



Get Ready to Roll!

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What a start to the New Year. This January was one of the coldest January's we have had in many years. We had some brutal weather that caused a couple of events to be postponed, and a few days where the entire town seemed to shut down. Hopefully, most of that is behind us now.

As we go another month into the New Year, we are closer to a new riding season. We have mentioned several times the preliminary planning calendar is full, but we need the members to step up. We need help to execute on the plans in order to make them official. I will not hound on this, but remember that "you get out of it what you put into it".

As we approach this season, remember that you can't do everything and not everything is for you. I know we all want to join as many things as possible, but even fun can be too much at times. Make sure you find your right balance in order to stay healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually. The better you are, the better we are. We also have some rides and events that you may not like or just hate. That is okay! Some are specific for certain life situations, timing, etc... They are not all for everyone.

Think about your year, what you want to accomplish, how riding can be a part of your goals, and put a plan together. This will keep you from stressing out. It is something in your control that allows you to plan around other life situations, and gives you time to prepare, both physically and financially.



Which Way Do I Go?

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As the New Year begins, if you're like me, it opens a new year of seeing the sights and countryside that we have in this great state. Arkansas has many national forests, as well as, different festivals, rallies, and weekend getaway spots where you can not only enjoy some great riding, but also enjoy downtime. Even though I have lived in NW Arkansas my entire life, it's almost overwhelming the list of places to go and things to see. Some good places to find some ideas about a day ride/trip to a weekend trip or more is at these websites:

- <https://ozarkrides.com> or <https://www.arkansas.com/things-to-do/motoring-byways/motorcycling>

These are just two of the many website suggestions for rides and activities in this great state, and some even have the gpx file of the ride route.

There are seven national parks and 52 state parks in Arkansas. Many have camp sites to stay at, or aren't too far from decent lodging for those who don't want to "rough it". Whether you stay in a tent, camper, or hotel, Arkansas is a fantastic state to see on the back of a bike. Long or short rides promise someplace to go and things to enjoy through the views you'll have, the experiences at a local festival, or even a full-on rally.

Wishing a new, great, and safe year ahead.





Brrr...

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As I sit here and write this, it's in the single digits outside. I don't know about you, but it's not riding weather for me. Even the dealership is closed. I grew up in far upstate New York. I remember the winters up there: -22 during the day and the night--well, forget it. But, I still road. Yep, I had my little Honda, and rode all over without even thinking about it. I even raced on Lake George which always froze over. What fun we had as kids. We were indestructible it seemed to us. Nowadays, I don't even want to drive in the snow. Now, I just dream of spring, summer, and fall when we'll be out there. The good news is that we are starting to plan our summer adventures. Time to pick out which rides I want to lead and those I just want to join.

Leading is cool in my book. You really get a chance to know everyone on the ride as you make the "rounds" checking on everyone. Half the fun is planning the route and making sure you have appropriate stops for everyone, and there really isn't that much to it. Anyone can do it. You'll be given a packet containing the required forms: Sign-in sheet, Waivers for Adults, Waivers for Kids, and a Post-ride report. The only time you worry about waivers is when someone is not a current member in good standing. They print their name and sign--Voila! you're done. The Post-ride report is just as simple: who you are, where you went, how many, and any notes you have about the ride. Easy, short, and sweet. You'll get instructions when you are given the packet in case you forget.

This month, we will have Glen Heron presenting a class on ride planning using software. Glen is "the man" for sure when it comes to planning rides. He's the go-to guy for most of us when we need assistance with the software.

Anyone interested in riding might want to review the basics and the advanced hand signals at this link:
<https://www.motorcyclelegalfoundation.com/motorcycle-hand-signals-chart/>

Let's all try to keep it simple and safe.

Baby It's Cold Outside

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As I write this article the temperature is in the single digits. Ouch! Too cold for me, but the extended forecast shows it warming up next week so, more comfortable riding weather is coming. There are a bunch of activities and riding opportunities coming up and planned throughout the year, and I encourage you to get involved as much as you can. You may get tired of hearing the plea for ride leads, but the more people volunteer to lead rides, the more opportunities for group rides and camaraderie with great people. Now for something different from your Treasurer! Name that money tune: "My baby gives me the finance blues, Tax me to the limit of my revenues, Here she comes finger-poppin', clickety-click, She says furs or diamonds, You take your pick."

