffet and drink at the restaurant.

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A Man of Many Skills

- Toni DeAnda - Membership
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Brian Secrest is a man of many skills says his sweet wife. Not jokingly she talks about his eagle scout badges, yoyo expertise (can't wait to see this at a HOG meeting), he is a carpenter/welder and a gardener. He has been riding since 2019 and is very happy with his new purchase of a 2023 Road Glide ST "Fast Johnnie" edition. Mt. Rushmore is his favorite ride so far and when he isn't riding or working you can find him enjoying a Chiefs game.

In addition to all those things Brian has been the Owner and CEO of Access Lock & Key for the past 20 years. They offer the fastest vehicle lockout service and the most comprehensive local protection for your home or office. So, keep Access Lock & Key in mind if needed for your home, car or if you need that second key for your bike.

Brian has 4 children, 2 dogs, a cat and a gecko. His newest edition is the 3-month-old Petunia, pictured below hanging out on the bike. Brian has an interesting Arkansas origin story coming from Kansas, then being in the devastating Joplin Tornado which brought him to Arkansas where he decided to stay. We are excited to have this guy as part of our HOG family.



Old School

- Michael "Grim" Douglas - Webmaster
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Anyone that knows me, knows that I love technology. Usually, in my articles, I try to keep everyone up-to-date on the current or upcoming technologies for motorcycle bikes and riders. This month, I am going to take a step back to talk about an experience I had on my most recent bike trip to Colorado, specifically related to GPS/cell service issues.

What happens when you are out on your bike trip and either your GPS starts not to work or you do not have any cell service? Possible options are: keep riding until you find a gas station, pull up next to a vehicle and ask for directions, or you can pull out a map book or many other possibilities. On our trip, there were many times where we had to pull over and pull out an old-fashioned map book. Once we pulled it out, then we needed to locate where we were and what road we needed to take to reach our next destination. This brings me to my point, which is, as much as we rely on technology these days, we still should have alternate solutions for situations where technology might not be available to us.

Let's take a step back, examine what technologies we are reliant on for our trips, and determine a good alternative if technology is not available to us for some reason. In our case, it was an old school paper map that we relied upon for multiple days. Always have a backup!



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Keeps Your Eyes Ahead Always

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

The Basic Rider Course here at Pig Trail HD has a tradition of giving a certificate of completion to each rider at the end of class. The riders get an 8 1/2 by 11 certificate showing when they completed the class. We ask the riders to frame the certificate and hang it on the wall of their house or garage. We ask them to hang it as high up on the wall as possible. It should be hung near the door as they leave the house or the door of the garage so it is the last thing they look at before they go for a bike ride. We tell them to hang it high, forcing them to look up at it. We tell them this is a reminder from their coaches to keep their head and eyes up. Keeping your head and eyes up toward where you want to be is one of the hardest skills to each beginning riders. It is also a skill that experienced riders do not practice enough.

On Friday during BBB I saw a crash involving two bikes that could have been prevented if the rider simply kept his head and eyes up. The crash happened on Hwy 62 west bound near the west Eureka Springs City limit. I was east bound on 62 about 30 yards away from three bikes that were coming toward me. The lead bike was going about 30 mph. The second bike was a few yards behind the first bike. The third bike was several yards behind the second bike.

I could see the rider of the second bike looking down toward the front of his bike. The lead bike suddenly slowed down. The rider of the second bike did not see the lead bike slow and ran into the rear of the lead bike. The rider of the second bike never applied the brakes or made any evasive maneuver to avoid the crash. Both bikes went down. The third bike stopped without any trouble. The rider of the second bike was the father of the rider of the first bike. They have ridden many times together. They rode to BBB from the Kansas City area.

The rider of the first bike said he slowed down so he could stay under the 30mph speed limit. The rider of the second bike said he just looked down at his instrument cluster for a second and never saw the first bike slow down. He was taken to the hospital with non- life threatening injuries.

This is a perfect example of crashing because the rider was not looking up. Riders should check their instruments quickly to see if somethings looks wrong. If there is a problem riders need to stop and deal with it. Looking down at your instruments should not be done when you are riding close behind some one, riding in heavy traffic, on curvy roads or riding on poor road conditions. Most of the time that I see riders looking down at their instrument cluster; they are looking a GPS, adjusting the radio or checking their phone. These things should be done when the bike is stopped. Anything that takes your eyes, AR and thus your attention away from the road can be dangerous.

