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Aretha Franklin sang a song called RESPECT (now, I know you are all singing it). This is the song that popped into my head as I started thinking about this article.

We have a large chapter with a lot of members. It is important we respect each other and each other's differences. Although we all align on our love for motorcycles and riding, there are other parts of life that we may differ. Our creed states "All members will be treated with mutual respect regardless of sex, race, national origin, religious or political beliefs". This boils down to respect.

We have had issues off and on throughout our chapters history where we have had to deal with issues. Whether it was a member talking bad about other members, spreading rumors, treating them differently due to varied viewpoints, personality conflicts, lifestyles, etc... No matter the reason, it will not be tolerated and can be avoided with simple respect. I know most of our momma's said "if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." We have two ears and one mouth for a reason.

There is a lot going on in the world and it is important to remember this. This is an election year, there are wars going on, human rights movements, and so much more. We will all view things a bit differently. I ask you all to think about others and treat them with respect no matter the situation or differences. We all have life to deal with but coming together to Ride and Have Fun will take the edge off. Doing so with respect will make it enjoyable for all.



Has Spring Really Arrived?

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It sure looks like it. Whatever is driving this weather, I'll take it. I'm going to break out the bike today, and go for a ride. Going to ride around town, run some errands, drop some stuff off at UPS, and then, to Wally world for some backpacks for the LOH Luggage Drive...and then, who knows where.

Something we all need to do is head to the dealership, and get our mileage read for Ride 365. Even if you're like me and don't really do the challenge thing, there are two reasons to do it. One, having it read in helps the chapter in total mileage. Two, you get rockers for different mileage breaks. I don't know about you, but who doesn't like a surprise of a free gift from Harley in the mailbox?

Now that the weather is turning for the better, we will be able to plan trips. I've made a commitment to lead two rides this year and participate in a larger number than last year. For me, that means dragging my "sleepy" butt out of bed for some morning rides. We'll see how it goes... I'm also going to work on getting my 1,000 points in the rider's challenge. It seems easy enough. I just need to remember to get my book signed--I keep forgetting that small detail.

Whatever you do, it's time to go ride. Whether it's a short hop around town or a couple of hundred miles, it's riding season again! Now, of course, watch the weather change... It is Arkansas after all.



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New Home

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In case you haven't heard, there is a new home for our HOG merchandise. The Motorclothes and Sales Floor was being revamped with a new look. The HOG Central pole was being cleaned up of all the flyers and business cards. They wanted a fresh coat of paint to get it looking nice. I was asked to move our merchandise from there to the glass case at cash wrap. I did my best with what I had at the moment, but Melody and her team dug in and did a fantastic job of displaying our HOG merchandise. It's very eye catching. It's a whole new look! Check out the case the next time you walk into the front doors.



Are You a New Member or Do You Know a New member?

- Toni Douglas - Membership

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Once a quarter, the chapter officers like to spend some time getting to know the new members. If you are a new member, even if you have been to other events/activities, please join us for a ride that is just for you. This is an opportunity to get to know the chapter, what each officer does, and what you can look forward to this year.

The new member ride is on Sunday, March 10th starting at 3pm with kickstands up (KSU) from the Pig Trail Harley Dealership and riding to the Boardwalk Food Truck Court in Springdale. You don't have to ride, and you can meet us in Springdale if you choose, either way we would love to see you.

To the current members: Thank you for being so wonderful and welcoming. You have helped bring in new members whether it's a guest you encouraged to attend or a new member you talked to and helped to make them feel comfortable.

We have 151 current members, and we are always looking to increase the number of people we call friends, someone to ride with, and just have fun. Included in that 151 are the following new members, please welcome:

Jim Gordon, Donald Hillis, Ricky Kerr, Traci Kerr, Janet Ptacek, Thomas Ptacek, and Veronica Thiele



Lucky Charms

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As St. Patrick's Day approaches, I think of green beer, leprechauns, and lucky charms. Speaking of green gremlins and lucky charms, does everyone have their biker bell in place before riding season gets into full swing? Everyone probably knows the biker bell is a decorative metal bell that is attached below a motorcycle, often given as a token of good wishes while riding, a good luck charm, or a symbolic piece of protection to ward off bad luck while riding motorcycles.