Account Update

Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
January 15, 2024

\$992.46

Ride Lead Working Session

Come help us fill ride lead and sweep openings for the year...
Even if you can only lead one ride, we want you here!

Feb 17th approx 11:30am
(after the GPS training class)

Ready to help now? We have plenty of
needs open! Email Preston at
roadcaptain@pigtrailhog.com to sign up



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Baby, It's Too Cold Outside

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary

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Writing this in January and the weather forecast is calling for wind chill temps of -22ish and snow. WHAT?! My body does not like the cold. Give me the 80s, and let me sit on a beach with a drink in my hand.

As a new motorcycle license holder that's only put in about 50 miles, I'm afraid I'll forget the process. All you seasoned riders, will it come back to me? Just like riding a bicycle, I shouldn't forget, right? All I can hope for right now is a few unseasonably warm days for the rest of winter. Yes, I have chaps, a leather coat, and heated jacket and gloves, but I'm not comfortable enough operating a motorcycle on the road in warm weather gear much less multiple layers and little maneuverability. I'm just not ready for that.

I'm so thankful for everything I learned during my Riding Academy class. In just a few days I went from the basic "how to start your motorcycle" to learning everything I need to know to safely ride on the road. I learned how to take curves, and how to dodge or ride over objects in the road. I even learned how to stop quickly. I also know that I am able to practice and re-familiarize myself with my bike and maneuvering out on the course whenever it is open and available. I also know I have a husband and friends that will give me all the support and help I will need. After all, I'm always learning. You can bet that I'll be practicing a lot on that course when the weather warms up.

The Riding Academy is offered here at Pig Trail for 2-wheel and 3-wheel courses. The Riding Academy Manager is our very own chapter member, Keith Poor. You can get more information and find a class on the dealership website: pigtrailhd.com. Click on the "Learn to Ride" link to find information on the New Rider Course (2-wheel), 3-Wheel New Rider Course, and Skilled Rider Course.

Don't get me wrong: I'm a "2 UP" girl. I enjoy being a passenger riding behind my husband out on the open road. There's just something about having the knowledge of what he is going through when he is in control of the motorcycle. Sometimes though, I enjoy just the open road and me...and the trike.



Changes & Plans

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators

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For the few of you who were at the January HOG Chapter Meeting you are braver than we felt we could be. (Sledding in your cage is not recommended.)

We will have our January drawing at the February meeting. We did, however, watch the Live Stream, and it was almost like being there! If you are ever unable to be at a meeting, we highly recommend you stream it.

You may have noticed that Preston had a drawing from only the Ride Leads and Sweeps and awarded a \$25 Gift Card. This is a new and wonderful change to our Chapter Volunteer Recognition Program. Preston will be keeping track of the points for Leads/ Sweeps and will do a random drawing each month. He will also acknowledge the Leads/Sweeps with the highest points at the Christmas Party. The best thing about this is that Kyle of PTHD has offered for the Dealership to fund these rewards! (If you want to get in on this contact Preston about how to become a Ride Lead or Sweep.) Your Volunteer Coordinators will continue to recognize and reward Chapter and LOH (the Lovely's Of Harley) volunteers as before. This doubles the opportunities for volunteer rewards and recognition!

We also met with Teresa of PTHD, and went through the calendar to identify where she is expecting to need help throughout the year. Of course, there will still be Chapter and LOH needs, too. We know you will give generously of your valued time as you have before, and we thank you for that.



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February is for Lovers, Riders, and Challenge Winners

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Happy Valentine's Day, and for our February Member Spotlight, let me introduce you to the Heron's. Kim and Glen Heron are the 1st and 2nd place winners of the 2023 Riders Challenge which was awarded to them at the HOG Christmas party. You have most likely seen the couple riding their Smokey Gray and Stormcloud 2020 Ultra CVO (see pictures below.) Although they are not looking for more competition, they would say this about participating in the 2024 Riders Challenge, "It's a great way to see this great state we get to call home, and you might win a gift card." In August, the Heron's will be celebrating 37 years of marriage with their two sons, Johnathan and Gary, who are both in their 30's and living in the NWA area.