What are you looking at when you ride? You should be looking up ahead of the bike. Sweep your eyes side to side and quickly check instruments and mirrors. Do not fixate on any one part of the road or your bike. Keep your eyes up and moving all the time and you will be more likely to keep your bike up and moving all the time.

» **Dinner Ride** «
& gathering

Date: October 18
KSU Time: 6:00pm
KSU Location: PTHD
Destination: Wright's BBQ - Rogers, AR

6:00pm EVENT WILL HAPPEN (BIKE OR CAGE)

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weekday RIDE best way to spend a day...

Date: October 24, 2023
KSU: 9:00 Am
KSU Location: PTHD
Destination: Talimena Scenic Byway

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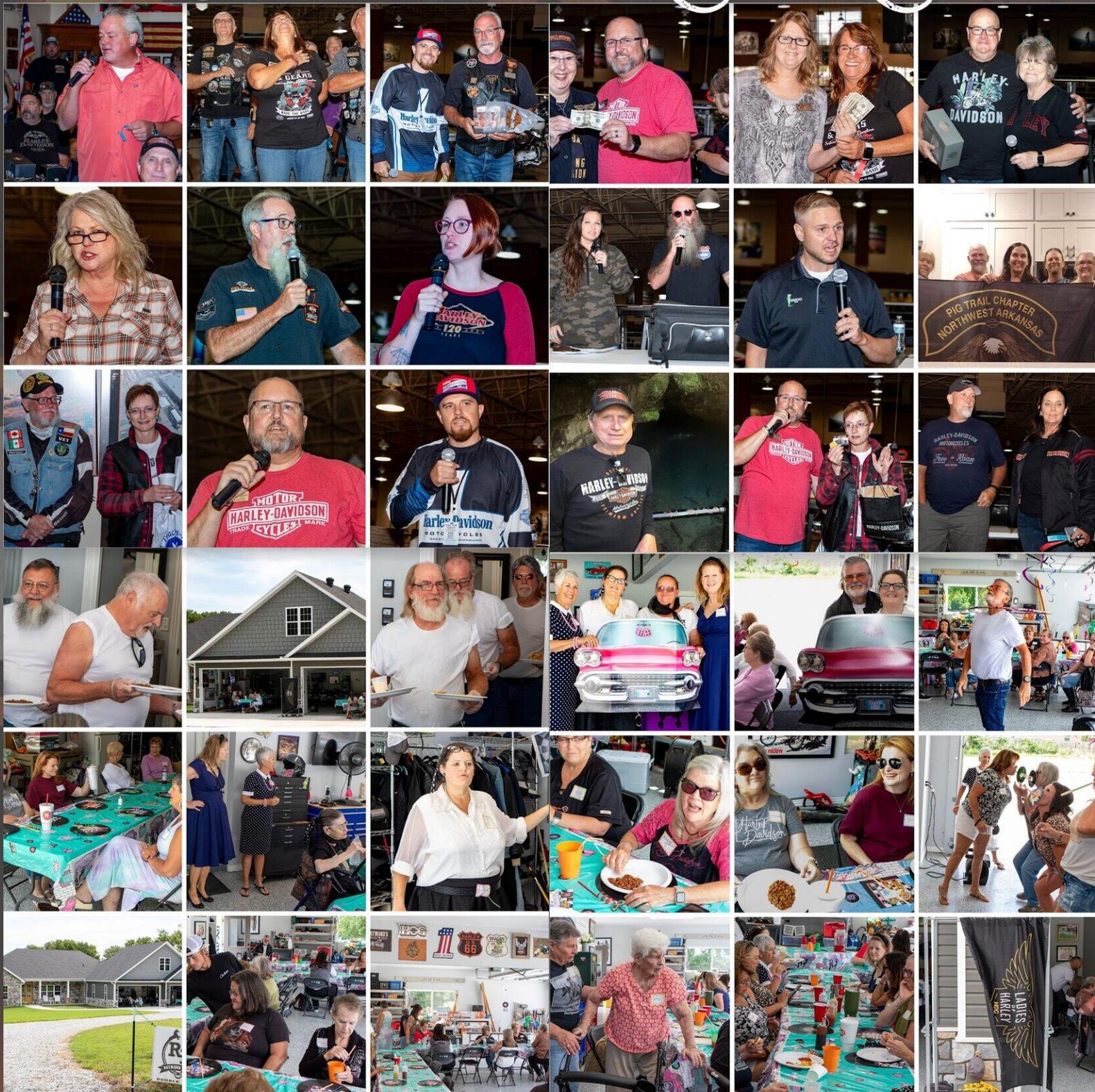


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