But did you know.....A gremlin is a mischievous creature of folklore used to describe malfunctions in aircraft in World War II. A "Guardian Bell" was sometimes used by British and American pilots in World War II to ward off these gremlins. World War II gave a big boost to the motorcycle industry when the U.S. military called on manufacturers Harley-Davidson and Indian to produce more than 100,000 motorcycles for the war effort. When the American Veterans returned home many of them continued riding motorcycles and using a bell as a protection when riding. Speaking of riding, spring is right around the corner with plenty of riding opportunities so, make sure your bell is in place, and have fun out there!



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New National HOG Challenges

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2024 brings exciting new adventures for Harley-Davidson® owners with the launch of the "10 Rides for '24" and "50 Rides, One Nation" challenges. Hopefully, you've received your new HOG Membership Guide and 50 Rides, One Nation Guidebook by now. If not, fear not! I'm here to share some of the hottest destinations for both programs. Also, you can access the digital version of the guides under our blog section on our Pig Trail HOG website.

Gear Up for 10 Rides for '24:

- Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (Crow Agency, MT): Feel the echoes of history at this iconic Western landmark.
- World's Largest Pistachio (Alamogordo, NM): Go nuts for this quirky giant nut and grab a selfie for posterity.
- Loneliest Road in AMERICA (Fallon to Ely, NV): Embrace the vastness of this legendary stretch through desolate Nevada.
- Woodstock Monument (Swan Lake, NY): Celebrate peace and music at this tribute to the iconic festival.
- Hells Canyon Scenic Byway (LaGrande to Baker City OR): Dive into the dramatic beauty of this river gorge adventure.
- Fighting Seabee Statue (North Kingstown, RI): Honoring America's naval construction battalions with a striking bronze statue.
- Dignity of Earth and Sky (Chamberlain, SD): Experience the powerful sculptures of South Dakota artist Leo F. Troje.
- International Boundary Marker, Republic of Texas (Carthage, TX): Take a step back in time to the independent days of the Lone Star State.

Explore the Nation with 50 Rides, One Nation:

Remember, your Guidebook holds the keys to countless adventures. Here are a few highlights:

- Pig Trail Scenic Byway (closest to home): Enjoy a winding ride through Arkansas' Ozark Mountains.
- Million Dollar Highway (Ouray to Silverton, CO): Revel in breathtaking Colorado mountain scenery.
- Lolo Pass (North Central Idaho): Traverse Idaho's rugged beauty from Lewiston to Missoula.
- Historic Hills Scenic Byway (Southeast Iowa): Discover charming towns and rolling hills in the Hawkeye State.
- Red River Gorge Scenic Byway (Kentucky): Immerse yourself in the lush landscape of Daniel Boone National Forest.
- Acadia National Park Loop (Maine Seacoast): Cruise along the picturesque Maine coastline.
- Tunnel of Trees (Michigan): Drive through a magical archway of autumn foliage.
- North Shore Scenic Drive (Minnesota): Embrace the majesty of Lake Superior.
- Natchez Trace Parkway (Mississippi-Alabama Border): Travel the historic Natchez Trace, an ancient trading route.
- Going-to-the-Sun Road (Glacier National Park): Journey through stunning mountain vistas in Montana.

Don't Miss Out on the Fun:

Beyond the 10 Rides for '24 and 50 Rides, One Nation challenges, remember the exciting Dealer Check-in! Visit as many Harley-Davidson® dealerships as possible, snap a picture at each, submit your photo on hog.com, and rack up points to win prizes.

For even more inspiration, explore the wealth of ideas in both the HOG Chapter Challenge Book and National HOG Ride Challenges.



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It's Just a Bag

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A trash bag. Imagine putting all of your most prized possessions into a trash bag before traveling to your new home to meet your new family. You're already full of emotions about whether they'll like you this time...whether you'll fit in.

Now, imagine packing all of your most prized possessions into a suitcase...YOUR suitcase. You already feel a little better, right? Maybe in this scenario you feel a little more relaxed, confident, and human.

Last summer, there were 4,199 children in foster care in Arkansas. That's a lot of suitcases! Every year, our chapter and dealership help the NWA Children's Shelter through our donations both monetarily and our LOH Luggage Drive. Please consider donating any gently used luggage, duffel bags, or backpacks before the March 10 Chapter Meeting so that we can, once again, bring some happiness to these children. Let's show them what the biker community is all about!

<https://nwacs.org/fosterparenttraining/>



You Went and Saw What?

- Chris "Bones" Main - Activities
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We all know that Arkansas has a great number of parks and scenery, but did you know that it's home to not only some fantastic roads and destinations for riding, but also some claims to fame? There have been several singers that this great state has given the world. One of my favorites would be the man in black himself, Johnny Cash. Born in 1932, in Kingsland, Arkansas, both his birthplace and childhood home are off the beaten path, but are a great photo opportunity and a way to see a bit of history.