Glen and Kim have been riding for 20 years, and for the past 9 years have taken a riding trip each summer. They have seen many wonderful places, but their favorite ride has been to Glacier National Park to ride Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Here is the Heron's ride/park review: This park is blue-ribbon, crackerjack, divine, fantabulous, grand, heavenly, and unsurpassed than any National Park we have been to so far. We've done this trip twice. This trip route was planned to go to Orofino, ID to overnight at the best little motel called Knonkolville Motel. They have a steak supper option that you can buy for \$18.00 that includes a raw steak, hot grill and all the fixings, you just had to cook your steak. They even have real room keys—no cards—and, they have an outdoor pool. Perfect for relaxing after a day's ride. Then, it was time to ride ID Hwy 12 with 99 miles of curves on our way to Lolo Pass. If you ever get the chance to visit Glacier National Park, don't pass it up.

If you want to take on the champions for the 2024 Riders Challenge, be prepared because they also think it's a great excuse to get out and go somewhere new. Last year's challenge got them out to visit all of the state parks in Arkansas. They hope they will get to go back and visit some for camping. Plus, Glen got to hone in on his mapping skills. Don't forget you can take advantage of Glen's skills by joining the GPS training on 2/17.

Please welcome our new members: Trisha Grayson, Matthew Jones, and Robert E. Wilkerson



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H.O.G. Roadside Assistance

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Being a National H.O.G. member unlocks a range of valuable benefits, and one crucial feature deserves particular attention: H.O.G. Roadside Assistance. This program provides peace of mind on every ride, ensuring you're never stranded on the open road. There are three plans: Rider Pass, H.O.G. Membership Deluxe Roadside Assistance, and Ultra Plus. H.O.G. Membership Deluxe Roadside Assistance is automatically included with your HOG membership. We will only discuss the benefits of the H.O.G. Membership Deluxe Roadside Assistance and Ultra Plus coverages.

H.O.G. Membership Deluxe Roadside Assistance Benefits:

1. Coverage: This package covers up to two Harley-Davidson motorcycles for 52 events per year, with a maximum of one tow or roadside service per seven days.
2. Towing and Services at Your Side: Relax knowing you're covered for towing and roadside assistance costs in full. Rest assured, your Harley will be delivered to the nearest dealership for expert care.

For an additional annual fee of \$69.95, the Ultra Plus package expands your coverage:

1. All Deluxe Benefits Included: You retain all the advantages of the Deluxe membership.
2. Multi-Vehicle Support: Protect more than just your Harley! Cover one additional vehicle, including a car or light truck.
3. Travel Reimbursement up to \$1,000: If your breakdown results in unexpected travel expenses, you may qualify for reimbursement up to \$1000.

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H.O.G. Membership Deluxe Roadside Assistance is available 24/7/365, ensuring reliable support whenever you encounter trouble. Should you need assistance, simply call the dedicated hotline at 1-888-443-5896.



A Rose By Any Other Name...

- Jennifer Williamson - Ladies of Harley
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We all studied Romeo and Juliet in school, and remember Juliet asking "What's in a name?" But, as you sat there in high school English class, did you ever imagine that you would actually apply any of that to your adult life? Not likely.

Jennifer, Harley-Davidson, Indian, Honda, HOG, LOH, Ride Lead, Outlaws, Stanley, Starbucks,...heck, even Pit Bulls...the names alone conjure up a multitude of feelings and opinions from people that have never experienced nor met them. Opinions from people we trust and love—from our friends—from our biker family. I'll admit that I, too, have trusted people's feelings without ever experiencing or meeting them. But, once I finally did, and formed my own opinion, it was a whole new world. Now, I have friends and experiences that I wouldn't have had before.

We all have cherished friends that we generally agree with because we trust their judgement. However, we all need to step outside of our clique from time to time to get our own fresh perspective on the world. I would encourage you all as HOG members to join our activities and events, and to see for yourself what makes our HOG and LOH group so special and FUN! Get past the names and opinions, and experience the sweetness that life has to offer for yourself!