Are you a fan of the writings of Earnest Hemmingway? Would you be surprised that he, too, lived in Arkansas? Piggott, in northeast Arkansas, has the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center. The property includes the barn studio where Hemingway wrote portions of "A Farewell to Arms" and some short stories, as well as, the family home of Hemingway's second wife, Pauline Pfeiffer. Visitors to the historic site can learn about life in the 1930's, and the developments that took place in northeast Arkansas and around the world during the eras of the Great Depression and the New Deal.

Looking for something a bit closer to home but still unique? Did you know that there is a castle right here in Arkansas? A mere seven miles north of Eureka Springs, travelers can visit Castle Rogue's Manor in Beaver, Arkansas. With a property spanning 20 acres in the Ozark forest, the 15,000-square-foot castle is situated on the limestone cliffs that tower over Table Rock Lake and the White River. Visitors can take a guided tour for a fee by appointment only by calling 479-981-6816.

There are tons of other activities and destinations right in our own state. Give them a look, and ride safe.

Chapter Meeting
TAIL CHAPTER MEETING
SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
10:00am
Pig Trail Harley-Davidson
Join us for updates, information, education, and have some fun...
Raffle | Check in at HOG Central | 50/50 Drawing

Luggage Drive & Fundraiser
Bring new or gently used luggage to Pig Trail Harley-Davidson between February 10 and March 8 or to the March Chapter Meeting on the 8th. The Children's Shelter is in need of luggage or monetary donations for purchasing other items in need. Items will be delivered following the meeting.
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S SHELTER

New Member Ride Gathering
Hello my name is
New Member
SUNDAY 3.10.24 3:00pm
New(er) Members, come and join some of your officers to ride, chat, learn about the chapter, and get to know each other.
KSU at 3:00 from PTHD
Destination: The Boardwalk Food Truck Park
New Member Ride & Gathering will occur once a quarter in 2024



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Another Solar Cycle and Here We Go!

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators
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Well, HOG Members, everyone is different. That's a Universal Knowledge. When are you a grown-up? How thin is too thin? When is your bike too old?

At the Ingerson household, spring begins on March 1st. Bruce calls it the "Polly Calendar": each of the four seasons get three calendar months.

We all have been on our bikes a few times in the winter months (December, January, and February), but now, the 2024 Riding Season begins in earnest. There are so many rides and activities planned that we have problems trying to fit in any more when people request.

Riding Season is Volunteering Season. We are looking forward to working with all of our members in filling volunteer needs (what we like to think of as Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES) for both our chapter and the dealership. We feel sure that you will all continue to give generously of your time so, we are thanking you in advance!

Our Goal is to Ride and Have Fun!



Opportunities Await You

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain
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Well, two months into the new year, and it has already been a whirlwind of great things to come in 2024. For many of us, we haven't been out riding much yet, but spring is just around the corner. Thanks to Dave and Chuck for putting on a great ride after the chapter meeting, and thanks to everyone who joined the ride. In the coming months, we have some great opportunities to get some training to freshen-up our riding skills, and we are working on some first aid training for members that are interested.

On the 17th, we had two great sessions with Glen Heron and his two helpers, Ron and Gary. We had great turnouts for both the GPS Training and our first Ride Lead session. We had many great people step up to volunteer to lead rides and to sweep. But, we still have many open dates that I'll post so that everyone can see what we have available. To be clear, when you volunteer to lead a ride, this is YOUR ride. It is your chance to map out a ride, and to make it your own adventure to share with others.

Let's keep up this great momentum, and make this a very memorable year. We appreciate all of the feedback we've received from members about the jobs of all of our officers. We welcome all feedback--good or bad--so that we know how to improve our team.

So, from the words of a great friend of all of ours, SCREW IT! LET'S RIDE!



Account Update

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

\$1,017.63

Goin' for the Gold Motorcycle Fun Run

Event location

Pig Trail Harley-Davidson®

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March 16, 2024 10:30AM - 1:30PM

Join us for the 18th Annual Goin' for the Gold Motorcycle Fun Run on Saturday, March 16th!

Registration: 10:30am
All Bikes Out: 11:30am
All Bikes In: 1pm
Cost to ride: \$5 benefitting NWA Children's Shelter

More details available soon!



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March 10, 2024



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March 17th
8am

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03.25.2024
 KSU 9am - PTHD



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