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Screw It! Let's Ride!

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain

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Yes, I did take the words for my title from a great man: Keith Poor. I know the weather hasn't been the greatest for us to get in many miles yet, but it will get better. We started the year with a New Year's Day ride. Sean led a small but great group of riders to Springdale where they had lunch.

We have some great opportunities coming our way in 2024! Not only are we planning some first aid training, but also, several FREE riders training courses for both two and three-wheel riders. To get the free riders training classes, you must contact Keith Poor directly to set up your schedule. We have had great feedback and responses to these opportunities, and would like to personally thank everyone for their support.

On February 17th, Glen Heron will be doing a GPS TRAINING session at 10:00 a.m. Shortly after Glen's training session, we will be having a Ride Lead planning session.

We will be having the annual Polar Bear Ride on February 10th after the chapter meeting. Also, I am still currently looking for a ride lead for the February dinner ride.

If you aren't already on our Pig Trail HOG Ride Leads page, make sure that go to the page and send me an approval request. This will help you keep up with all of the future rides and adventures that we might be looking for help with. Let's make 2024 an epic year!

Dates for the two-wheel classes:

- March 2
- April 13
- June 15
- July 6
- October 26

Dates for the three-wheel classes:

- March 15-17
- May 24-26
- August 2-4
- October 5-6

For any questions or concerns, send me an email at roadcaptain@pigtrailhog.com or, text me at 479 633 9006.

Stick a pin in
GPS Training
 with MyRoute-app
Saturday Feb 17th
Instructors: Glen Heron
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Location: Pig Trail Harley Davidson
Classroom: 2nd FL Conference room

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Chapter Meeting
SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
10:00am
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Join us for updates, information, education, and have some fun...

Raffle | **Check in at HOG Central** | **50/50 Drawing**

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Safety Tips

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

Nearly half of all motorcycle crashes happen at intersections. We think of an intersection as two roads coming together but an intersection is actually any place where two different paths of travel come together. These include shopping area exits, driveways, train tracks and bicycle lanes. Riding to Pig Trail on Hudson Rd. from either direction you will pass multiple intersections. Each one is a potential crash point with vehicles pulling out or turning left in front of you. There are several strategies to lessen the chance of a crash.

A lot of car drivers do not see bikes. The driver may be looking right at you and still not see you. Increase your visibility by wearing bright clothes, flash your head light if you think a driver does not see you. I will rock my bike from side to side in my lane to get a car drivers attention. Do not ride close to large vehicles that may hide you from others. Ride in a lane position that offers you the best chance to see and be seen.

Look for vehicles that are about to pull out in front of you. A car sitting part way out in your lane or one that is creeping forward is about to pull out in front of you. Watch the car's front tires. The front tires will show the first movement of a car.

Slow down and cover your brakes and clutch. Slowing five miles an hour and covering your controls can reduce your reaction time by a second or more. Hudson Rd. is a 45 MPH speed zone. At that speed a rider with a 1 to 2 second reaction time and good braking skills (how often do you practice braking skills?) can stop in about 150 feet. By slowing down 5 MPH and covering the controls a rider can reduce their reaction time and stopping distance by 50 feet or more.



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MOMENTS THAT MATTER



January	February	March
01/23 Chapter Meeting	02/05 Chapter Meeting	03/01 Chapter Meeting
01/24 Pig Bar Ride	02/06 Chapter Ride	03/02 Chapter Meeting
01/25 Lion Luncheon	02/07 Lion Luncheon	03/03 Chapter Meeting
01/26 Harlequin Victory	02/08 Bowling	03/04 New Member Ride
01/27 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	02/09 Q&A Evening	03/05 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/10 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/06 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/11 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/07 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/12 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/08 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/13 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/09 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/14 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/10 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/15 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/11 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/16 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/12 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/17 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/13 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/18 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/14 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/19 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/15 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/20 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/16 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/21 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/17 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride
	02/22 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride	03/18 Dinner Roll/Spinning Breakfast Ride

Items in BLUE are pending and need Ride Leads

Events and Details listed on Pig Trail Facebook page and www.pigtrailhog.com

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